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President Macron is looking to face a tough ride after a setback in the législatives elections. The alliance group Ensemble failed to win the majority after the second round vote – ending 45 MPs short. The Head of State will head a two-day meeting today and tomorrow with representatives of all the political groups who have a seat in the National Assembly. Macron will have a tougher time pushing his agenda through without the required majority. There have been clear words coming from the Republican Party that they will not support him. The party president, Christian Jacob, has confirmed that he doesn't want a pact or coalition with the government which could help them vote laws through in the Assembly.

The left-wing alliance is already beginning to show signs of disagreement. The Socialist Party, Europe Ecology, the Greens and the Communist Party have refused Jean-Luc Mélenchon's proposal to form a single group in the National Assembly. The leader of La France Insoumise is concerned that the National Rally's success in gaining 89 seats will call into question his status as Emmanuel Macron's primary opposition.

There have been violent thunderstorms across the southwest of France last night. The Pyrénées-Atlantiques, the Gironde, the Landes, Charente and Charente-Maritime were the worst affected and significant material damage has already been reported. In the Gironde, firefighters carried out nearly 200 interventions throughout yesterday evening.

The European Union has accused Russia of committing "a real war crime" by blocking Ukrainian grain exports. This risks aggravating a real threat of famine in other parts of the world. According to the head of European diplomacy Josep Borrell, "Twenty million tonnes of wheat remain blocked in Ukraine".

And finally to football news and the signing of the current Nice coach Christophe Galthié, to PSG. According to several reports, PSG and OGC Nice have reached an agreement for the transfer but his arrival now depends on the formalization of the departure of Mauricio Pochettino.