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In Brazil, Lula and Jair Bolosonaro have come out on top of the first round of the presidential election and so will be head to head in the final round on October 30. Lula, the left-wing former president took nearly 48% of the vote in the first round against his far-right rival, and outgoing president Jair Bolosonaro who took 43%. However, Bolosonaro took key victories in the legislative and governorship elections.

Emmanuel Macron is expected in Berlin this evening. The Head of State will be having dinner with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Germany's national holiday that marks the reunification of the country. The two leaders will discuss Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Yesterday Emmanuel Macron assured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky that he was in favour of new European sanctions against Russia.

Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne will be giving an update on Ukraine to the assemblée nationale this afternoon. Today's meeting of the new parliamentary session promises to be loaded with many hot issues such as the budget and pension reform.

The conseil national for Refoundation is gaining ground. The real debate begins today in Le Mans after the scheme was launched in early September. The Minister of Health, François Braun, is bringing together several hundred members of the public, including caregivers, patients and elected officials. The aim is to come up with innovative solutions to improve how care is provided both locally and nationally.

A new vaccination campaign gets underway today in France to try and stem the eighth wave of the coronavirus pandemic. The new vaccines available have been adapted to the Omicron variant. It is recommended that vulnerable people get vaccinated as a priority, but everyone is eligible for a new dose.

And finally, Lyon lost out last night to Lens at the end of day 9 of the Ligue 1. The final score was 1-0. This was the fourth consecutive defeat for OL, a first in 30 years. Meanwhile, Racing Club de Lens remains undefeated and is just four points behind PSG, at the top of the championship.