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Emmanuel Macron has said that he has “confidence in the people of France’s ability to make the fairest choice for themselves and for future generations”, after calling a snap legislative election yesterday and dissolving the Assemblée Nationale. The elections to France’s lower house will take place on June 30th and July 7th.

The results of yesterday’s European elections have now been confirmed. The Rassemblement National party has made huge gains. Yesterday’s participation rate was at 51.49% according to the Ministry of the Interior, the highest turnout in 30 years.

With the snap election now just around the corner, all political parties are convening. Left wing party France Insoumise has called for discussions with representatives from the Ecological and Social electoral alliance NUPES, while the Rassemblement National has been gathering at the far-right party headquarters.

Meanwhile, yesterday’s results show the sheer extent to which the far right has gained ground in France and across Europe, coming in first in Italy, Austria and Hungary. In Germany, the far right came in second. The candidate for the far right AFD party has been banned from sitting in the European parliament after a string of scandals.

The trial concerning the death of Steve Maia Canico five years ago during the annual Fête de la Musique festivities has opened at the criminal court in Rennes. The head of the police on the night Steve died, Superintendent Chassaing is facing involuntary manslaughter charges and is accused of “inappropriate behaviour” and “a string of clear errors”.

And finally to football and the new coach for RC Lens has been confirmed. 31 year old half Belgian half Brit, Will Still will be taking over from Franck Haise after a spell at Reims. Will Still has signed up with RC Lens until at least 2027.