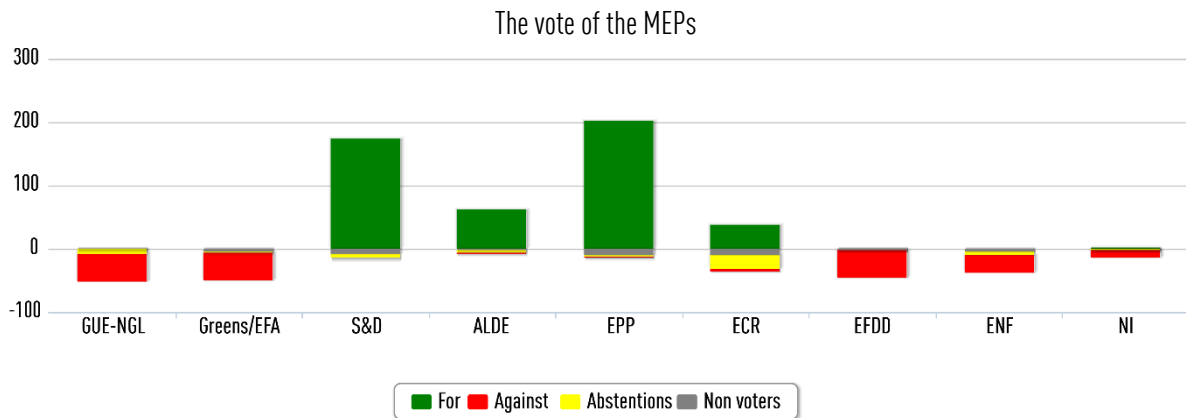


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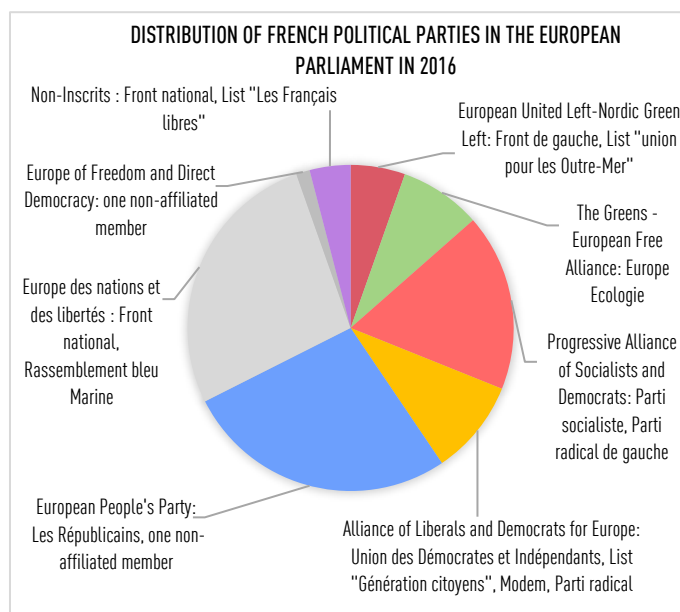


At the beginning of July 2016, MEPs supported the establishing of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in a move to centralize the management of the borders at the European level. This agency will replace Frontex and have the power to deploy a team of experts to help the national authorities to cope with the vast influx of refugees in the European Union.

This team can even be deployed without the consent of the concerned Member State, with the approval of the European Council. The new agency received the support of EPP, S&D, ALDE and most of ECR. All the remaining groups voted compactly against its establishment.

In the case of MEPs coming from France, they did not deviate from their group's lines: the Socialist, Republican and Centrist MEPs supported the creation of the new agency. Instead, members of the Greens and National Front opposed its establishment, although for very different reasons. With regard to the far-left, only Younous Omarjee from the Alliance of the Overseas decided to abstain while his partners from Left-Front voted against the centralization of the new agency given the opposition of their political group to the expulsion of refugees.

On the other hand, the nationalist MEPs are worried about the potential loss of sovereignty for Member States that the establishment of this agency would entail.



All the MEPs from the National Front rejected the proposal, whereas the independent Aymeric Chauprade, leader of the Free French, voted in favor of the establishment of the new agency, therefore adopting a different position than its former party. Instead, Joëlle Bergeron, the only French Member attached to the eurosceptic EFDD political group also rejected the new measures.

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The vote of MEPs elected in France\*

For

Jean ARTHUIS <i>Union of Democrats and Independents</i>	Jean-Marie CAVADA <i>Citizens' Generation</i>	Marielle DE SARNEZ <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Sylvie GOULARD <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Nathalie GRIESBECK <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Dominique RIQUET <i>Radical Party - UDI</i>	Robert ROCHEFORT <i>Democratic Movement</i>	Michèle ALLIOT-MARIE <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain CADEC <i>The Republicans</i>	Arnaud DANJEAN <i>The Republicans</i>
ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	ALDE	EPP	EPP	EPP
Michel DANTIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Rachida DATI <i>The Republicans</i>	Angélique DELAHAYE <i>The Republicans</i>	Françoise GROSSETÊTE <i>The Republicans</i>	Brice HORTEFEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Marc JOULAUD <i>The Republicans</i>	Philippe JUVIN <i>The Republicans</i>	Alain LAMASSOURE <i>The Republicans</i>	Jérôme LAVRILLEUX <i>The Republicans</i>	Constance LE GRIP <i>The Republicans</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP
Nadine MORANO <i>The Republicans</i>	Elisabeth MORIN-CHARTIER <i>The Republicans</i>	Renaud MUSELIER <i>The Republicans</i>	Maurice PONGA <i>The Republicans</i>	Franck PROUST <i>The Republicans</i>	Tokia SAIFI <i>The Republicans</i>	Anne SANDER <i>The Republicans</i>	Aymeric CHAUPRADE <i>The Free French</i>	Eric ANDRIEU <i>Socialist Party</i>	Guillaume BALAS <i>Socialist Party</i>
EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	EPP	NI	S&D	S&D
Pervenche BERÈS <i>Socialist Party</i>	Jean-Paul DENANOT <i>Socialist Party</i>	Sylvie GUILLAUME <i>Socialist Party</i>	Louis-Joseph MANSCOUR <i>Socialist Party</i>	Edouard MARTIN <i>Socialist Party</i>	Emmanuel MAUREL <i>Socialist Party</i>	Gilles PARGNEAUX <i>Socialist Party</i>	Vincent PEILLON <i>Socialist Party</i>	Christine REVAULT D'ALLONNES BONNEFOY <i>Socialist Party</i>	Virginie ROZIÈRE <i>Left Radical Party</i>
S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D	S&D
Isabelle THOMAS <i>Socialist Party</i>									
S&D									

Against

Joëlle BERGERON <i>National Front</i>	Louis ALIOT <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine ARNAUTU <i>National Front</i>	Nicolas BAY <i>National Front</i>	Dominique BILDE <i>National Front</i>	Marie-Christine BOUTONNET <i>National Front</i>	Steeve BRIOIS <i>National Front</i>	Mireille D'ORNANO <i>National Front</i>	Edouard FERRAND <i>National Front</i>	Sylvie GODDYN <i>National Front</i>
EFDD	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
Jean-François JALKH <i>National Front</i>	Marine LE PEN <i>National Front</i>	Gilles LEBRETON <i>National Front</i>	Philippe LOISEAU <i>National Front</i>	Dominique MARTIN <i>National Front</i>	Joëlle MÉLIN <i>National Front</i>	Sophie MONTEL <i>National Front</i>	Florian PHILIPPOT <i>National Front</i>	Jean-Luc SCHAFFHAUSER <i>Bleu Marine Mouvement</i>	Mylène TROSCZYNSKI <i>National Front</i>
ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF	ENF
José BOVÉ <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Karima DELLI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Pascal DURAND <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Yannick JADOT <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Eva JOLY <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Michèle RIVASI <i>Europe Ecology - The Greens</i>	Patrick LE HYARIC <i>Left Front</i>	Jean-Luc MÉLENCHON <i>Left Front</i>	Marie-Christine VERGIAT <i>Left Front</i>	Bruno GOLLNISCH <i>National Front</i>
Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	Greens/EFA	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	GUE/NGL	NI
Jean-Marie LE PEN <i>National Front</i>									
NI									

Abstain

Younous OMARJEE <i>The Union for Overseas Territories</i>
GUE/NGL

Didn't vote

Bernard MONOT <i>National Front</i>
ENF