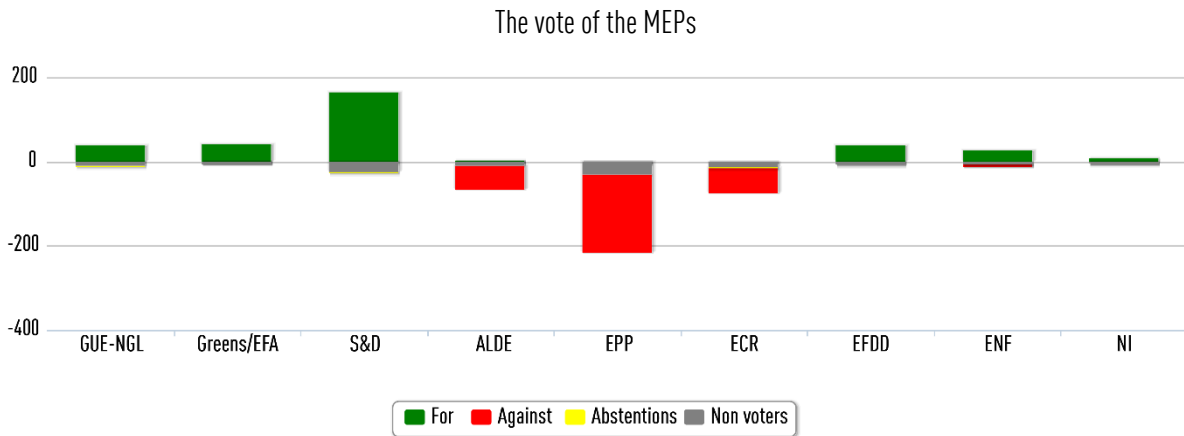


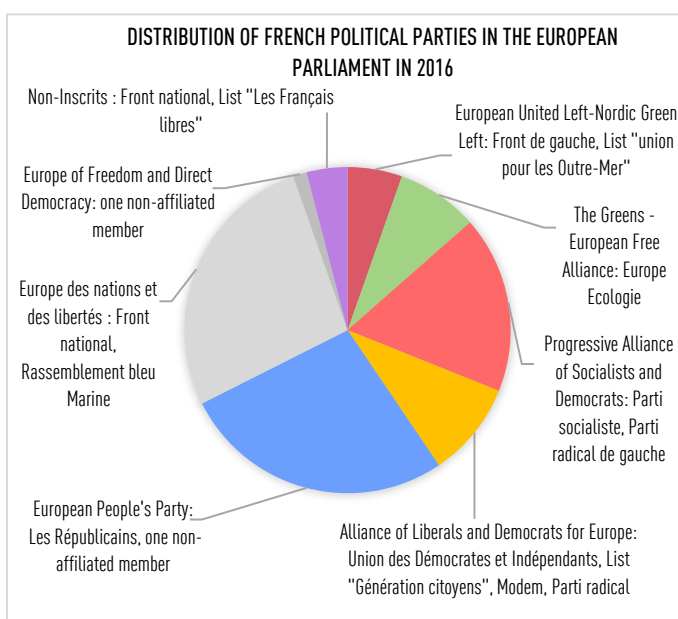
Should the EU focus more on public investment rather than focusing on budgetary discipline?



Although, over the last year, the economic crisis in the EU has been foreshadowed by other urgent matters (terrorism, refugee crisis, political instability), the debate between the promoters of more public spending and the defenders of austerity policies is still ongoing.

The EP is clearly divided on the matter: when the Eurosceptic group tabled an amendment to the report on the European Semester in 2015, asking for less austerity measures and more public spending, 325 MEPs voted in favour of the amendment, whereas 315 of them voted against.

Interestingly, MEPs mostly voted according to their political groups' lines. Center to the right groups in the EP voted against more public spending (ALDE, EPP and ECR), whereas a strange bed-fellows made up of S&D, Greens, GUE-NGL, EFDD and ENF supported the call for a shift from austerity policies.



French MEPs followed the lines of their political groups, with Socialists, Greens, members of the Left Front and the National Front voting for more public spending, whereas the Republican and Centrist MEPs opposed the call for a radical shift. The only exception was the then-member of the National Front, Aymeric Chauprade, who abstained. Instead, Mylène Troszczynski (National Front) and Louis-Joseph Manscour (Socialist Party) did not participate in the vote.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

Joëlle BERGERON <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i>	Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i>	Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i>	Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i>	Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i>	Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i>	Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i>
EFDD	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
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>	José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA
Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>	Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>	Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>	Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i>	Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i>	Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i>
Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	NI	S&D	S&D	S&D
Jean-Paul DENANOT <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		

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>	Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i>	Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i>	Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i>	Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i>	Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i>	Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i>	Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i>								
EPP	EPP								

Abstain

Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>
NI

Absent

Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i>	Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i>	Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i>	Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i>	Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i>	Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i>	Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i>	Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	GUE/NGL	S&D

Didn't vote

Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>	Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i>
ENF	S&D

Documented absence

Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i>
NI