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Finish the campaign for local and regional elections in Spain

They held Sunday

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USPA NEWS - After closing at midnight on Friday, the campaign for local and regional elections on Sunday, whose last day political leaders are turning in support of their candidates, the big question that comes to the traditional parties is what they will vote undecided.

Traditionally, local and regional elections in Spain recorded a higher turnout than other national or European events. This is due to the proximity of the candidates, if elected, govern municipalities and regional governments, dealing with the daily problems of their fellow citizens. But this time, due to the arrival on the political scene of new formations to which the conduct surveys provide an important voting intentions, a high turnout in Sunday's election is vital for the two main political parties, the conservative PP and the Socialist Party (PSOE its acronym in Spanish), conquer majorities.

These elections are called citizens 36,016,031, of which 463,628 are foreign residents in Spain. European laws allow nationals of any country of the Union to vote in local elections in the country where they reside. Romanian, British, Italian, German and French constitute the most numerous colonies of citizens of other European countries residing in Spain. They are part of the census 34,985,499 voters to the polls to vote for mayors and councilors.

Those European residents in Spain may not vote in the election of regional governments. The same Community laws prevent it. It is the same case, but on the contrary, the Spaniards living abroad. They are 911,045 entitled to vote and can elect members of regional parliaments, but not to the mayors of cities. In the regional elections they are called 19,840,597 Spanish.

The campaign ends with the two major parties trying to capture the undecided voters and regain those who have abandoned them to vote for the new formations. In this campaign, little has been said of the problems affecting the Spanish and much of the danger posed to democratic stability populist parties. The Spanish prime minister, Mariano Rajoy, has repeated in all his rallies: populism threatens the economy and democratic stability. Faced with this danger, Rajoy has presented the economic recovery and the seniority of the Popular Party (PP).

The question is whether it will be sufficient to retain the regional governments. Polls predict that the PP will have absolute majority only in Castile and Leon, one of its traditional strongholds. In others, however, such as Madrid, Mucia, Valencia and La Rioja, surveys say, even if you win, they have to agree to form a government. And that can affect the governance of the territories.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Party, emboldened by his new victory in the recent Andalusian elections, said he was convinced that get most in town halls and regional governments, and that promote the general secretary of the formation, Pedro Sanchez, to the presidency Government of Spain. But the PSOE will back the votes that can steal the centrist party Ciudadanos (C's) and the populist Podemos. The first being nourished by the disenchanted PP and seconds disenchanted PSOE. A political landscape that Sunday will be cleared if the Spanish want.

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