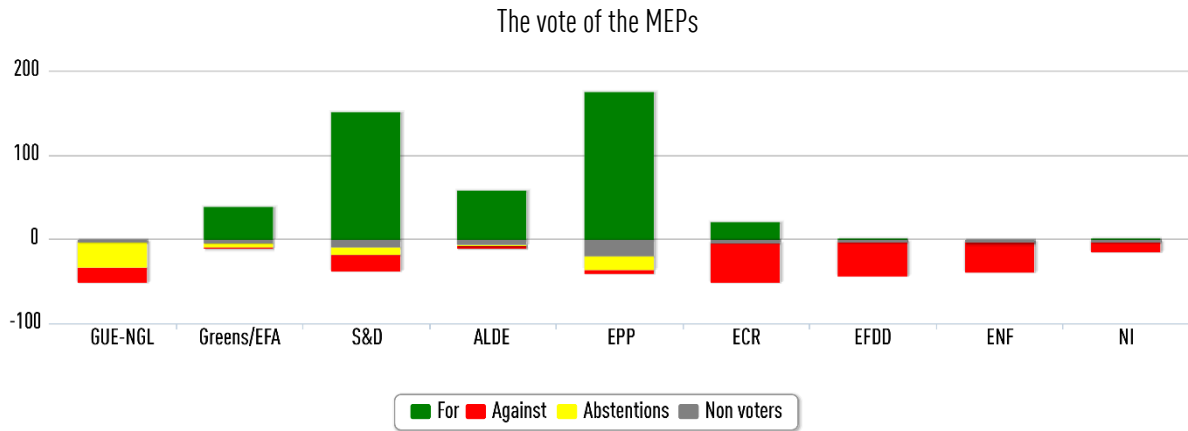


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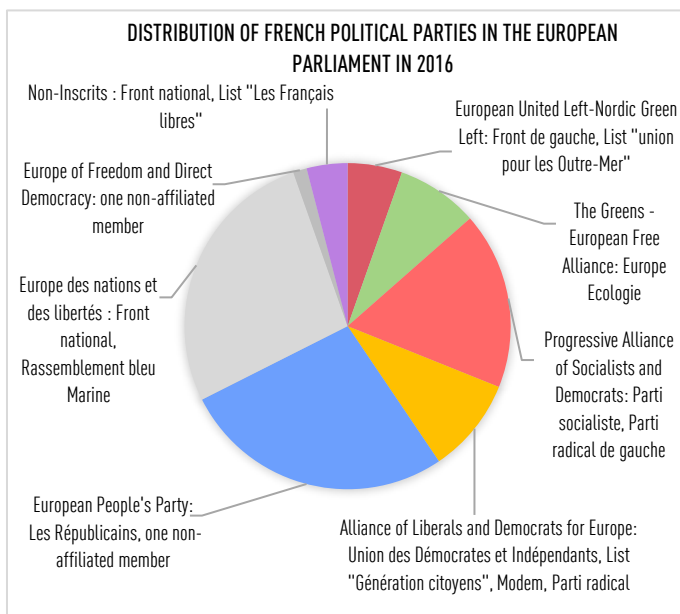


The European Union budget for next year was voted last month. A large majority of Members of the European Parliament (65%) asked for more money to be allocated to youth initiatives and migration. However, after handing the provisional deal to the Council, concerns were raised since national governments disagreed on increasing the spending from the institutions and tried to block Parliament's attempt to not make any cuts.

By now, an agreement between the Council and the European Parliament was reached and secures 500million more for the Youth Employment Initiative and a package of 750million redirected to migration related funds.

Several groups in the EP supported the increase: the EPP, S&D, ALDE, the Greens and even a part of ECR. Instead, the Eurosceptic groups EFDD, ENF and most of ECR opposed the initiative, whereas the far left was split between voting against and abstaining.

Most of French MEPs supported the increase in the budget, with all MEPs from the Socialist Party, the Republicans, the Greens and the Democratic Movement voting together with their political groups in favour of the draft budget (only Sylvie Goulard did not vote).



Interestingly, all the three members of the Left Front behaved differently from one another: Jean-Luc Mélenchon voted against the proposed EU budget, Marie-Christine Vergiat abstained and Patrick Le Hyaric did not vote. Finally, the far-left wing representative of the Alliance of the Overseas, Younous Omarjee also voted against the increased budget.

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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>	Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</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>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
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>	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
Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology -The Greens</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>	Louis-Joseph MANSOUR <i>Socialist Party</i>	Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i>	Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i>	Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i>
Greens/EFA	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D
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						

Against

Joëlle BERGERON <i>National Front</i>	Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <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>
EFDD	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>Blue Marine Movement</i>	Mylène TROSZCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Younous OMAJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>						
GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	NI	NI						

Abstain

Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>
GUE/NGL

Didn't vote

Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>
ALDE	ENF	GUE/NGL

Documented absence

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