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The Council of Ministers is today considering whether to extend the use of the Health Pass. The deadline has been set for the 15th of November but a newly presented bill would like to see it remaining mandatory until July the 31st. The government's aim is to ensure it has leeway to act quickly should there be another wave of the coronavirus. There has been reaction from both sides of the fence, with some suggesting that President Macron is using an eight-month extension to his advantage during the presidential campaign.

Faced with soaring energy prices, the European Commission is today presenting a range of measures to reduce consumer bills. Brussels will encourage member states to lower heavy taxes on energy and redistribute the benefits of higher prices for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in society.

Thousands of websites hosted by OVH are down this morning after yet another massive outage by the French hosting company. The cause is, as yet, unknown.

A French soldier died yesterday in Mali according to a Tweet by Florence Parly, the Minister of the Armed Forces. She stated that the 29-year-old died following an accident during a maintenance operation on a truck in Timbuktu. An investigation has been opened to shed light on the tragedy.

In a big step in the fight against domestic violence, the Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin announced yesterday that he wants to put in place a device that will allow the police to collect complaints from victims not wishing to go to a police station. The trial will begin before the end of the year and initially will be limited to a few areas. The list of départements concerned will be determined "in the coming days".

And finally, it is quite simply the biggest release in the history of Netflix. The South Korean

series, Squid Game, was seen by 111 million subscribed households, a record on the Netflix platform and topping its rankings in over 80 countries.