



## The News

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She is the first woman at the head the CGT. Sophie Binet was elected general secretary at the end of the union congress and it's a surprise, as she was not one of the favorites. Sophie Binet is a former member of the Unef student union and former senior guidance counselor. Until now, she was General Secretary of the General Union of Engineers, Managers and Technicians. Sophie Binet succeeds Philippe Martinez in the midst of a battle over the pension reform.

This pension reform will be discussed on Wednesday at Matignon during a meeting between Elisabeth Borne and the unions. This was announced by Olivier Dussopt. According to the Minister of Labor there will be no taboo subject. The general secretary of the CFDT Laurent Berger has already warned that he will leave the meeting if he cannot address the issue of pensions. The president of the Medef, Geoffroy Roux de Bézieux, also confirmed his presence at this meeting, recalling his support for the reform.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko calls for a truce between Russia and Ukraine. This ally of Vladimir Putin is campaigning for negotiations "without preconditions". Alexander Lukashenko also estimated that Western support for Ukraine entails the risk of provoking a nuclear war.

And Donald Trump is indicted. The former American president is in the sights of justice for having bought the silence of a pornographic actress with whom he allegedly had a relationship. There was a payment of 130,000 dollars in 2016 in the middle of the presidential campaign. He supposedly passed off this expense as a legal fee. Donald Trump, the first former American president to be charged, denounces a political persecution.

Barely appointed and already at work. The day after taking up his post, the new coach of the French women's football team, Hervé Renard, is giving his first press conference right now. He reveals his list of players for the matches against Colombia and Canada on April 7 and 11.

And then two departments are under orange weather alert for violent wind. La Manche and Pas-de-Calais, as a consequence of the passage of storm Mathis. Météo France has already recorded gusts over 115 km/hour in the Cotentin.