

France's presidential contenders



Benoît Hamon, 49
Socialist Party

- Reduce 35-hour work week and repeal laws that make it easier to hire and fire workers
- State to provide €750 monthly income for all citizens over 18
- **“Robot tax”** on businesses that use automation to replace workers
- Legalise cannabis



Jean-Luc Mélenchon, 65
Left Party

- Protect 35-hour week
- Reduce retirement age from 62 to 60
- Raise minimum wage to €1,300/month
- Repeal laws that make it easier to hire and fire workers
- Increase top rate of income tax to 100% on income over €400,000/year



Emmanuel Macron, 39
En Marche

- Keep 35-hour week but allow flexibility
- Expand tax credit scheme for low-paid workers and exempt them from health and unemployment taxes
- Hire 10,000 extra police and adopt common European asylum policy

François Fillon, 62
The Republicans

- Reduce public expenditure by €100 billion by cutting half a million public sector jobs
- Scrap 35-hour week
- Remove wealth tax on assets over €1,300,000
- Cut corporate tax rate from 33.3% to 25%
- Increase retirement age to 65



Marine Le Pen, 48
National Front

- Increase salaries below €1,500/month by €200/month
- Cut retirement age to 60, raise pensions
- Reduce legal immigration to 10,000/year from 200,000/year
- Employers who hire foreigners to pay tax worth 10% of salary
- Quit eurozone, bring back French franc

