
MARINE LE PEN PROPOSES NEW NAME FOR NATIONAL FRONT

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As the curtain came down on France's National Front congress in Lille, Marine Le Pen was re-elected unopposed as leader and proposed a rebrand.

The far-right Party has moved to change its name to Rassemblement National or "National Rally".

The party leader said the old name was a "psychological barrier" for voters.

Le Pen has one eye on next year's European elections and set out her stall.

"We are not anti-European, we are opposed to European union, i. e. the federal organisation of Europe. And I would even say that it is because we are Europeans that we are against the European Union."

Le Pen's defence of French values, traditions, its language and national identity brought cheers and applause from the crowd while she attacked, globalisation, the free market, Islamism and immigration.

"Legal and illegal immigration is no longer sustainable. The money of the French must first go to the French."

Le Pen said the party had moved from a protest group to the opposition. The next stop was government. Party members would be asked to vote on the rebranding in the coming weeks.

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