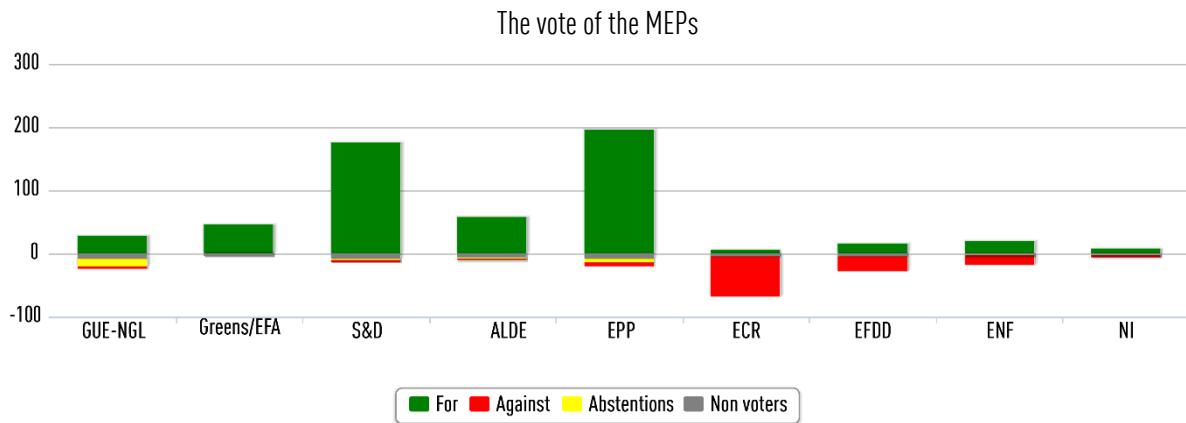
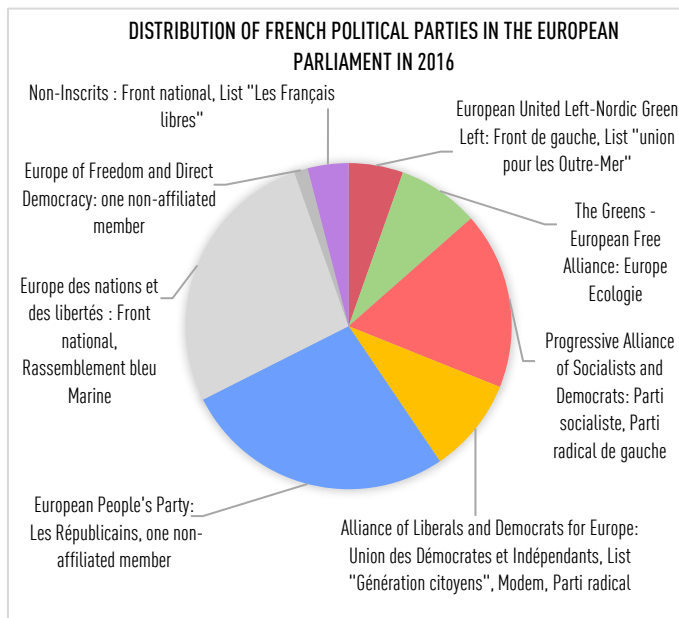


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Disparities among the taxation policies of different Member States are often source of controversies, as several tax decisions adopted by some Member States are deemed to harm the tax bases of other Member States. In the report on Competition policy approved by the European Parliament last December, MEPs called on the EU to do more than simply fighting tax havens and closing loopholes: all forms of harmful tax competition within the internal market should be countered by increasing coordination and convergence of tax policies in the EU. At the time, a high majority of MEPs backed this move (about 79%) and considerable opposition came only from Irish and UK's MEPs. The majority was formed by MEPs from Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL, S&D, as well as ALDE, EPP and ENF.



This high consensus is also reflected in the voting behavior of French MEPs: out of 72 French voting MEPs, only 4 did not support the initiative: Patrick Le Hyaric of the Left Front (who abstained), Aymeric Chauprade (who voted against), Joëlle Bergeron from EFDD (who voted against) and Louis Aliot of the National Front (who abstained).

However, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, after having voted in favor of the call in the plenary, signaled that he intended to abstain. Finally, although they were present during the voting, Michèle Rivasi of the Greens and Brice Hortefeux of the Republicans decided not to vote.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

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>	Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i>	Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i>	Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ENF	ENF	ENF
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>	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>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
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>	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>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i>	Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i>	Françoise GROSSETÊTE <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>	Constance LE GRIP <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
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>	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>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA
Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <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>	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>	Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i>	Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i>
GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	NI	NI	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D
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		

Against

Joëlle BERGERON <i>EFDD</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>
EFDD	NI

Abstain

Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>
ENF	GUE/NGL

Didn't vote

Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>
EPP	Greens/EFA