

Battle for the Elysée Palace

Voters have selected Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen for the two-person run-off for the French presidency on May 7



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Emmanuel Macron

Age 39

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Centrist candidate

Former investment banker
and economy minister

■ **Public spending:** Cut by €60bn annually within five years

■ **Corporate tax:** Down from 33% to 25%

■ **Lower jobless rate:** From current 10% to 7% and save €10bn in unemployment benefits

■ **Education:** Increase number of teachers in 12,000 low-income zones

■ **Security:** Extra 10,000 police, build jails for 15,000 inmates

■ **Defence:** Raise defence budget to 2% of GDP – NATO minimum

■ **Government:** Cut number of parliamentarians by a third



Marine Le Pen

Age 48

National Front (FN)

Far right

Appeals to anti-immigrant,
anti-EU and "French-first" voters

■ **European Union:** Referendum on leaving EU and ditching euro

■ **Taxes:** Cut lowest three income tax bands by 10%

■ **Retirement:** Lower retirement age from 62 to 60

■ **Borders:** Suspend membership of Schengen border-free area, reinstate passport checks

■ **Migrants:** Slash legal immigration from 200,000 to 10,000 per year

■ **Security:** Extra 15,000 police, build jails for 40,000 inmates

■ **Government:** Cut number of parliamentarians by nearly half