
BENOIT HAMON WINS THE FIGHT FOR THE SOUL OF FRENCH SOCIALISM

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- Socialists choose firebrand Hamon
- Turnout up on the first round
- Fillon, Le Pen ahead in presidential polls
- Hamons nomination could help Macron – analysts

Frances Socialist Party has chosen leftist firebrand Benoit Hamon as its candidate for the countrys upcoming presidential election.

The primary run-off pitted Hamon against the pro-business, ex prime minister Manuel Valls.

Hamon, a former education minister, was the favourite to win.

Among other things, he wants to establish a universal income of 600 euros a month for all adults.

Polls suggest that, after an unpopular five-year term in office under current President Francois Hollande, the Socialists do not have much chance of winning the presidential election in the spring.

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