



## The News

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After weeks of social tensions around the pension reform, the objective is now to resume dialogue. Elisabeth Borne will receive the 5 main unions today and tomorrow. They will meet with the Prime Minister who is celebrating her first year at Matignon today. *Force Ouvrière* will kick off the meetings this evening at 6:15 p.m. followed by the CFDT at 7:30 p.m. During these 2 days, the subject of pensions will obviously be discussed, but the heart of the subject will be salaries and working conditions in companies.

Bruno Le Maire presented this morning the "green industry" bill. The objective is to make France the first nation of carbon-free industry in Europe". The Minister of Economy plans to set up a new green savings plan for minors. It will be used to finance low-carbon projects to support the industry and the energy transition. This new savings plan will be available in banks and insurance companies.

Giving purchasing power to the French. Emmanuel Macron promised last night to take care of the middle classes, with 2 billion euros in tax cuts by 2027. That's what he announced last night on the 8 p.m. news on TF1. The Head of State also confirmed that the anti-inflation quarter could be extended beyond June 15. He also mentioned France's military aid to Ukraine, with in particular the desire to train Ukrainian fighter pilots "immediately".

Regarding the war in Ukraine, Kiev was the target last night of a new attack by Russian drones and missiles, causing at least 3 injuries. Ukraine claimed this morning to have shot down 6 Russian hypersonic missiles. This new attack occurs as the President Volodymyr Zelensky returned to Kiev yesterday after a tour of Europe which helped him obtain new weapons.

And then Kick-off today of the 76th edition of the Cannes Film Festival! For 2 weeks, 21 films will compete for the Palme d'Or. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. The festival will open with the screening of the film *Jeanne du Barry*, with Johnny Depp, directed by Maïwenn. American actor Michel Douglas will receive an honorary Palme d'or for his entire career.