

Eulytix Plenary Brief – 1/2022

The CFSP and the CSDP

Foreword

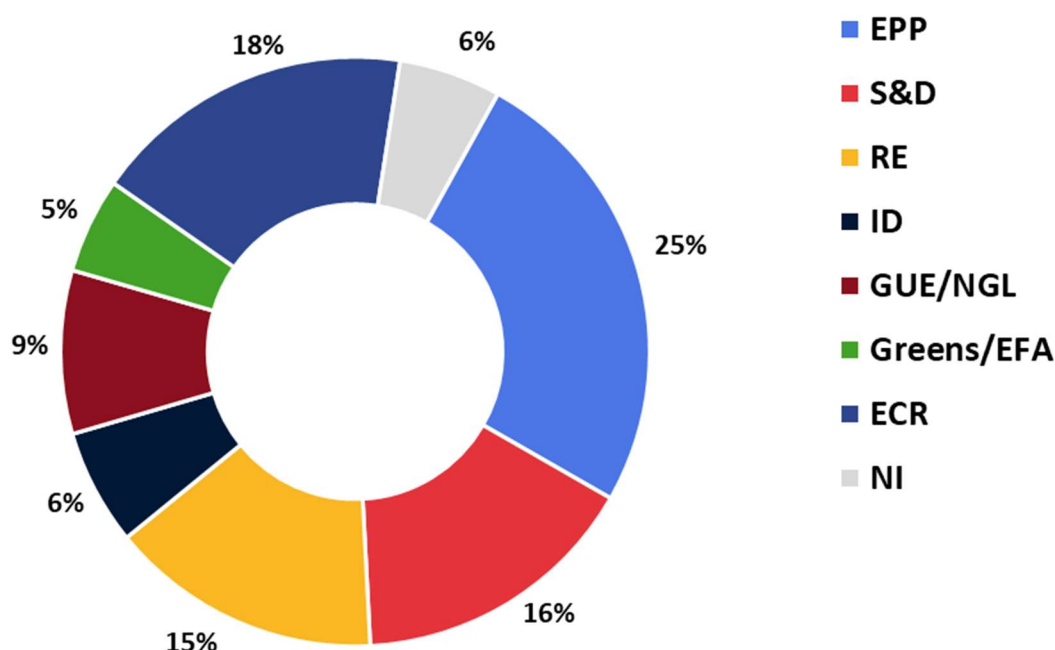
This brief report is the first installment of Eulytix’s new “Plenary Briefs” series. In these reports, we provide an overview of MEPs’ activity concerning selected dossiers of the plenary week. This report deals with the annual report on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

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2021/2182 (INI)

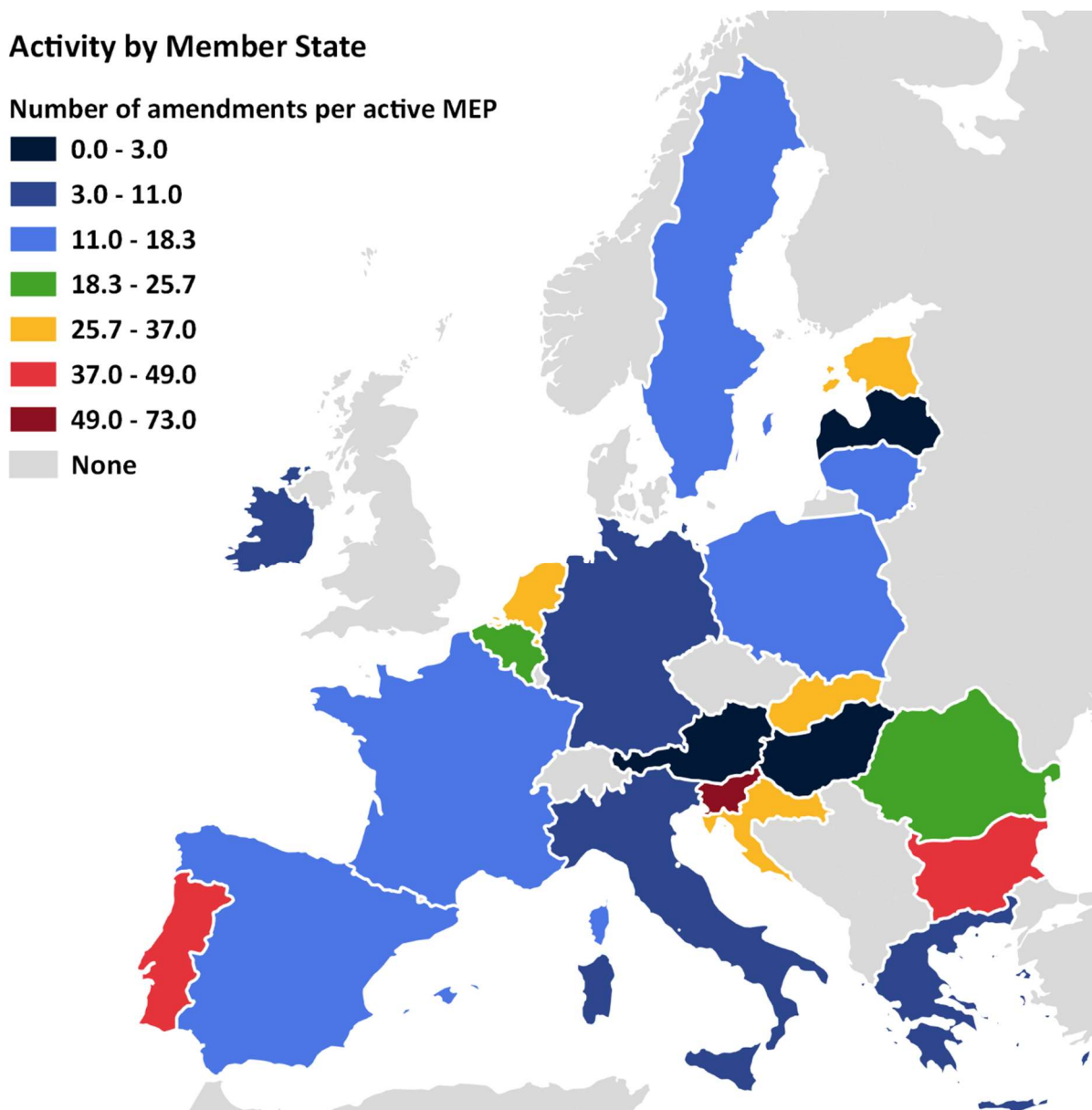
With regard to amendments tabled to the draft report presented by Rapporteur David McAllister (EPP, Germany), the EPP group was the most active, which contributed to 25% of the amendments, followed by ECR (18%), and S&D (16%). For the full breakdown, see Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Activity by political group, measured as the aggregate number of amendments of MEPs



When it comes to MEPs from certain Member States, MEPs from Croatia, Portugal and Bulgaria tabled the most amendments on average, while their Hungarian, Latvian and Austrian colleagues showed the least activity (see Figure 2).

Figure 2: Average activity by Member State measured as the number of amendments per active MEP. An active MEP is an MEP, who sponsored at least one amendment.

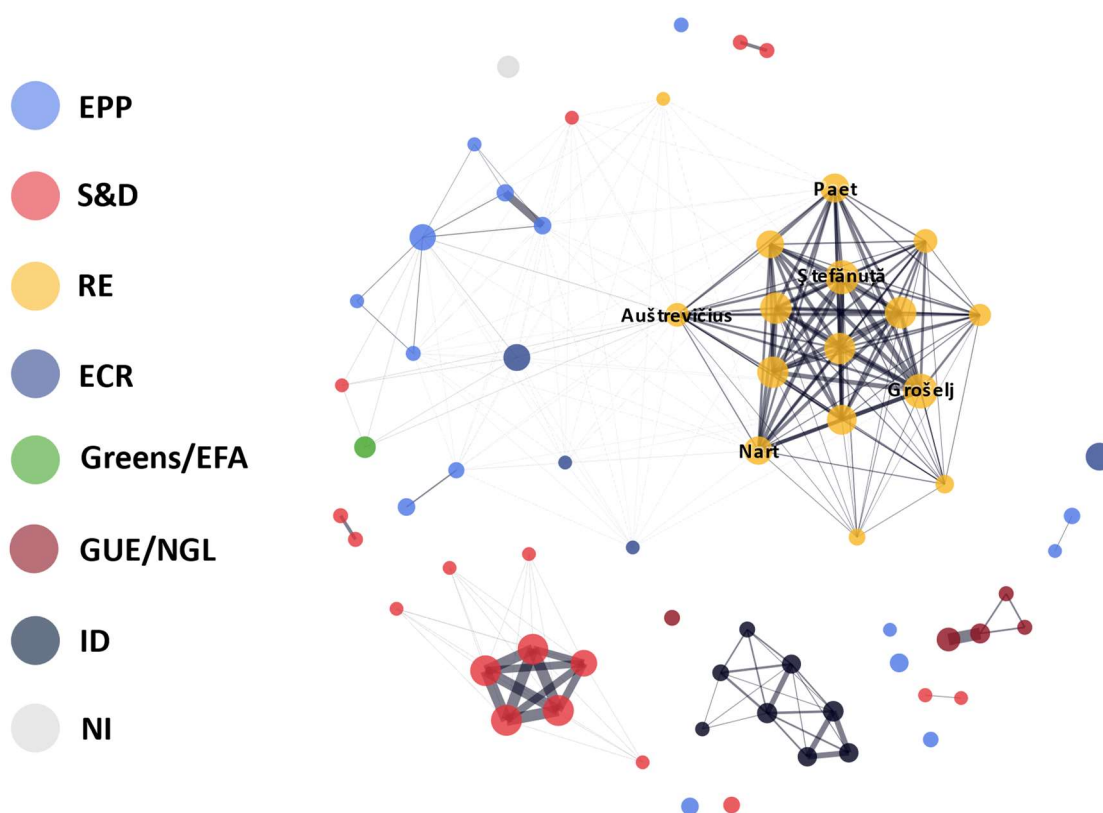


In Eulytix’s connectivity ranking, based on graph centrality measures that highlight the importance of an MEPs in the network of MEPs Petras Auštrevičius (RE, Lithuania) scored the highest, tailed by Klemen Grošelj (RE, Slovenia) and Javier Nart (Spain). This indicated that while MEPs from the People’s Party sponsored the most amendments, Renew’s MEPs form a more cohesive group with occasional ties to the EPP (see Figure 3). For more information on our connectivity ranking, we refer the reader to our [Annual Report](#).

Table 1: The top 5 MEPs regarding connectivity.

Name	Political group	Member State	Amendments	Partners	Closest partner
Petras Auštrevičius	RE	Lithuania	35	25	<i>Klemen Grošelj</i>
Klemen Grošelj	RE	Slovenia	73	23	<i>Nicolae Ștefănuță</i>
Javier Nart	RE	Spain	51	23	<i>Klemen Grošelj</i>
Urmaz Paet	RE	Estonia	53	23	<i>Klemen Grošelj</i>
Nicolae Ștefănuță	RE	Romania	70	14	<i>Klemen Grošelj</i>

Figure 3: Illustration of the procedure’s cosponsorship network in the AFCO committee. The top 5 MEPs in terms of connectivity are named. (2021/2182 INI).



In positive modifications, i.e., text MEPs intended to insert into the draft reports, Russia was the most frequent geographical location, followed by Turkey, Afghanistan, China and Belarus. MEPs from Renew and/or MEPs from Romania and Spain sought to insert text related to Russia the most. See Table 2 for a full breakdown.

Table 2: The most frequent geographic locations mentioned by MEPs.

Location	Advocate political group	Advocate Member State
Russia	EPP	Romania, Spain
Turkey	S&D	Italy
Afghanistan	RE	Italy, Spain
China	EPP	Spain, Netherlands
Belarus	RE	Belgium, Netherlands, Romania

The proper nouns sought to be inserted by the most connected MEP, Petras Auštrevičius (RE, Lithuania) are presented in Table 3.

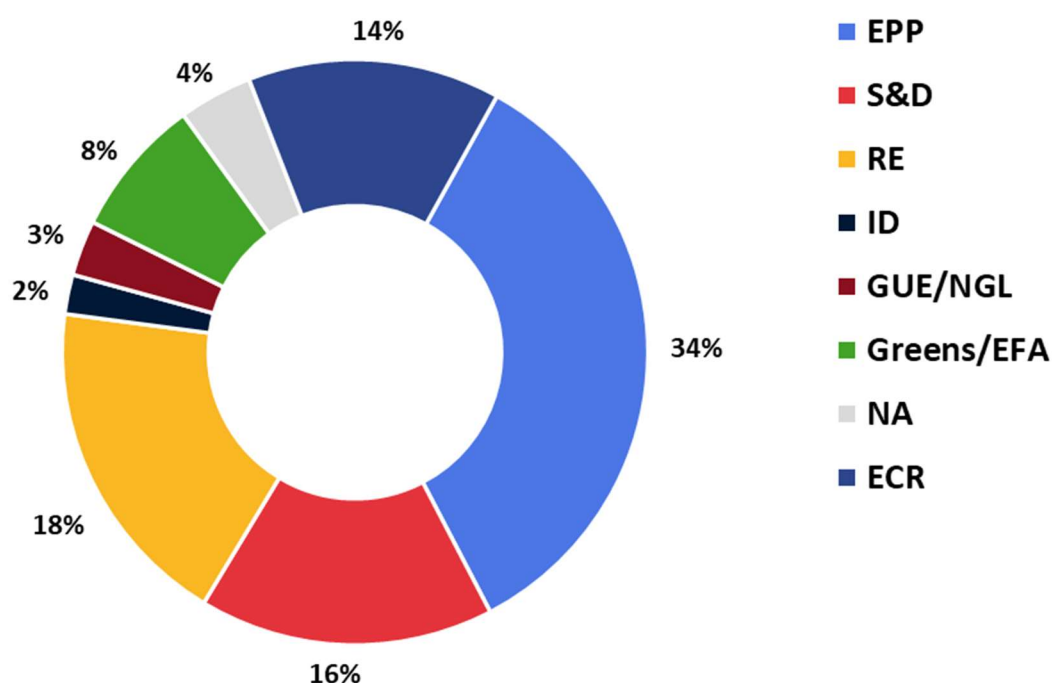
Table 3: The proper nouns the most connected MEP, Petras Auštrevičius sought to amend the draft report with.

Proper nouns		
<i>Afghan</i>	<i>European Defence Union</i>	<i>Russia</i>
<i>Africa</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Sahel</i>
<i>Air Defence Identification Zone</i>	<i>Global Europe</i>	<i>Syria</i>
<i>Aliaksandr Lukashenka</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Taiwan</i>
<i>Armenia</i>	<i>IPA</i>	<i>the Autonomous Republic of Crimea</i>
<i>Azerbaijan</i>	<i>Kremlin</i>	<i>the Azov Sea</i>
<i>Belarus</i>	<i>Latin America</i>	<i>the City of Sevastopol</i>
<i>Caribbean</i>	<i>Lukashenka</i>	<i>the Republic of Moldova</i>
<i>Chile</i>	<i>Mercosur</i>	<i>the Western Balkans</i>
<i>China</i>	<i>Mexico</i>	<i>Turkey</i>
<i>Crimea</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>
<i>Donbas</i>	<i>Moldova</i>	<i>Wagner Company</i>
<i>East China</i>	<i>NATO</i>	<i>Western Balkan</i>

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To the draft report proposed by Rapporteur Nathalie Loiseau (RE, France), the EPP group tabled the most amendments (34%) followed by Renew (18%) and S&D (16%). For the full breakdown see Figure 4.

Figure 4: Activity by political group, measured as the aggregate number of amendments of MEPs



Regarding activity by Member State, MEPs from Croatia, Estonia and Hungary were the most active, measured as the number of amendments per active MEP. An active MEP is an MEP, who tabled at least one amendment to the draft report. The least active MEPs were from Austria, Bulgaria, the Netherlands, which is closely followed by Greece (see Figure 5, below).

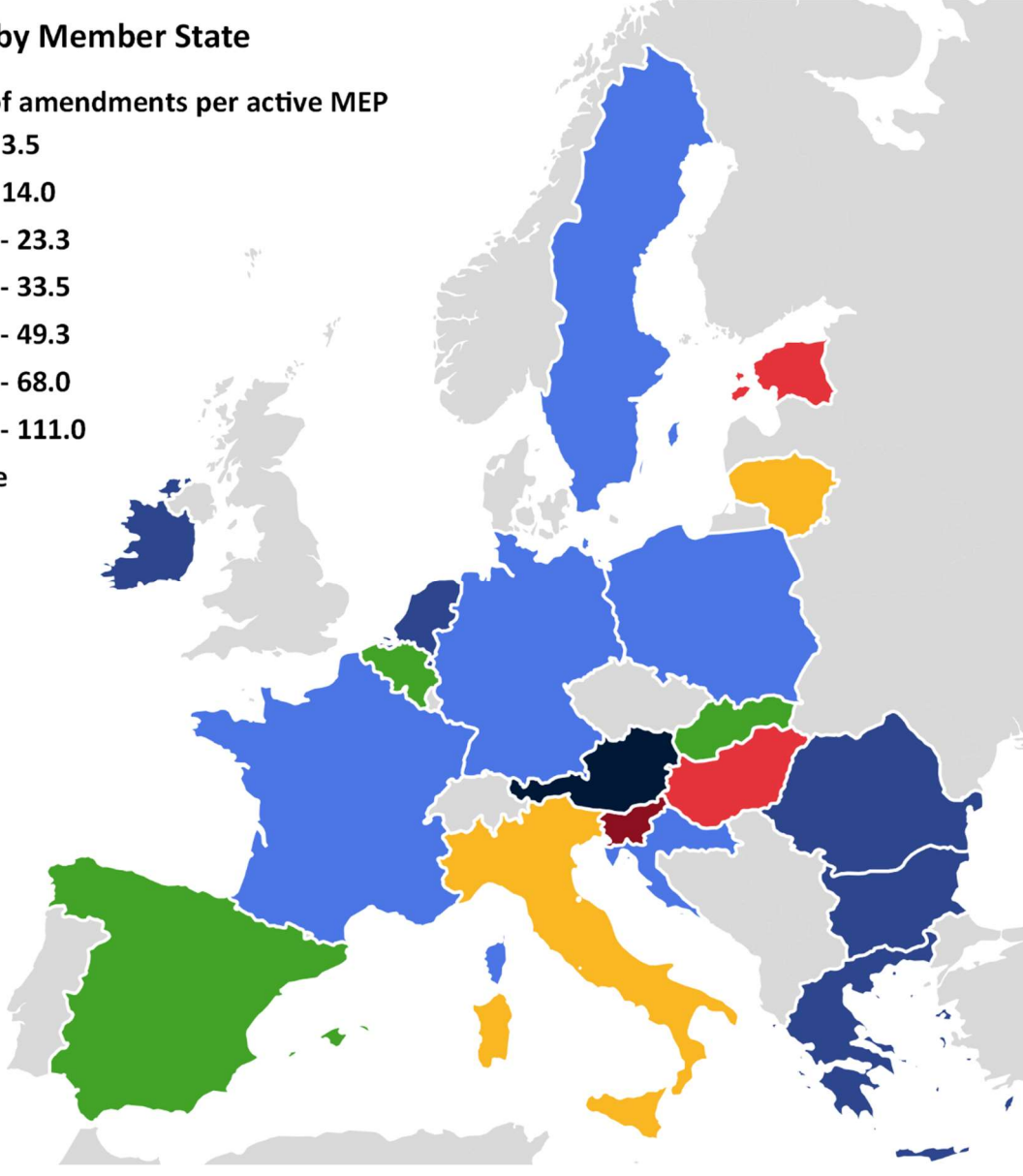
Figure 5: Average activity by Member State measured as the number of amendments per active MEP. An active MEP is an MEP, who sponsored at least one amendment.

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Activity by Member State

Number of amendments per active MEP

- 0.0 - 3.5
- 3.5 - 14.0
- 14.0 - 23.3
- 23.3 - 33.5
- 33.5 - 49.3
- 49.3 - 68.0
- 68.0 - 111.0
- None

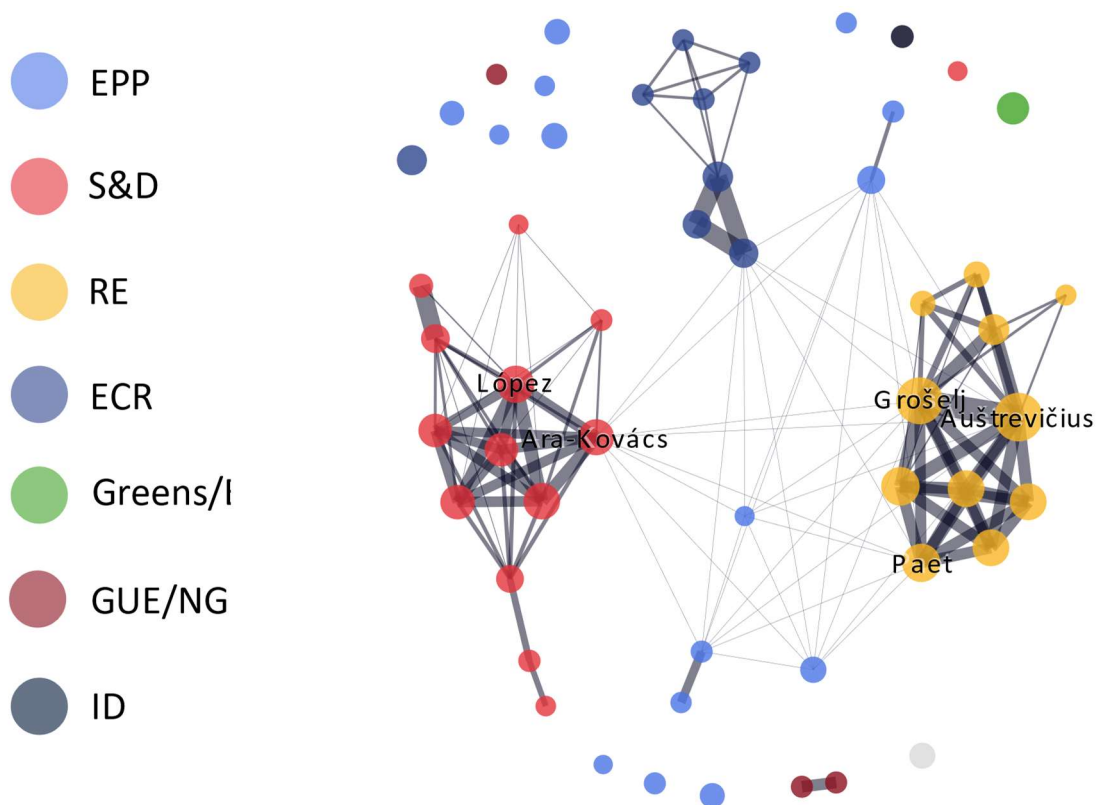


Attila Ara-Kovács (S&D, Hungary) scored the highest on our connectivity ranking, followed by Javi López (S&D, Spain) and Petras Auštrevičius (RE, Lithuania). While MEPs from the People’s Party tabled the most amendment, they did so individually most of the times, quite differently from S&D or RE. Figure 6 illustrates this observation.

Table 4: The top 5 MEPs regarding connectivity.

Name	Political group	Member State	Amendments	Partners	Closest partner
Attila Ara-Kovács	S&D	Hungary	68	16	Javi López
Javi López	S&D	Spain	97	10	Juozas Olekas
Petras Auštrevičius	RE	Lithuania	118	16	Klemen Grošelj
Klemen Grošelj	RE	Slovenia	111	16	Petras Auštrevičius
Urmas Paet	RE	Estonia	77	12	Petras Auštrevičius

Figure 6: Illustration of the procedure’s cosponsorship network in the AFCO committee. The top 5 MEPs in terms of connectivity are named. (2021/2183 INI).



MEPs intended to insert references to Africa, Russia, Asia, Mozambique and Georgia the most often. The primary advocates of Africa related text were the S&D group, when it comes to political groups, and French MEPs concerning Member States. For the full breakdown see Table 5.

Table 5: The most frequent geographic locations mentioned by MEPs.

Geographic location	Advocate political group	Advocate Member State
Africa	EPP	France
Russia	EPP	Poland
Asia	EPP	Spain
Mozambique	EPP	France
Georgia	S&D	Spain

The most connected MEP, Attila Ara-Kovács (S&D, Hungary), wished to insert the proper nouns presented in Table 6 into the draft report.

Table 6: The proper nouns the most connected MEP, Attila Ara-Kovács sought to amend the draft report with.

Proper nouns		
<i>Afghan</i>	<i>EUTM Somalia</i>	<i>Somali</i>
<i>Africa</i>	<i>G5 Sahel</i>	<i>Southern African Development Committee</i>
<i>Althea</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	<i>Taliban</i>
<i>AUKUS</i>	<i>India</i>	<i>the African Union</i>
<i>Australia</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>the Association of Southeast Asian Nations</i>
<i>Balkans</i>	<i>Latin America</i>	<i>the British Government's</i>
<i>Bosnia</i>	<i>Libya</i>	<i>the Horn of Africa</i>
<i>Canada</i>	<i>Mali</i>	<i>the Mozambique Channel</i>
<i>China</i>	<i>Mozambique</i>	<i>the Takuba Task Force</i>
<i>East China Sea</i>	<i>NATO</i>	<i>the Western Balkans</i>
<i>Eastern Partnership</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>Ukraine</i>
<i>EUNAVFOR ATALANTA</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>United States</i>
<i>EUTM Mali</i>	<i>Sahel</i>	<i>West Africa</i>