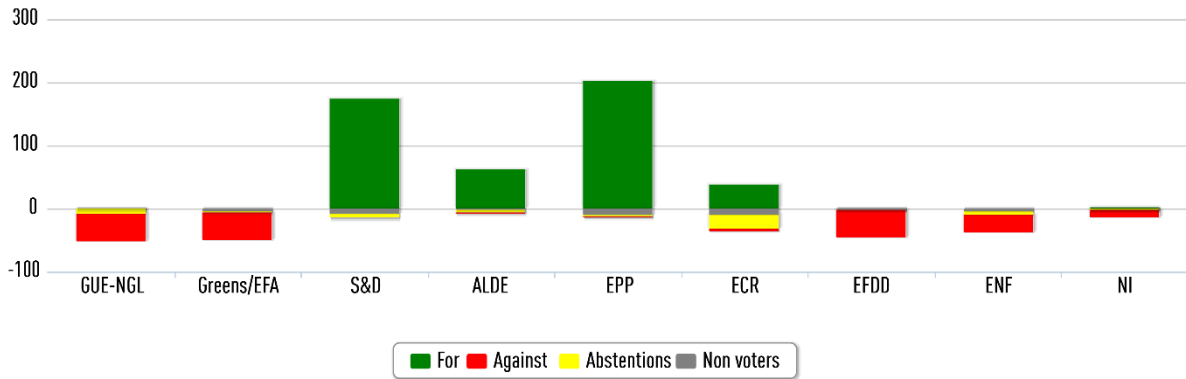


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The vote of the MEPs

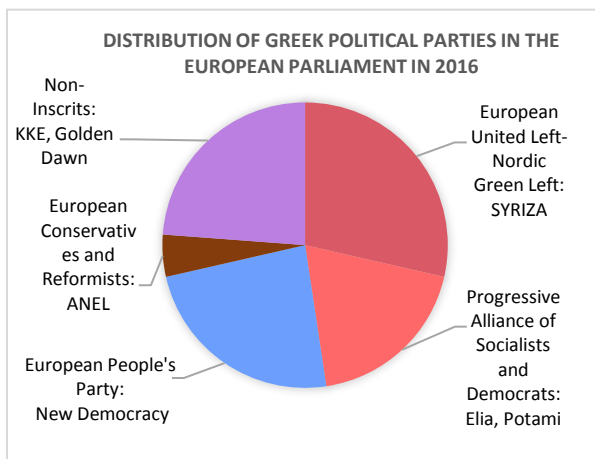


At the beginning of July 2016, MEPs supported the establishing of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in a move to centralize the management of the borders at the European level. This agency will replace Frontex and have the power to deploy a team of experts to help the national authorities to cope with the vast influx of refugees in the European Union.

This team can even be deployed without the consent of the concerned Member State, with the approval of the European Council. The new agency received the support of EPP, S&D, ALDE and most of ECR. All the remaining groups voted compactly against its establishment.

The vote on the establishment of the new agency created significant division amongst the Greek MEPs. The centre-left MEPs from S&D, namely Potami and PASOK, decided to vote in favour of the new agency, similarly to their colleagues in New Democracy (EPP).

On the other hand, the leftist MEPs from SYRIZA decided to go against their party's line and abstained, while 2 MEPs from the same group: Sofia Sakorafa (Independent) and Nikolas Chountis (Popular Unity) voted against the new agency.



Another negative vote came from the Independent member of the ECR, Notis Marias, as well as the non-attached members of Golden Dawn and the Communist Party of Greece.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

For

Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS



New Democracy

EPP

Georgios KYRTSOS



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



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S&D

Miltiadis KYRKOS



The River

S&D

Against

Notis MARIAS



Independent

ECR

Nikolaos CHOUNTIS



Popular Unity

GUE/NGL

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

Abstain

Kostas CHRYSOGONOS



Coalition of the Radical Left

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Stelios KOULOGLOU



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Kostadinka KUNEVA



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New Democracy

EPP

Absent