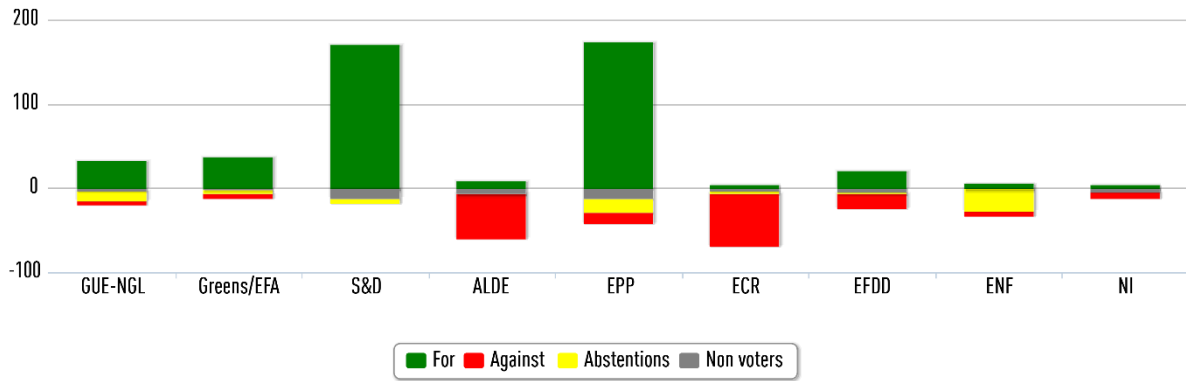


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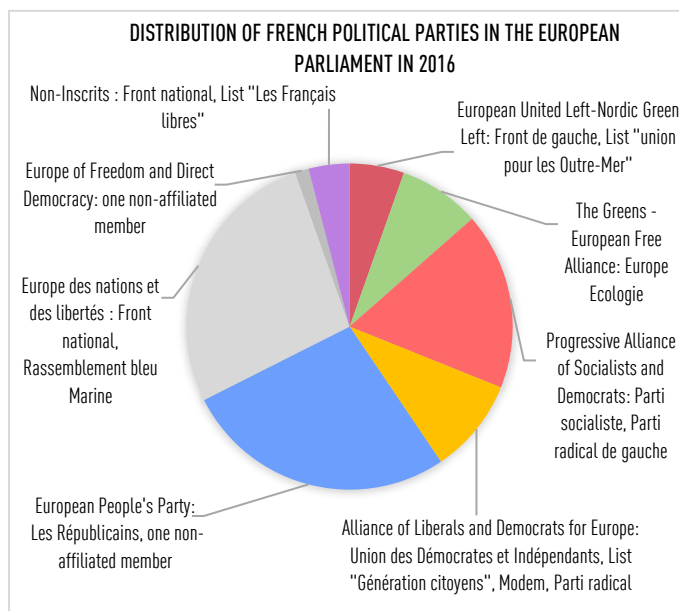
The vote of the MEPs



On the 25th October 2016, the EP passed a resolution advocating for closer relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a particular focus on the economic relations between the EU and the Middle Eastern country. Ultimately, the resolution was approved by a heterogeneous majority of MEPs, made up of GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, EPP and EFDD. On the other hand, the Liberals from ALDE and ECR voted against, whereas most members of ENF abstained.

All French MEPs from the Socialist Party and the Republicans voted in favour of strengthening EU's bilateral relations with Iran. Some support also came from ALDE, as Marielle De Sarnez (Democratic Movement) and Jean Arthuis (Union of Democrats and Independents) voted in favour, therefore defecting from their own political group. The ALDE group, despite being traditionally in favour of deepening economic ties with third countries, is very critical on the human rights' situation in the country.

Interestingly, in the leftist groups, the French members are more sceptical on closer relations with Iran than their fellow colleagues: within Greens/EFA, French members were the almost only ones opposing the report. Additionally, inside the GUE-NGL, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, voted against closer relations with Iran and his position was in contrast with the one of its political group and of the other members of the Left Front.



Finally, all the members of the National Front abstained.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France*

For

Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independents</i>	Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Joëlle BERGERON	Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i>	Arnaud DANJEAN <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>
ALDE	ALDE	EFDD	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i>	Jérôme LAVRILLEUX	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>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>	Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>	Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</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>
EPP	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	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

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>	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>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</i>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA
Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>								
GUE/NGL	NI								

Abstain

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>	Jean-Francois JALKH <i>National Front</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
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>	Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF

Didn't vote

Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>
EPP	EPP

Documented absence

Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i>
ALDE	NI