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Emmanuel Macron has found himself all alone when it comes to the question of sending Western troops into Ukraine to fight against Russia. On Monday, after a meeting dedicated to Ukraine, the President said he would not rule out sending troops as a possibility. However, in response to Macron's comments, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom all immediately announced that they would not be sending any troops to the front. They were also joined last night by the United States which has also pledged not to send soldiers to Ukraine.

Qatar will invest 10 billion euros in the French economy by 2030. The announcement came from Emmanuel Macron last night following his dinner with the Qatari Emir at the Elysée. Investments are planned in the energy transition, aerospace, artificial intelligence and health sectors.

Marc Féno will be attending the Agricultural Show today. The Minister of Agriculture is due to announce a plan for the organic sector. Yesterday saw the Minister of the Economy, Bruno Le Maire promise the farmers who are struggling the most that they will be able to defer payments on debt owed to the bank and that they will also be able to secure loans at preferential rates, of between 0 and 2.5%.

A whole new Covid-19 vaccination campaign will be getting underway in mid-April. The announcement came yesterday from the Ministry of Health. Clinically vulnerable and elderly people will be top priority although anyone will be able to receive a vaccination injection free of charge.

And finally, with just five months to go until the start of the Olympics, the Games organisers have cause for concern. A council employee has been found on a train with a computer and two USB drives in his bag that contained stolen data pertaining to Paris' security plans for the event, which will see the deployment of nearly 2,000 personnel. A complaint was filed on Monday and an investigation is underway.