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1.3 million French people have already applied for the fuel allowance. The system put in place by the government is available since yesterday. The 100-euro aid is for low-income workers who use their car to go to work. 10 million people are concerned according to the Ministry of the Economy.

70% of school professionals will be on strike on Thursday. The movement against the pension reform promises to be very popular according to the first elementary school union. Disruptions are expected also for trains. We will know this evening the forecasts of the SNCF and the RATP. The Minister of Transport Clément Beaune has already called on the French who can, to work remotely or postpone their trips.

Emmanuel Macron will soon return to Marseille, probably at the beginning of February according to the mayor of the city Benoit Payan. The Head of State will come to take stock of the "*Marseille en grand*" plan unveiled in September of 2021. The plan provided for, in particular, the renovation of the schools of the second city of France. 12 projects will be launched this year and three new establishments will be inaugurated.

Noel Le Graet defends himself. The president of the FFF denies all accusations of moral or sexual harassment made against him. The Paris prosecutor's office has just opened an investigation. Several recent testimonies had denounced the behaviour and inappropriate gestures of Noel Le Great, who withdrew from his post last week.

France has more than 68 million inhabitants. The INSEE published its figures for 2022 today. Two black points were noted: Deaths are on the rise with a total that almost reaches the 2020 record in the midst of the COVID crisis. And then the number of births is at its lowest, with 723,000 last year. This is unprecedented since 1946.

And finally, will Les Pyrénées Orientales change its name? In any case, it is the will of the departmental council which will soon launch a major public consultation. The president announced it yesterday during her new year address to the press, but she had already mentioned the subject last year. She wishes above all to highlight the Catalan identity of this new name which will be unveiled at the end of the year.