



## The News

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The candidates who made it through the first round of municipal elections held yesterday now have just 24 hours to submit the official list of candidates running and party names to the local Prefecture. Negotiations between candidates of different parties are now underway. In Paris, Rachida Dati who came in second in the first round, met with the candidate for the Horizon party, Pierre-Tves Bournazel earlier today.

Meanwhile on the left, Sophia Chikirou for La France Insoumise and Emmanuel Grégoire for the Parti Socialist will not be joining forces. In Toulouse however, the candidates for LFI, the Parti Socialist and the Greens have decided that they stand a better chance if they are all on the same list. Alliances between left wing candidates are also shaping up in Lyon, Limoges, Avignon and Besançon. No such alliance will be going ahead in Marseille or in Bordeaux. The submission deadline for the official lists is 6pm tomorrow.

The appeal trial of Nicolas Sarkozy got underway this afternoon at the Paris Court of Appeal. The former President will be tried again in the case involving allegations of the illegal Libyan funding of his 2007 campaign. He was present at today's hearing, but missing was former Élysée Chief of Staff Claude Géant, who was absent due to ill health. Nicolas Sarkozy was initially handed a five-year prison sentence in the case. These proceedings are expected to go on for the next three months.

And finally, a ceremony will be held at the Chamrousse resort in Isère this evening to celebrate the French Paralympic delegation. They are coming home from the Games in Milan-Cortina with an impressive 12 medals in the bag.