

THE BASICS

TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS

9 candidates are in the running. Platforms were launched late last year

First round vote on January 28. The top two candidates go on to the second round

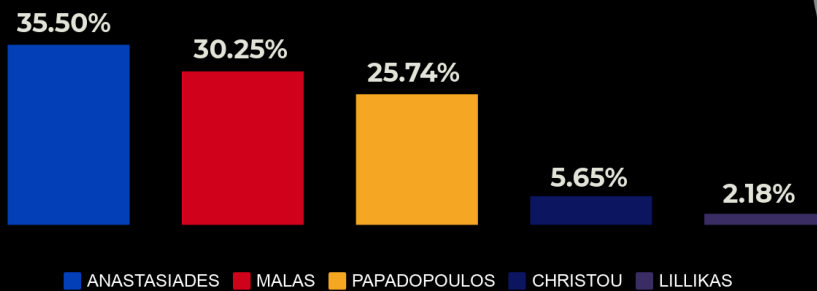
As of Jan. 29, the top 2 candidates start horse-trading for votes

The **FINAL VOTE** takes place on **Sunday, February 4, 2018**. **RESULTS** start rolling in from 6pm



FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Of the 9 presidential candidates, the top 5 took a total of 97.18 % of the votes



An all-time low (71.4%) of the eligible electorate cast their vote in the first round



THE 2 CANDIDATES

Both are currently in consultation with the losing parties, jockeying for votes

The winner of the Presidential Election will hold office for the next 5 years

STAVROS MALAS



Presidential contender Malas took 30.25% of the first-round vote

Backed by left-wing Akel, Malas is a proponent of a bizonal, bicomunal federation. A minister in the failed Akel government which brought about the banking crisis, Malas has not taken a step back from the communist party's policies during his campaign. He remains a strong critic of the Anastasiades administration, blaming the incumbent for "mediaeval conditions in the labour market".

NICOS ANASTASIADES



The incumbent, Anastasiades, took 35.5% of the first-round vote

Backed by right-wing Disy, the incumbent has committed to a bizonal, bicomunal federation as a solution to the Cyprus problem. Coming to power at the height of the banking crisis caused by the failed policies of the previous administration, he oversaw a relatively successful bailout programme, but is held responsible by detractors for the haircut on bank deposits.

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