
FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Campaigns for the French presidential election officially come to an end late Friday.

The vote, starting Sunday, is set to determine who leads the European Union's second-largest economy and the bloc's only permanent UN Security Council member.

Here's what you need to know:

How does the voting work?

Every five years, French voters directly elect a president through the same voting system that has been in place for generations: paper ballots cast in person and counted by hand.

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