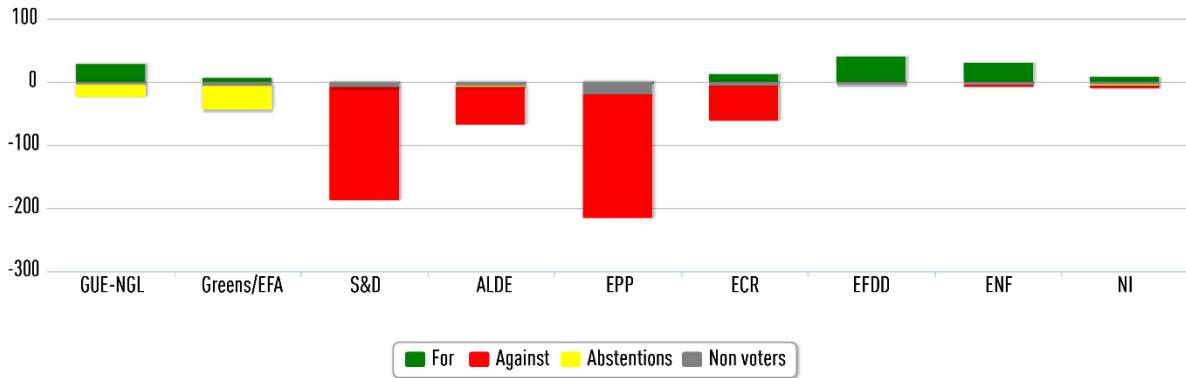


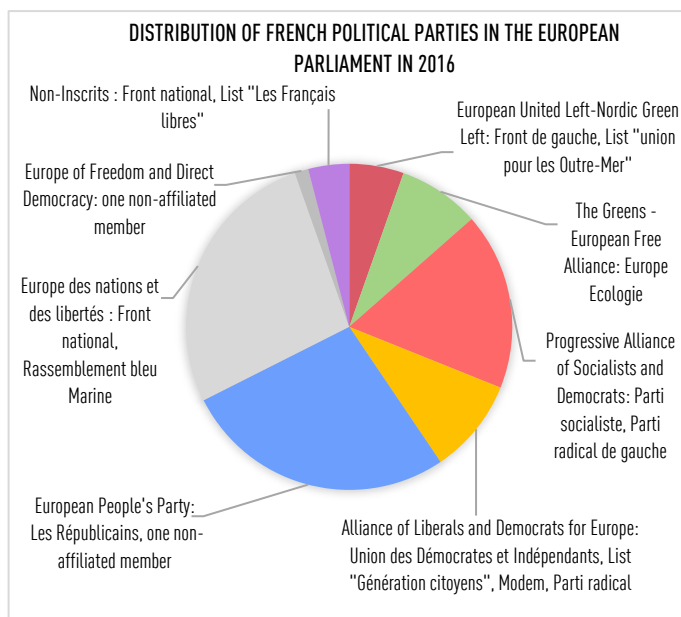
Should the EU limit the Juncker Plan interventions aiming at promoting growth?

The vote of the MEPs



The European Fund for Strategic Investments was set up by the European Commission to implement the Juncker's Plan, one of the main flagship projects of the current President. Despite the innovative nature of the instrument, some MEPs criticized it, raising concerns about the financing of projects whose economic, social and environmental sustainability is questionable. However, most MEPs rallied behind President Juncker in defending the instrument and a critical amendment tabled by EFDD was rejected by more than 70% of MEPs.

Centrist groups ALDE, S&D, the EPP and ECR strongly defended Juncker's initiative, whereas, EFDD and ENF both voted against the European Fund for Strategic Investments. Interestingly, the majority of MEPs from Greens/EFA and a substantial amount of representatives from GUE-NGL decided to abstain.



As for French MEPs specifically, they tended to follow the general trend of the political groups in the plenary, with all Socialists, Centrists, and Republicans rallying behind Juncker's Plan. Likewise, all members of the French Ecology Europe Party followed their group's line and abstained on the instrument.

Interestingly, the fund was also supported by some MEPs of the National Front: **Gilles Lebreton** and **Bernard Monot** voted against the critical amendment, whereas **Nicolas Bay** did not vote. Apart from the National Front, only far-left MEPs joined the criticism against the European Fund for Strategic Investments, with the exception of **Patrick Le Hyaric** who did not vote.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

Joëlle BERGERON <i>National Front</i>	Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i>	Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i>	Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i>	Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i>	Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i>	Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i>
EFDD	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i>	Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i>	Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i>	Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i>	Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i>	Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i>	Mylène TROSCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL
Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>								
GUE/NGL	NI								

Against

Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i>	Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i>	Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i>	Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i>	Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i>	Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ENF	ENF	EPP	EPP
Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i>	Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i>	Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i>	Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i>	Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i>	Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i>	Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i>	Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i>	Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i>	Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i>	Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i>	Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i>	Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i>	Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>	Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	NI	S&D
Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i>	Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i>	Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i>	Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i>	Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i>	Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i>	Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i>	Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i>	Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i>	Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i>
S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D
Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i>	Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i>								
S&D	S&D								

Abstain

José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>
Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA

Didn't vote

Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>
ENF	GUE/NGL

Documented absence

Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i>
ALDE	NI