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What will be the future pension reform? Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne receives union officials today at Matignon, starting with the head of the CGT Philippe Martinez and that of the CFDT Laurent Berger. These meetings take place the day after a dinner of the majority at the Elysee, during which this question was raised. The outline of the reform will be presented next week.

The government will maintain the "*guichet électricité*" in 2023. This system was set up to help companies pay their bills and was initially meant to end at the end of the year. However, the measure will coexist with the electricity shock absorber - A system where the State will bear part of the energy costs of companies. The two measures will represent a reduction in electricity bills which can reach up to 35%, according to the Minister of the Economy Bruno le Maire.

They are asking to reinstate the obligation to wear a mask in crowded spaces. 12 patient associations published a forum in the newspaper *Le Parisien*. They believe that the situation is no longer tenable. Every day in France an average of 55,000 positive cases are recorded. Health Minister François Braun will hold a press conference tomorrow regarding the ninth wave of the epidemic.

The former boss of the *Institut Montaigne*, Laurent Bigorgne, is sentenced to a one-year suspended prison sentence for having drugged an ex-collaborator. According to the court, he is said to have drugged the victim in order to rape or sexually assault her. The lawyer of Laurent Bigorgne has announced his intention to appeal.

And to finish, the enlargement of the Schengen area is at the heart of a meeting of European interior ministers today. Austria has already made known its intention to vote against the inclusion of Romania and Bulgaria. The Ministers will also decide on the accession of Croatia, which is expected to be approved.