

Austria's far-right on brink of power

The leader of Austria's Freedom Party has received a mandate to try to form a new government, which would be the first headed by the far-right since World War II if he succeeds



Herbert Kickl

Leader of Eurosceptic, anti-immigrant **Freedom Party**, which won most seats in September 2024 elections

Alexander Van der Bellen

Austria's president tasked Kickl with forming coalition government after talks between centrist parties collapsed



SEATS IN NATIONAL COUNCIL (lower house of parliament)

SPÖ

SPÖ Social Democrats (centre-left)

41



Greens (centre-left, left-wing)

16

NEOS

NEOS New Austria and Liberal Forum (centrist)

18

ÖVP People's Party (centre-right, right-wing)

51

Die Volkspartei

FPÖ

FPÖ Freedom Party (far-right)

57

