



## The News

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Donald Trump has assured that he will not use force in order to get his hands on Greenland, but he is calling for immediate negotiations to acquire the territory that belongs to Denmark. The US President spoke this afternoon at the Davos Economic Forum, insisting that only the United States is capable of protecting Greenland. Trump also took the opportunity to take a swipe at Europe, claiming that European capitals are suffering from massive illegal immigration.

There is hope for opponents of the agreement between Europe and Mercosur. Today, the European Parliament voted in favour of referring the matter to the Court of Justice of the EU to verify the legality of the treaty. In theory, the referral will delay the agreement's entry into force by several months. But, the Commission also has the option of applying it on a provisional basis. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sébastien Lécorne hailed an 'important' vote that must 'be respected'.

The biggest crackdown on synthetic drug trafficking in Europe was announced today. Europol confirmed the dismantling of 24 laboratories in several European countries. 1,000 tonnes of chemicals used in the manufacture of drugs have been seized and more than 85 people arrested.

Jessica Moretti was questioned by Swiss investigators today, after her husband's hearing yesterday. The co-manager of the Constellation bar in Crans Montana had to explain events in the run-up to the evening of the fire that left 40 people dead and more than 100 injured. The couple is facing prosecution for negligent homicide.

And finally, to tennis and the Australian Open. France's Alexandre Muller was eliminated from the second round earlier today by world number three Alexander Zverev.