

Photos of French President Emmanuel Macron hitting a boxing bag have caused amusement, bemusement and consternation in the country.



Posted to Instagram by his official photographer Soazig de la Moissonnière, the black and white images show Macron working out in a tight-fitting dark T-shirt and gloves.

One image shows the president gritting his teeth as his right hand connects with the bag, and in the other he wears a look of intense concentration between punches. The photos were taken by Macron's official photographer Soazig de la Moissonnière.

Meanwhile, others drew comparisons with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is known for posting photos of himself engaged in sports such as judo and horseback riding.

"Look, he's doing a lot on rearmament now. He puts out photos like Putin would and other political leaders who basically want to take a bit of a macho approach of politics," said Yannick Jadot, a senator for the Europe Ecologie Les Verts (EELV) party, in an interview with TV channel.