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## REPUBLICAN LAURENT WAUQUIEZ WIDELY REELECTED PDT FOR REGION AUVERGNE RHONE ALPES

SCORING 55,9% OVER ECOLOGISTS & LEFT

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**USPA NEWS** - Outgoing president Laurent Wauquiez (LR) comes in first position at 55.9% according to the Ifop / Fiducial and Ipsos / Sopra Steria institutes and 55% according to Opinionway. Fabienne Grebert, the union candidate of the left Fabienne Grébert is announced between 32% (Opinionway for Cnews) and 33.2% (for Ifop / Fiducial for TF1 / LCI), ahead of the list RN Andrea Kotarac, estimated between 10, 9% by Ifop / Fiducial and 13% according to Opinionway. Laurent Wauquiez was also mayor of Puy-en-Velay, a term he held until 2016 after elected in March 2008. The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region remains definitely well to the right. The list of outgoing president Laurent Wauquiez came largely in the lead with a score of 55.17%, in this second round of the regional elections of 2021, without giving any chance to the socialist left taken over by the candidate Najat Vallaud-Belkacem who s' was allied with the ecologist Fabienne Grebert and with the National Rally of candidate Andréa Kotarac, thanks to a 20-point lead in front of her opponents. With this result, Laurent Wauquiez therefore improves his score in 2015.

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### POLITICAL PATH AND RAPID RISE OF THE BRILLIANT LAURENT WAUQUIEZ-----

Laurent Wauquiez is graduated of Sciences Po and a major at ENA, he began his career in 1997 with Jacques Barrot, then Minister of Social Affairs. In 2001, he was appointed auditor at the Council of State and master of petitions in 2004.

The same year, at age 29, he became a UMP deputy for the 1st district of Haute-Loire, where he was re-elected in 2012. He was chosen as Secretary of State for Employment in March 2008, after serving as government spokesperson for a year. In March 2008, he was also elected mayor of Puy-en-Velay, a term he held until 2016. The French regional and departmental elections (13 regions, and 101 departments) held last Sunday 30 June, showed the same disinterest from the voters who did not dare going to choose their presidents of regions, with a very low rate of 58% abstention rate. This has made a difference, and led the LREM (French Presidential Majority) and RN (Far Right « National Rally » Party, chaired by Marine Le Pen) to getting no regions for neither party

### THE REGION AUVERGNE RHONE ALPES CHAIRED BY LAURENT WAUQUIEZ ALLOWS 116,000 PERMANENT AGRICULTURAL JOBS-----

The last of the mandate for the president of the executive, Laurent Wauquiez (LR). The overall budget amounts to € 4.8 billion. With 3.1 million hectares of useful agricultural area, approximately 63,000 farms throughout its territory and 116,000 permanent jobs, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes is a true "regional farm". The Region has set itself priority objectives in order to support and assist farmers, who support its territories. This notably resulted in the vote of the largest budget in the history of the Region in 2017, with an envelope of nearly 52 million €. The competitiveness of farms, the increase in added value, and a better solidity of farms in the face of the economic situation and climatic hazards are at the forefront of regional priorities.

The Region remains, alongside the European Union, the main financier of aid for livestock buildings. Certain livestock support systems have also been extended, with all aid (in particular to improve the quality of products and breeds) rising from € 12 million to € 29 million.

#### THE AUVERGNE RHONE ALPES REGION AIMS TO RECRUIT 10% OF DISABLED PEOPLE BY THE H + APPROACH-----

The Region wishes in particular to develop the H + approach (« H » as for meaning Handicap) and extend it to several themes. This is a flexible approach based on adherence to a charter and an assessment by users with disabilities. The main axes for integrating disability into all regional policies are as follows:-----

Develop the H + approach for all training organizations and CFAs in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and extend it to other delegations, to integrate disability into each of the regional policies;-----

Target 10% of disabled workers in the regional administration. Even if the Region is already among the most exemplary communities in this area, it wishes to go even further and aim for a rate of 10% of disabled workers in its workforce by 2021;

Strengthen accessibility in transport and in high schools, in particular thanks to a massive investment of € 222 million over the period 2016-2024 to guarantee accessibility to all of its real estate assets. Source: Region Auvergne Rhone Alpes

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