

# *Austrian Court Orders Rerun of Election After Right-Wing Candidate Was Narrowly Defeated*

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Vienna, July 2 (RHC)-- In Austria, the highest court has ordered a rerun of the presidential election, after the far-right candidate Norbert Hofer was narrowly defeated by former Green Party leader Alexander Van der Bellen.

Hofer, who won 49.7 percent of the vote, ran on an anti-migrant platform and would have become the first far-right head of state elected in Europe since 1945.

The high court ruling in Austria opens up the possibility he may seize power in the new round of elections.

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