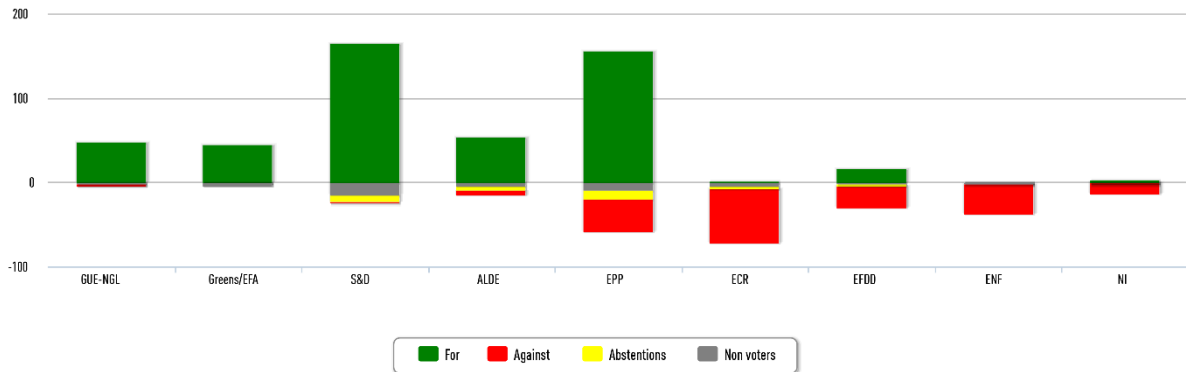


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The vote of the MEPs

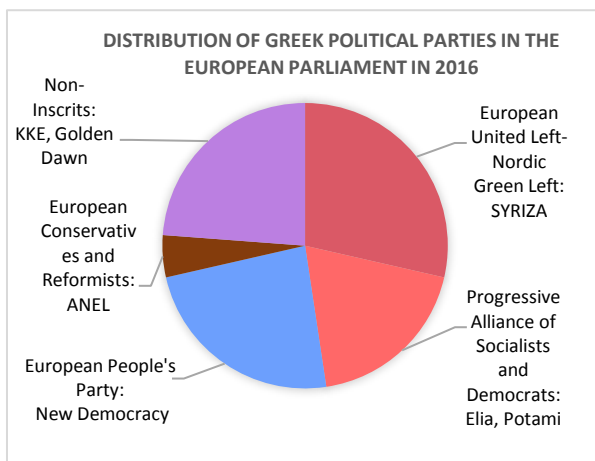


Last July, the European Parliament voted on an own-initiative report drafted by the Italian Member Brando Benifei, which suggested potential solutions to improve social inclusion of refugees as well as their integration in the labour market.

The report passed with 69% of the votes. The report stressed the need to differentiate between emergency measures and medium term ones. Additionally, it pushed for accelerating the recognition of diploma and qualifications and the establishment of a language training system.

The report was supported by GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, ALDE and the EPP, whereas opposition came from ECR, EFDD, ENF and even a few members of the EPP.

In the case of the Greek MEPs voting on this motion for resolution, the majority was in favor of it remaining loyal to their European political groups. The support came from the members of the left-wing parties such as PASOK (S&D) and the River (S&D) and Syriza (GUE-NGL). Similarly, also the centrist members of New Democracy (EPP) supported more integration of refugees.



Not surprisingly, the far-right members of the Golden Dawn and the independent member of the ECR, Notis Marias, rejected the resolution. In addition to them, the members of the Communist Party of Greece also voted against the proposal.

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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

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 PAPADIMOULIS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Sofia SAKORAFI



Independent

GUE/NGL

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

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

### Absent

Maria SPYRAKI



New Democracy

EPP