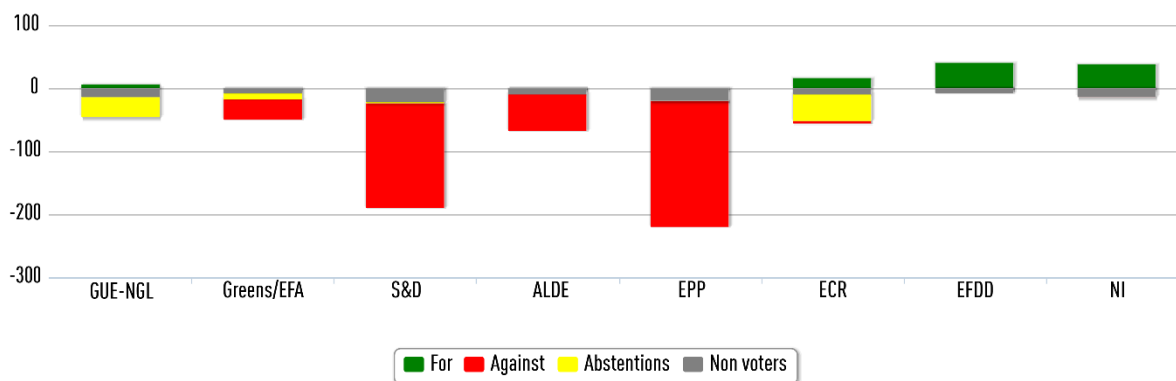


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The vote of the MEPs



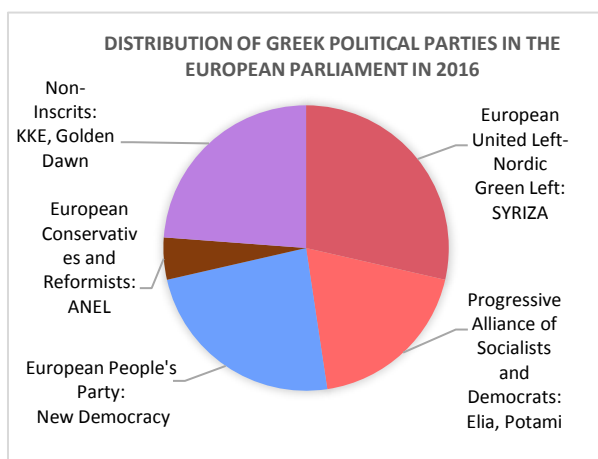
Shortly after receiving the approbation from the Members of the European Parliament, the new President of the Commission was involved in a litigation regarding his responsibilities in defining tax policies in Luxembourg, where he was Prime Minister, for multinational businesses tax-breaks-related issues.

The censure motion to the Commission executive was tabled by Eurosceptic MEPs from EFDD and ENF, was largely rejected by more than 70% of the Members. However, more than 189 Members did not vote against the motion, therefore questioning the Juncker's leadership over the European Commission. EPP, S&D, ALDE and the Greens sided with the Juncker-led Commission, whereas most of the members of ECR and GUE-NGL decided to abstain.

Once again, Greece was the most divided country on the motion. Moreover many MEPs decided not to vote or were absent.

The votes against the resolution, which were part of the winning majority of MEPs supporting Juncker's leadership, came from the present members of New Democracy (EPP), PASOK and the River (both in S&D).

More skepticism towards the current President of the Commission, came from the Greek members of GUE-NGL. Emmanouil Glezos and Kostadinka Kuneva from Syriza as well as the independent Sofia Sakorafa abstained from voting on this issue, whereas Syriza's member Dimitrios Papadimoulis from the same party decided not to vote.



The firm opponents of Juncker's Presidency, were the independent member of the ECR, Notis Marias, and all the members of the Golden Dawn.

Finally, as for the members of the Communist Party of Greece, Konstantinos Papadakis was absent and Sotirios Zarianopoulos decided not to vote.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

For

Notis MARIAS



Independent

ECR

Georgios EPITIDEIOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Lampros FOUNTOULIS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Against

Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS



New Democracy

EPP

Maria SPYRAKI



New Democracy

EPP

Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI



New Democracy

EPP

Giorgos GRAMMATIKAKIS



The River

S&D

Eva KAILI



Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree

S&D

Abstain

Emmanouil GLEZOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Kostadinka KUNEVA



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Sofia SAKORAFI



Independent

GUE/NGL

Absent

Georgios KYRTSOS



New Democracy

EPP

Theodoros ZAGORAKIS



New Democracy

EPP

Kostas CHRYSOGONOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Georgios KATROUGKALOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Nikos ANDROULAKIS



Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree

S&D

Miltiadis KYRKOS



The River

S&D

Didn't vote

Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS



Communist Party of Greece

NI