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Jean Castex has taken out his checkbook: 600 million euros will be immediately released with the aim of training 350,000 additional employees. The announcement from the Prime Minister is part of the new skills investment plan. Presented at Châtelleraut, the objective is to fight against the labor shortage.

Emmanuel Macron has been a victim of an egg throw. The Head of State is visiting Lyon, at the catering, hotel, and food trade fair. The security service immediately controlled the young egg-throwing man. Emmanuel Macron announced this morning the tax exemption for tips left by bank card. The implementation of this measure is planned in the coming months.

The opening today of the foundation of mental health. For two days, professionals in the sector will meet to discuss. The health crisis has had serious psychological repercussions for the mental health of French people. According to a recent survey by Public Health France, 10% of those questioned had suicidal thoughts during the year, a figure up by 5% compared to before the epidemic. The Minister of Health has announced the creation of a new national suicide prevention number.

A coalition hoped for before Christmas in Germany. The Social Democrats, winners of the legislative elections with nearly 26% of the vote, will have to negotiate with the conservative Armine Lachète. The SPD could also ally with the Greens. Olaf Scholz is expected to succeed Angela Merkel as chancellor.

An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.8 was felt this morning in Crete. One person is reported dead, and eleven have been injured. The victims include those in a small church that collapsed. Much damage has occurred, in particular the collapse of old houses.

And the death of François Florent, founder and Director General of the Cours Florent. This theater school, created in 1967, has trained dozens of famous actors, from Francis Huster to Isabelle Adjani. François Florent was 84 years old.