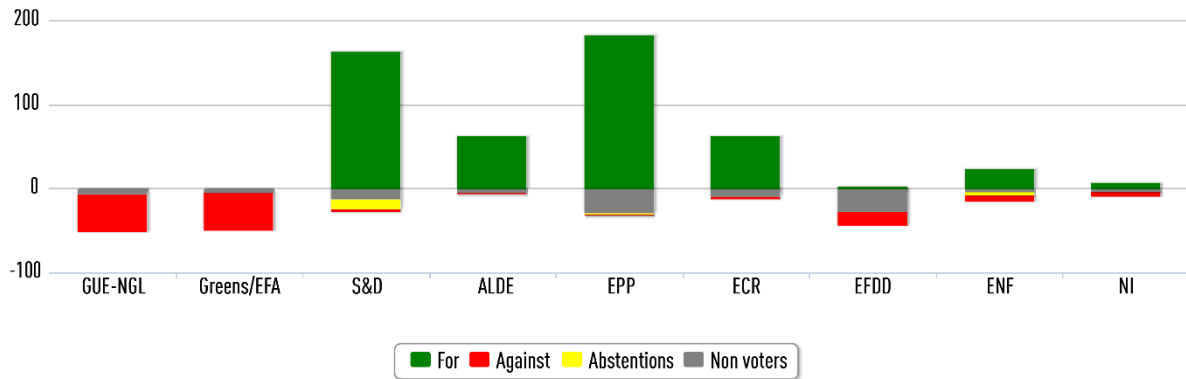


## Should trade secrets be protected?

The vote of the MEPs

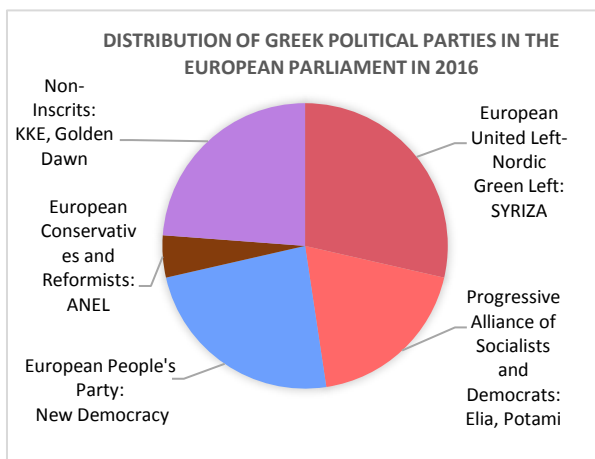


Constance Le Grip, a Republican MEP from France drafted a legislative report on the harmonisation of the definition and protection of know-how and business information across all Member States.

The EP approved her report by a large majority (77%) made up of the S&D, ALDE, EPP, ECR and ENF. On the other hand, the other political groups, namely the Greens/EFA, GUE-NGL and the EFDD, opposed the report.

The directive was first drafted in 2013, when the European Commission provided a common definition of business secrets, as well as a framework for the victims of business secrets' thefts to claim compensation. However, the text was also criticised for its alleged negative consequences on freedom of information.

The majority of the Greek MEPs were against the resolution that passed in the EU Parliament. The majority of MEPs opposing the protection of trade secrets were the leftist members of GUE-NGL, the Communist Party of Greece as well as the far-right Golden Dawn.



Instead, the Greek members in the EPP and S&D followed their group's lines and supported the motion.

## Should trade secrets be protected?

The vote of MEPs elected in Greece\*

### For

Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS



New Democracy

EPP

Georgios KYRTSOS



New Democracy

EPP

Maria SPYRAKI



New Democracy

EPP

Elissavet VOZEMBERG-VRIONIDI



New Democracy

EPP

Theodoros ZAGORAKIS



New Democracy

EPP

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

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 PAPANIMOULIS



Coalition of the Radical Left

GUE/NGL

Sofia SAKORAFI



Independent

GUE/NGL

Georgios EPITIDEIOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

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Lampros FOUNTOULIS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

Konstantinos PAPADAKIS



Communist Party of Greece

NI

Eleftherios SYNADINOS



Popular Association – Golden Dawn

NI

### Absent

Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS



Communist Party of Greece

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