



SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
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To the attention of:

Party of European Socialists (PES) leaders

Dear friends,

Dear comrades,

PSD Romania had a great political day on Sunday. We won the national legislative elections, with around 30% of the votes, leading to a wide representation of social democrats in the Romanian Parliament, based on the proportional representation and the electoral redistribution formula. The main government party, PNL, was second, around 5% behind PSD.

Romanians gave us a clear mandate to lead the country during this difficult medical, social and economic crisis. We promised Romanians that we will form a government composed of experts in different fields, people with the highest morality and professional integrity. We are the only party that revised profoundly their list of candidates and applied ethical, legal and moral filters. The new PSD that we try to create is clearly pro-European and redefined itself as a strong social democratic party.

Your support in the campaign and the messages sent by our European political family in support of PSD have been deeply appreciated by our members and voters. We need to continue this path. In the upcoming days PSD will fight for the Constitutional right to nominate the Prime Minister. This is a decisive element in forming the next government. PSD is ready to govern in an alliance that provides a stable government for Romania that can help the country during this difficult pandemic.

The results of the legislative elections in Romania must be respected by the Romanian President, Klaus Iohannis, and his conservative right-wing party, PNL. According to political and constitutional practices, the party winning the elections must be invited to nominate a Prime Minister. Despite this fact, the President, whom according to the Constitution must remain impartial, has decided to personally get involved in the campaign and in the negotiations between political parties, publicly referring to whom must be in government.

**This controversial and non-democratic attitude was explicitly criticized in the OSCE preliminary report on the elections that just took place in Romania.** In that respective report, that I invite you to have a look at, the experts are also criticizing the use of public governmental functions to campaign for the PNL, affecting the impartiality of the media coverage of the campaign.

**But Romanian citizens decided to condemn this political attitude and especially the constant non-democratic attacks against the PSD.** This gives us the democratic legitimacy to be allowed to nominate a Prime Minister and to try to form a government. In this regard, **we call upon the President of Romania to respect political, democratic and constitutional practices, allow political parties to discuss freely and accept the results of the elections by nominating a Prime Minister proposed by the PSD.**

In this respect we need your support through public messages coming from yourself and other important political leaders at European and national level. We seek to build an international coalition, pressuring on the President and the right-wing parties to respect the vote given by Romanians. In this regard we invite you, your colleagues and supporters to sign the call attached to this letter and available at the following link: (<https://www.change.org/Legitimate-Government-Romania>). Please do so before Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

Thank you again, dear friends, for the support given to PSD Romania. We will not disappoint you, we will not disappoint the Romanian people.

With friendship

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President

Social Democratic Party

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