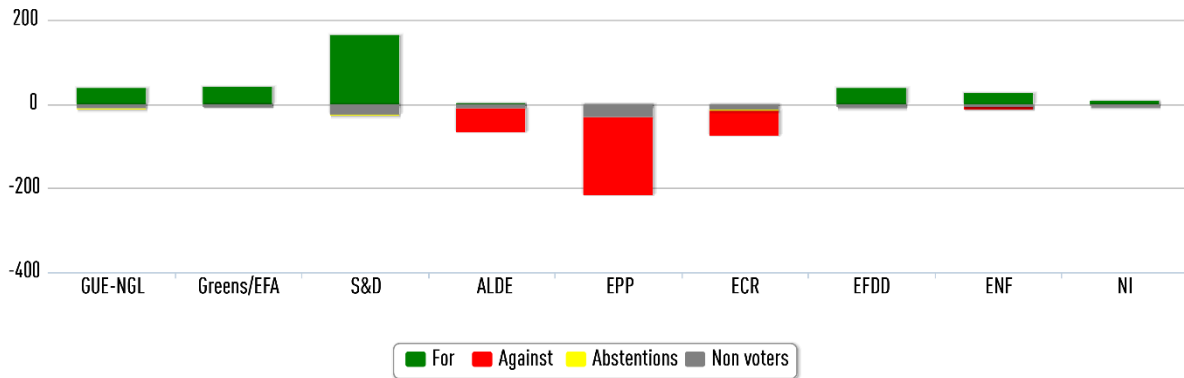


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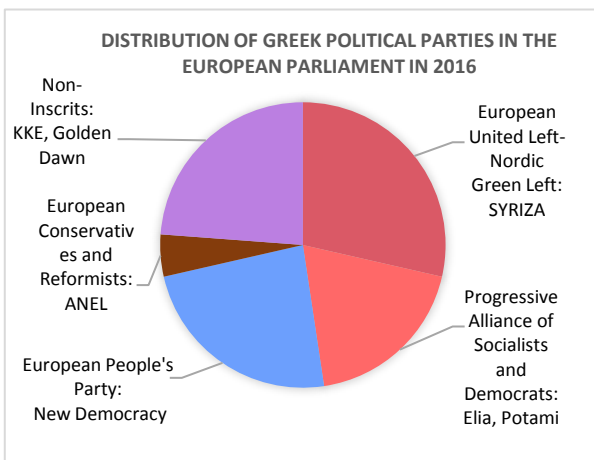
The vote of the MEPs



Although, over the last year, the economic crisis in the EU has been foreshadowed by other urgent matters (terrorism, refugee crisis, political instability), the debate between the promoters of more public spending and the defenders of austerity policies is still ongoing.

The EP is clearly divided on the matter: when the Eurosceptic group tabled an amendment to the report on the European Semester in 2015, asking for less austerity measures and more public spending, 325 MEPs voted in favour of the amendment, whereas 315 of them voted against.

Interestingly, MEPs mostly voted according to their political groups' lines. Center to the right groups in the EP voted against more public spending (ALDE, EPP and ECR), whereas a strange bed-fellows made up of S&D, Greens, GUE-NGL, EFDD and ENF supported the call for a shift from austerity policies.



The majority of the Greek MEPs voted in favor of shifting away from austerity measures. The votes in favour came from the loyal members of S&D: PASOK and The River as well as the independent member of the ECR and the members of the Communist Party of Greece and Golden Dawn. Similarly, the majority of the member of Syriza. The only exception was Stelios Kouloglou (SYRIZA) who did not vote.

The only Greek votes in favor of austerity measures came from New Democracy's members.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

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Communist Party of Greece

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Absent

Didn't vote

Stelios KOULOLOU



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Documented absence

Theodoros ZAGORAKIS



New Democracy

EPP