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FRENCH RIGHT DITCH LEADER OVER FAR-RIGHT ALLIANCE DEAL

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France's Republicans party has dumped its leader, Eric Ciotti, after he called for a political alliance with the far-right National Rally in snap elections at the end of this month.

The right-wing party's political chiefs made the decision little more than 24 hours after Mr Ciotti's plan sparked uproar among Republican politicians.

The apparent implosion at the heart of France's mainstream conservative party comes hot on the heels of National Rally's stinging victory in Sunday's European elections - and President Emmanuel Macron's quick decision to call a national vote.

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