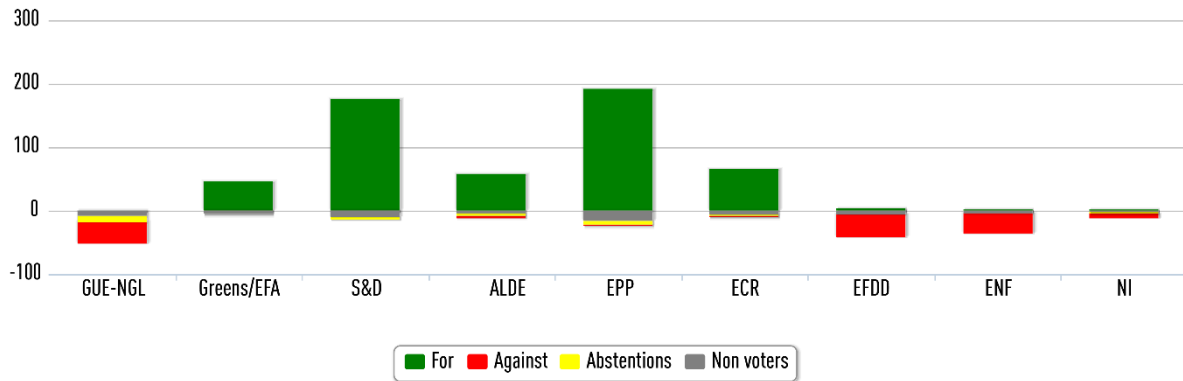


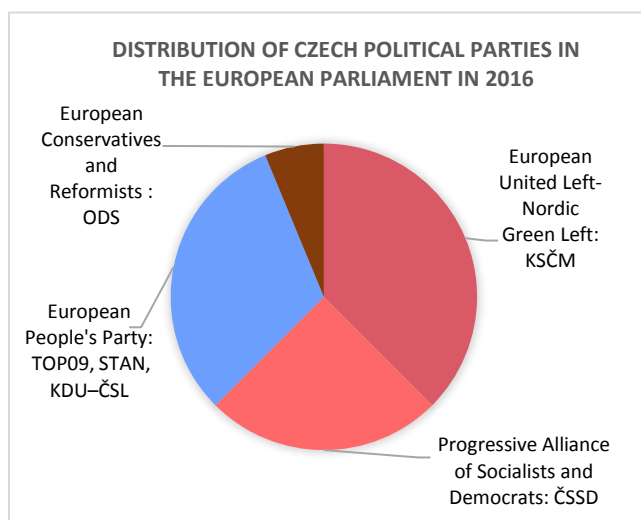
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The vote of the MEPs



Nord Stream II is a project aiming at doubling the capacity of the existing Nord Stream pipeline that transports gas from Russia to Germany through the Baltic Sea via the exclusive economic zones of Finland, Sweden and Denmark (bypassing the Baltic States and Poland). European Gas demand has been decreasing since 2010. Many Eastern and Central European countries thus oppose Nord Stream II as they see it as a way for Russia to enhance its influence in the EU and use Nordstream to reduce the quantity of Russian gas sent to the EU through Ukraine. On the other hand, the German Economic Ministry as well as Austria are more concerned about the positive economic effects of the project on the German economy, and ensuring continuous supply of Russian gas.

A vast majority of MEPs expressed concerns about Nord Stream II and some MEPs even adopted positions that are in contrast to the stance taken by their parties at home, such as German S&D MEPs who opposed the project supported by their party leader Sigmar Gabriel. In this case, political views are deemed to be more important than national affiliations. EPP, S&D, ALDE, ECR and the Greens/EFA were concerned by the redoubling of Nord Stream, whereas only GUE-NGL, EFDD and ENF were not.



As previously stated, the vast majority of the MEPs voted along European political group lines and, in the case of the Czech representatives, there was 100% overlapping between their votes and the positions of their groups. A majority of 17 Czech MEPs were in favor of blocking the Russia-backed project, with the members of Ano 2011, The Czech Democratic Party- Czechoslovak People's Party, Top 09 and The Civic Democratic Party voting in favor. The ones that opposed the critical paragraph were the members of the Communist Party and the Civic Democratic Party.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*

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