



## The News

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The news coming from Gironde is reassuring: The fires may not yet be under control but the flames are no longer progressing. The numbers of firefighters are kept at their maximum to deal with hot spots.

Yesterday the President was on site and said he wanted a major national project to replant the forest, but with more protective regulations against fires. Such regulations are already in place in the forest of Aquitaine, but for Bruno Lafon, Mayor of Biganos and president of the Defense of the French forest against fires in Aquitaine, even further measures need to be set up.

According to Bruno Lafon, it takes 5 years to find greenery and 10 to have a forest once everything has burned down.

A 14-month-old baby was found dead in a car. The tragedy took place in Borde in the Pyrénées-Atlantiques where the child was found in the parking lot of this own. His father had left for work and forgot him in the vehicle.

The economic horizon darkens, warns Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank. The institution announces today that it is raising its interest rates by 0.5 points for the first time in over 10 years to fight inflation.

And then a word of soccer: The Girondins de Bordeaux were received this afternoon by the French National Olympic and Sports Committee to challenge their administrative demotion to Nationals. At the end of the hearing, Gérard Lopez, the president of the Girondins declared that he was satisfied. The decision is expected tomorrow or more probably on Monday.