



## The News

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60 million euros in food aid for 2023. This is the budget announced by Elisabeth Borne. The Prime Minister says that this budget would go both to the major national food aid networks, but also to local projects. This money will help the most vulnerable French people have access to quality food.

The MPs of the *Rassemblement National* will not submit a new motion of censure against the government after the use, for the fourth time, of article 49.3 of the constitution to adopt the budget. On the other hand, the troops of Marine Le Pen will vote the motion of censure of *La France Insoumise*.

The French State is being sued by patient associations and groups of caregivers for "culpable deficiency", as the situation in hospitals remains alarming. The plaintiffs denounce unsatisfactory working conditions and an outrageous lack of staff. Patients, like professionals, regret the lack of real chances for patients.

Europe risks running out of gas during the winter of 2023-2024, according to the International Energy Agency. 30 billion cubic meters of gas may be missing next year, in the event of a complete cessation of deliveries from Russia. The Agency calls on governments to "act immediately" to reduce demand. Last month, the French consumed 45% less gas than the previous year. It is worth noting that temperatures were much higher this year.

Brigitte Giraud wins the 2022 Goncourt Prize for her book "Vivre vite". She is the thirteenth woman to receive the prestigious distinction. Her novel looks back on the death of her companion in a motorcycle accident more than 20 years ago. The Renaudot prize has also just been awarded, this time to Simon Liberati for his novel "Performance".