



## The News

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The Prime Minister is back at the Elysée this afternoon for a second meeting in less than 24 hours with Emmanuel Macron. The President and the cold weather. This new meeting at comes as rumors of a reshuffle have continued to grow for several days now. After 20 months at Matignon, Elisabeth Borne may be removed from the head of the government.

Also in the news: Temperatures are below zero this afternoon in several territories in the north and east of France. Tomorrow is expected to be even colder, and freezing temperatures will persist until the end of the week in the north-east. It may also snow in the plains, in Normandy and Franche Comté in particular.

The preliminary investigation opened after suspicions of hazing at the Hôtel du Palais in Biarritz has been closed, according to the Prosecutor of Bayonne, due to an absence of coercion during the events. A young clerk was filmed during his farewell party in a humiliating situation. The clerk himself had mentioned "a joke between friends", but faced with the media coverage, the management of the palace had fired the chef of the starred restaurant Aurélien Largeau.

And the Minister of Economy wants to tackle the narcotics network. with this announcement today, made during his greetings to economic players in Bercy, Bruno Le Maire intends to toughen the law to allow assets of drug traffickers to be frozen. This legislative modification is expected this year because, says the Minister: "we must get to drug traffickers by getting to their wallets". Bruno Le Maire also announces a law on the financial attractiveness of France; it will be presented to Parliament next spring.

And then in soccer, what will the round of 16 of the Coupe de France in 2 weeks look like? Answer this evening from 7 p.m. with the draw: 17 Premier League clubs are still in the running, including the defending champion Toulouse.