

# Netherlands snap election

Dutch voters cast their ballots on November 22 in a snap parliamentary election called after prime minister Mark Rutte resigned in July following the failure to agree on migration policy



**1 Dilan Yeşilgöz-Zegerius:** Leader of *People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD)*.

Introduce two-tier refugee system, abolish permanent residency, allow citizenship only after 10 years, curb rents, boost house building. Has not ruled out coalition with far right PVV



**2 Pieter Omtzigt:** Former Christian Democrat MP's new anti-establishment *New Social Contract (NSC)* aims to cut immigration, reform taxes and improve financial security for low-income families.

Omtzigt says he could form coalition with other two main parties but not with far right



**3 Frans Timmermans:** Leftist *Green-Labour alliance (GL/PvdA)*.

Timmermans wants to reduce Dutch greenhouse gas emissions by 65% by 2030 – above 55% EU target – increase minimum wage and introduce new top rate income tax



**4 Geert Wilders:** Far-right, anti-Islam *Party for Freedom (PVV)* always scores well but has until now been shut out of coalitions.

PVV advocates halt in asylum seekers and opting out of EU and UN treaties on refugees and asylum

