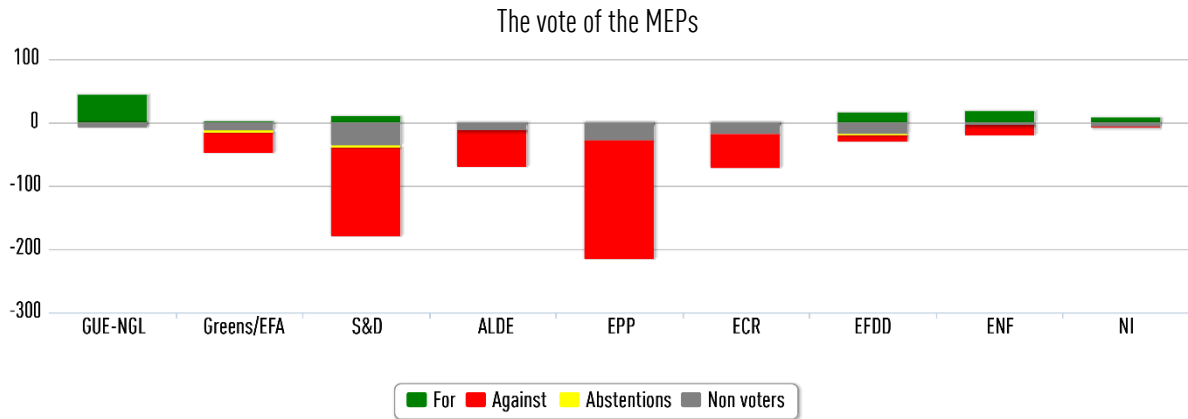


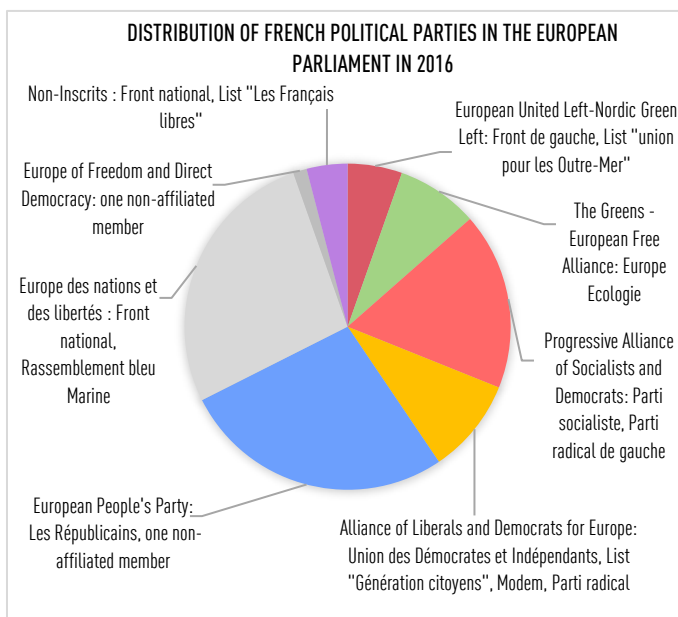
Should the EU prevent public railway systems from being privatized?



Although the European Union does not have competences with regards to whether rail suppliers should be privatized or kept public, the vote on this amendment highlights some interesting positions of national parties. In this case, a large majority of MEPs (72%) rejected the proposal of the far-left group GUE-NGL, which called on Member states to maintain their public ownerships of railways and, consequently, to avoid any privatization. The anti-privatization initiative was supported by GUE-NGL, the Greens/EFA and EFDD, whereas opposition came from EPP, ALDE, S&D and ECR. The far right ENF was split between supporting and opposing MEPs (the National Front rejected privatization, whereas the other parties in the group supported them).

Interestingly, a majority of French MEPs opposed privatisation, despite its large rejection by the plenary as a whole. Apart from the French MEPs, only in the case of Greece a majority of MEPs backed the amendment.

French MEPs from the Greens, the Left Front, the National Front and part of Socialist party rejected privatisations. Instead, the Republicans and the Democratic Movement defended the possibility to introduce privatizations in the railway sector.



Within the Socialists, out of 10 voting MEPs, 7 abstained and 3 voted for rejecting privatizations (Edouard Martin, Emmanuel Maurel and Guillaume Balas).

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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
Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i>	Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i>	Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i>	Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i>	Bernard MONOT <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 TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	GUE/NGL
Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>	Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>							
GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL							

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>	Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i>	Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	EPP	EPP	EPP
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>	Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i>	Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i>	Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i>	Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i>	Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i>	Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</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>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	NI
Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i>	Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i>	Perenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i>	Sylvie GUILLAUME <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>	Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i>
S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D

Absent

Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i>	Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i>	Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i>	Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i>	Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i>
ENF	ENF	EPP	NI	NI	S&D	S&D	S&D

Documented absence

Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i>	Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i>	José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>
EPP	EPP	Greens/EFA