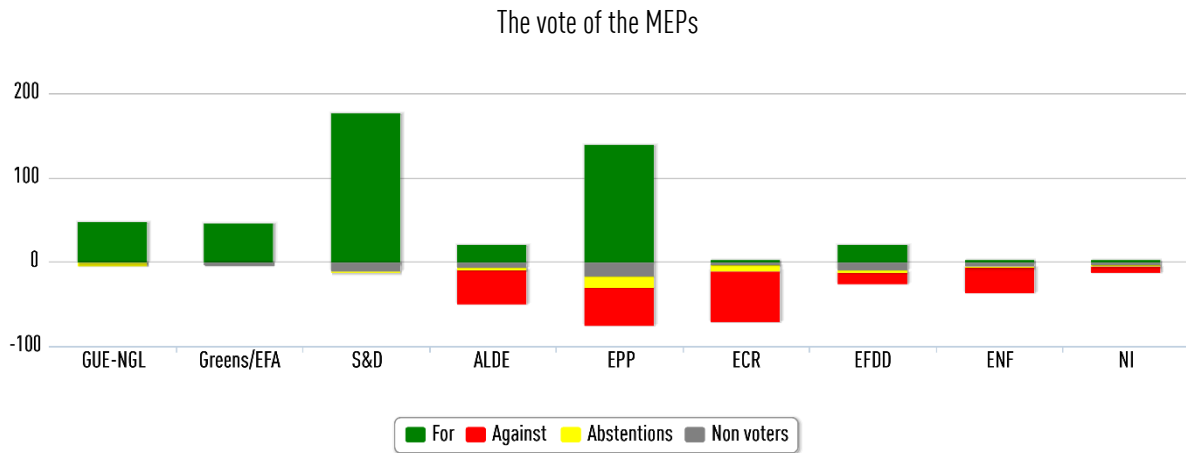


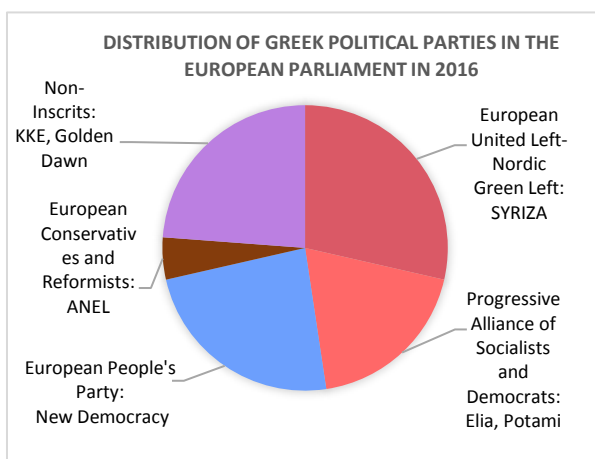
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Companies often send their employees to work in another EU country. Yet, the labour standards (e.g. minimum wage of the country) of the hosting country are often higher than the country of origin's ones. The use of "posted workers" often allow companies to undercut the competition by paying the workers less than the minimum standards in the hosting country. At the moment, some EU governments are lashing out against this practice given its harmful effects on local companies and workers alike. To prevent the so-called social dumping, the European institutions are calling for more even wage standards for the same job, even if in a different place.

In this regards, a report drafted by the Employment and Social Affairs Committee gathered a comfortable support of 66% of MEPs for more intervention on social dumping. The majority was formed by GUE-NGL, Greens/EFA, S&D, the EPP and most EFDD's members. On the other hand, ALDE, ECR and ENF opposed the initiative.

The Greeks MEPs showed to be strongly supportive of more intervention to reduce social dumping. Notably, all the Greek members of the political groups voted in favour, while none of the non-attached MEPs supported the resolution.



















In fact, all the members of the Golden Dawn voted against more intervention to reduce social dumping. The communist members were also quite skeptical about it, as Sotirios Zarianopoulos (KKE) decided to abstain.




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The vote of MEPs elected in Greece*

For

Notis MARIAS	Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS	Georgios KYRTSOS	Maria SPYRAKI	Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI	Theodoros ZAGORAKIS
					
Independent	New Democracy	New Democracy	New Democracy	New Democracy	New Democracy
ECR	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Nikolaos CHOUNTIS	Kostas CHRYSOGONOS	Stelios KOULOGLOU	Kostadinka KUNEVA	Dimitrios PAPADIMOULIS	Sofia SAKORAFI
					
Popular Unity	Coalition of the Radical Left	Coalition of the Radical Left	Coalition of the Radical Left	Coalition of the Radical Left	Independent
GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL
Nikos ANDROULAKIS	Giorgos GRAMMATIKAKIS	Eva KAILI	Miltiadis KYRKOS		
					
Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree	The River	Panhellenic Socialist Movement - Olive Tree	The River		
S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D		

Against

Georgios EPITIDEIOS	Lampros FOUNTOULIS	Eleftherios SYNADINOS
		
Popular Association – Golden Dawn	Popular Association – Golden Dawn	Popular Association – Golden Dawn
NI	NI	NI

Abstain

Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS

Communist Party of Greece
NI

Absent

Konstantinos PAPADAKIS

Communist Party of Greece
NI