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On the cover Could the far-right National Rally gain political power in France and if so, what would it do? Despite Emmanuel Macron's snap election gamble, there is no certainty the RN will win a majority and many experts think the most likely outcome is another hung parliament. But either way, as our Europe correspondent Jon Henley writes, France is in for a rough few years. *Illustration: Guardian Design*

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