
**EJC CONGRATULATES CHANCELLOR MERKEL ON HER VICTORY AND EXPRESSES
CONCERN OVER WORRYING GAINS FOR THE FAR-RIGHT AfD**

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The European Jewish Congress (EJC) sends its warm congratulations to Chancellor Angela Merkel on her partys performance in the German Federal Elections today, which will see her lead a new government as Chancellor.

We congratulate Chancellor Merkel on her re-election and the German people on their demonstration of democracy, Dr. Moshe Kantor, President of the EJC, said.

Chancellor Merkel has shown tremendous courage and conviction in her support of the revival of Jewish life in Germany and has been a strong supporter of the State of Israel, both on a national basis and within the European Union.

However, we are concerned by the strong showing of the far-right Alternative for Germany Party, which appears to have received more than 13% of the vote according to exit polls.

We trust that centrist parties in the Bundestag will ensure that the AfD has no representation in the coming governing coalition. Some of the positions it has espoused during the election campaign display alarming levels of intolerance not seen in Germany for many decades and which are, of course, of great concern to German and European Jews.

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