

Romania sets new election date, but risks same result

Unless he is banned, ultranationalist Călin Georgescu seems very much in the race to win the presidential election rerun in May.

Romania has set a date to rerun its presidential election after concerns of Russia's "aggressive hybrid action" first time round, but there's still a risk the result may be similar at the second attempt and see ultranationalist Călin Georgescu triumph.

The new vote will take place on May 4, with a runoff planned two weeks later, on May 18.

The first round of Romania's election on Nov. 24 last year triggered international shockwaves thanks to the victory of Georgescu, who was propelled from obscurity by a wildly successful TikTok campaign. The contest was annulled before the second round could take place.

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