



## The News

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The temperature is rising for the French soccer team! *Les Bleus* begin their World Cup journey tonight against Australia. In the event of a victory, the team will take the lead of the group, since Tunisia and Denmark parted ways this afternoon with a tie. France-Australia begins at 8 p.m.

Claude Guéant is sentenced to six months in prison - A sentence he can carry out at home under electronic surveillance. The former Minister of the Interior of Nicolas Sarkozy was tried for fraud concerning his legislative campaign expenses in 2012. Claude Guéant was also sentenced to a 30,000 euro fine. His lawyer is appealing.

And the ex-wife of Eric Ciotti is in trouble with the law. The national financial prosecutor's office opens a preliminary investigation for embezzlement of public funds following the publication of an article in *Le Canard enchaîné*, claiming that Caroline Magne supposedly accumulated several jobs in the Assembly, in Nice and in the Alpes-Maritimes. Eric Ciotti defends himself and explains that he employed Caroline Magne "in strict compliance with laws and regulations".

Magistrates, lawyers and court clerks were on strike today throughout France, one year after a forum that revealed their difficult working conditions. They explained in a press release that their "working conditions are still just as difficult and exhaustion is gaining ground".

Training on ecological transition is being offered to the mayors of France. This was announced by Minister Christophe Béchu. Three-hour sessions, free of charge, will be organized in the prefectures or sub-prefectures from the first quarter of 2023 as a way, also, to look, territory, by territory, at the consequences of climate change and the measures which need to be taken.

And to finish, as a consequence of the saturation of emergency services due to bronchiolitis, The AP-HP is triggering level 2 of its "hospital under tension" plan in Ile-de-France. In concrete terms, this will result in the rescheduling of many non-urgent operations in the coming days.