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The Earth's population is living on credit from today as humanity has already consumed all of the planet's resources for the year 2022. This is according to the calculations made by the American NGO Global Footprint Network. The so-called overshoot day comes round earlier and earlier: it was reached in late December in the '70s but has now dropped back to late July. Figures are measured on the date from which humans have exhausted all the natural and renewable resources that the Earth can produce in one year.

Several fires have destroyed approximately 900 hectares of forest near Aubenas in the Ardèche and it is thought they have been deliberately started. A suspect has been placed in police custody – a man who was seen by several witnesses near to where the multiple fires were started. At midnight, only one fire was still active, and firefighters announced last night that it would be soon brought under control.

Fires are also raging in the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence where 400 people had to be evacuated from a campsite located in Castellane last night. The blaze which broke out in the Verdon, covered 350 hectares according to a press release by the préfecture of the Alpes-de-Haute-Provence. Conditions are made worse because of the intense drought. 91 of the 96 départements in metropolitan France are placed on alert and have water restrictions imposed. And the situation is not about to get better. A new heat wave could hit France in early August, the 3rd since the start of summer. Temperatures could exceed 35° and locally approaching 40° in some southern regions.

A bill on the cost of living is being discussed at the Luxembourg Palace. The Senate is considering the text which has been slowly examined in the National Assembly. 440 amendments have already been tabled. The examination of this first part of measures in favour of the cost of living should last until Saturday.

And finally, there will be no final for the Blues after the French team was eliminated in the semi-final of the Euros last night in a 2/1 defeat against Germany. The Germans will now meet England on Sunday evening in the final at Wembley.