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## Pedro Sanchez announces his new Government

To "provide the country with stability"

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**USPA NEWS** - The Prime Minister of Spain, Pedro Sanchez, on Monday appeared at Moncloa Palace to announce the changes in his Executive, after communicating them to the King Felipe VI at La Zarzuela Palace. Sanchez has announced that the new coalition government between the Socialist Party and the far left coalition Sumar will have four female vice-presidents and 22 ministries, and will have more female than male ministers: 12 women and 10 men.

"A team that combines renewal with permanence, experience with youth. A Government of women and men to bring stability to the country for the next four years," the President stressed. He also stressed that this is "a team with a high political profile for a legislature with a high political profile" and of "people capable of managing, but also of reaching agreements and explaining them publicly."

The ministers in the new cabinet are as follows:

- First Vice-President and Minister for Economy, Trade and Companies, Nadia Calviño.
- Second Vice-President and Minister for Work and Social Economy, Yolanda Díaz.
- Third Vice-President and Minister for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge, Teresa Ribera.
- Fourth Vice-President and Minister for Treasury and Public Function, María Jesús Montero.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, José Manuel Albares.
- Minister for the Presidency, Justice and Parliamentary Relations, Félix Bolaños.
- Minister for Defence, Margarita Robles.
- Minister for Home Affairs, Fernando Grande-Marlaska.
- Minister for Transport and Sustainable Mobility, Óscar Puente.
- Minister for Housing and Urban Agenda, Isabel Rodríguez.
- Minister for Education, Vocational Training and Sport; and Government Spokesperson, Pilar Alegría.
  
- Minister for Industry and Tourism, Jordi Hereu.
- Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Luis Planas.
- Minister for Territorial Policy and Democratic Memory, Ángel Víctor Torres.
- Minister for Culture, Ernest Urtasun.
- Minister for Health, Mónica García.
- Minister for Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and Agenda 2030, Pablo Bustinduy.
- Minister for Science, Innovation and Universities, Diana Morant.
- Minister for Equality, Ana Redondo.
- Minister for Inclusion, Social Security and Migration, Elma Saiz.
- Minister for Digital Transformation, José Luis Escrivá.
- Minister for Youth and Children, Sira Rego.

During his appearance, the president of the Government of Spain stressed that "Spain is stronger than it was five years ago", but "there is still a lot to do" and the new progressive coalition government "has more desire, determination and enthusiasm than ever". Sanchez stressed that the new Government "will have a strong feminist accent with four female vice-presidents and more female ministers than male ministers". Furthermore, he explained that "it will have continuity in economic affairs and in the so-called state ministries" and "he will prioritize social policies and more specifically housing and policies dedicated to young people."

On the other hand, the head of the Spanish Executive has pointed out that the new Government will introduce "new priorities", with the "creation of new ministries such as the Ministry of Housing and Urban Agenda, the Ministry of Digital Transformation or the Ministry of Youth and Children. And it will prioritize dialogue and negotiation in a legislature that will be key for Spain's social and territorial cohesion".

### **A high-profile political team**

Pedro Sanchez also wanted to stress that Spain are at the beginning of "a legislature with a high political profile" and for this "we must have a team that is up to the task, a team with a high political profile. A solvent and solid Government to offer security in a country and in a world, shaken by great transformations and challenges." Likewise, the Spanish President highlighted the preparation and competence of all the members of the new Executive, as well as their backgrounds, many of them forged in regional and local politics.

Sanchez wanted to say a few words of thanks to the men and women who will no longer form part of the Government, to whom he expressed his "recognition and gratitude for the great work they have done." In this regard, he recalled that they have been ministers who have faced unprecedented situations, such as the Covid pandemic or the war in Ukraine and its humanitarian, political and socio-economic consequences.

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