

Program

European Office, Brussels

The Morning After – France has voted

Monday, 20 June 2022

09:30-10:15 CET

Online Event (via Zoom)

The European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is very pleased to invite you to the next session of our event format "**The Morning After**". In this online format, we are monitoring the Parliamentary and/or Presidential Elections in European states and discuss the results with our KAS colleagues in the respective country. Furthermore, we try to assess the implications the result could have for the country's relationship with the European Union. This session will focus on **France**, where the second round of the **Parliamentary Elections** is scheduled for **19 June 2022**.

The Parliamentary Elections in France, the second largest member state of the European Union, are often dubbed the "third round of the presidential election" because they traditionally take place in the same year. In recent weeks, a close neck-and-neck race between the "*Ensemble*" movement around President Emmanuel Macron and the left-wing alliance "*NUPES*" had been predicted for the first round of voting on 12 June. This proved true on Sunday, with "*Ensemble*" and "*NUPES*" tied with 25.75 per cent and 25.66 per cent of the vote respectively. Whether Macron's party will again win an absolute majority in the second round is therefore difficult to predict. With a non-voter share of 52.49 percent, a historic high was reached in the first round. The right-wing populist party "*Rassemblement National*" around Marine Le Pen was in third place with 18.68 percent, followed by "*Les Républicains*" around Christian Jacob with 10.42 percent. For Emmanuel Macron, the coming Sunday will decide to what extent he can keep his election promises, as he can only implement the reform agenda he announced in the presidential campaign with a parliamentary majority. In 2017, after the surprising coup in the Presidential Election, Macron also succeeded in the Parliamentary Election. His party achieved an absolute majority with 43.06 percent in the second round of voting, ahead of the "*Républicains*", who came second with 22.23 percent.

Who are the winners, who are the losers after the second round of the 2022 Parliamentary Elections? What conclusions can be drawn about the state of the political system in France after four rounds of elections in recent months? What impact do the political realities have on Emmanuel Macron's second term in office? Can a change in policy at national and European level be expected with a changed majority?

The event "**The Morning After - France has voted**" will take place on **Monday, 20 June 2022** from **09:30-10:15 CET** via Zoom. We are looking forward to discussing the above-mentioned topics with our colleague **Caroline Kanter**, Director of the KAS Office in France. After the conversation between Ms. Kanter and **Dr. Hardy Ostry**, Director of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the audience will have the opportunity to contribute their questions to the discussion. The event will be held in **German** and will also be simultaneously translated into **English**.

We look forward to your participation!

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09:30	Welcome Dr. Hardy Ostry Director of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
09:35	Discussion about the second round of the Parliamentary Elections 2022 and its national and European implications Dr. Hardy Ostry Director of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Caroline Kanter Director of the KAS Office in France
10:05	Questions of the audience
10:15	End of the event

Information on registration and participation:

Please register by providing your name, email address, organization and position. You will then receive confirmation of your registration and further information on how to participate in the online event.

During the online event:

During the event, you will not be connected via video and will be muted by the host. After the speakers' brief statements, you are welcome to join the conversation and ask the speakers a written question (click the Q&A icon in the toolbar).