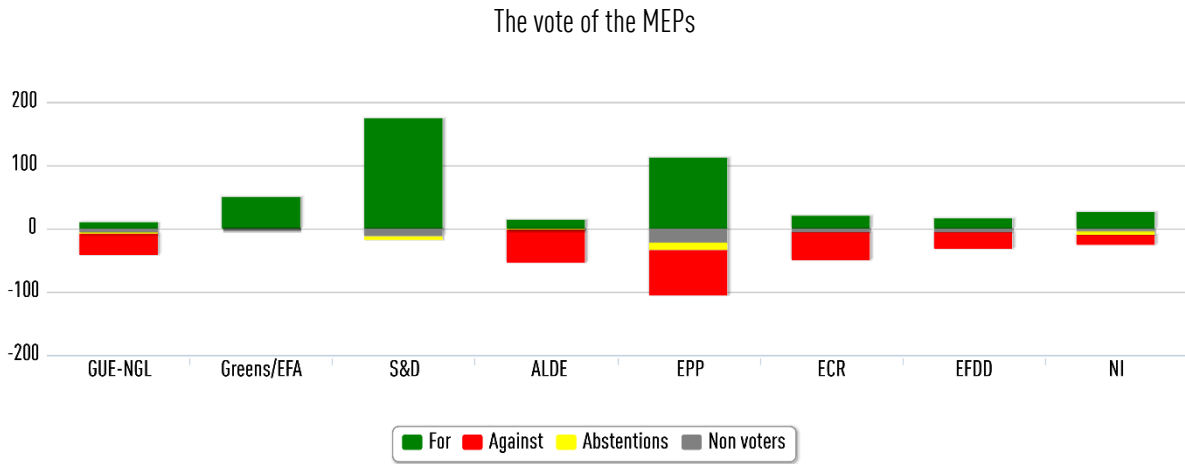


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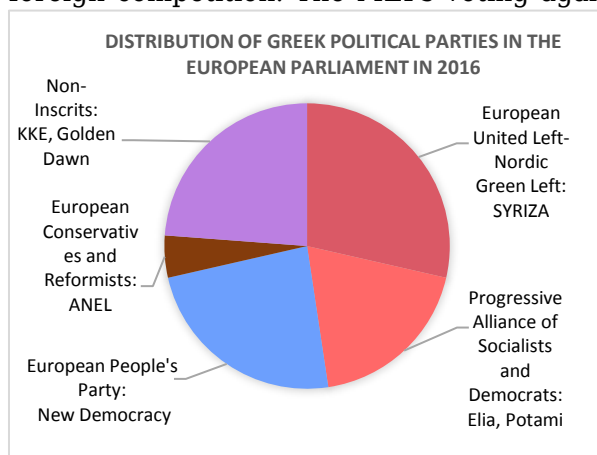


European steel producers face two key challenges: shrinking European steel demand (27% below pre-crisis levels) and fierce competition with foreign steel exports. In addition, MEPs worry about carbon leakage which is the idea, not yet convincingly supported by facts and evidence, that carbon-intensive 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.

The Greeks MEPs had an opposite perspective compared to the majority of the European Parliament, as they voted against countering carbon leakage and thus also against limiting foreign competition. The MEPs voting against the amendment came from the GUE-NGL group, as well as the Communist members and the far-right Golden Dawn.



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## For

Notis MARIAS



Independent

ECR

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

Miltiadis KYRKOS



The River

S&D

## Against

Kostas CHRYSOGONOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Emmanouil GLEZOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Georgios KATROUGKALOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

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Kostadinka KUNEVA



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Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS



Coalition of the Radical Left

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Sofia SAKORAFI



Independent

GUE/NGL

Georgios EPITIDEIOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Lampros FOUNTOULIS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Giorgos GRAMMATIKAKIS



The River

S&D

## Absent

Eva KAILI



Panhellenic Socialist Movement -  
Olive Tree

S&D

## Didn't vote