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Half a million deaths will be due to covid in Europe by February, according to the World Health Organization. The organization deplores the "very worrying" rate of transmission of the virus on the old continent. An increase in particular driven by Russia, Ukraine and Romania where the number of daily deaths is surging. And Germany announces a record of 34,000 new cases within 24 hours. According to the Organization this increase in cases is explained by a combination of insufficient vaccination coverage and the relaxation of anti-Covid measures.

Discussions between France and the United Kingdom about post-Brexit fishing licenses will continue next week. The announcement was made by London this afternoon after a meeting between the Secretary of State for EU Affairs, Clément Beaune, and UK Brexit Minister David Frost. A UK government spokesperson has stated that "both sides have expressed their positions and concerns,". A new meeting will be held tomorrow in Brussels at the European Commission.

It is now official, Michel Barnier, Xavier Bertrand, Eric Ciotti, Philippe Juvin and Valérie Pécresse are qualified for the investiture of Les *Republicains* for the presidential election. These 5 candidacies will be put to the vote of the members of the party gathered in Congress from December 1st until the 4th.

"We have completed our to-do list and we are ready to return," said Thomas Pesquet from the International Space Station. The French astronaut spoke live with Emmanuel Macron. A return that may occur next week but the exact date has not yet been communicated. During this exchange Thomas Pesquet also described to the president the climatic damage on Earth visible from space.