



The News

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The campaign for the second round of the presidential elections has already begun. The two finalists are traveling today. Emmanuel Macron has chosen the Hauts de France where he wants to convince in this region pretty much won by Marine Le Pen. As for Marine le Pen, she is in Yonne to visit a grain farm. For both candidates this is the beginning of a two-week marathon before the second round of the presidential election scheduled on April 24.

In the meantime, the final results of the first round of the presidential election have been published. They confirm that Valérie Pécresse was under 5%, with 4.8% of votes. This is insufficient to be reimbursed for campaign expenses. Valérie Pécresse is personally 5 million euros in debt for this campaign. This morning she asked for “emergency” help from her supporters.

Life imprisonment was requested for Nicolas Zepeda. The young Chilean national was being judged by the court of the Doubs. He is accused of having murdered his ex-girlfriend in December 2016 in Besançon. The body was never found and Nicolas Zepeda continues to claim his innocence. The verdict is expected tomorrow.

He is the first European leader to visit Moscow since the beginning of the war in Ukraine: The Austrian Chancellor is meeting with Vladimir Putin today. Karl Nehammer plans to discuss the war crimes that Moscow is accused of having committed in the region of Kiev, where 1,200 bodies were found. The European Union must decide today on new sanctions against the regime of Vladimir Putin.

The online tax filing service is once again operational. It had been suspended since Friday following pre-filing errors that affected up to 1 million taxpayers. Households can now check and validate their income taxes on the impots.gouv.fr website.

And then an orange weather alert is issued in two departments in the southwest for strong winds: Haute Garonne and Tarn. Gusts of up to 120 km/h are expected this evening.