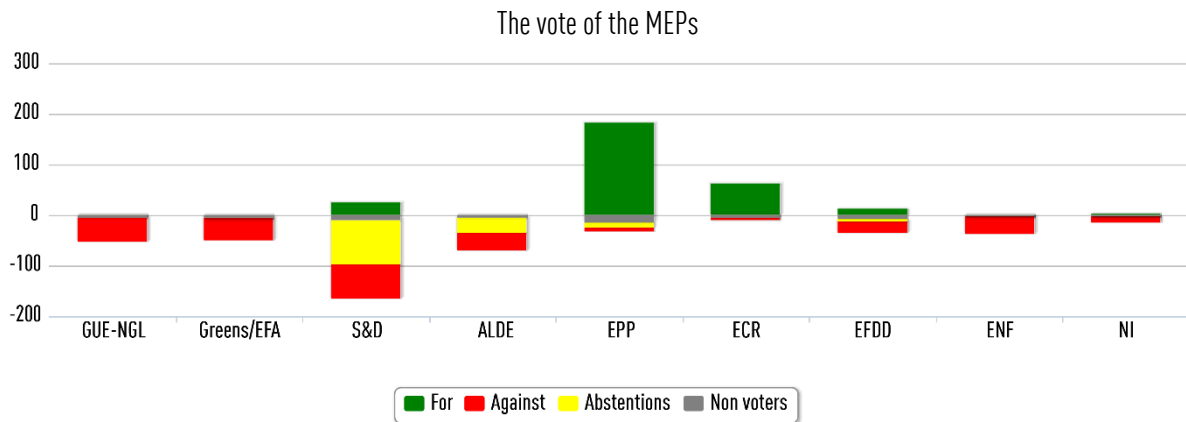


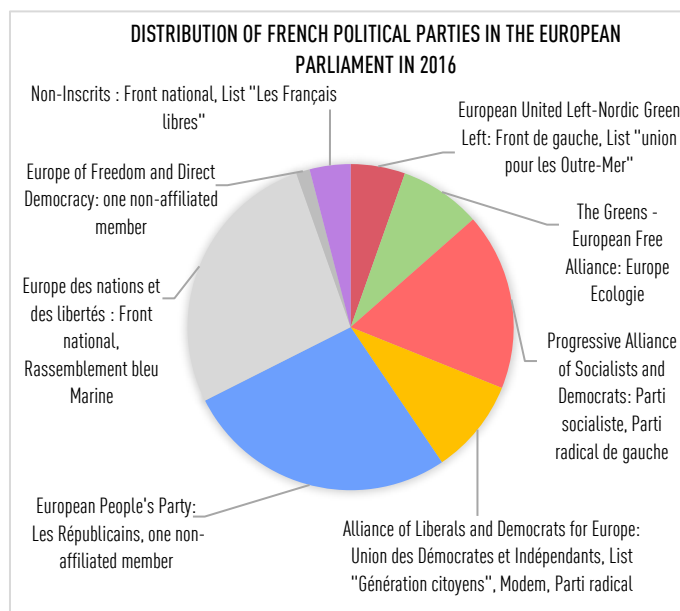
Should the EU renew the authorization for glyphosate for 7 years?



Sometimes technical topics manage to hit the headlines of the newspapers. This is the case of the renewal of the approval of the use of glyphosate in pesticides despite accusation of having damaging effects on the health of consumers of products treated with this substance. However, the debate highlighted strong divisions between the Member States, which put the Commission into an awkward situation given some irreconcilable positions. For instance, the French government was vehemently against the renewal. In the end, the Commission decided to temporally renew the authorization for the glyphosate.

In the European Parliament, an amendment advocating for a 7-years renewal of the substance passed by a very slim margin (only 16 votes of difference). Although the final resolution advocated for its renewal, other parts of the report called for the limitation of its use. The amendment was supported by the EPP and ECR, whereas a majority of the Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL, ENF and EFDD voted against it. ALDE group was split between the abstention and the opposition, although the most divided group was S&D.

Interestingly, more than half of the French MEPs opposed the initiative. This means that overall French MEPs are much more opposed to the renewal of glyphosate than the rest of the plenary. Among the French parties, only the Republicans supported the compromise, whereas all the other parties voted against, regardless of the positions of their own political



groups. Within the centre-right party only two MEPs did not support the compromise: Alain Cadec and Rachida Dati (she voted in favour in the plenary, but eventually corrected her vote in abstention).

All members of the Socialist, Greens and Left Front voted against the renewal, as well as the members of the National Front. Among the smaller parties, Jean Arthuis from the Union of Democrats and Independents abstained, whereas Aymeric Chauprade from the Free French voted in favour.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France*

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| Joëlle BERGERON <i>The Republicans</i> | Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i> | 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> |
| EFDD | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i> | Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i> | 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> |
| EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP | EPP |
| Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i> | | | | | | | | | |
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Against

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| Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</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> | Louis ALIOT <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> |
| ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ALDE | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF |
| 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-François JALKH <i>National Front</i> | Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i> | Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i> | Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i> | Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i> |
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| Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i> | Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i> | Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Océan Marine Mouvement</i> | Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</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> | Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> |
| ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | ENF | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA | Greens/EFA |
| Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i> | Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i> | Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i> | Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i> | Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i> | Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i> | Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i> | Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i> | Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i> | Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| Greens/EFA | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | GUE/NGL | NI | NI | S&D | S&D | S&D |
| 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> | Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i> | Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i> |
| S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D | S&D |

Abstain

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| Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i> | Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i> | Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i> |
| ALDE | ALDE | EPP |