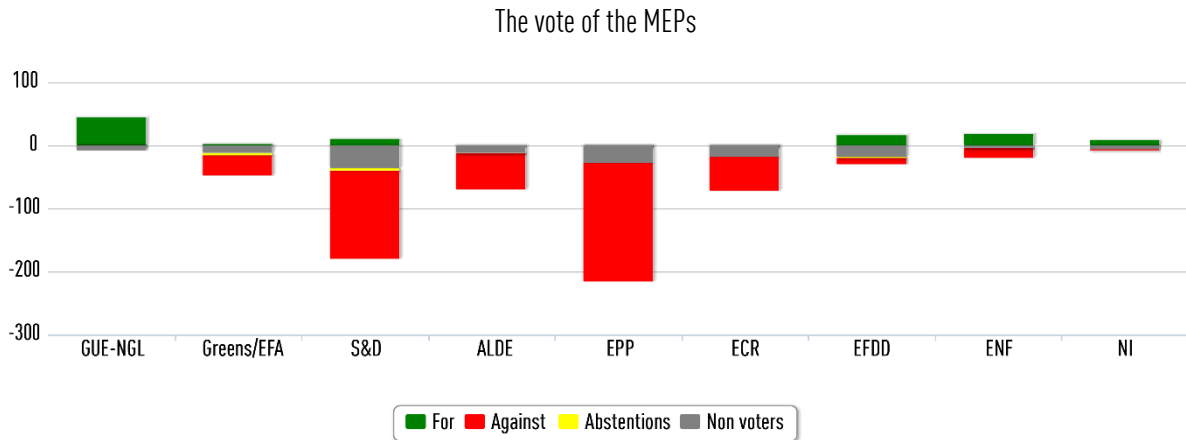


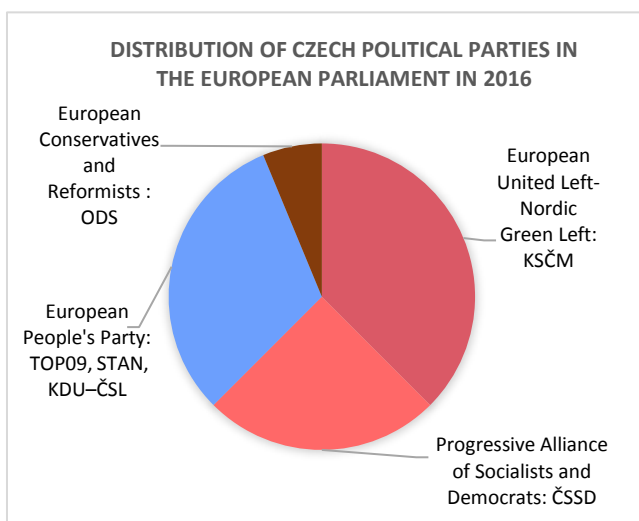
Should the EU prevent public railway systems from being privatized?



Although the European Union does not have competences with regards to whether rail suppliers should be privatized or kept public, the vote on this amendment highlights some interesting positions of national parties. In this case, a large majority of MEPs (72%) rejected the proposal of the far-left group GUE-NGL, which called on Member states to maintain their public ownerships of railways and, consequently, to avoid any privatization.

The anti-privatization initiative was supported by GUE-NGL, the Greens/EFA and EFDD, whereas opposition came from EPP, ALDE, S&D and ECR. The far right ENF was split between supporting and opposing MEPs (the National Front rejected privatization, whereas the other parties in the group supported them).

The majority of the Czech MEPs voted in the same way as most of the Members of the European Parliament did, with 17 MEPs who defended the policy of privatization of the European railway supply.



Most of the Czech representatives voted in line with their EU political groups, with Ano 2011, Top 09 and the Christian Democratic Union- Czechoslovak People's Party and Czech Social Democratic Party voting against the critical amendment. However in the case of the Social Democrats, one MEP, Pavel Poc, voted in favor. Apart from Poc, the Communist were the only ones, among Czech MEPs, who opposed the privatization of railways.

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The vote of MEPs elected in Czech Republic*

For

Kateřina KONEČNÁ



Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia

GUE/NGL

Against

Dita CHARANZOVÁ



ANO 2011

ALDE

Martina DLABAJOVÁ



ANO 2011

ALDE

Petr JEŽEK



ANO 2011

ALDE

Pavel TELIČKA



ANO 2011

ALDE

Evžen TOŠENOVSKÝ



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Jan ZAHRADIL



Civic Democratic Party

ECR

Luděk NIEDERMAYER



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Stanislav POLČÁK



Mayors and Independents

EPP

Jiří POSPÍŠIL



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Michaela ŠOJDOVÁ



Christian and Democratic Union – Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Jaromír ŠTĚTINA



Top 09 and Mayors

EPP

Pavel SVOBODA



Christian and Democratic Union – Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ



Christian and Democratic Union – Czechoslovak People's Party

EPP

Jan KELLER



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Miroslav POČHE



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Olga SEHNALOVÁ



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D

Absent

Jiří MAŠTÁLKA



Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia

GUE/NGL

Didn't vote

Petr MACH



Party of Free Citizens

EFDD

Jaromír KOHLÍČEK



Communist Party of Bohemia and Moravia

GUE/NGL

Pavel POC



Czech Social Democratic Party

S&D