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## **KURZ'S RESIGNATION PAVES WAY FOR RETURN TO TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE POLITICS IN AUSTRIA**

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The inauguration of Karl Nehammer as Austrias new chancellor on Monday (6 December) marked the end of the era of Sebastian Kurz and set the course for a return to the traditional political structures of the conservative Austrian Peoples Party (ÖVP). EURACTIV Germany reports.

The retirement from politics of former Chancellor Sebastian Kurz has triggered a political earthquake in the country. Now, it is the old guard in Kurzs old party, the conservative ÖVP, that is again setting the tone.

Nehammer, who also took over from Kurz as party chairman mainly because of his good networking within the party, stressed at the inauguration on Monday that he wanted to carry out his duties with great seriousness and respect.

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