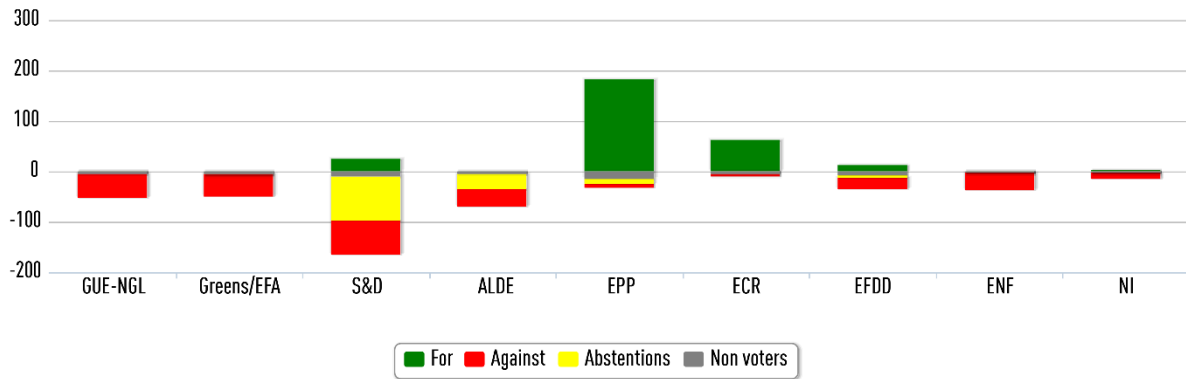


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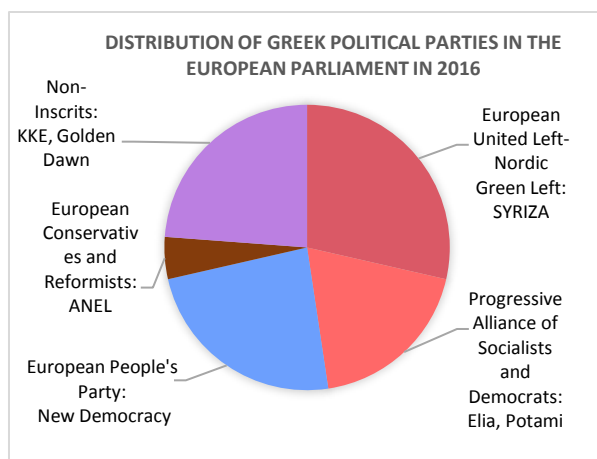
The vote of the MEPs



Sometimes technical topics manage to hit the headlines of the newspapers. This is the case of the renewal of the approval of the use of glyphosate in pesticides despite accusation of having damaging effects on the health of consumers of products treated with this substance. However, the debate highlighted strong divisions between the Member States, which put the Commission into an awkward situation given some irreconcilable positions. For instance, the French government was vehemently against the renewal. In the end, the Commission decided to temporally renew the authorization for the glyphosate.

In the European Parliament, an amendment advocating for a 7-years renewal of the substance passed by a very slim margin (only 16 votes of difference). Although the final resolution advocated for its renewal, other parts of the report called for the limitation of its use. The amendment was supported by the EPP and ECR, whereas a majority of the Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL, ENF and EFDD voted against it. ALDE group was split between the abstention and the opposition, although the most divided group was S&D.

More than half of the Greek representatives in the European Parliament voted against the renewal of the authorization of the active substance glyphosate. In fact, only 5 Greek out of 20 voting MEPs backed the compromise. All the MEPs from Syriza, the Greek Communist Party, as well as Golden Dawn voted against the 7 years renewal of the product.



Among the Greek MEPs, only the members of the New Democracy Party voted in favour of the amendment. Among the Social Democratic side, the members of Potami abstained, while PASOK's MEPs were split: Nikos Androulakis abstained, whereas Eva Kaili voted against the renewal.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

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ECR

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GUE/NGL

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Lampros FOUNTOULIS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

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Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

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Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

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Eva KAILI



Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree

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Abstain

Nikos ANDROULAKIS



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