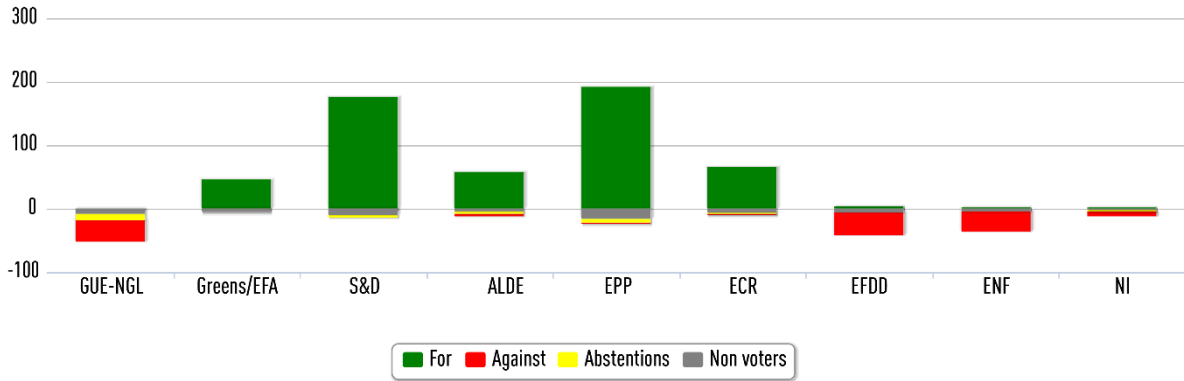


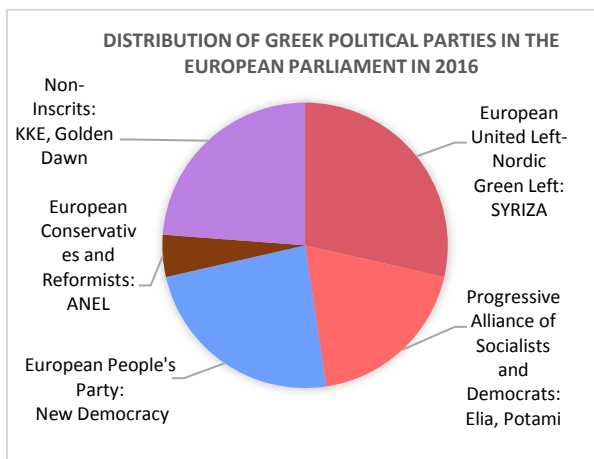
Should the EU allow the redoubling of the capacity of the pipeline Nord Stream II?

The vote of the MEPs



Nord Stream II is a project aiming at doubling the capacity of the existing Nord Stream pipeline that transports gas from Russia to Germany through the Baltic Sea via the exclusive economic zones of Finland, Sweden and Denmark (bypassing the Baltic States and Poland). European Gas demand has been decreasing since 2010. Many Eastern and Central European countries thus oppose Nord Stream II as they see it as a way for Russia to enhance its influence in the EU and use Nordstream to reduce the quantity of Russian gas sent to the EU through Ukraine. On the other hand, the German Economic Ministry as well as Austria are more concerned about the positive economic effects of the project on the German economy, and ensuring continuous supply of Russian gas.

A vast majority of MEPs expressed concerns about Nord Stream II and some MEPs even adopted positions that are in contrast to the stance taken by their parties at home, such as German S&D MEPs who opposed the project supported by their party leader Sigmar Gabriel. In this case, political views are deemed to be more important than national affiliations. EPP, S&D, ALDE, ECR and the Greens/EFA were concerned by the redoubling of Nord Stream, whereas only GUE-NGL, EFDD and ENF were not.



Greece was in contrast with the majority of the European Parliament, as most members defended the project of extending the pipeline. However, the Greek delegation was split, as all the MEPs from New Democracy, PASOK and Potami voted in favour of the critical amendment, therefore opposing Nord Stream II. On the other side, Syriza's and Golden Dawn's members sided with Nord Stream II. Finally, more uncertain the position of the Communist party, as its only member present in the plenary, Sotirios Zarianopoulos, decided to abstain.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

For

Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS



New Democracy

EPP

Georgios KYRTSOS



New Democracy

EPP

Maria SPYRAKI



New Democracy

EPP

Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI



New Democracy

EPP

Theodoros ZAGORAKIS



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

Against

Notis MARIAS



Independent

ECR

Nikolaos CHOUNTIS



Popular Unity

GUE/NGL

Kostas CHRYSOGONOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Stelios KOULOGLOU



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Kostadinka KUNEVA



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Dimitrios PAPANIMOULIS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Sofia SAKORAFI



Independent

GUE/NGL

Georgios EPITIDEIOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Lampros FOUNTOULIS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Abstain

Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Absent