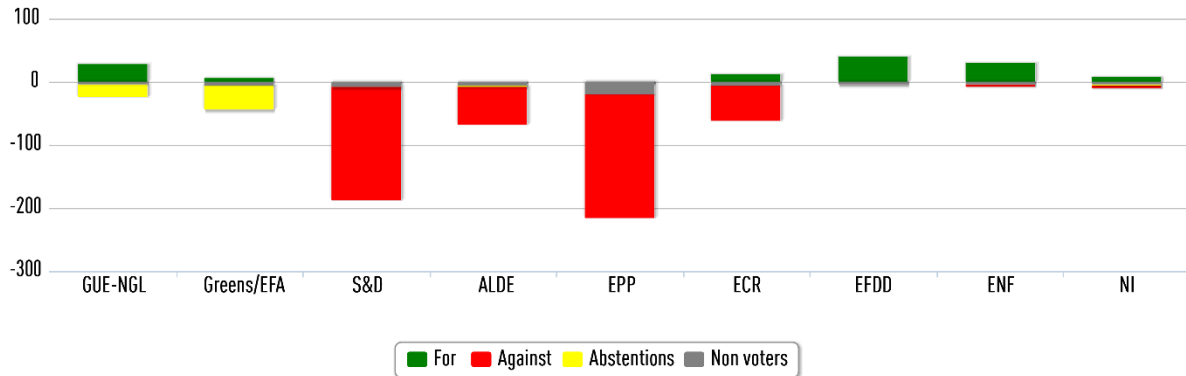


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The vote of the MEPs

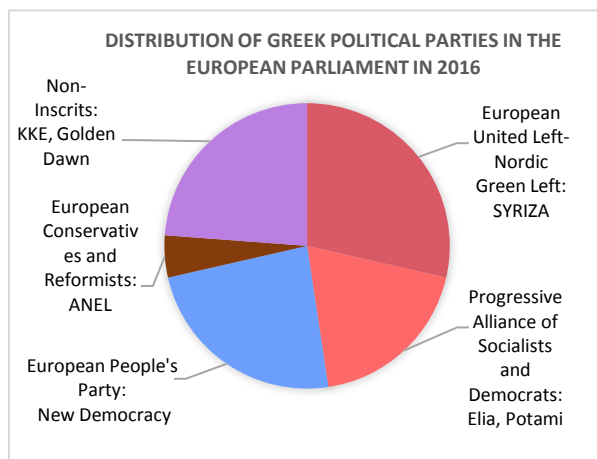


The European Fund for Strategic Investments as part of the Investment Plan for Europe (so-called Juncker Plan), one of the main flagship projects of the current Commission. The goal of EFSI is to unlock up to 315bn of additional (mostly private) investment in the EU economy over a three-year period. EFSI builds on a EUR 16 billion guarantee from the EU budget, which was partly provisioned with funds coming from other EU programmes, particularly Horizon2020 (the EU programme financing research and innovation) and the Connecting Europe Facility (the EU programme financing trans-European infrastructures).

Despite the innovative nature of the instrument, some MEPs criticized it, raising concerns about the additionally and quality of projects financed by EFSI as well as on the overall pertinence of the instrument to guarantee growth and development. However, most MEPs defended the instrument and a critical amendment tabled by EFDD was rejected by more than 70% of MEPs.

Centrist groups ALDE, S&D, the EPP and ECR strongly defended Juncker Commission's initiative, whereas, EFDD and ENF both voted against the European Fund for Strategic Investments. Interestingly, the majority of MEPs from Greens/EFA and a substantial amount of representatives from GUE-NGL decided to abstain.

The Greek MEPs were again the most divided country on this topic. The ones that were positive towards the European Fund for Strategic Investment and that therefore voted against the resolution were the members of New Democracy (EPP), as well as PASOK (S&D) and the River (S&D).



On the other hand, the MEPs that were the most critical towards the new fund and therefore supported the resolution were the independent member of the ECR, Notis Marias, and the members of the Golden Dawn. Interestingly, all the leftist MEPs voted in the same: all the members of Syriza, Popular Unity and the Communist Party of Greece, as well as the independent Sofia Sakorafa abstained.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

For

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Independent

ECR

Georgios EPITIDEIOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

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Lampros FOUNTOULIS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Against

Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS



New Democracy

EPP

Georgios KYRTSOS



New Democracy

EPP

Maria SPYRAKI



New Democracy

EPP

Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI



New Democracy

EPP

Nikos ANDROULAKIS



Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree

S&D

Giorgos GRAMMATIKAKIS



The River

S&D

Eva KAILI



Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree

S&D

Miltiadis KYRKOS



The River

S&D

Abstain

Nikolaos CHOUNTIS



Popular Unity

GUE/NGL

Kostas CHRYSOGONOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

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Stelios KOULOGLOU



Coalition of the Radical Left

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Kostadinka KUNEVA



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Sofia SAKORAFI



Independent

GUE/NGL

Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Theodoros ZAGORAKIS



New Democracy

EPP

Absent