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Emmanuel Macron today begins a 4-day visit to the Hauts de France. The first trip this afternoon is to a health center in the North to talk with caregivers and the sick. He will then go to Guise, the territory of Xavier Bertrand, the president of the Region and one of his potential opponents in the presidential election. Emmanuel Macron will be on place to defend projects co-financed by the State in this suffering territory.

Emmanuel Macron has stated that the health situation in France is still very worrying. However, the confinement of non-vaccinated people is not necessary in France according to the President of the Republic. This measure was applied in Austria at the beginning of the week in an attempt to curb the spread of the virus.

In Germany too, non-vaccinated people can no longer visit restaurants or cultural places and the vaccination becomes compulsory for caregivers. Berlin also encourages teleworking for employees. In Germany, 65,000 contaminations were recorded yesterday, which is a first since the start of the pandemic.

A fleet exit plan that is causing a stir. Minister of the Sea Annick Girardin plans to compensate French ships that will remain at the dock after failing to obtain a license to go to British waters. An envelope of 40 to 60 million euros could be put on the table. Fishermen speak of a fiasco and a defeat against the United Kingdom, while negotiations continue between Paris and London.

And finally, an extremely rare spectacle in the sky this morning. There will be an almost total lunar eclipse, the longest for nearly 600 years. The phenomenon will last more than 3 hours, will start at 08h19 this morning, and can be observed on the American continent. NASA has said that it will not be possible to admire it from France and Europe.