



## The News

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Another summary hearing is currently underway to decide the future of Eric Ciotti with the Républicains party. Party executives are requesting that an administrator be appointed in order to push out Ciotti after he allied with the far-right Rassemblement National.

In the final few days before the first round of the legislative elections, 250,000 French people living abroad have already voted online. The rest of the French abroad have less than 24 hours to get their online votes in. The number of proxy votes has now reached 1.8 million.

Emmanuel Macron's former bodyguard, Alexandre Benalla has been sentenced to a year in prison by France's highest court, the Cour de Cassation, for the violence he showed towards activists at the May 1<sup>st</sup> demonstration in Paris in 2018. Benalla is filing an appeal.

Greenhouse gas emissions are falling in France, they are down 5.3% in the first quarter. The news comes from the Minister of Ecological Transition, Christophe Béchu. Last year, France's greenhouse gas consumption fell by almost 6%.

The summer sales get underway today, although sales forecasts are looking gloomy due to erratic weather and political uncertainty. A recent survey of very small businesses found that the political context is putting the brake on the public's spending.

And finally to football, by the end of the evening, we'll know who France's opponent will be in the next round of the Euros as the group E matches come to an end. For their next match, France will either be up against Belgium, Romania, Slovakia or Ukraine happening next Monday.