

# Erasmus+ International Actions

## Connecting Iran & Austria with Erasmus+



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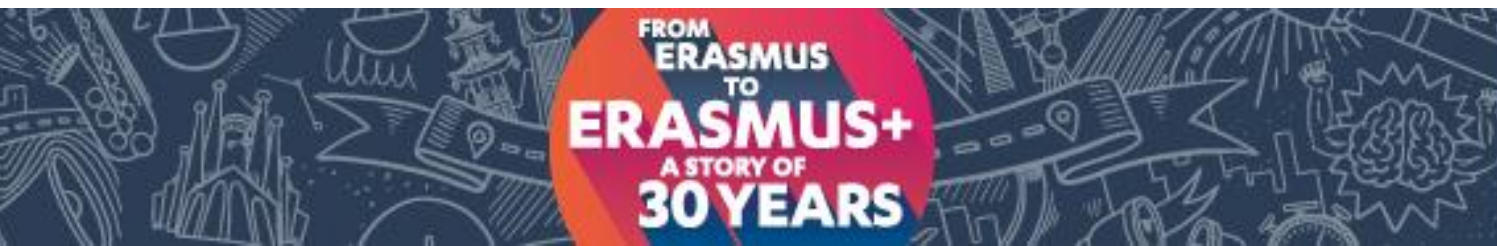
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**Erasmus+**

### Erasmus | Quick Facts

- Established in **1987** with 11 European countries participating
- Financed by European Community funds  
in some countries supported by national co-funding
- Austria: strong commitment on political level to enhance HE cooperation & (credit) mobility of staff and students
- **Erasmus+** since 2014 – combining Education, Youth & Sports
- 2016: more than 4,000 HEI in 33 European countries  
→ 70 participating universities in Austria



## Erasmus+ aims at

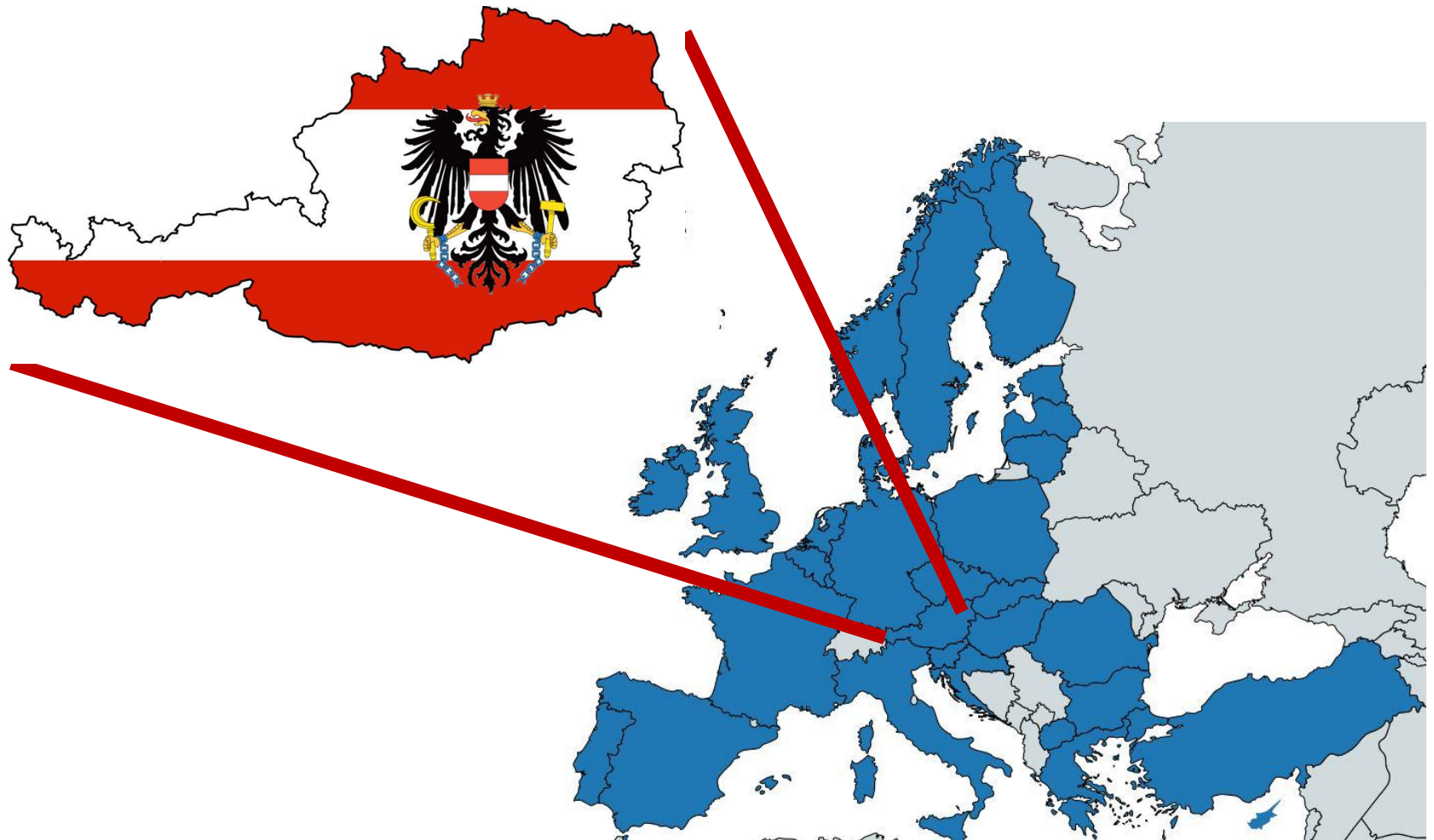
- supporting **internationalisation** and **modernisation** of HE
- promoting **mobility** among students and HE staff in order to enhance the professional & institutional profiles
- enhancing **quality** & attractiveness of Higher Education
- opening **global academic cooperation** → partner countries

## Integrated programme approach

- Three key actions: **mobility** – **cooperation** – **policy support**

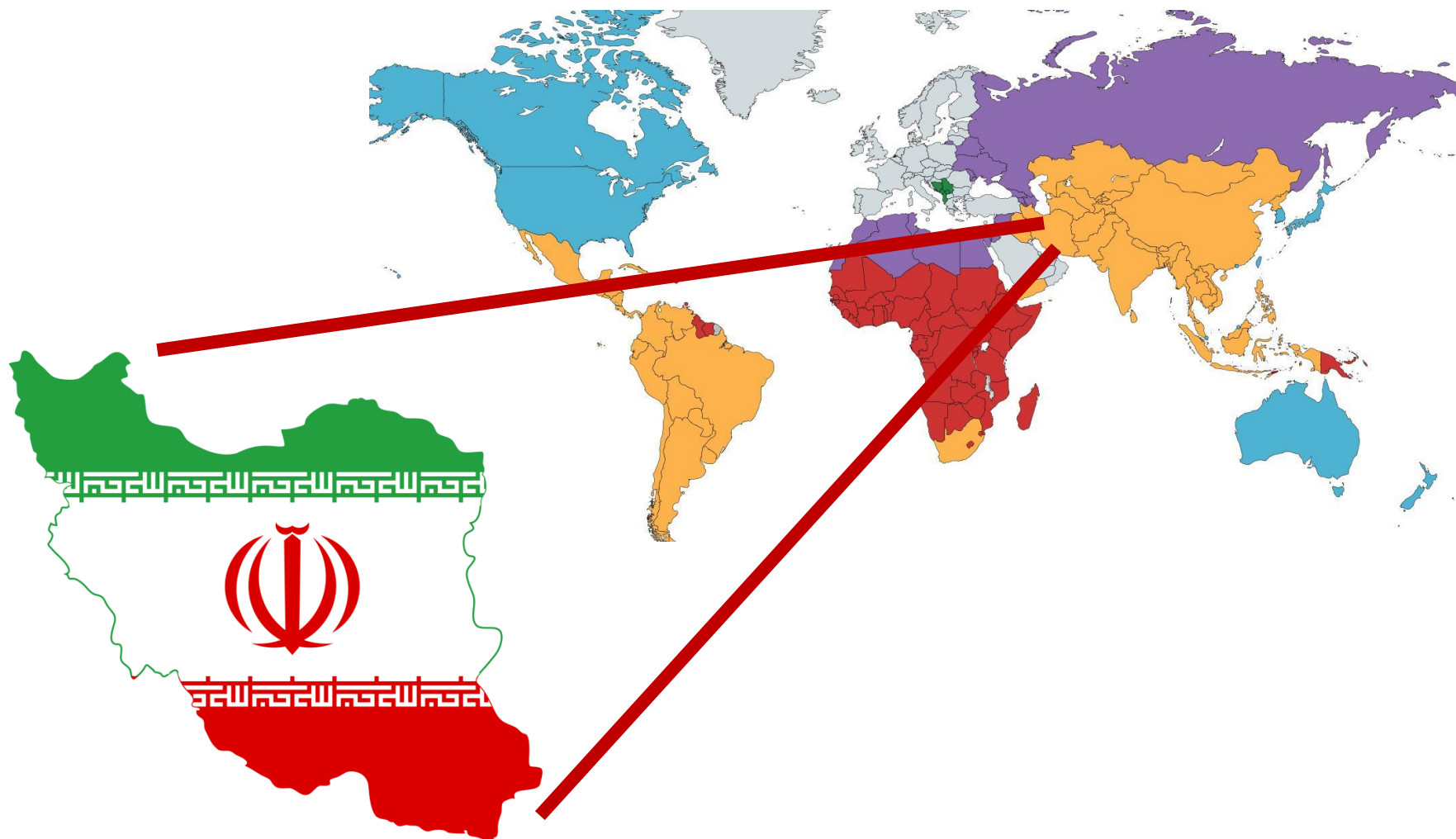
# Erasmus+ International Dimension

## Eligible programme countries



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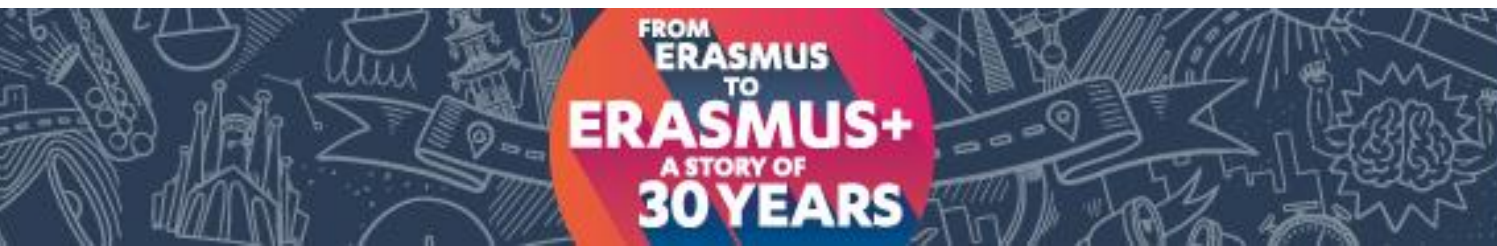
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## Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA 107)

Higher education student and staff mobility between  
Programme and Partner countries



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# Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

## General characteristics

Introduced in 2015 → academic year 2015/16

- Credit mobility for higher education **students** and **staff** from **partner** to **programme countries** and vice versa
- Activities on **bilateral basis** between institutions
- Provisions **similar** to the „**regular**“ **Erasmus** programme within European programme countries
- **Decentralised** action administrated by national agencies (in Austria: OeAD / National Agency Erasmus+ Education)
- **Iran** involved as of call **2017**

# Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

## Mobility opportunities for students



Study period abroad of 3 – 12 months

No traineeships funded (to be introduced by 2018)

Individual support and travel grant

- **Outgoing** students from Austria: 650 Euro per month
- **Incoming** students to Austria : 850 Euro per month
- **Travel grant** calculation based on distance between sending and receiving institution („**distance band**“)



# Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

## Mobility opportunities for HE staff



### Staff mobility for teaching/training

- Duration: from 5 days up to two 2 months
- Teaching at partner universities or
- Staff training such as professional courses, job shadowing etc.
- No funding for other activities, no conferences

### Individual support and travel grant

- Outgoing staff from Austria: 160 Euro per day
- Incoming staff to Austria: 140 Euro per day
- Travel grant calculation based on distance between sending and receiving institution („distance band“)

# Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Financial Support for Iran Cooperation

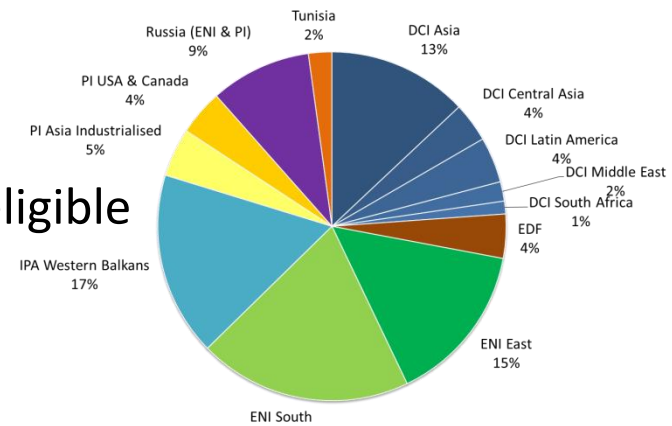
## European Budget 2017: 138 Mio. EUR

- Split into 6 financial instruments and 13 budget envelopes
- **Austria's share:** 2,9 Mio. Euro (= 2.01 %)

## DCI Middle East

- **Iran** together with Iraq and Yemen, first ever opening 2017
- 51,000 EUR for Austria
  - equals to **30** teaching staff mobility flows
  - Iran → Austria: staff & PhD students eligible
  - Austria → Iran: staff & students (all levels) eligible

**ICM 2017 Call budget**  
Total estimated budget: EUR 138 million



# Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

## Application procedure

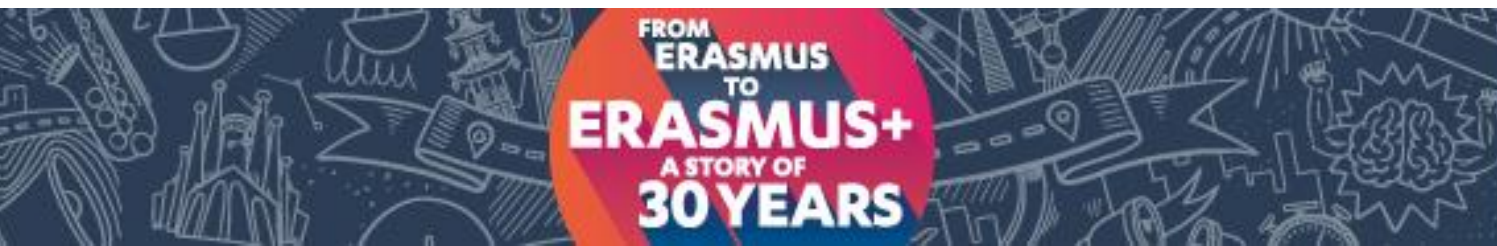


- Annual call – next deadline **February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**
- Application to be submitted in **programme countries**
  - **Austrian HEI to apply for mobility with Iran partners**
  - One application contains „sub-applications“ for all partner countries the HEI wants to cooperate with
- Applications to be **assessed** against **four criteria**:
  - **Relevance** of the strategy (for both partners!) – 30 pts
  - Quality of the **cooperation arrangements** – 30 pts
  - Quality of the **activity design and implementation** – 20 pts
  - **Impact** and dissemination – 20 pts



## Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education

Higher education cooperation with Partner countries



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## Capacity Building in Higher Education aims at

- improving the **quality of higher education** and enhance its **relevance** for the **labour market** and **society**
- improving the level of **competences** and **skills** in HEIs by developing new and **innovative education programmes**
- enhancing **management, governance** and **innovation capacities**, as well as the **internationalisation** of HEIs
- increasing the capacities of **national authorities** to modernise their **HE systems**, by supporting to the definition, implementation and monitoring of **reform policies**
- fostering **regional cooperation** across different regions of the world through joint initiatives, sharing of good practices and cooperation

## Two main project types

- **Joint Projects** (focus on the *institutional* level)
  - development, modernisation and implementation of new curricula, teaching methods or materials;
  - stimulation of quality assurance culture(s);
  - modernisation of the management and governance of HE institutions.
- **Structural Projects** (focus on HE *systems* level)  
**relevant Ministry of every Partner Country to be involved**
  - development and reform of national HE structures;
  - governance, qualification systems, quality assurance, accreditation;
  - enhancing links between higher education and society.

*Successor programme for Tempus, Alfa, EduLink and others*

# Erasmus+ Capacity Building in HE

## Priorities of the Partner Regions (Countries)

### Priorities to be followed

- Every project idea has to respect the priorities of the Partner Country/Countries – otherwise **no** funding possible
- Four Categories of national/regional priorities:
  - A: Subject areas (for Curriculum Development)
  - **B: Improving quality of education and teaching (always!)**
  - C: Improving management and operation of HEI
  - D: Developing the Higher Education sector within society at large
- List of the priorities is on the webpage of the Executive Agency of the European Commission (EACEA)

# Erasmus+ Capacity Building in HE

## Practical Aspects of a Project

- Duration: 2 or 3 years
- Budget: € 500.000 – € 1 Mio. per project
- Partnership for a successful project
  - At least 3 HEI from 3 **Programme Countries**
  - **Partner Countries:** same amount or more HEI – at least two universities from each Partner Country
  - Special regulations apply for Russia and Latin America
  - Structural Projects: relevant authority of targeted Partner Country/-ies
  - Asset: companies, business, NGOs, students associations ...
- Deadline: **9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**, 12.00 CET (EACEA in Brussels)
  - Evaluation & selection on central level at the European Commission
  - Start of the projects: 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2017



# Erasmus+ Capacity Building in HE Project Example



## Project example

### Internationalisation of Higher Education in Iran (approved 2015)



- Coordinator: University of Alicante, Spain
- Partner **Austria**: FH University of Applied Sciences Joanneum (Graz);
- Partner **Iran**: Allameh Tabataba'i University (Tehran), Ferdowsi University (Mashhad), Shahid Chamran University (Ahvaz), Shiraz University, University of Kordestan (Sanandaj), University of Sistan and Baluchestan (Zahedan)

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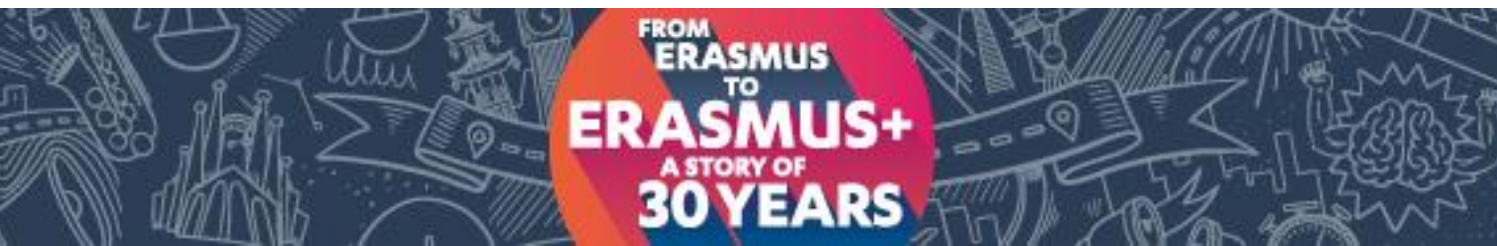
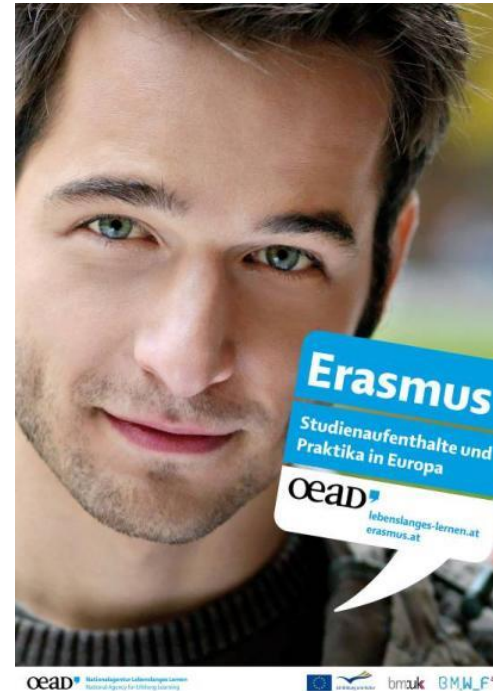
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