



**Prospects for a
EU-USA Free Trade Agreement**

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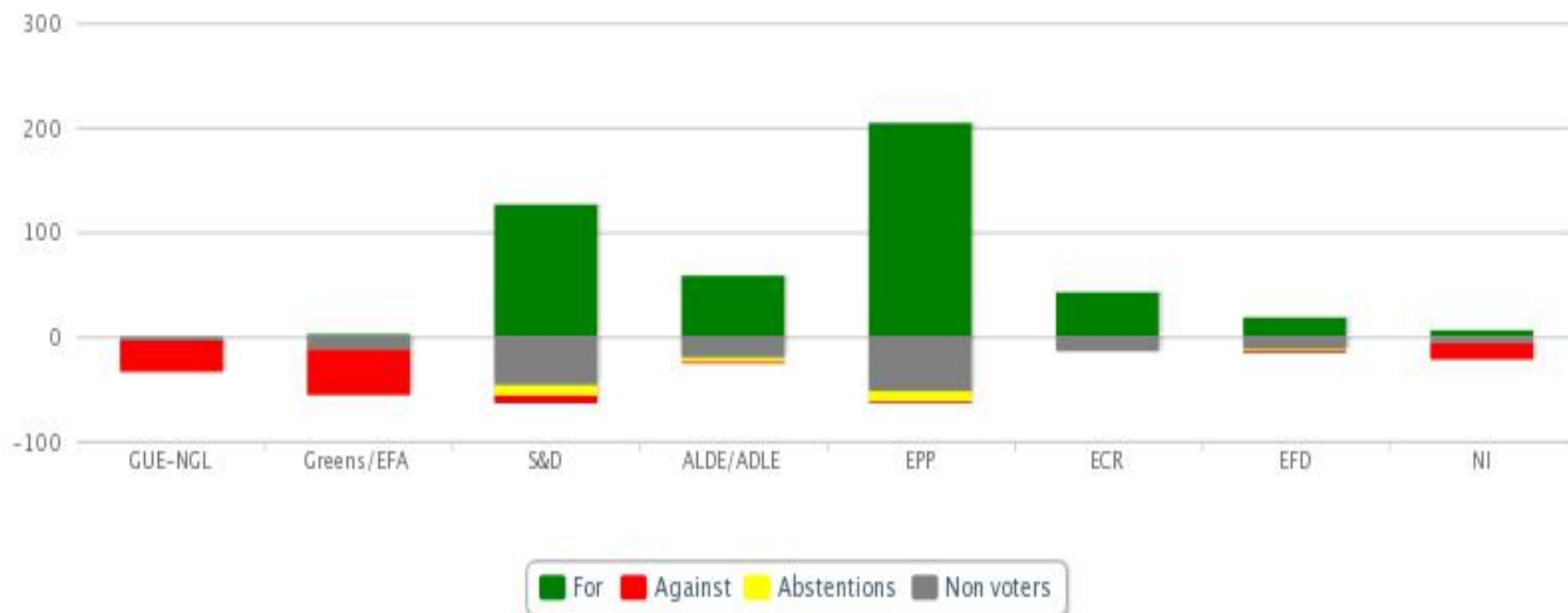
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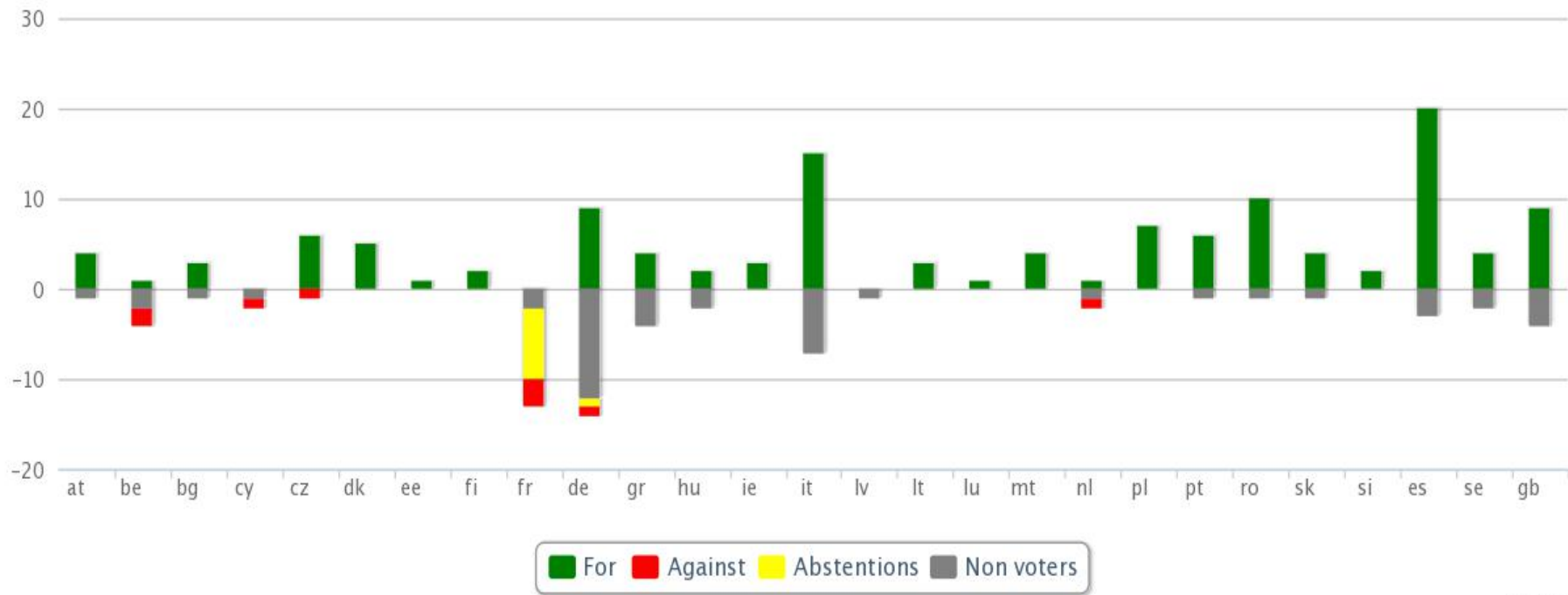
EP vote (May 2013)

Mandate for negotiations

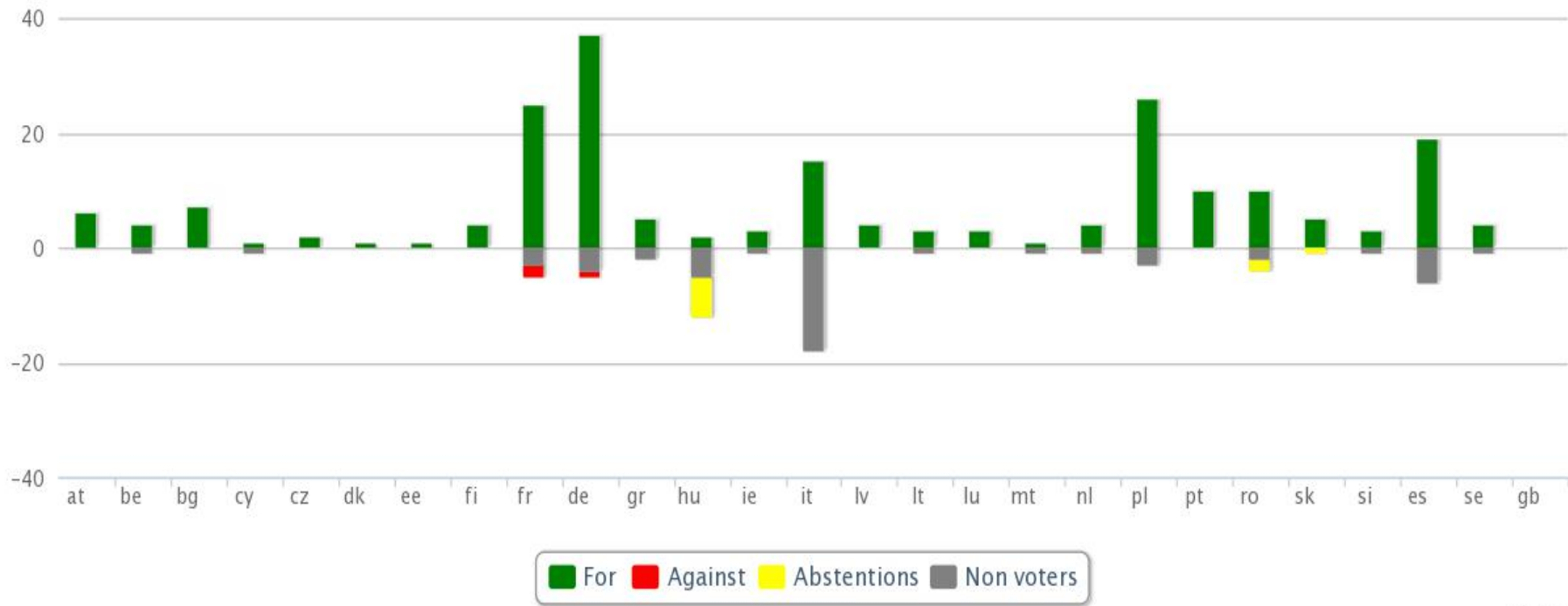
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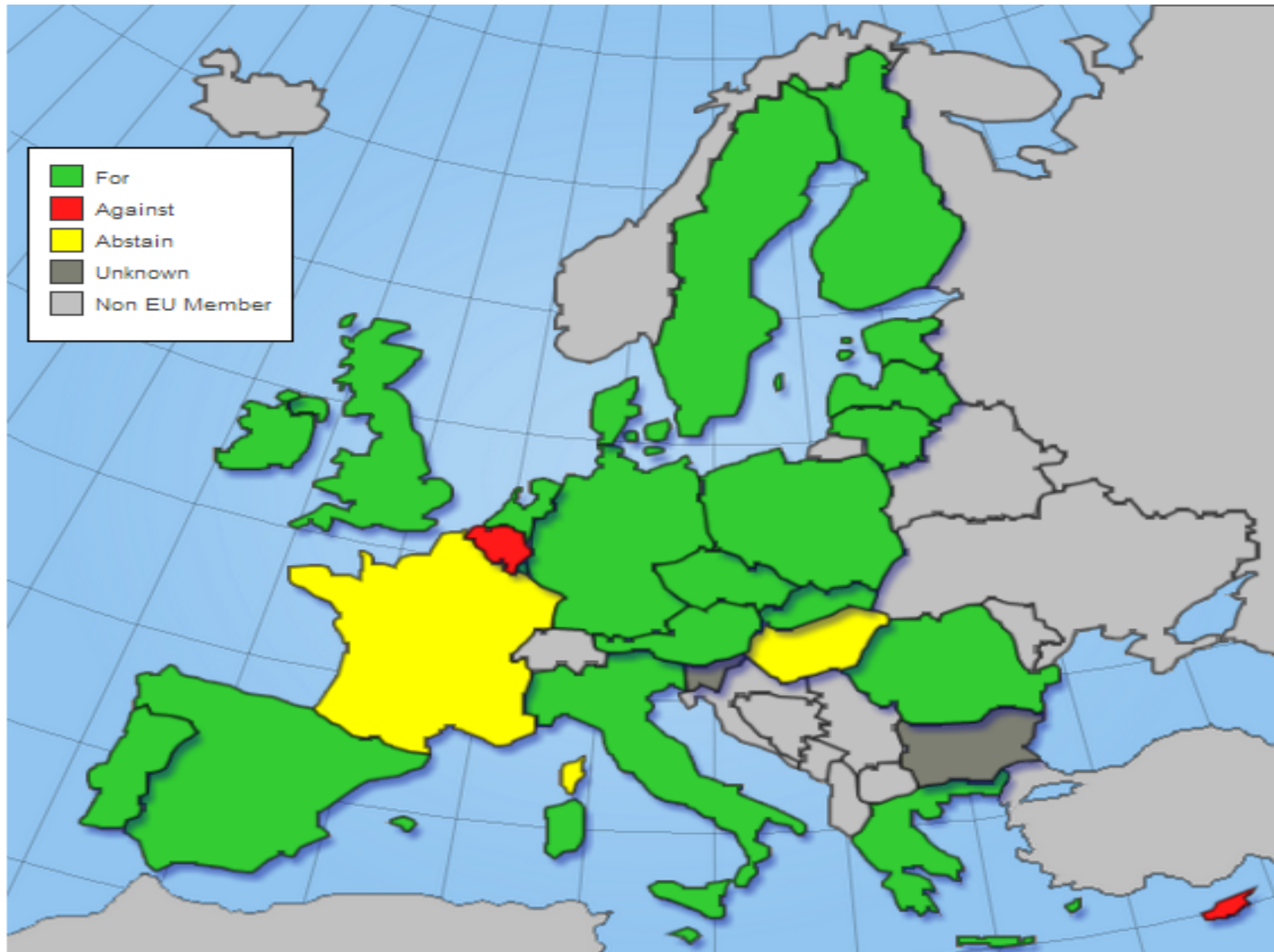


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What positions to expect from each of the
Member States' Governments ?

Anticipated starting positions in the Council, based on MEPs votes



Votes on key issues in the trade deal:

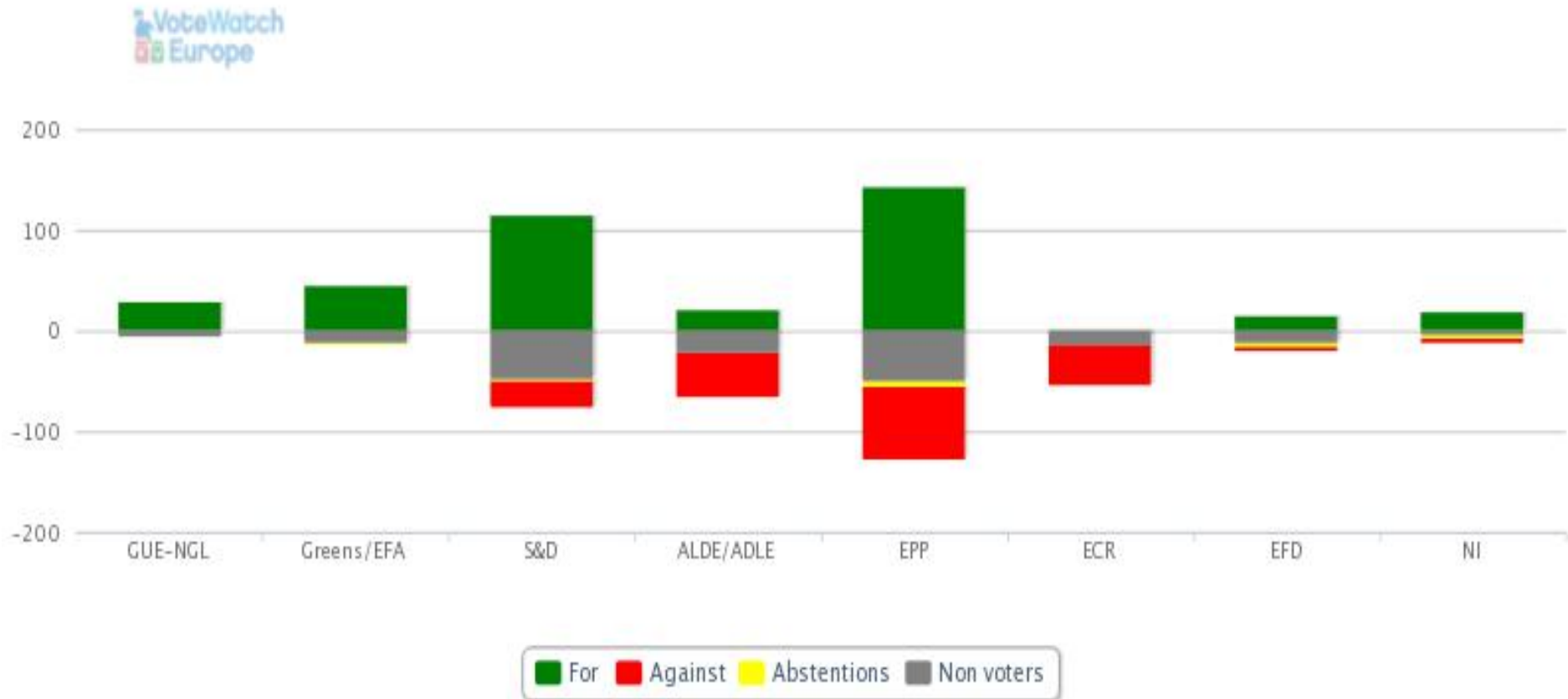
- Cultural & audio-visual**
- Social, labour & environmental standards**
- GMOs, hormones**

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Exclusion of the culture and audio-visual services

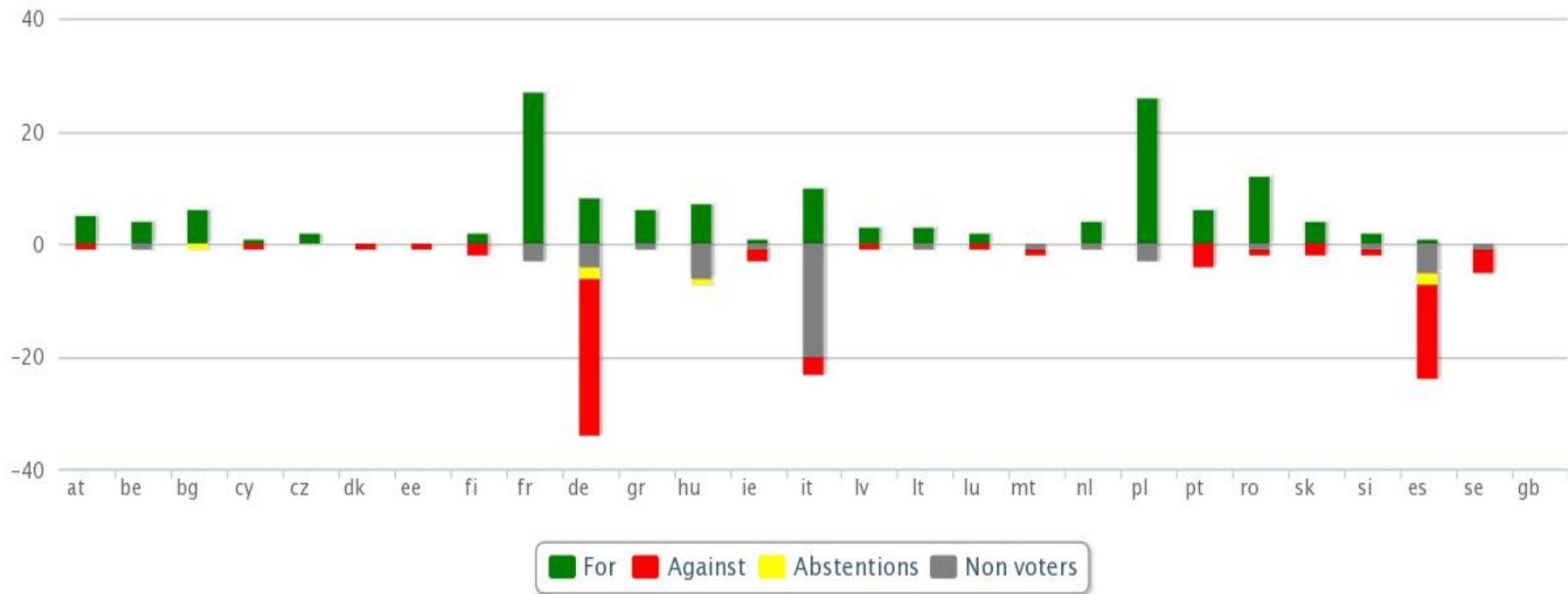
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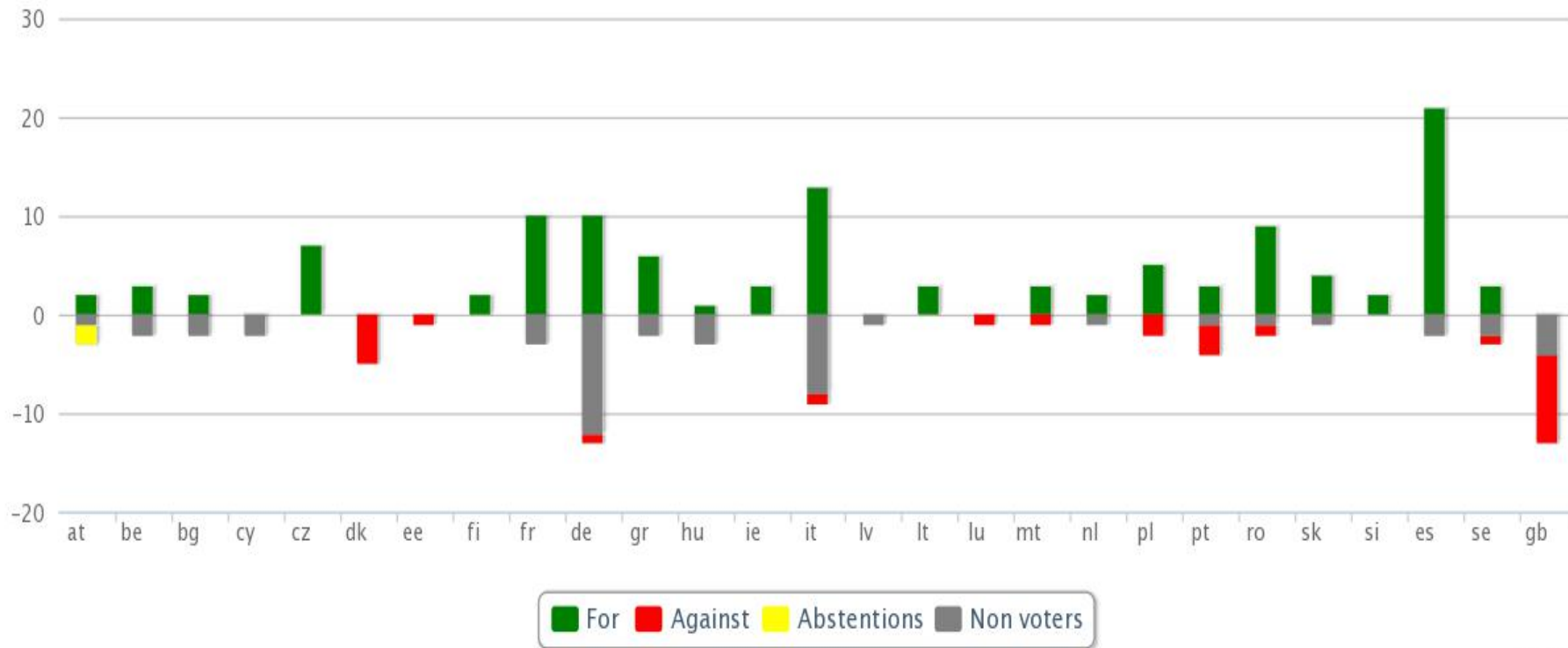
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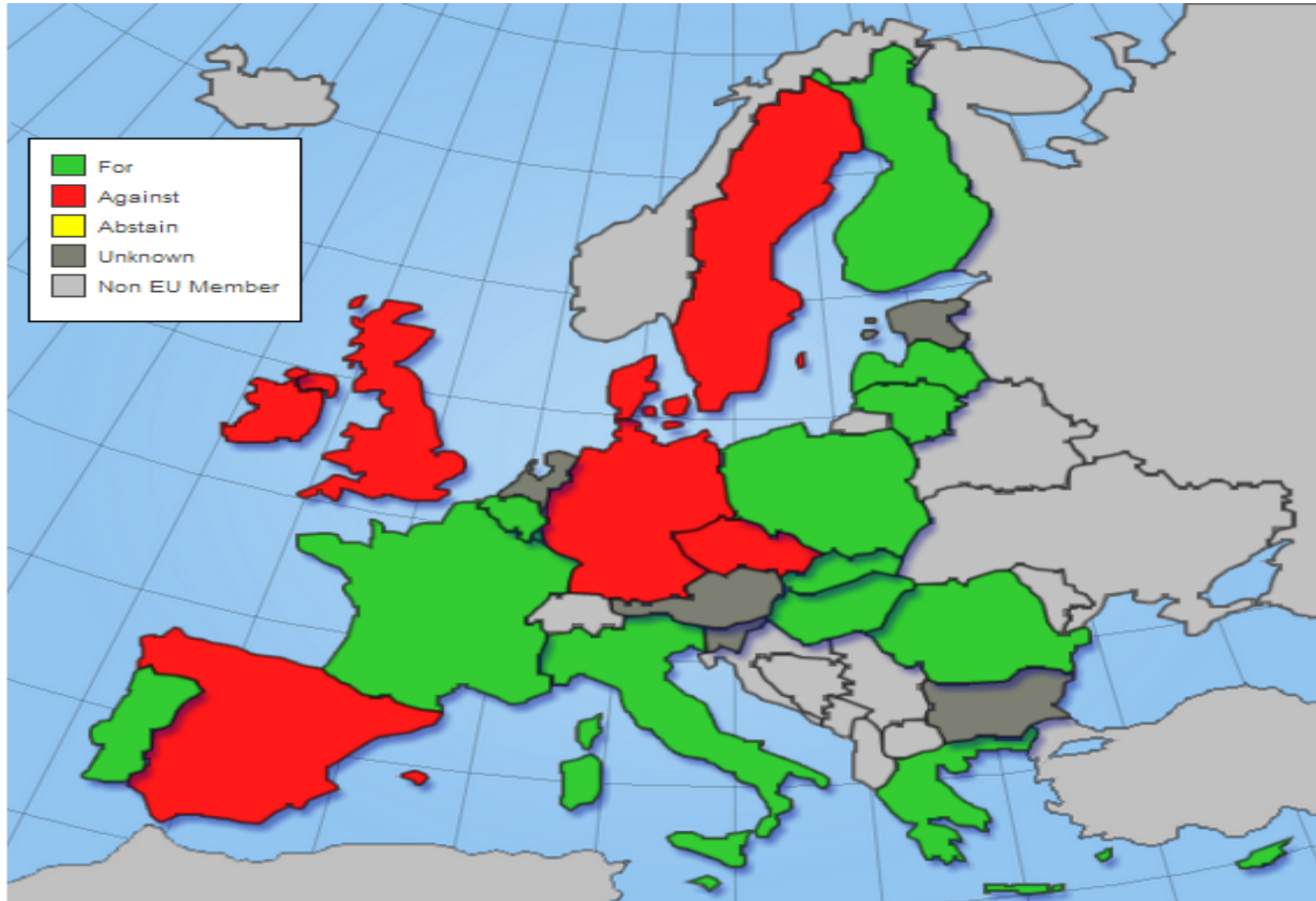
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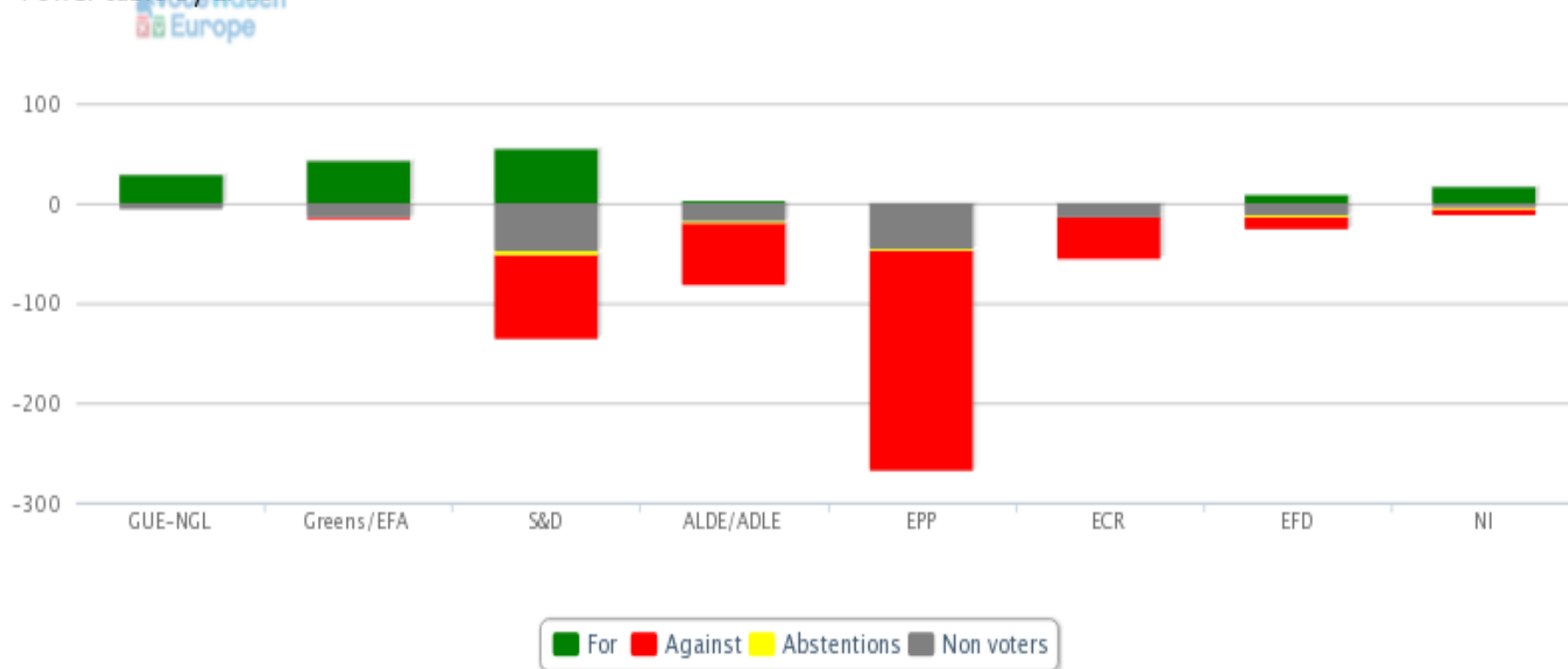
(Highest) social, labour and environmental standards

Am. 12: [...] a possible future agreement should, reflect the highest existing social, environmental and labour standards

Rejected (154 – 431)

EU trade and investment agreement negotiations with the US - Motion for resolution : After paragraph 2, amendment 12

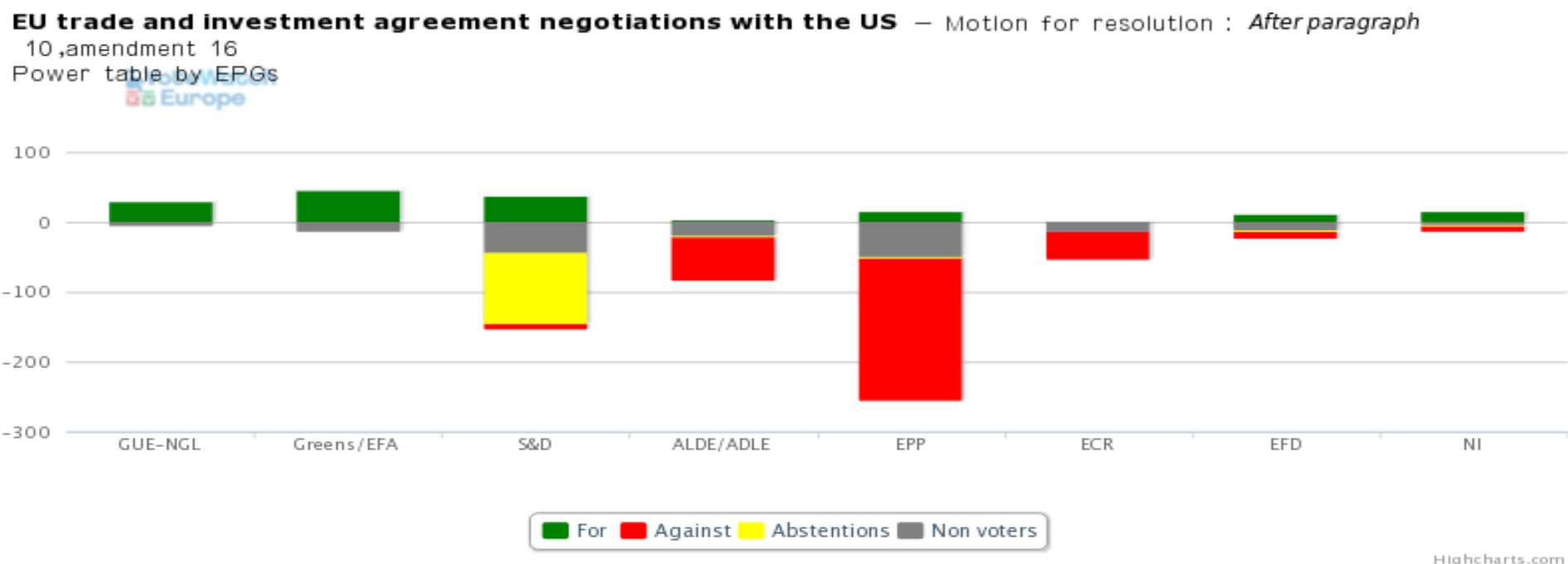
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GMOs, hormones, cloning

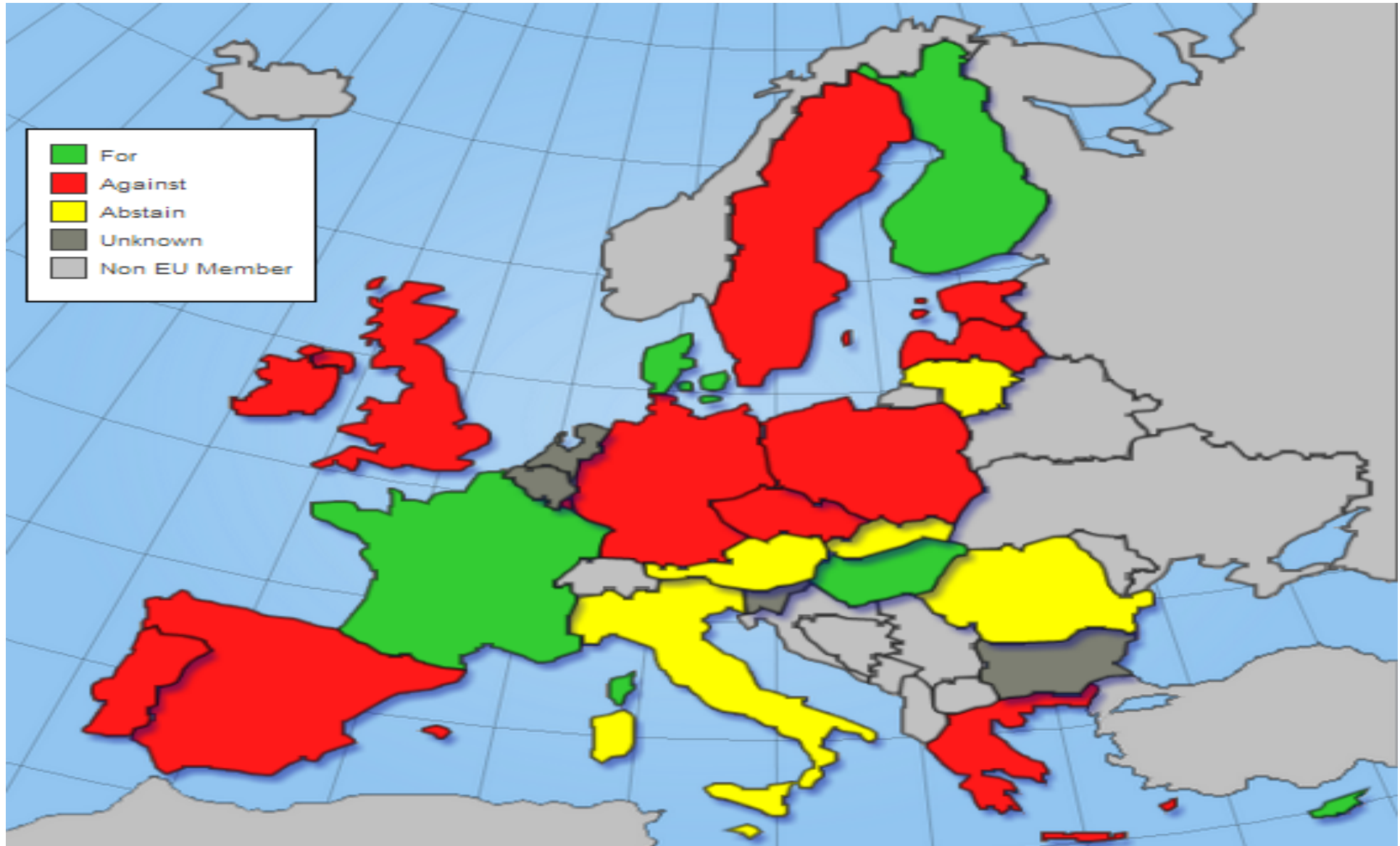
Am. 16: Calls on the Commission and the Council to apply the ‘precautionary principle’ when finalising the mandate, and to defend this principle when it comes to the protection of the environment and of human, animal and plant health, in particular with regard to GMOs, the use of hormones and cloning

Rejected (152 – 333- 109)



Am. 16: precautionary principle re. *GMOs, the use of hormones and cloning*

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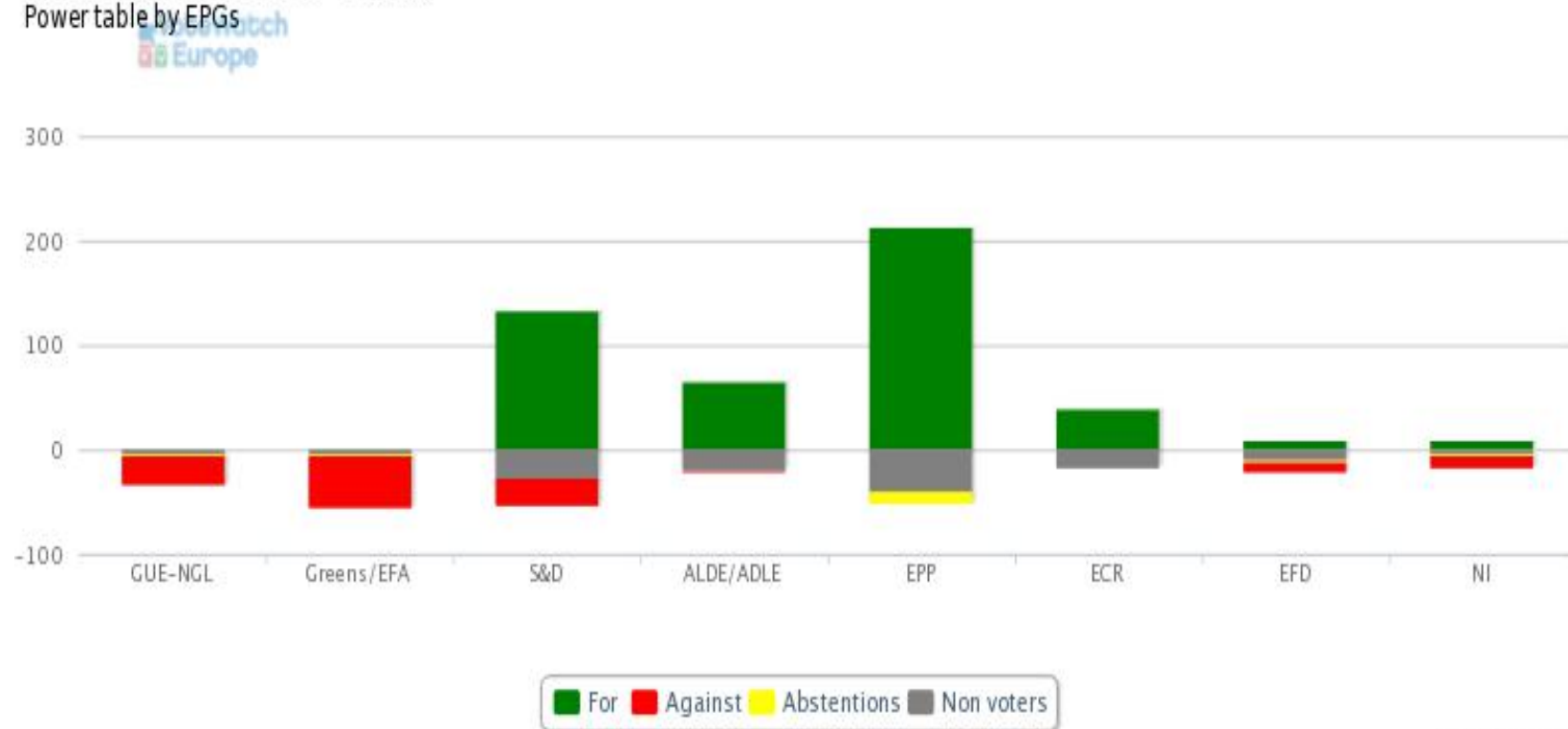
Votes on other FTAs

EU –South Korea FTA

Free trade agreement between the EU and the Republic on Korea - Draft legislative resolution-Recommendation :

vote: legislative resolution - consent

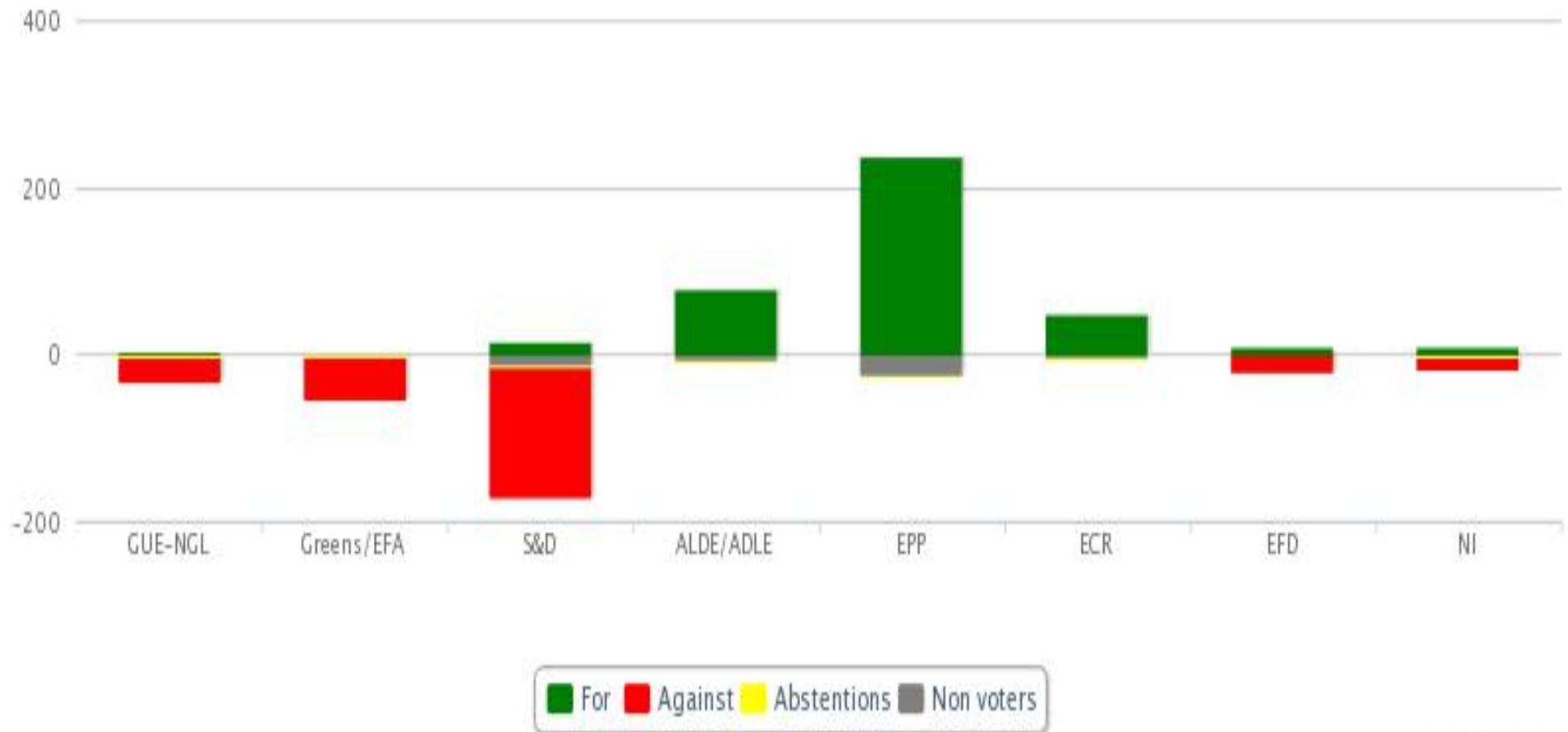
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EU –India FTA (indicative vote)

Free trade agreement with India - Motion for a resolution : vote: resolution (text as a whole)

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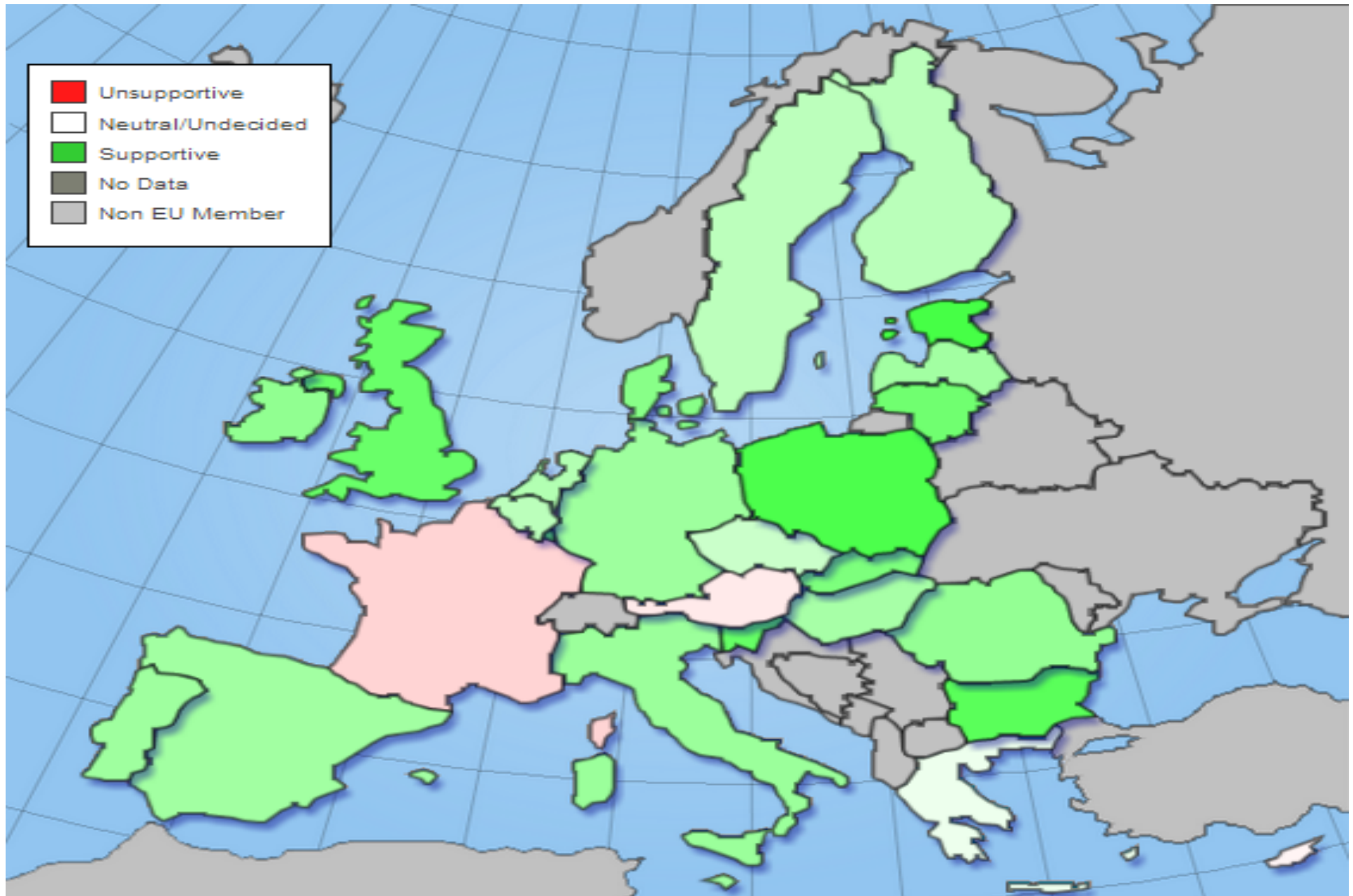


General attitude of MEPs on:

-EU-US trade relations

-Trade relations across the board

Attitude towards strengthening EU-US trade relations



Attitude towards free trade (across the board)

Sample consisting in:

FTA with US

FTA with South Korea

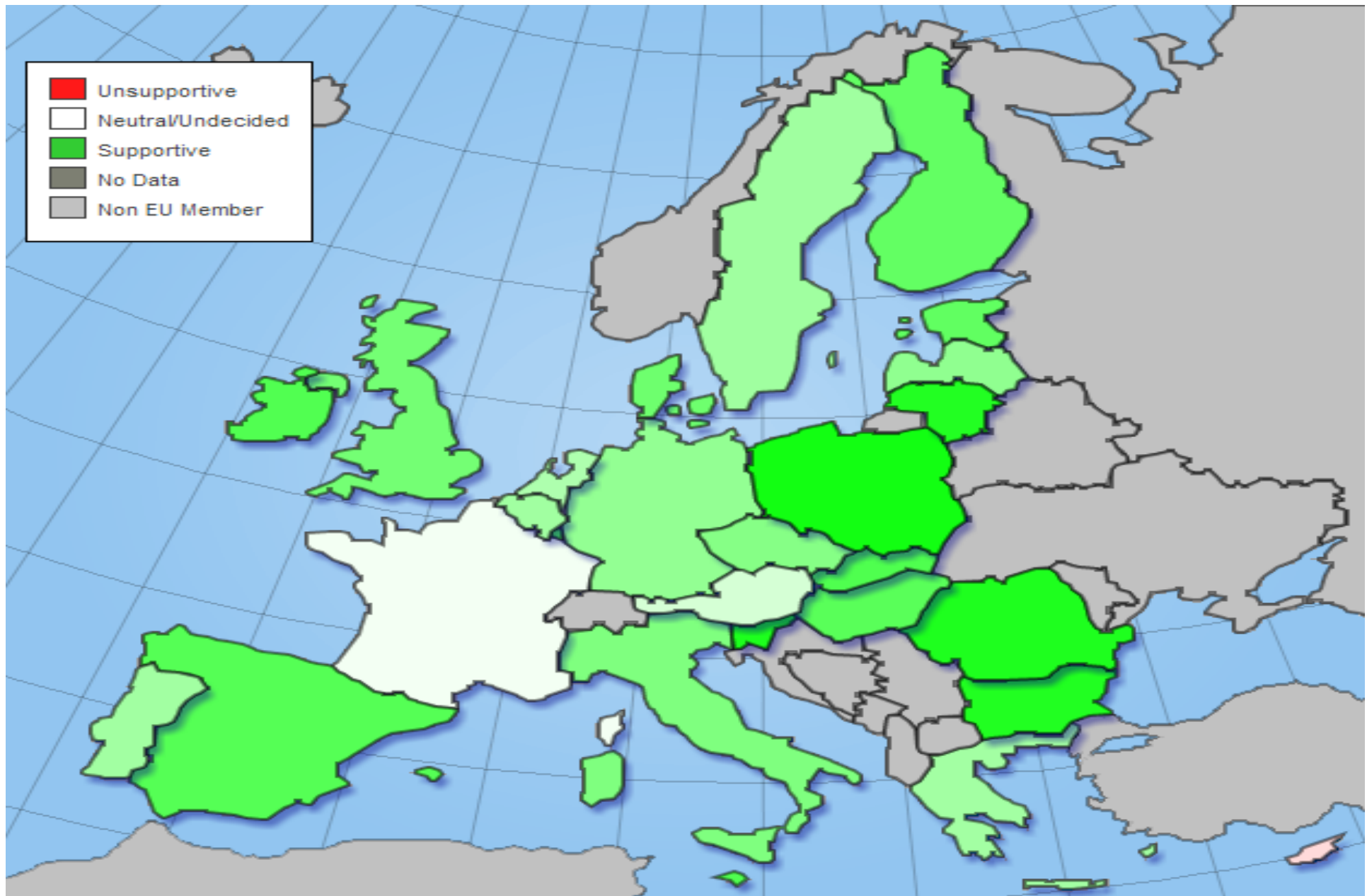
FTA with India (indicative vote)

Agreement with Columbia & Peru

Association agreement EU-Central America

Trade preferences to Pakistan

Attitude towards free trade (across the board, all political groups)

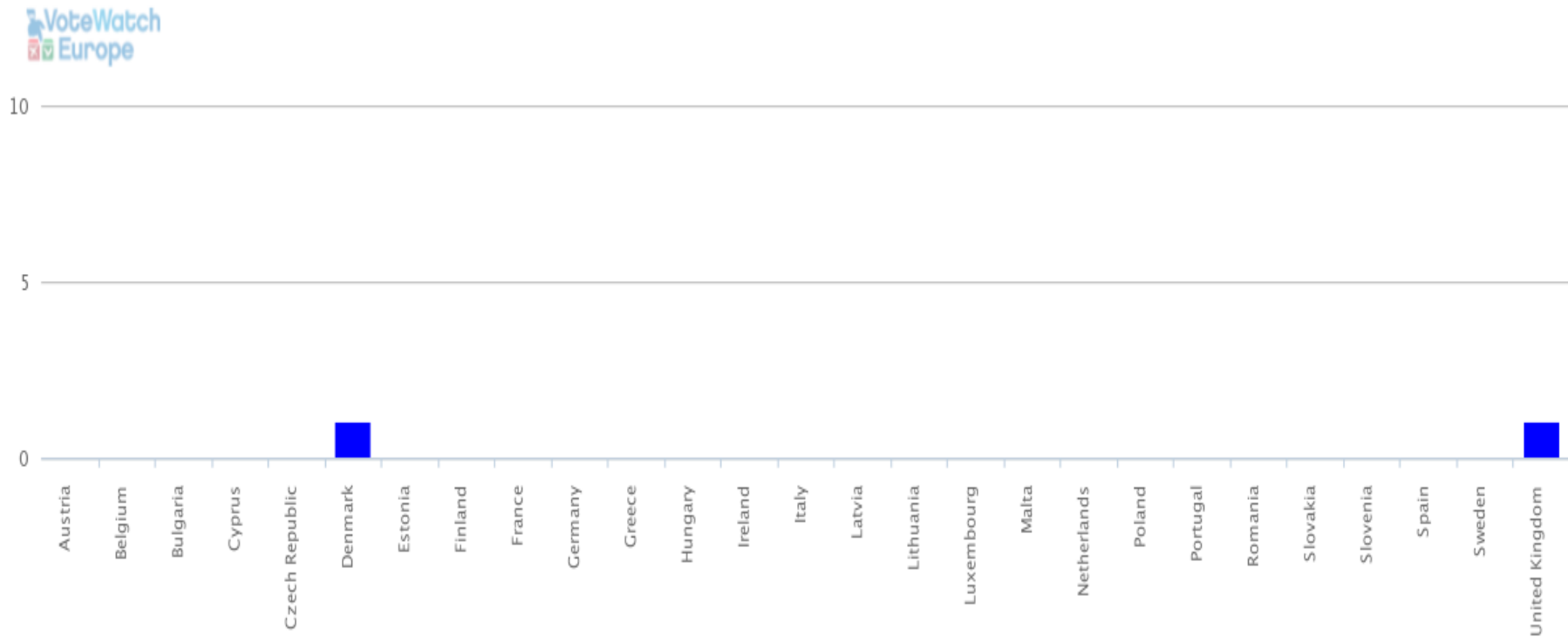


**Voting in the Council
on international trade issues**

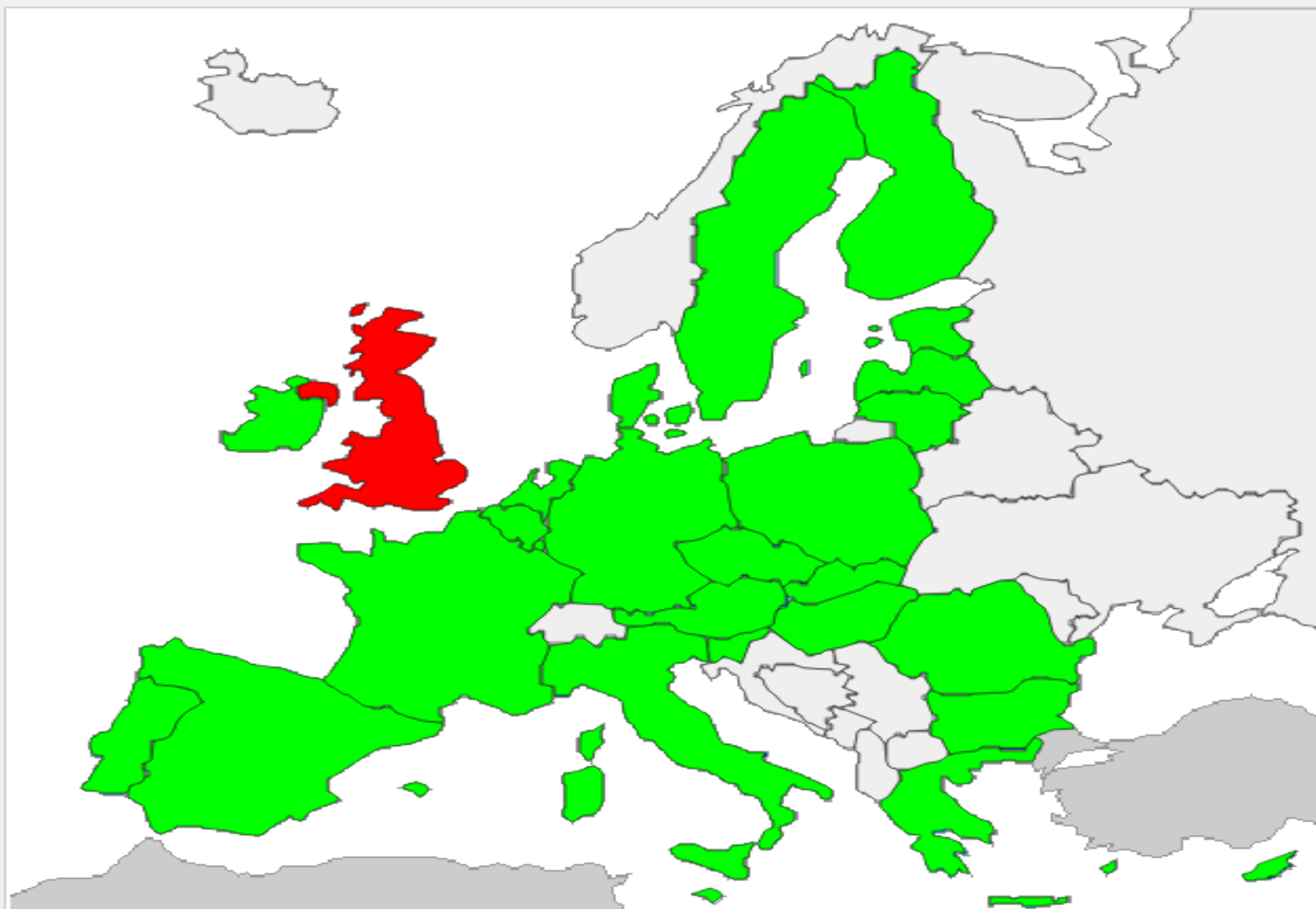
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Final decisions generally by consensus, with two exceptions:

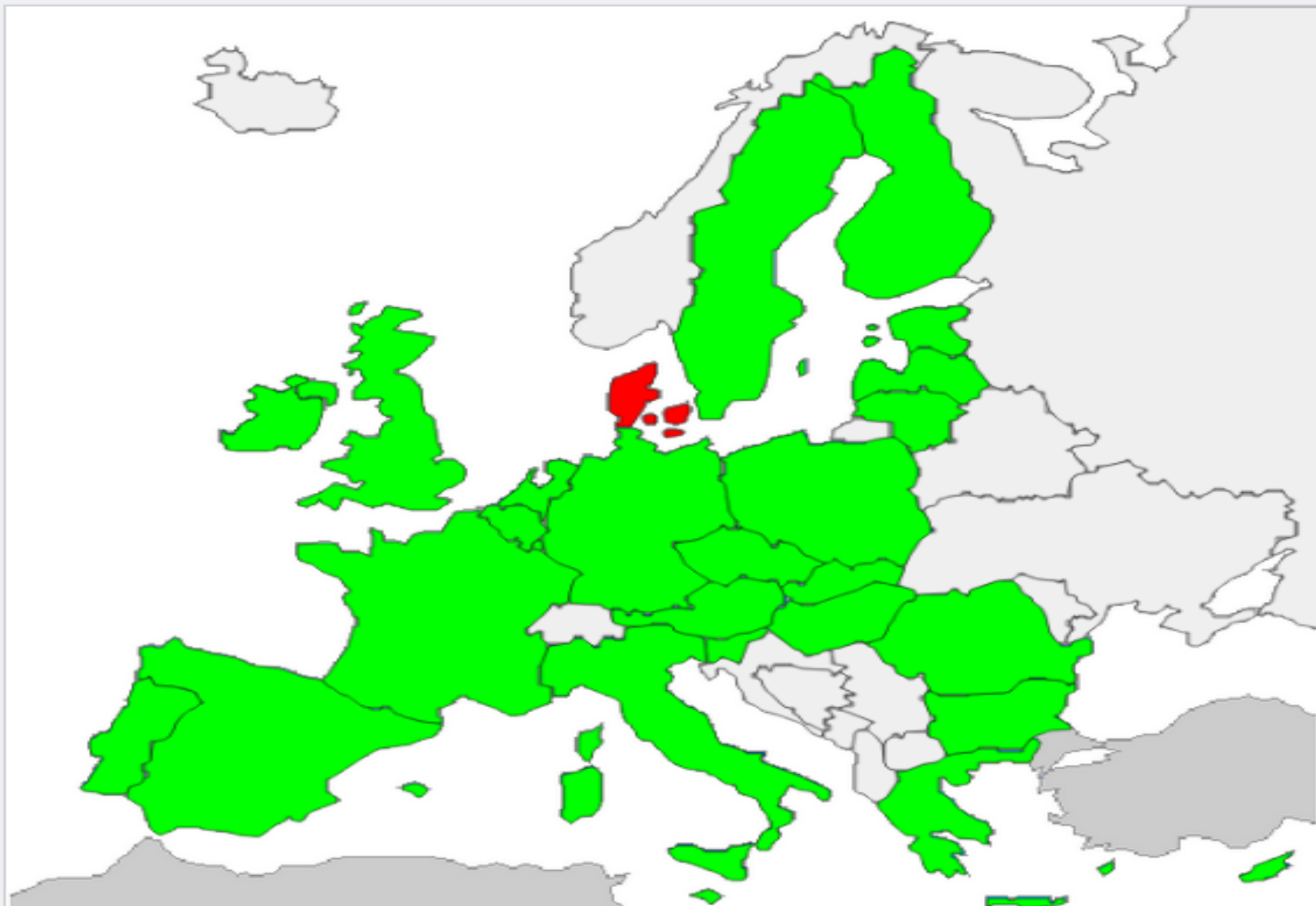
The number of times each Member State has been in minority when voting on International trade (14.07.2009 - 11.03.2013)



Proposal for a Regulation of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1934/2006 establishing a financing instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high income countries and territories - *first reading*, Adoption of the Council's position at first reading



Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing Article 10 of the United Nations' Firearms Protocol and establishing export authorisation, import and transit measures for firearms, their parts and components and ammunition - *first reading*, Adoption of the legislative act





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