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## **MACRON'S MISSION: LE PEN-PROOF FRANCE BEFORE THE 2027 ELECTION**

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Emmanuel Macron is racing to put guard rails around a potential far-right president of France.

The French leader is accelerating key personnel appointments and placing loyalists in top positions to cement his influence and prevent the National Rally from executing its populist agenda, according to four French officials and two former officials.

Polls show the far-right party is the front-runner for next years presidential election, and Marine Le Pen and Jordan Bardella, its potential candidates, have signaled they would try to undo Macrons economic reforms and pull back on French commitments to the EU and NATO.

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