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Eight out of ten Spanish Socialists support the pact with Citizens

For a coalition Government

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USPA NEWS - 79% of the members of the Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE its acronym in Spanish) approves the pact signed by their leaders with the centrist Citizens, as the result of a non-binding referendum called for the endorsement of the membership to the negotiations for the investiture of Pedro Sanchez.

The consultation brought together this weekend 90,000 socialist militants, 50% of the census match. Almost eight out of ten of those who voted approved the negotiations with Citizens and the pact signed by the top leaders of both parties in search of the formation of Government. "A pact left," said Socialist secretary general and candidate for President of the Spanish Government, Pedro Sanchez. The Socialist leader will be submitted on Tuesday and Wednesday at the investiture session in Parliament, and if he do not get an absolute majority, a new vote in which to be invested will be enough to obtain a simple majority would be held on Friday.

Citizens militants also approved this weekend the agreement with the Socialists. The secretary general of the centrist formation, Albert Rivera, now trying to get the abstention of the conservative Popular Party (PP) in the investiture session next week. Rivera asked the acting Spanish Prime Minister and leader of the PP, Mariano Rajoy, to "think in Spain". However, it seems impossible to get their purpose.

Among the reasons for conservatives to vote against the nomination of Pedro Sanchez and rejecting abstention, Rajoy recalled Friday that the PP will not support a Government whose primary objective is to repeal the labor reform approved by the conservative Government and "dismantle all what was done by the Popular Party Government." Neither the extreme left populist displayed in Podemos are ready to support Pedro Sanchez, who is accused of having chosen to align with the right instead of betting on a real Government of progressive change.

With this scenario, Spain is closer to hold new legislative elections on June 26 that have a stable Government. Even in the unlikely event that the socialist Pedro Sanchez got to be sworn in as president and form a Government, the conservative PP has an absolute majority in the Senate, allowing them to block most of the laws submitted by the Government, and a blocking minority in the Congress entitling them to stop any constitutional change that would try the left.

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