

Uncertainty looms over Italy election

Italy's March 4 general election will pit a centre-right coalition against populists and a divided left, with polls suggesting a hung parliament and prolonged uncertainty in the eurozone's third-largest economy



Democratic Party (PD)

Ruling centre-left party of **Matteo Renzi**, who resigned as prime minister after losing constitutional reform vote in Dec 2016. **Left has splintered** since his departure from government, denting popular support for PD



Five Star Movement

Populist group led by **Luigi Di Maio** draws on growing dissatisfaction with economic decline, high youth unemployment and immigration. **In run up to election, party has dropped long-held pledge to take Italy out of eurozone**



Forza Italia

Main party of resurgent centre-right, led by former prime minister **Silvio Berlusconi** – currently barred from frontline politics due to tax fraud convictions. **Party's eventual prime ministerial candidate will depend on alliance with anti-euro, anti-immigrant Lega Nord, headed by Matteo Salvini (below)**



VOTE SHARES OF COALITIONS (Jan 8 poll)

Centre-right: Forza Italia (FI), Lega Nord (LN), Brothers of Italy (FdI), Us with Italy (NcI)

38.5%

Five Star Movement (M5S)

28.1%

Centre-left: Democratic Party and others

25%