



## The News

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Bruno Le Maire has summoned energy suppliers for talks. They are being welcomed this morning by the Minister of the Economy who, it's thought, will ask them to make additional efforts to guarantee "reasonable prices" to small- and medium-sized businesses. Big utilities firms will be called upon to sign a code of conduct, with the possibility of revising contracts if prices drop.

And precisely, at a time of energy cuts, Enedis will soon cut our hot water tank remotely, via the Linky meter. This cut, scheduled daily from October 15th to April 15th, will allow better management of peak day consumption between noon and 2 p.m. More than 4 million customers will be affected. The measure should go unnoticed by most households, as water is generally heated in the tank during the night.

The reform of unemployment benefits is making its way to the National Assembly after the first article of the text was adopted by MPs. This article opens the way to a possible amendment to the duration of benefit payouts according to the labour market situation. After a phase of consultation with unions, the measure should come into force at the beginning of 2023.

An 18-year-old woman was killed by police last night after a chase in Grenoble. She was a passenger in a car when an exchange of fire occurred with the police and she was hit in the chest. The driver, who was in his twenties, was hospitalized.

After a North Korean missile was launched over Japan yesterday, South Korea and the United States fired four missiles during the night towards targets at sea. These exercises "showed that we are capable and ready to neutralize the origin of the provocation", as specified by their joint staff. Nearly 30,000 American soldiers are stationed in South Korea to help protect the country from its neighbour.

And finally to football and Marseilles' victory last night in the Champions League – 4 goals to 1 against Sporting Portugal making this their first success in the Champions

League for two years. Tonight, PSG is on the field against another Portuguese club Benfica Lisbon.