

Municipal Elections

September 26th 2021



Results & Brief Analysis

Percentage of votes

2017

2021

37,83%

PS

34,25%

16,07%

PSD

13,25%

9,46%

PCP/PEV

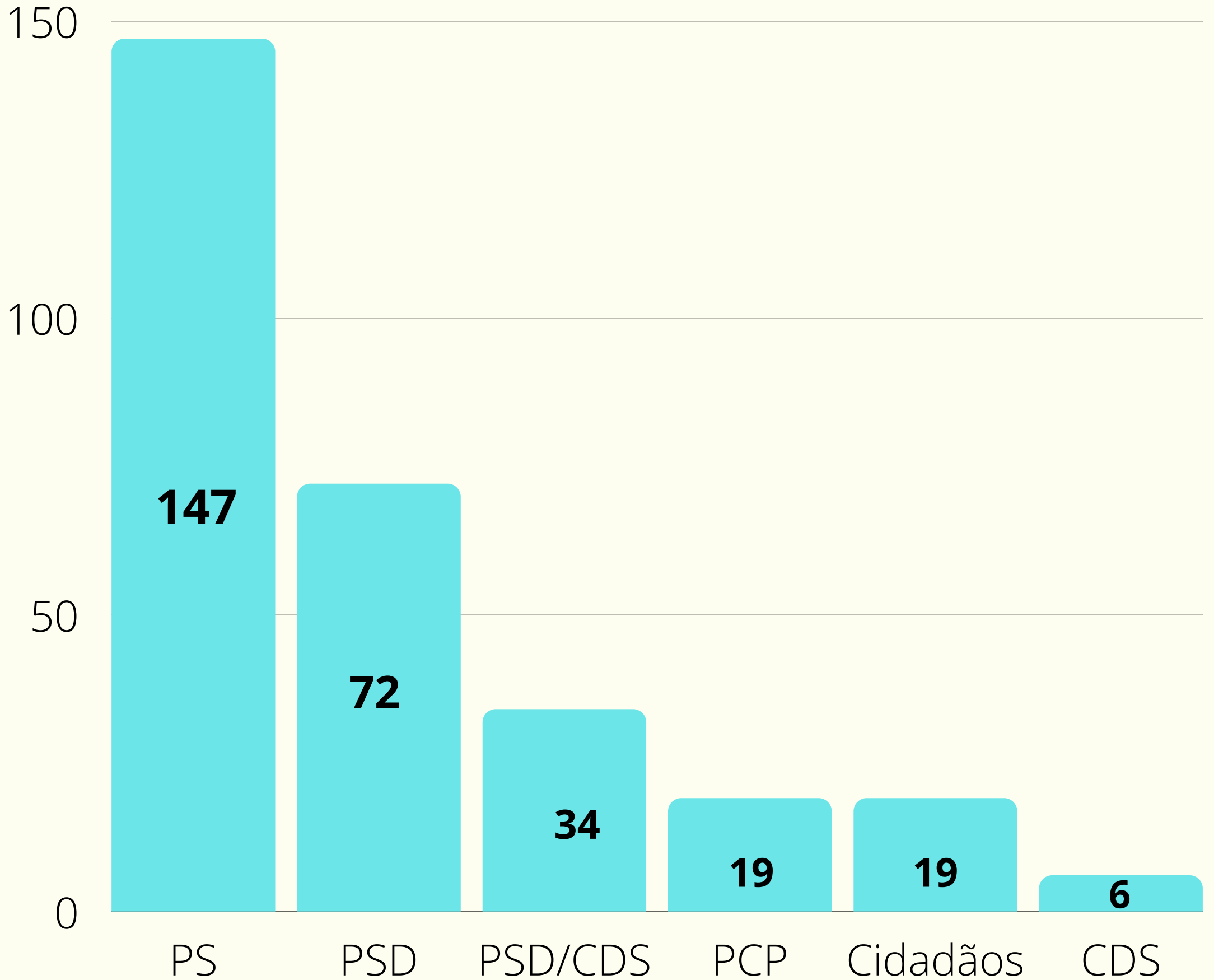
8,18%

8,79%

PSD/CDS

10,85%

Nº of Municipalities won per Party





Election highlights

- **The Socialist Party (PS)** won most municipalities (147 out of 308) keeping the National Parish Association Presidency and the National Municipality Association Presidency but had its worst result in Porto, lost Coimbra, Funchal, and most importantly, lost the capital Lisbon to the Social Democrats (PSD, with Carlos Moedas).
- **The Social Democrats (PSD)** had an outstanding victory in Lisbon, with Carlos Moedas winning by 2300 votes over incumbent Fernando Medina (PS). Moreover, PSD doubled the number of councilors in Porto and won Coimbra, Funchal and Portalegre (all district capitals) among other municipalities.
- **The Communist Party (PCP)** lost 6 municipalities. The PCP candidate for Lisbon, João Ferreira, won 10% of the votes, a one percentage point increase.



Election highlights

- **Christian Democrats (CDS)** maintained all of its six municipalities and increased the number of municipalities through its coalition with PSD (i.e. Lisbon).
- **Chega (nationalist party)** failed to win the municipality of Moura after André Ventura pulled 30% of the total municipal votes during the presidential election.
- **Bloco de Esquerda (BE) (Left-Wing Party)** could not win any municipality. Its most significant gain occurred in Lisbon, where BE managed to elect one councillor for the Municipality of Lisbon with 4,49% of the votes.

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Election highlights

- **Liberal Party (IL)**, with 1,30% of the national votes, managed to win one mandate in Porto by supporting incumbent mayor Rui Moreira's campaign. It was the first time IL participated in municipal elections.
- **Green Party (PAN)** solely achieved five mandates through coalitions with left-wing parties but none individually.



Our Thoughts

- Carlos Moedas win in Lisbon boosts the Portuguese Center-Right, strengthens PSD and its current leader Rui Rio: a new lease for the 2023 legislative elections.
- PS overall win (147 municipalities) contrasts with the heavy losses of 3 major cities - Lisbon, Coimbra and Funchal - out of 12 total and 19 absolute majorities.
- Fernando Medina´s loss of Lisbon might compromise his future as successor of António Costa, as leader of the PS.
- With the loss of absolute majorities in decisive cities, challenges in local governance may arise, namely in which concerns the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience funds.



What was the
election's highlight
for you?