

The News

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Jean-Michel Blanquer admits that he made a mistake with his choice of vacation time. The Minister of Education is being criticized for going to Ibiza on vacation while the teachers were in the dark concerning the sanitary protocol. He regrets the symbolism of his vacation site but assures that he continued to work and that his decisions would not have been any different if he had gone elsewhere.

The Constitutional Council will make its decision on the vaccination pass on Friday. After being contested by parliamentarians of the opposition, the text was adopted on Sunday after two weeks of heated debates. In the event of a green light, the entry into force of the new system will be effective immediately.

The Marseille IHU is looking for a successor to Didier Raoult. A candidate "with a flawless reputation" according to the job description made by the institute. The IHU wishes to recruit "an eminent researcher with spectacular successes in the field of infectious disease". The position will be available at the end of the year.

Jean-Jacques Bourdin is targeted by an investigation by the Paris prosecutor's office for suspicion of sexual assault, after a former co-worker filed a complaint. She accuses the journalist of having tried to forcibly kiss her in 2013. Jean-Jacques Bourdin is also said to have sent her insistent messages. He refutes all accusations.

Roberta Metsola is elected President of the European Parliament. She succeeds the Italian Social Democrat David Sassoli. The Maltese conservative becomes the third woman to hold this position. She is known for her anti-abortion positions. The Secretary of State for European Affairs, Clément Beaune, says he is embarrassed by the symbol of this election.

And to finish, winter sales are not doing to well, with a turnover down nearly 30% compared to the pre-pandemic period. In terms of in-store traffic, the drop is even more significant, with a 35% decrease. The sales will last until February 8.