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The Basque Nationalist Party win the regional elections in the Basque Country

Could govern with the Socialist Party

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USPA NEWS - The Basque Nationalist Party (PNV in its Spanish acronym) could govern in the Basque Country if it obtains the support of the Socialist Party, after the elections held this Sunday in that region of Northern Spain. With 97 percent of the votes counted at the time of writing this report, the PNV obtains 27 seats, the same as EH Bildu, the left-wing independence coalition heir to the terrorist organization ETA. The nationalists won four fewer seats than in the previous elections, while the left-wing independence coalition won six more seats than on that occasion.

In third place is the Socialist Party, which won 12 seats, two more than in the previous elections. The conservative Popular Party wins seven seats. The two remaining seats, up to 75 in the Basque Parliament, are shared by the far-right party VOX and the far-left coalition Sumar, which before the elections had barely any hope of obtaining any seats.

Participation in these regional elections was 62.6%, ten points more than in the previous elections. More than 1.7 million people were called to vote for the renewal of the Basque Parliament, of which 75,000 voted for the first time. The counting of the votes will be completed next Friday, April 26, once the votes cast by mail are counted.

With the provisional results, the Basque Nationalist Party – representative of the right-wing Basque bourgeoisie – will be able to govern the region, reissuing the government pact with the Socialist Party. However, the growth of the left-wing independence option stands out: EH Bildu obtained a result similar to that of the nationalists, although its options for governing are diluted because a coalition between the PNV and the Socialist Party would achieve an absolute majority.

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