Press Release

2015 Regional Elections – 2nd round:

Ipsos / Sopra Steria forecasts
proved extremely accurate

Paris, 15 December 2015 – As in the first round, Ipsos, with its partner Sopra Steria, was the only institute to provide forecasts for the 13 regions of metropolitan France. Once again, the accuracy of these forecasts gave viewers, listeners and media's political commentators all the keys to understanding the second round.

- Abstention at 41.5%, in other words **a leap of 8.5 points in turnout** compared with the first round, marked a record, with a similar increase not being seen since the second round of the 2002 Presidential elections (8 points). The period between the two rounds was notable for its anti-FN mobilisation.

- **A victory for the right, quite clearly, but without shining**: 7 regions against 5 for the left, being considerably fewer than the opposition had achieved in 2004 and 2010. In addition, this was while the PS had urged voters in 3 regions to vote for right-wing candidates.

- Ipsos/Sopra Steria was the only institute to announce the nevertheless **decisive swing to the right in the Ile-de-France region**, as early as 20:50: a fundamental point, which confirmed the analysis of a right-wing victory.

- The **strong resistance of the left**, which won in 5 regions, although the count was particularly tight in certain regions, such as Centre-Val de Loire and Bourgogne-Franche-Comté.

- **A Front National beaten in every region** and by a clear margin in ACAL (Alsace-Champagne-Ardenne-Lorraine), PACA (Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur) and Nord-Pas-de-Calais-Picardie, a sign that the Front républicain worked and that the FN remains a party on its own and one that causes concern.

- An **FN dynamic that however continued in the second round** in most regions.

Furthermore, a large-scale opinion poll showed:

- disaffection with Nicolas Sarkozy, trailing by 16 points behind Alain Juppé in the LR-UDI in terms of public support for Presidential candidates. Gains in the opposite direction for Alain Juppé and Marine Le Pen.

- right and left are almost neck and neck in terms of public confidence in their ability to govern the country, with the right slightly ahead (41% for the right, 39% for the left, 20% for the FN), in particular on economic issues.

Comparison of results and Ipsos / Sopra Steria forecasts

Overall abstention (%)	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS 41.6%	IPSOS 1st TREND 17:02 42.5%	IPSOS / SOPRA STERIA 2nd FORECAST 18:20 41.5%

Alsace - Champagne-Ardenne – Lorraine

Candidates	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST 19:44	DIFFERENCE
Jean-Pierre Masseret (Various Left)	15.51	15.8	(0.29)
Philippe Richert (LR/UDI/MoDem)	48.40	47.9	0.50
Florian Philippot (FN)	36.08	36.3	(0.22)

Aquitaine-Limousin-Poitou-Charentes

Candidates	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST 19:43	DIFFERENCE
Alain Rousset (PS/PRG/EELV)	44.27	44.1	0.17
Virginie Calmels (LR/UDI/MoDem)	34.06	34.2	(0.14)
Jacques Colombier (FN)	21.67	21.7	(0.03)

Rhône-Alpes-Auvergne

Candidates	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST 19:42	DIFFERENCE
Jean-Jack Queyranne (PS/PRG/EELV/FG)	36.84	36.8	0.04
Laurent Wauquiez (LR/UDI/MoDem)	40.61	40.5	0.11
Christophe Boudot (FN)	22.55	22.7	(0.15)

Bourgogne – Franche-Comté	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:51	
Marie-Guite Dufay (PS/PRG)	34.68	34.0	0.68
François Sauvadet (LR/UDI)	32.89	33.5	(0.61)
Sophie Montel (FN)	32.44	32.5	(0.06)

Brittany	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:42	
Jean-Yves Le Drian (PS/PRG/EELV)	51.41	51.3	0.11
Marc Le Fur (LR/UDI/MoDem)	29.72	29.5	0.22
Gilles Pennelle (FN)	18.87	19.2	(0.33)

Centre-Val de Loire	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:47	
François Bonneau (PS/PRG)	35.43	35.5	(0.07)
Philippe Vigier (LR/UDI/MoDem)	34.58	34.3	0.28
Philippe Loiseau (FN)	30.00	30.2	(0.20)

Île-de-France	Vote (%)				
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE	IPSOS 2ND FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		20:48		21:36	
Claude Bartolone (PS/PRG/EELV/FG)	42.18	41.8	0.38	41.9	0.28
Valérie Pecresse (LR/UDI/MoDem)	43.80	44.0	(0.20)	43.6	0.20
Wallerand De Saint Just (FN)	14.02	14.2	(0.18)	14.5	(0.48)

Languedoc-Roussillon – Midi-Pyrénées	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:43	
Carole Delga (PS/PRG/EELV/FG)	44.81	44.6	0.21
Dominique Reynié (LR/UDI/MoDem)	21.32	21.6	(0.28)
Louis Aliot (FN)	33.87	33.8	0.07

Nord-Pas-de-Calais - Picardie	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:46	
Xavier Bertrand (LR/UDI/MoDem)	57.77	57.7	0.07
Marine Le Pen (FN)	42.23	42.3	(0.07)

Normandy	Vote (%)						
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE	IPSOS 2ND FORECAST	DIFFERENCE	IPSOS 3RD FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:53		20:20		21:35	
Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol (PS/PRG/EELV)	36.08	36.3	(0.22)	36.4	(0.32)	36.1	(0.02)
Hervé Morin (LR/UDI/MoDem)	36.43	36.3	0.13	36.2	0.23	36.3	0.13
Nicolas Bay (FN)	27.50	27.4	0.10	27.4	0.10	27.6	(0.10)

Pays de la Loire	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:43	
Christophe Clergeau (PS/PRG/EELV)	37.56	37.1	0.46
Bruno Retailleau (LR/UDI/MoDem)	42.70	42.3	0.40
Pascal Gannat (FN)	19.74	20.6	(0.86)

Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	IPSOS 1ST FORECAST	DIFFERENCE
Candidates		19:44	
Christian Estrosi (LR/UDI/MoDem)	54.78	54.8	(0.02)
Marion Maréchal-Le Pen (FN)	45.22	45.2	0.02

Corsica	Vote (%)		
	INTERIOR MINISTRY RESULTS	**IPSOS 1ST FORECAST**	**DIFFERENCE**
Candidates		**19:44**	
Paul Giacobbi (Prima a Corsica)	**28.49**	**27.8**	**0.69**
José Rossi (Le Rassemblement)	27.07	26.5	0.57
Christophe Canioni (FN)	9.09	8.8	0.29
Gilles Simeoni (Pè a Corsica)	35.34	36.9	(1.56)

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