

## **Dossiers in 2008 on which the PPE-DE and PSE disagreed in the final vote (RCV)**

### **535 roll-call votes for final votes in 2008**

The 535 RCVs for final votes can be broken down as follows by decision-making procedure or statement:

- 126 cases under the codecision procedure, first reading,
- 1 case under the codecision procedure, third reading,
- 8 cases under the assent procedure,
- 29 cases under the budgetary procedure or the Interinstitutional Agreement procedure,
- 30 cases under the discharge procedure ,
- 116 cases under the consultation procedure,
- 8 cases relating to the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, 3 of which related to immunity,
- 217 cases of non-legislative own-initiative procedures (212 dossiers, including one dossier where the RCV was on two different group resolutions and one where the RCV was on five different group resolutions).

### **Summary**

- 1) In those cases where the PPE-DE, PSE and ALDE did not agree in the final vote on a dossier, the Groups were often divided among themselves.
- 2) In 28 out of 535 RCVs (5%) for the final votes during 2008, the PPE-DE, PSE and ALDE were unable to reach agreement. These 28 RCVs, however, only relate to 23 dossiers, as there were separate RCVs on different group resolutions for two of these dossiers.
- 3) The two largest groups, the PPE-DE and PSE, only disagreed in 18 out of 535 RCVs (3%) in the final votes during 2008. In 7 of these 18 RCVs one of the groups chose to abstain from the final vote, and in another case one group did not vote at all. This therefore leaves 10 RCVs out of 535 (1.9%) in which the PPE-DE and PSE were completely at odds with each other and broke the principle of consensus at the EP.
- 4) Of the 23 dossiers on which there was disagreement between the three large party Groups, 18 were non-legislative own-initiative procedures (i.e. just ideas), three were under the consultation procedure (in principle also just a statement to the Council) and two were dossiers under the codecision procedure, first reading.
- 5) The 10 RCVs upon which the PPE-DE and PSE did not agree cover nine dossiers. Of these nine, seven were non-legislative own-initiative procedures (i.e. just ideas), one was under the consultation procedure (in principle also just a statement to the Council) and one came under the codecision procedure, first reading (a report on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals).

*The Christian Democratic/Conservative Group (PPE-DE) and the Socialist Group*

*(PSE) thus managed to reach a compromise on 97% of the 535 RCVs in the final votes that took place in the European Parliament in 2008.*

List of dossiers on which the three largest groups did not agree in the final vote:

19/2. Deprez (ex-Mayor Oreja) report (A6-0015/2008) with a proposal for a European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the factors favouring support for terrorism and the recruitment of terrorists  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted no, PSE yes, ALDE yes.

13/3. Resolution (RCB6-0111/2008) on the case of Mehdi Kazemi  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE split (12 yes, 11 no, 2 abstentions), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

24/4. Resolution (RCB6-0144/2008) on the Commission's Annual Policy Strategy for 2009 (joint motion for a resolution from PPE-DE, ALDE and UEN)  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE no, ALDE yes.

8/5. Gklavakis report (A6-0166/2008) on support schemes for farmers (support scheme for cotton)  
Consultation procedure, in principle just a statement to the Council  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE yes, ALDE no.

20/5. Berlato report (A6-0164/2008) on the Community Tobacco Fund  
Consultation procedure, in principle just a statement to the Council  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE was split (90 voted yes, 84 voted no, 4 abstained), ALDE no.

20/5. Lehtinen report (A6-0155/2008) on the EU consumer policy strategy 2007-2013  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE abstained (152 abstained, a minority voted yes (75) or voted no (22)), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

20/5. Lynne report (A6-0159/2008) on progress made in equal-opportunities and non-discrimination in the EU (the transposition of Directives 2000/43/EC and 2000/78/EC)  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted no, PSE yes, ALDE yes.

21/5. Thomsen report (A6-0165/2008) on women and science  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE abstained (138 abstained, a minority voted yes (48) or voted no (48)), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

22/5. Lehideux report (A6-0131/2008) on a European Training Foundation (recast)  
Codecision procedure, first reading.  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE abstained, ALDE abstained.

17/6. Harangozó report (A6-0212/2008) on the impact of cohesion policy on the integration of vulnerable communities and groups  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE abstained, PSE yes, ALDE yes.

18/6. Weber report (A6-0339/2008) on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals  
Codecision procedure, first reading.  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE no (106 voted no, a minority voted yes (32) or abstained (47)), ALDE yes.

10/7. Resolution (RCB6-0348/2008) on the creation of a fingerprint database for the Roma in Italy  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted no (a minority abstained), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

10/7. Resolutions on the situation in China after the earthquake and before the Olympic Games (from ALDE)  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
Two final votes on the respective motions for a resolution from the different Groups.  
RCB6-0338/2008 from ALDE.  
PPE-DE voted no, PSE no, ALDE yes.  
RCB6-0340/2008 from PPE-DE, PSE and UEN.  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE yes, ALDE abstained.

2/9. Bowles report (A6-0312/2008) on a co-ordinated strategy to improve the fight against fiscal fraud  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE abstained, ALDE yes.

4/9. Resolution (RC6-0343/2008) on the situation of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails (from PSE, ALDE, the Greens/EFA and GUE/NGL)  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE split into three fairly equal parts (89 voted yes, 83 no and 56 abstained), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

4/9. Resolution (RC6-0377/2008) on Millennium Development Goal 5: improving maternal health (from PPE-DE, PSE, ALDE, the Greens/EFA and GUE/NGL)  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted no (a minority voted yes or abstained), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

23/9. Lehne report (A6-0296/2008) with recommendations to the Commission on transparency of institutional investors  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.  
PPE-DE voted yes, PSE voted yes, ALDE abstained.

24/9. Resolution (RC6-0420/2008) on the European Parliament's priorities for the Commission Legislative and Work Programme 2009 (from PPE-DE, ALDE and UEN).  
EP own initiative, non-legislative.

PPE-DE voted no, PSE abstained, ALDE yes.

Point of interest: the EP did not adopt any motion for a resolution on this dossier.

25/9. Resolutions on the social package.

EP own initiative, non-legislative.

Five final votes on the respective motions for a resolution from the different Groups.

B6-0378/2008 from UEN.

PPE-DE voted yes, PSE no, ALDE no.

B6-0427/2008 from ALDE

PPE-DE voted no, PSE no, ALDE yes.

B6-0429/2008 from the Greens/EFA

PPE-DE voted no, PSE no, ALDE no.

B6-0433/2008 from PSE

PPE-DE voted no, PSE yes, ALDE no.

B6-0434/2008 from GUE/NGL.

PPE-DE voted no, PSE no, ALDE no.

Point of interest: the EP did not adopt any motion for a resolution on this dossier.

9/10. Cercas report (A6-0357/2008) on the implementation of social legislation relating to road transport

EP own initiative, non-legislative.

PPE-DE voted no (a minority abstained), PSE yes, ALDE yes

23/10. Resolution B6-0562/2008 on civil aviation

EP own initiative, non-legislative.

PPE-DE abstained (a minority voted yes), PSE yes, ALDE yes.

23/10. Resolution RC6-0549/2008 on Venezuela (from PPE-DE, ALDE and UEN)

PPE-DE voted yes, no PSE Group members were present when the vote took place - they most likely made the conscious choice not to vote, ALDE yes

18/11. Lulling report (A6-0417/2008) on the proposal for a Council directive concerning the general arrangements for excise duty

Consultation procedure, in principle just a statement to the Council

PPE-DE voted no (a small minority yes), PSE yes, ALDE yes (a minority voted no or abstained).

Point of interest: The outcome of the vote was fairly equal - 328 yes, 319 no, 34 abstained.