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The first set of EU measures are taking shape in response to tariffs introduced by the Trump administration. With the European Union now facing 25% import tariffs on steel and aluminium as well as cars, plus 20% tariffs on almost all other goods, the response appears to be hitting back with tariffs at the same rate. The US could now face 25% tariffs on a range of goods including motorcycles, poultry, fruit, wood, clothing and dental floss. Other measures from the EU are expected later this month. Meanwhile, the French minister for the economy, Eric Lombard has expressed that he would like to re-engage in dialogue with the US administration.

The minister of public accounts, Amélie de Montchalin, has announced a drive to cut public spending in order recoup 5 billion euros to meet the government's debt reduction targets. Some of that 5 billion euros may go towards the defence sector. A conference on public finances is scheduled for next week.

The minister for health, Catherine Vautrin has reiterated her intention to "guarantee a dignified end of life for all, in respect of each person's autonomy". End of life care has been back on the agenda today as elected representatives met as part of the Social Affairs Committee to discuss two bills, one on palliative care and the other on assisted dying. Progress on both bills had been brought to a halt when parliament was dissolved last year.

The man who was dubbed the "HR killer", Gabriel Fortin been condemned to life imprisonment. The final decision came today after Fortin had appealed the sentence issued in 2023 to France's highest court, the court of cassation. Fortin is convicted of the murder in 2021 of three women who had been involved in dismissal proceedings against him in two different companies. Today, jurors said that his judgement had been impaired by psychiatric problems.

And finally, to football and the question tonight is, can Paris Saint Germain keep up their winning streak? After being crowned Ligue 1 champions on Saturday, now PSG have their sights set on European glory. PSG play the first leg of their Champions League quarter final match against Aston Villa at 9pm.