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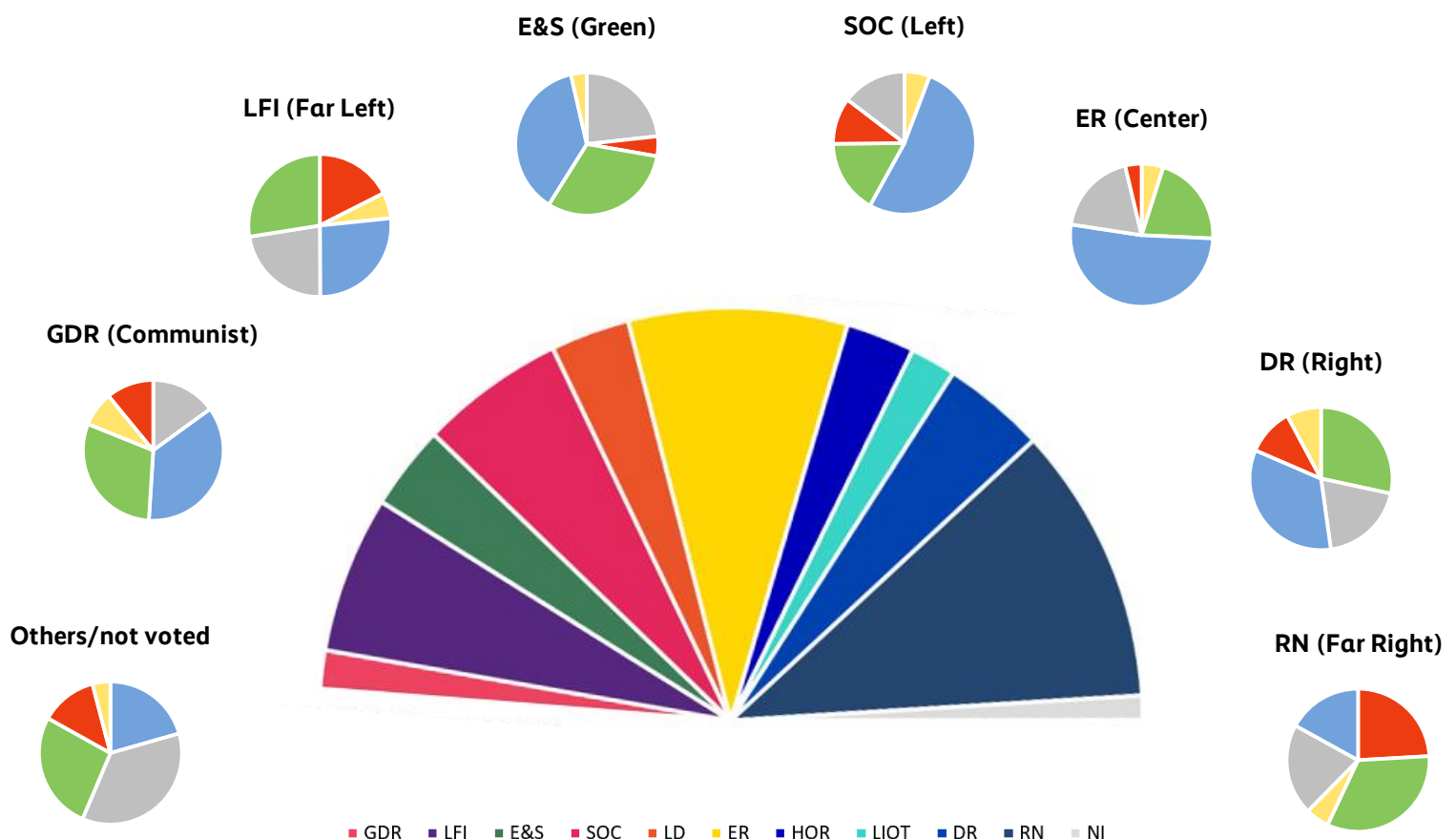
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Security Radar 2025: The Ukraine Support Coalition in France

Parties represented in the National Assembly (Distribution of groups in parties)

■ The Reluctant ■ The Determined ■ Russia's Friends ■ Not affiliated ■ The Opportunists



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Key messages

1. In France, continuing support for Ukraine remains a contentious issue

Approximately 30% of voters are “Determined” when it comes to continuing their support, a slightly lower proportion are “Reluctant” and nearly 25% cannot be affiliated to any group. “Russia’s friends” play only a marginal role overall, accounting for 15% of the population as a whole, although they make up 25% of far-right voters.

2. Ukraine as a key issue in European strategic autonomy

French supporters of Ukraine should try to forge a European strategy to maintain their support for Ukraine, distancing themselves from the current US administration and investing in practical steps to achieve European strategic autonomy. A majority of people in France put their faith in the European Union and favour European independence from the United States.

3. Welcome peace negotiations, but not at any price

A pervasive fatigue with the war is discernible in four out of the five groups and should be acknowledged. There appears to be a strong desire to see the war brought to an end as soon as possible. The current US strategy of attempting to strong-arm Ukraine to the negotiating table requires a careful adaptation of the European approach. As before, they should openly welcome US diplomatic efforts, commit to the goal of a negotiated settlement and avoid the impression of wanting to prolong the war. Having said that, French politicians must focus on the principal aims of Ukrainian sovereignty, its ability to defend itself against further aggression and »winning the peace«.

The presented data and conclusions are based on the publication “How to strengthen European popular support for Ukraine” by A. Dienes/B. Unkel/C. Katsioulis (April 2025)

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