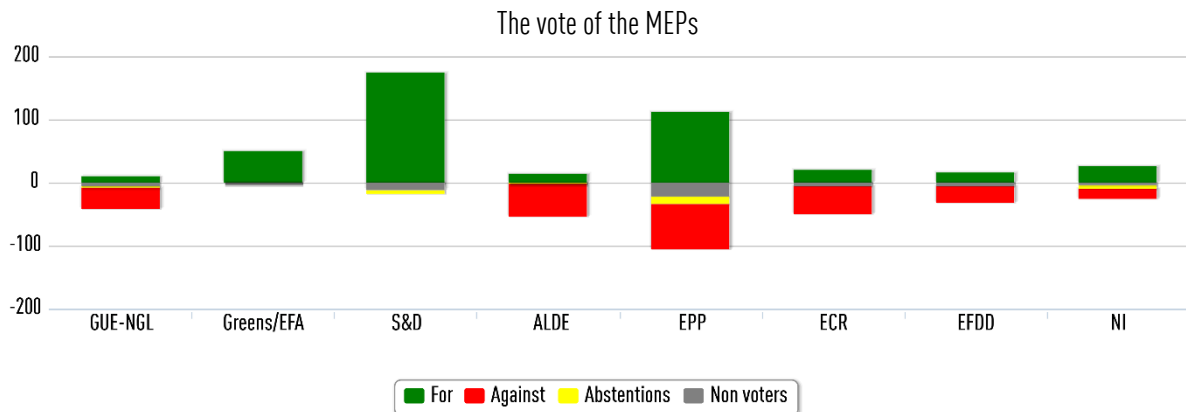


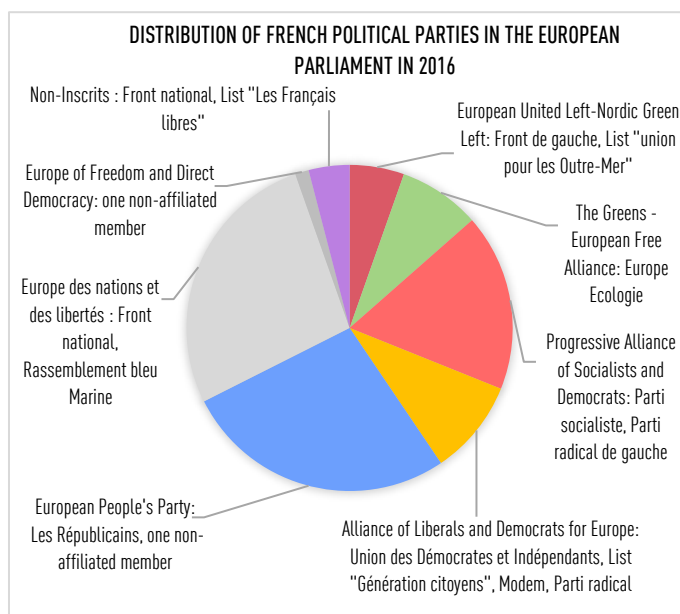
## Should the EU introduce the payment of ETS allowances for steel coming from outside the EU?



European steel producers face two key challenges: shrinking European steel demand (27% below pre-crisis levels) and fierce competition with foreign steel exports. In addition, MEPs worry about carbon leakage which is the idea, not yet convincingly supported by facts and evidence, that carbon-intensive production might leave the EU to settle in countries where environmental regulation is looser only as a result of tighter European environmental regulation. For this reason, an amendment proposed by S&D group advocated that the Commission should study a scheme of payment of ETS allowances for imported steel, in order to counter the phenomenon of carbon leakage and weaken foreign competition. As a matter of fact, this idea has been studied for more than ten years now, including by the European Commission.

This amendment was approved by more than 60% of MEPs. Political groups split along national lines during this vote. However, generally speaking, the amendment was supported by most members of EPP, S&D and Greens, the EPP was split on this issue with less than 60% of EPP MEPs supporting the amendment. In the other political groups, most MEPs voted against the proposed system, with the notable exception of the 19 Polish ECR MEPs that supported it.

A striking majority of French MEPs supported the proposal: out of 72 voting French MEPs, 68 voted in favour. Likewise, Centrists, Socialists, Republicans and Greens considered the



European Commission should study the idea of payment of ETS allowances for imported steel, apart from the Republican Philippe Juvin (abstention) and the UDI Jean Arthuis (opposition) MEPs from National Front and the Left Front also supported the initiative, the latter in clear contrast with their own political group. Marie-Christine Vergiat was the only exception within the left-wing ranks, as she decided to abstain rather than supporting the proposed scheme. Finally, also the independent Joëlle Bergeron (member of EFDD) did not support the proposed scheme.

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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>	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>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ENF	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>	Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i>	Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Movement</i>	Mylène TROSCZYNSKI <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>	Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i>
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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>	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>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
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>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA
Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>	Jean-Luc MELENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Younous QMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</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>	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

Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independants</i>	Joëlle BERGERON
ALDE	EFDD

## Abstain

Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>
EPP	GUE/NGL

## Didn't vote

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