



## The News

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Emmanuel Macron presents his measures to preserve water resources, after a particularly dry winter in France, with a record of 32 days without rain. The Head of State wishes to reuse up to 10% of wastewater by 2030. 180 million euros will also be committed to absorb leaks, given that 1 liter of drinking water out of 5 is lost. Emmanuel Macron says he fears situations of great stress next summer in certain municipalities. A water sobriety plan will be requested from each sector by the summer.

Between 16,000 and 20,000 people are expected this evening at 7 in front of prefectures. Rallies are organized by environmental associations to support the demonstrators injured in Sainte-Soline, last weekend. Two opponents of the mega-basin project are still in a coma. The organizers are calling for peaceful rallies.

Today and tomorrow French fishermen are organizing operations to express their discontent. They will no longer go out to sea to protest the environmental regulations which are accumulating. In particular the prohibition of trawling in marine protected areas.

Nestlé announces the closure of the Buitoni factory in Caudry, in the North, one year after the contaminated pizza scandal. 56 people had been infected with the E.coli bacterium and two children did not survive. The activity of the Caudry site had been suspended at the beginning of the month. Nestlé is committed to launching a solid and lasting recovery solution for the plant. The company will offer the 140 employees an internal opportunity.

And health insurance is committed to the fight against obesity in young people. On the prescription of a doctor, Social Security will take charge of the follow-up of children aged 3 to 12 at risk or overweight during a maximum period of two years. This comes as childhood obesity has become a major public health problem.

And then the aid for heating is extended for one month. According to the government, not all those who are entitled to it have been able to benefit from it. Low-income households heated with fuel oil will be able to apply for this aid until April 30. For wood, the request can be made until the end of May. More than 4 million households are eligible for this aid.