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A WORLD WITHOUT EU



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Things to know when traveling to another country

Travel is a great opportunity to see another country, get acquainted with the culture of different nationalities and broaden your horizons. However, at the same time it is a long stay in transport, passing customs control, finding of housing and local attractions. Therefore, before traveling to another country, every person should know the following things:



1. Travel Documents for a trip - foreign passport/ID, visa (if needed), travel insurance, etc. Each country has different regulations, entry requirements, so it is vital that a person understands which documents are required for the trip.

2. The weather conditions of the country we plan to go influences the choice of clothes we will take, and also the plan of our walks abroad. So, it is good to look into the meteorological websites for better predict of the weather.

3. Your spending plan (budget) of the trip – it is important to study the prices in the particular destination and also currency, which will be used and exchange needed sum of money in advance. Decide how much money you can spend for souvenirs and food.

4. Local sightseeing - planning ahead by booking a sightseeing excursion is a great way to see the most popular historical sights. Advance reservations not only provide cheaper costs, they also prevent disappointment if tours are full upon arrival. In addition, research events going on while you're there.



5. Key local phrases - learning a few key phrases will not only impress the locals, it will serve as a helpful asset as well. Knowing how to ask where the nearest shop or restaurant will allow you not to get lost and spend time great.

6. Internet service – is very important in our time, because it will allow us easily to find a needed place, to buy a ticket for transport, to order food, or call someone. That is why you should first set up global roaming service with your provider before heading overseas or buy a sim card for the Internet.

7. Cultural expectations - when traveling abroad, do some research to have a better understanding of the country's culture, gestures and customs.

3 Reasons why young people should vote

Why is it important to vote? Below are some of the most compelling reasons that young voters are needed more than ever in local, state, and national elections.

1. No vote, no voice

This may be obvious, but elections have consequences. By casting your vote, you are using your voice to advocate for you, your community, and even future generations. Set aside some time to research each candidate and see which will fix the issues that are most important to you.

2. Your community is counting on you

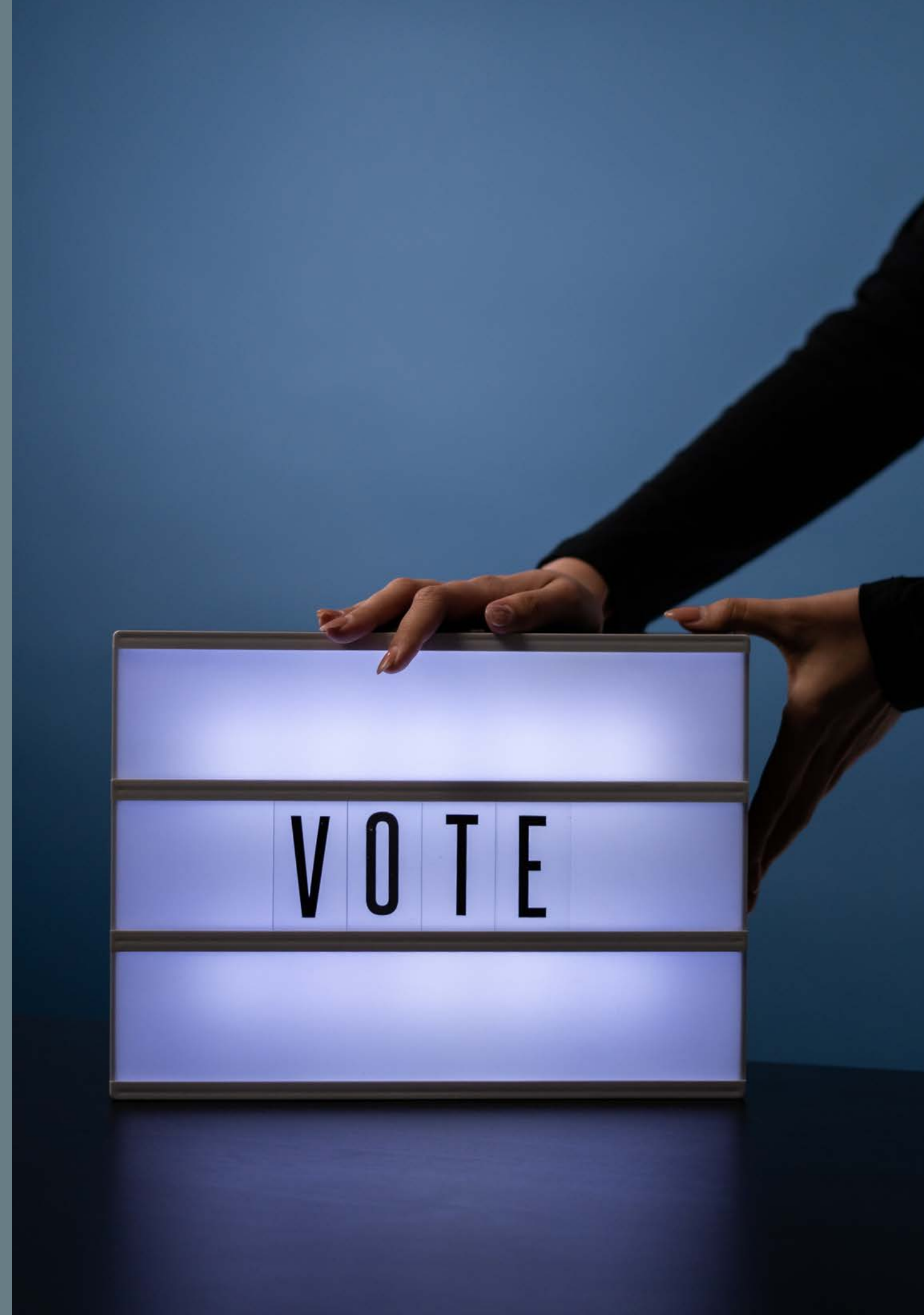
Imagine if everyone thought, “it’s just one vote, mine doesn’t matter.” Many people do! In the 2016 election in USA, only about 58% of eligible voters voted (Post-Election 2016 Recap & Resources). Of course, these individuals may have other reasons for not voting. However, that remaining 42 % may have completely changed the outcome.

3. There are more than just two names on the election ballot!

Your vote may not directly elect the president, but if your vote joins enough others in your voting district or county, your vote undoubtedly matters when it comes to electoral results. Most states have a “winner take all” system where the popular vote winner gets the state’s electoral votes.

There are also local and state elections to consider. While presidential or other national elections usually get a significant voter turnout, local elections are typically decided by a much smaller group of voters.

I hope that in reading this essay I have helped you realize the importance of voting: because with the power to choose what happens in this country, we make democracy stronger.



Why the European Union is great?

To begin with, in order to understand better the importance of EU, it is needed to discover what the EU means for its citizens. Since 1957, the European Union has benefited its citizens by working for peace and prosperity. It helps protect basic political, social and economic rights. Although people may take them for granted, these benefits improve the daily lives of millions residents. Thus, let's discover the main merits, which EU brings, and find out why such integration of countries is really great.

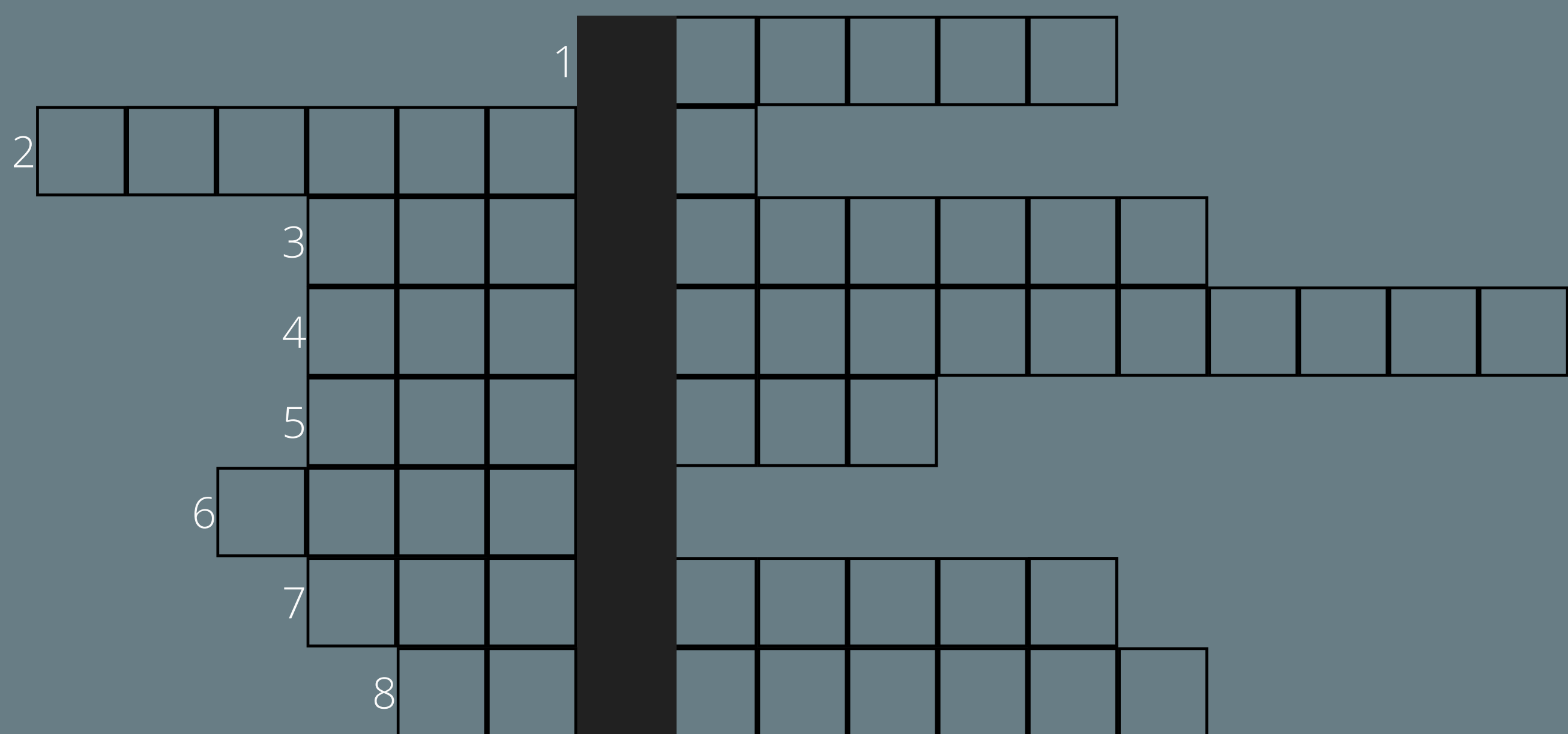


- Peace & Security: central and western Europe has never known so long a period without war. The EU is the most successful peace project in human history and has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

- Single Market: the single market is the world's most highly developed and open marketplace. It is based on the EU's 4 key freedoms, which enable citizens to: live and work in any EU country, transfer money from one person to another, sell goods without restrictions, provide services on the same basis.
- High food & environmental standards: because EU countries cooperate so closely, our food and our environment meet some of the world's highest quality standards. Unscrupulous companies can't get away with selling contaminated food or polluting our rivers and countryside.
- Consumer benefits: shoppers can now feel safe in the knowledge that they will get their money back if they return products. Travelers can buy train or plane tickets, knowing they can get a refund if their journey is delayed or cancelled. And the standards which goods in EU shops are required to meet are among the world's most stringent, in terms of both quality and safety.
- Human Rights: the EU protects all minorities and vulnerable groups, and stands up for the oppressed. Regardless of a person's nationality, gender, language group, culture, profession, disability or sexuality, the EU insists on equal treatment for all.
- Global Power: EU countries acting in unison have much more of a voice on the world stage than 27 small and medium-sized nations acting separately. We have political clout.

To conclude with, discovering how the EU makes a difference into your life, you may be surprised by just how many examples you'll find. Answering the main question: "Why EU is great?" the answer is - it brings a positive difference to millions of people's lives, which is the most important.

Game crossword



- 1. The capital of the founding country of the Olympic Games
- 2. The city where the EU governing bodies are located
- 3. Legislative body of the European Union elected by direct vote of the citizens of the European Union
- 4. The breakup of the EU into parts
- 5. EU member since 2007
- 6. How many EU institutions exist?
- 7. The official slogan of the European Union, adopted in 2000 and translated into 24 official EU languages - "In varietate"
- 8. German composer, author of the music of the EU anthem

The Key Word is "Alliance"

1. Athens
2. Brussels
3. Parliament
4. Disintegration
5. Romania
6. Seven
7. Concordia
8. Beethoven



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