

# Poland heads for presidential run-off

Poland's presidential election, to be decided in a run-off between incumbent Andrzej Duda and liberal Warsaw mayor Rafal Trzaskowski, could prove a turning point in troubled relations with the EU

**Andrzej Duda**

Backed by ruling right-wing **Law and Justice** party (PiS)

43.5%



First round  
share of vote

**Rafal Trzaskowski**

Candidate of opposition centre-right **Civic Platform**

30.5%



Victory for Trzaskowski would give opposition control over presidential power of veto, allowing a check on PiS measures – including points of contention that have set Warsaw at odds with Brussels

## FLASHPOINTS WITH EU

### Migration



PiS government, which came to power in 2015 at height of migrant crisis, has led efforts by eastern European countries to frustrate EU plans to distribute quotas of migrants around continent

### Rule of Law



In 2017, Poland was first EU state to be placed under **Article 7** disciplinary procedure for flouting democratic norms in attempts to impose reform of judiciary

### Climate



Poland relies on coal for some 80% of its energy needs, and was only EU state to refuse to commit to bloc's 2050 climate neutrality goal in December 2019

### Foreign affairs



Poland is wary of EU defence pact – **Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO)** – placing more emphasis on close ties with U.S., which it sees as crucial to defending Europe from Russia