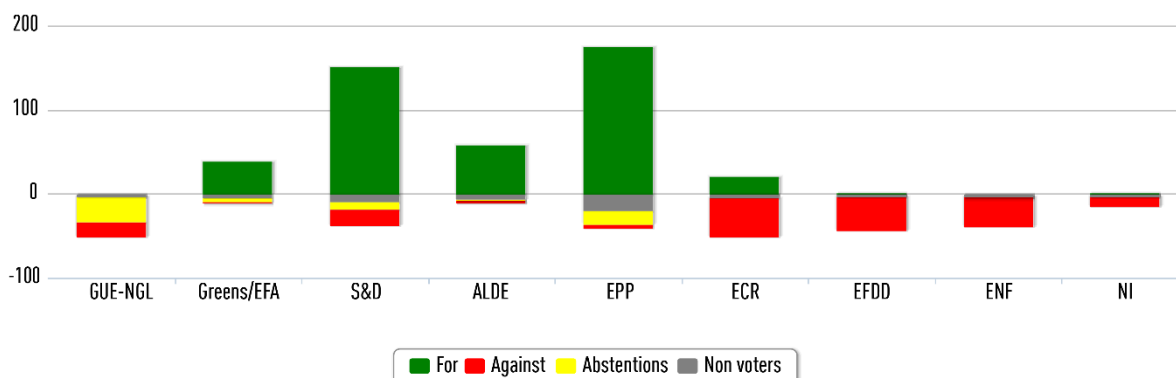


Should the EU Budget be increased?

The vote of the MEPs



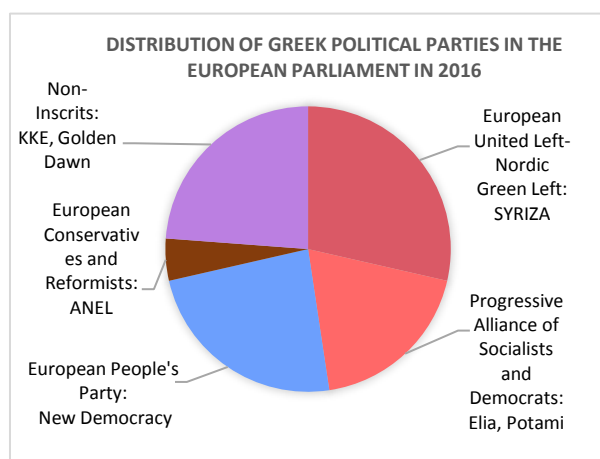
The European Union budget for next year was voted last month. A large majority of Members of the European Parliament (65%) asked for more money to be allocated to youth initiatives and migration. However, after handing the provisional deal to the Council, concerns were raised since national governments disagreed on increasing the spending from the institutions and tried to block Parliament's attempt to not make any cuts. By now, an agreement between the Council and the European Parliament was reached and secures 500million more for the Youth Employment Initiative and a package of 750million redirected to migration related funds.

Several groups in the EP supported the increase: the EPP, S&D, ALDE, the Greens and even a part of ECR. Instead, the Eurosceptic groups EFDD, ENF and most of ECR opposed the initiative, whereas the far left was split between voting against and abstaining.

The vote on the EU budget for 2017 proved to be quite controversial, as Greece was the most divided country on this issue. However, the majority of Greek MEPs remained loyal to their political groups.

The support for the new budget came from the members of PASOK and the River as well as the MEPs from New Democracy.

Instead, the Greek members of GUE-NGL, including one independent and all the members of Syriza and Popular Unity were skeptical towards the new budget, as they all decided to abstain. However, it has to be noticed that a big part of their political group voted against the budget, therefore the Greek members adopted a more moderate position in this case.



The firm opponents of the resolution were, not surprisingly, the members of the far-right Golden Dawn as well as the far-left Communist Party.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

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Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

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Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

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