

# Romania presidential election re-run

The country goes to the polls on May 4 in the first round of a controversial presidential election, after concerns over Russian interference triggered an annulment of the original vote



**George Simion, 38**  
Leader of far-right **Alliance for the Union of Romanians (AUR)** has pitched himself as an agent of change, promising to push back against Brussels and suspend military aid to Ukraine



**Crin Antonescu, 65**  
Former liberal senator who came back from political retirement in Dec 2024 is running on behalf of three government coalition parties. Briefly served as acting president in 2012



**Nicușor Dan, 55**  
Mathematician who founded **Save Romania Union (USR)** party is running as independent candidate. Has strong support in Bucharest, where he is mayor, and in other large urban areas

## ROMANIA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FIRST ROUND POLLING (Apr 26)

**George Simion**  
(AUR)

**30%**

**Crin Antonescu**  
(PSD-PNL-UDMR\*)

**24%**

**Nicușor Dan**  
(Independent)

**22%**

\*Social Democratic Party-National Liberal Party-Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania