



## The News

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What will be the new pension reform? Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne is currently presenting the text. Already contested by all the unions, opposed to an extension of the legal age of retirement. The eight main trade union organizations have also made an appointment this evening to decide on a first date for a demonstration. This divisive reform is major for Emmanuel Macron's second term and is a major challenge for the President.

The government will need the right to pass the text. The Republicans say they are ready to support the reform, but with a few conditions regarding small pensions and long careers. The leader of the LR MPs Olivier Marleix wishes that the minimum pension, of 1,200 euros, not only be offered to future retirees, but also to the current ones.

The World Health Organization is not concerned about the surge in cases of Covid in China. According to the organization, this will not have a significant impact in Europe, since the variants circulating in China are already present in Europe. Its regional director calls on European countries to take proportionate and non-discriminatory measures concerning travellers coming from China.

An agreement has been reached between medical biologists and social security, thus putting an end to several months of protest, peppered with episodes of strikes. The agreement provides for savings worth 250 million euros this year spread over the entirety of medical biology exams.

And then an extraordinary executive committee of the French soccer Federation will meet tomorrow morning, on the initiative of Noël le Graët. Accused of sexual harassment by several women, the president of the federation will also have to account for his comments about Zinedine Zidane.