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Emmanuel Macron has laid out his priorities for France's presidency of the Council of Europe and reform of the Schengen area has come out on top. The President held his second press conference of his entire five-year term yesterday. He wants new border protection mechanisms to tackle migratory crises, with regular meetings between the European ministers in charge of these issues. France's EU Presidency begins on January 1st.

Yesterday's press conference was also the opportunity for the President to unveil the new design of 1 and 2 euro coins. The new coins depict oak and olive leaves, as symbols of strength and wisdom. They will be manufactured in Pessac and will go into circulation on January 1st to coincide with France's presidency of the Council of Europe.

Today is the first meeting between France and the new German chancellor. Olaf Scholz, the Social Democrat, who is at the helm of a coalition between the ecologists and liberals will be having lunch at the Elysée Palace this afternoon. The lunch date is expected to set the tone for the future working relationship between France and Germany.

In Paris, the head of the gynecology department at Tenon hospital has been stripped of his responsibilities. Emile Daraï is the subject of an open judicial inquiry into sexual assault. At least six of his patients have come forward and lodged complaints saying he abused them.

Maryse Wolinski has died at the age of 78. The journalist and writer was the wife of cartoonist Georges Wolinski, who was killed in the attack on Charlie Hebdo in 2015.

To rugby now and Anne-Cécile Ciofani has been named this year's best player in the world. This is the first time that a French player has received the honour from the international federation. Anne Cécile Ciofani was the stand-out at this summer's Olympic Games as part of the French rugby sevens line-up.

And finally to football and Marseille are through to the Round of 16 of the Europa League. Marseille won 1-0 last night against Moscow Locomotive, finishing 3rd in their group.