

French President Macron's Party Wins Clear Parliamentary Majority



Paris, June 19 (RHC)-- French President Emmanuel Macron's party has won a clear parliamentary majority, weeks after his own presidential victory. With nearly all votes counted, his La République en Marche (Republic on the Move or LREM), alongside its MoDem allies, won more than 300 seats in the 577-seat National Assembly.

Results show that the winning margin is lower than some expected, with turnout down from 2012. The party was formed just over a year ago, and half of its candidates have little or no political experience.

The comfortable majority of La République en Marche and MoDem -- surpassing the 289-seat threshold required to control the National Assembly -- will be a big blow to traditional parties on both the left and right.

The conservative Republicans and their allies could form a large opposition block, with 125-131 seats. But this figure is down from 200 seats in the last parliament.

The Socialists, who were in power for the past five years, alongside their partners, looked set to get only

41-49 seats -- their lowest tally ever. The far-right National Front (FN) party won eight seats.

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