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The government will be presenting a major plan for energy sobriety this afternoon. The aim is to cut the country's energy consumption by 10% compared to 2019. Everyone is expected to step up, from public services to businesses, individual households and entire communities. Among the measures expected is an incentive for public service workers to work at home, a drop in temperature in public buildings and the implementation of a 16-point energy charter in the private sector.

Olivier Véran has insisted that there is no shortage of fuel in France just as 12% of the country's gas stations have allegedly run dry. The message was hammered home yesterday by the government spokesperson. Nonetheless, the stations most affected are Total Energy stations, due to the discount at the pump and strikes in the group's refineries. Some regions are more affected than others. In the Nord Pas de Calais, the prefecture has decided to release strategic fuel stocks.

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency is expected in Kyiv today. Rafael Grossi will discuss establishing a protection zone around the Zaporizhia nuclear power plant. According to a decree signed by Vladimir Putin, the trip comes the day after Moscow took over the nuclear power plant.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenski announced last night that his forces had taken back several villages in the region of Kherson, in the south of the country. Vladimir Putin claims that the situation on the front will stabilise.

Strikes will be taking place in numerous creches today as the collective Pas de Bébé has called on nursery professionals to stop working. The industrial action in the early childhood sector is to denounce the lack of qualified professionals and demand an increase in wages. Events will be taking place in some sixty cities across France.

And finally to football, Paris Saint Germain drew against Benfica Lisbon in the Champions' League last night. The final score was 1-1. PSG's goal came from Lionel Messi just before half time.