



## The News

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‘Now is not the time for division’. The Parti Socialiste has confirmed that it will not support a vote of no confidence in the government. Two no-confidence votes have been filed from the hard left and hard right, from the parties La France Insoumise and the Rassemblement National. While these parties are on opposite ends of the political spectrum, both of them claim that the Lecornu government has not done enough to oppose the free trade agreement with Mercosur, which is due to be signed on Saturday.

Jean-Marc Morandini has been convicted of corruption of minors. The Court of cassation issued its final ruling in the case today. The broadcaster had been accused of sending messages and requests of a sexual nature to three teenagers between 2009 and 2016. Jean-Marc Morandini was initially sentenced last March to a two-year suspended prison sentence and a €20,000 fine.

The government has presented a plan to combat obesity, a condition that affects nearly 20% of adults in France. Among the measures are increased access to personalised care and more trained professionals. A key strategy is identifying and providing guidance to people at risk or who are already obese.

The publisher Hachette has withdrawn one of its revision guides for the baccalaureate exams after Emmanuel Macron branded it “intolerable”. The president said that the book had distorted facts about the October 7<sup>th</sup> attacks by Hamas, by focusing on Israel’s reaction and not on the attack itself. Macron posted on social media that “revisionism has no place in the Republic”. Hachette acknowledged that a mistake had been made.

And finally, to sport and the ticket system for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games opens today. Wannabe spectators have to register online ahead of a lottery in April. Organisers have announced that a million tickets will be sold at just under 25 euros, stressing the importance of ‘affordable and inclusive’ access to the Games.