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The final lists of candidate and party names for the second round of the municipal elections must be submitted before 6pm this evening. With just hours to go, today saw the final alliances taking shape; in Poitiers, the outgoing mayor for the Greens is joining forces with the candidate for La France Insoumise. There have also been a number of candidates withdraw as the day has gone on, including Sarah Knafo from Reconquête, who came in in fifth place in the first round in Paris. In Marseille, Sébastien Delogu representing La France Insoumise on the left said he is putting himself out of the race in order to prevent the ultra rightwing party Rassemblement National from claiming victory.

The Minister for Public Action and accounts has confirmed that a record amount of cocaine was seized by customs at the Port of Dunkirk last month. Three operations led to the seizure of 13 tonnes of cocaine that had been hidden inside shipping containers. The amount seized had a street value of 865 million euros.

Wait times to see a GP are on the rise across France, with it now taking an average of 12 days for an appointment to be available, three times longer than in 2019. Wait times for appointments with specialists have also increased. As a result, 73% of French people say that they have chosen to go without medical treatment in the last five years.

Emmanuel Macron has refused to join the international coalition proposed by Donald Trump in order to liberate the Strait of Hormuz. The President stressed that France would “never take part in operations in the current context”. During a defence council meeting this afternoon, Emmanuel Macron reiterated that France had not “chosen this war”.

And finally, after 32 days in space, Sophie Adenot has posted her first photo from the International Space Station. The French astronaut shared the photo taken from the ISS Cupola to her social media with the caption “clouds as far as the eye can see”.