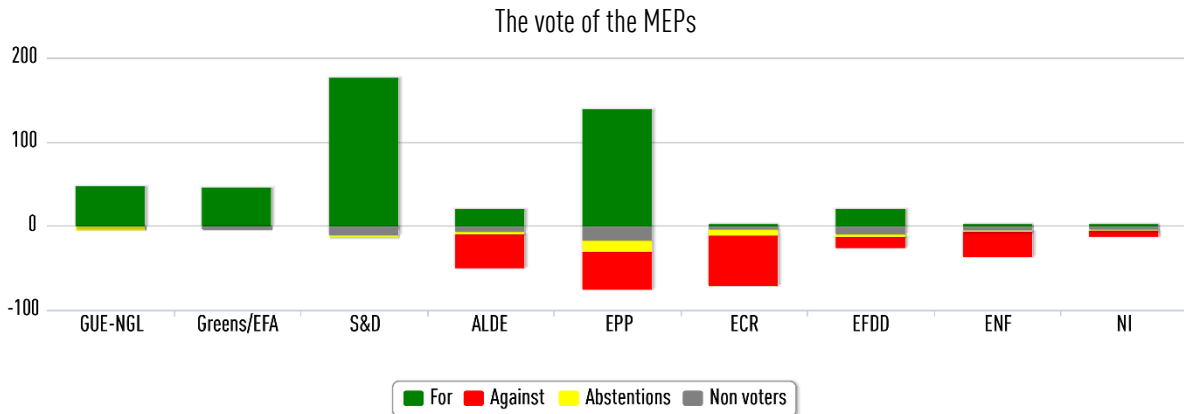


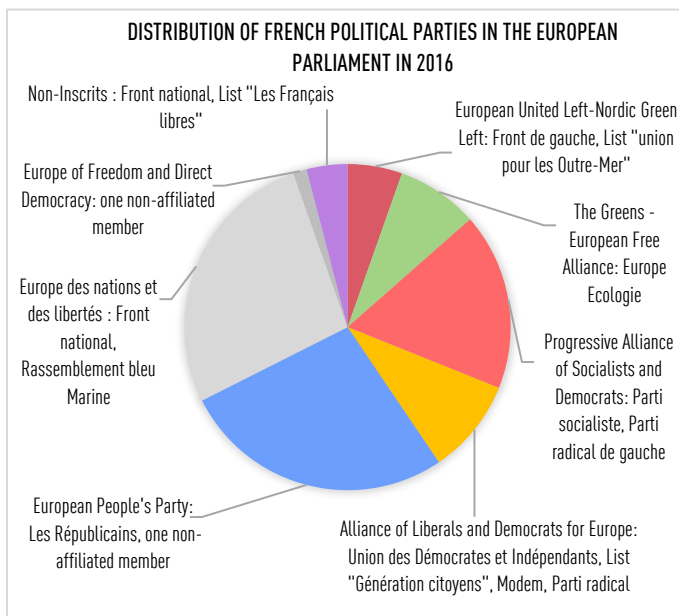
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Companies often send their employees to work in another EU country. Yet, the labour standards (e.g. minimum wage of the country) of the hosting country are often higher than the country of origin's ones. The use of "posted workers" often allow companies to undercut the competition by paying the workers less than the minimum standards in the hosting country. At the moment, some EU governments are lashing out against this practice given its harmful effects on local companies and workers alike. To prevent the so-called social dumping, the European institutions are calling for more even wage standards for the same job, even if in a different place.

In this regards, a report drafted by the Employment and Social Affairs Committee gathered a comfortable support of 66% of MEPs for more intervention on social dumping. The majority was formed by GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, the EPP and most EFDD's members. On the other hand, ALDE, ECR and ENF opposed the initiative. Overall, French MEPs are supporting more measures to counter social dumping. Guillaume Balas, a French Socialist, was in charge of drafting the report. Balas claimed that there is "a wide range of intentionally abusive practices" in this matter.

Notably, amongst the French Liberals from ALDE, 5 in 7 MEPs coming from the Radical Party, Generation Citizens and the Democratic Movement voted in favor of the report. On



the other hand, Jean Arthuis (Union of Democrats and Independents) was the only French Liberal that followed its group's line and voted against more intervention on social dumping. All the members of The Republicans (EPP) as well as the Socialist Party also supported the text. As for the leftist parties inside the Greens/EFA and GUE-NGL groups, they were also favorable to the report. In fact, only one MEP from the GUE-NGL, Jean-Luc Mélenchon (Left Front) abstained. On the other hand, the French eurosceptics from the National Front (ENF) all voted against more measures to counter social dumping.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

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>	Joëlle BERGERON	Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i>	Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i>	Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	EFDD	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Rachida DATI <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	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>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i>	Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i>	Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i>	José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Karima DELL <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>	Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL
Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>	Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i>	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>	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>
GUE/NGL	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								

Against

Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</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>	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>
ALDE	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
Jean-Francois 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>	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>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
Mylène TROSCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i>						
ENF	NI	NI	NI						

Abstain

Jean-Luc MELENÇON <i>Left Front</i>
GUE/NGL

Absent

Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i>	Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i>
EPP	EPP	S&D

Didn't vote

Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i>	Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Louis-Joseph MANSOUR <i>Socialist Party</i>
EPP	Greens/EFA	S&D

Documented absence

Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i>
ALDE