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Those who earn 2,000 euros per month or less will be granted a 100-euro check. This is the government's response to fight the increase in fuel and energy prices. This measure was announced yesterday by Jean Castex and is already being criticized: some are asking the executive to lower VAT on gasoline and diesel to truly help the entire population. Emmanuel Macron answered this evening from Brussels and explained why lowering VAT is not the right solution.

In the rest of the news: We will have to wait a few more weeks for the decision in the trial of the sextape of Mathieu Valbuena. The president of the correctional court of Versailles announced that the sentence will be communicated on November 24<sup>th</sup>. In this case, the prosecution requested 10 months of a suspended prison sentence and a 75,000-euros fine against Karim Benzema who is tried for complicity in an attempt to blackmail his former teammate.

It left earlier from the Perpignan station headed toward the Rungis market. The fruit and vegetable train has made a comeback after two years. The government wishes to revive rail freight in particular for environmental reasons.

And as the All Saints holiday begins this evening, some disruptions are to be expected on the Atlantic axis. 9 TGVs out of 10 will be running this evening and 8 out of 10 tomorrow. A surprise strike of railway workers will disrupt traffic until Sunday.

And there is traffic on the roads leaving the Ile de France this evening, but it should go better this weekend.