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## Bloco promises to be "the most combative opposition to the right"

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In her election night statement, Mariana Mortágua emphasized that despite the turn to the right in the electoral results, the Bloco managed to resist, maintaining its mandates and with more votes than in 2022.

The Left Bloc coordinator's reaction to the results of the legislative elections came at a time when "the parliamentary situation is still not entirely clear", given the close result between the PS and PSD that could be altered by the emigration votes.

Mariana Mortágua said that the shift to the right resulting from this Sunday's elections "is a reflection of the failure of two years of disastrous politics by the PS's absolute majority".

## Legislative elections result in a shift to the right

But despite this shift, she emphasized that "the Bloc resisted and increased its votes by around 30,000. It stood firm in these elections, we kept all our seats". And it is with this strength that "we will be part of any solution that removes the right from government," she continued.

In this election, the Bloc re-elected two MPs in Lisbon (Mariana Mortágua and Fabian Figueiredo) and Porto (Marisa Matias and José Soeiro) and re-elected Joana Mortágua in Setúbal.

"I want the people of the left to know that they will have in the Bloc the most combative opposition to the right," said the Bloc coordinator, promising to contribute to "building an alternative to the left to defend our people".

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