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ROMACT PROGRAMME INFOGRAPHICS



ROMACT is a process that takes between eighteen to twenty-two months in each municipality.

It is designed to assist local authorities in improving the lives of all citizens, including Roma, by collaboratively assessing needs, planning actions alongside all relevant stakeholders, and facilitating implementation of these plans through capacity building and concrete measures.

ROMACT METHODOLOGY - 4 STEPS





238 municipalities across 7 countries

BULGARIA



**84 Municipalities
2013-2026**

ROMANIA



**119 Municipalities
2013-2026**

GREECE



**3 Municipalities
2024-2026**

FORMER ROMACT COUNTRIES

CZECHIA



**4 Municipalities
2015-2017**

HUNGARY



**7 Municipalities
2016-2017**

ITALY

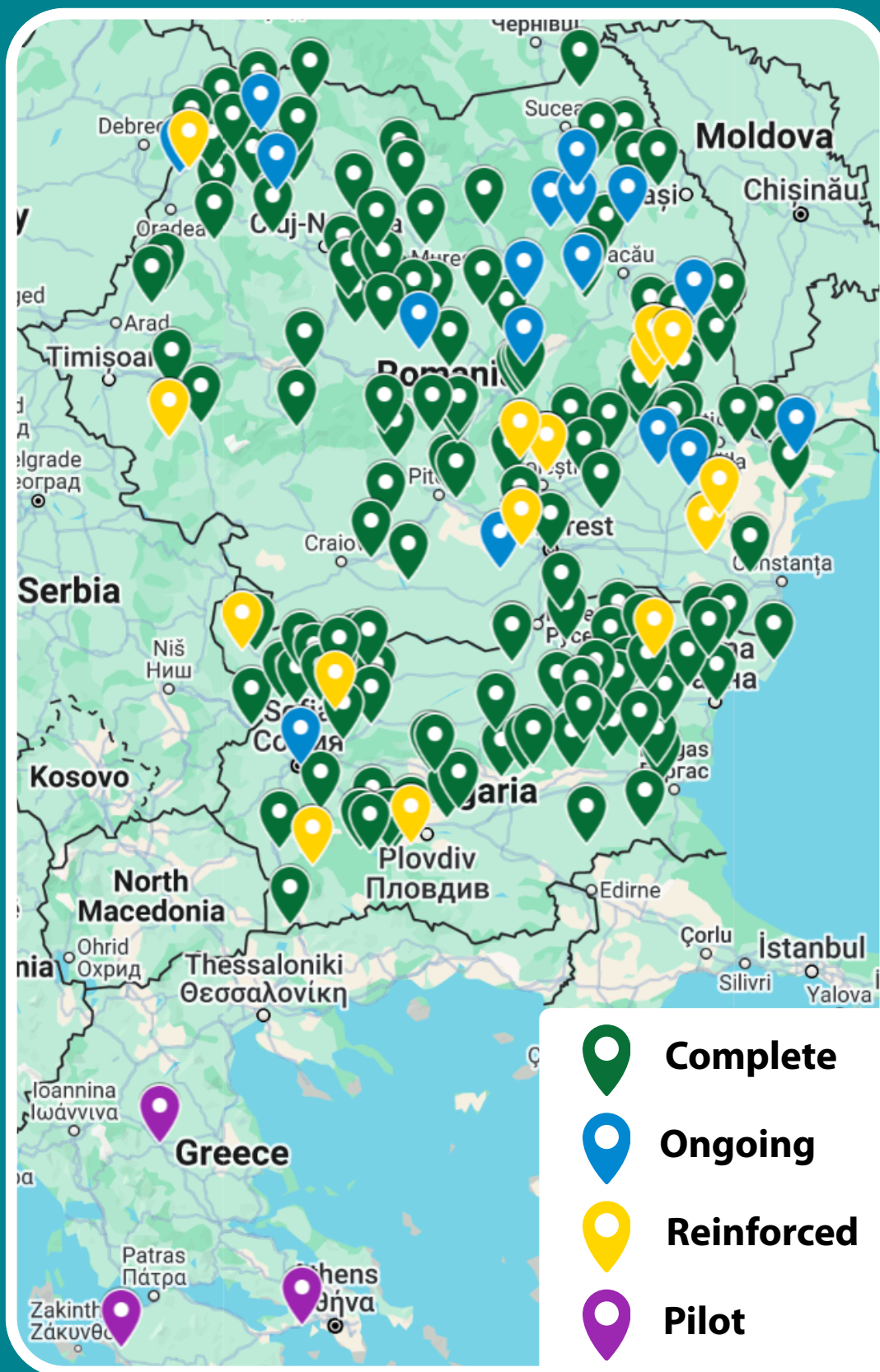


**8 Municipalities
2014-2016**

SLOVAKIA



**13 Municipalities
2015-2017**





3 Pilot Municipalities

ROMACT implementation started in Greece in September 2024. Since then, Illida, Megara and Trikala municipalities joined the process. With the support and capacity building provided by the ROMACT team and the national coordinator, community Action Groups were formed and action plans were strengthened, opening the door for collaboration between municipalities and Roma communities.



38 training and coaching sessions



5 small grants awarded



2 social enterprises created



2 projects awarded for summer camps for Roma children

Average ROMACT investment per municipality

25 000€



Net worth of projects currently pending approval

1, 918 000 €



Generated through projects supported by ROMACT

922 395€





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLE

Megara & Ilida
922 395€



Support for Roma toddlers and parents through experiential workshops and summer camps.

Development of inclusive support services combining experiential workshops with participation in children's camps and early-childhood social-care services for Roma toddlers with parental counselling (focus on young mothers), implemented by a municipal "support team" (coordinator, special educator, Roma mediator and specialists).

Beneficiaries: 155 Roma children aged 4-12 and their parents

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“ We did not create Trikala Green for nothing, we did it because we want to work. With our commitment, the Social Enterprise will succeed ”

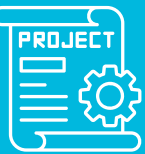
Member of Trikala Green KONISEP





84 Municipalities participated in ROMACT between 2013-2026

ROMACT support for municipalities involves capacity development, training and guidance to prepare project proposals and implement inclusive policies to improve the living conditions and social integration of vulnerable populations, including the Roma.



185

Project proposals submitted with ROMACT facilitators and experts support to generate funding for local authorities.

Average ROMACT investment per municipality

25 000€



Net worth of projects currently under evaluation

1 252 751,82€



Generated through projects supported by ROMACT

21 861 359€





Training and coaching sessions for local authorities and Community Action Groups

703

Coaching and training sessions

4502

participants



Borovan

Intercultural approach in education and work with Roma parents

Rakitovo

Identifying the needs and priorities of the community

General Toshevo

Increasing the knowledge of CAG – General Toshevo related to local self-government and administration

Nikola Kozlevo & Dobrich

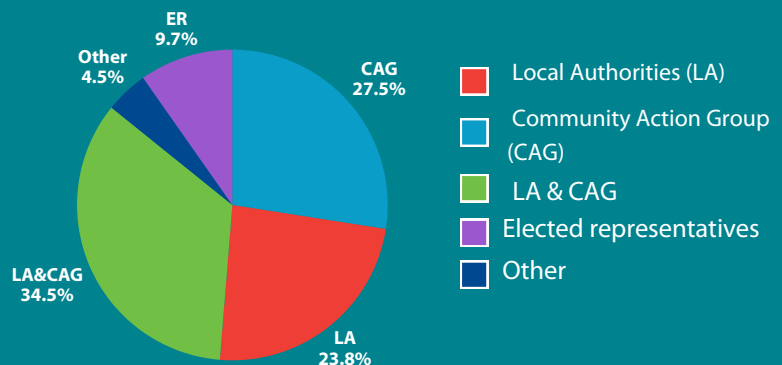
Coaching CAG on "Understanding NGO Structures and Legal Frameworks, From Informal Groups to Public Benefit Organizations"

“ Better understanding the needs of each child and the situation of each family, partnering with parents and other responsible parties. Thanks to ROMACT training, I understood that this is the basis for successful inclusion. ”

Municipal staff member, Borovan

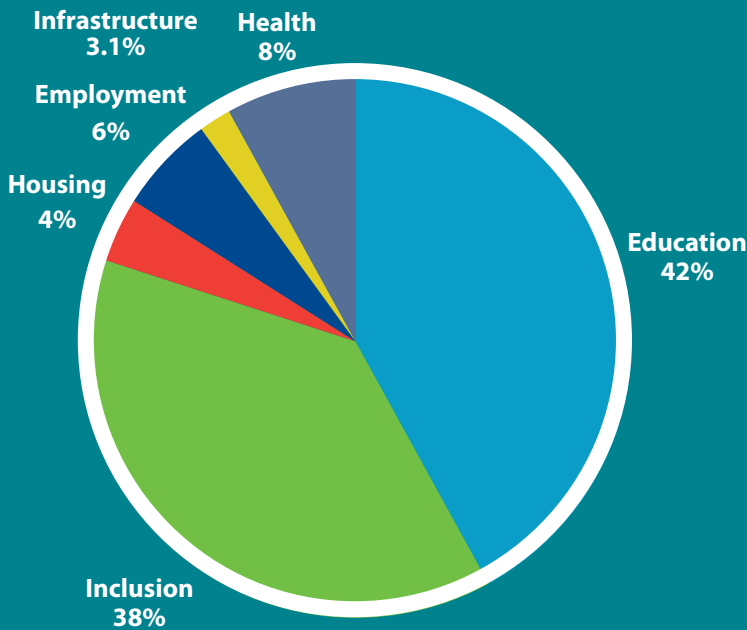


TRAINING PARTICIPANTS





Type of projects



105

Projects approved and funded at national and EU level

European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)

46

National Funds

28

EEA and Norway Grants

19

Others (Recovery and resilience plan, HRD)

12

Funding Sources



SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Botevgrad
135 458€



Supporting vulnerable groups for social inclusion by providing access to education and training

- Promoting educational desegregation, preventing secondary segregation as well as reducing percentage of Roma children attending segregated schools.
- Addressing prejudices and negative public attitudes
- Providing trainings for teachers, local and school administrations, educational mediators, social workers and other stakeholders.
- Beneficiaries: 589 students, including 333 Roma



Funded by the European Social Fund +



Sofia
35 000€



Partnership to start change for better living conditions in "Fakulteta"

- Improving the housing conditions of Roma households
- Multiplying the TSA model for housing regulation
- Surveying the community and collecting data on housing conditions, organizing an information campaign and providing legal support to applicants for tolerance certificates.
- Beneficiaries: 200 students



Funded by Trust for Social Achievement (TSA)





SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Rakovski
255 877€



“Together we are stronger”

- Creating a positive attitude among participants towards cultural diversity in educational institutions
- Implementing activities aimed at working with children and students to achieve intercultural education
- Providing training for pedagogical specialists
- Building a community of engaged parents, and conducting information campaigns to prevent discrimination
- Beneficiaries: 350 children/students, 178 Roma, 35 teachers, 6 mediators

Funded by the EU Programme “Education” 2021-2027.



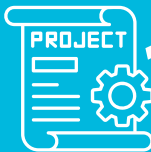


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106
PROCESS COMPLETE

13
ONGOING / REINFORCED



140

Project proposals submitted with ROMACT facilitators and experts support to generate funding for local authorities.

Average ROMACT investment per municipality

25 000€



Net worth of projects currently under evaluation

3 175 800 €



Generated through projects supported by ROMACT

145 196 122 €





Training and coaching sessions for local authorities and Community Action Groups

906

Coaching and training sessions

5702

participants



Dolhasca

Training for Community Action Groups on community development

Iernut

Evaluation of social assistance department & support needs

Bals

Integrated measures for Roma people

Copșa Mică

PNRR - Daily Center Maria, technical and social assistance - evaluation meeting

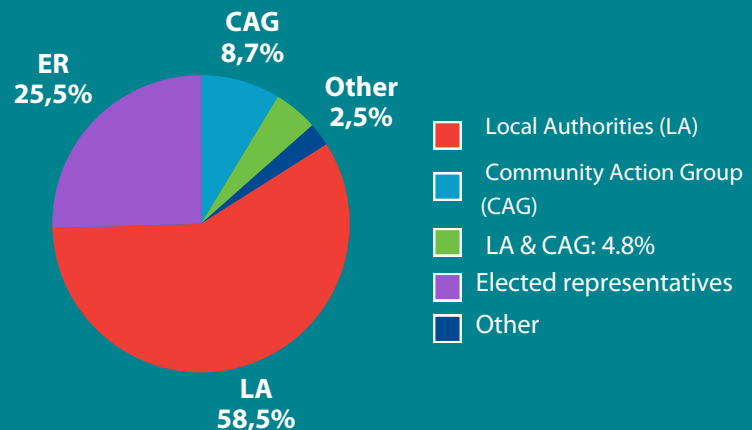
Faurei

Coaching on accessing social scholarships

“ We highly appreciate ROMACT’s cooperation with the municipality. It contributed to improving the dialogue between local administration and the Roma community. We believe it provided important support for the development of more effective and inclusive local policies. ”

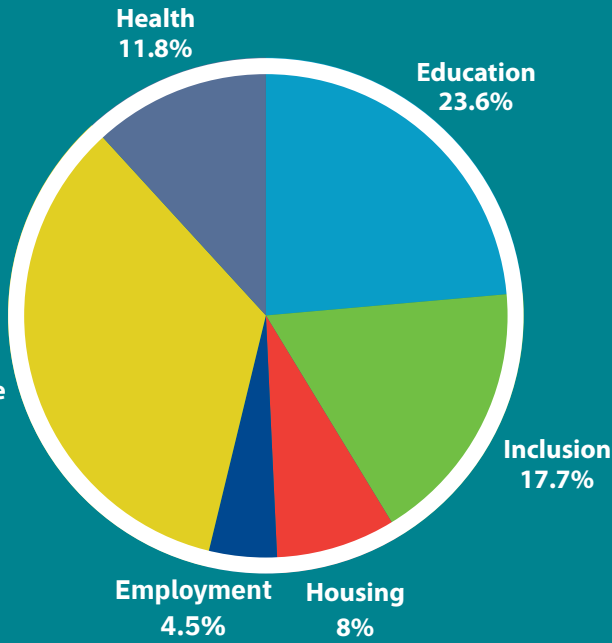
A municipal civil servant, Videle

TRAINING PARTICIPANTS



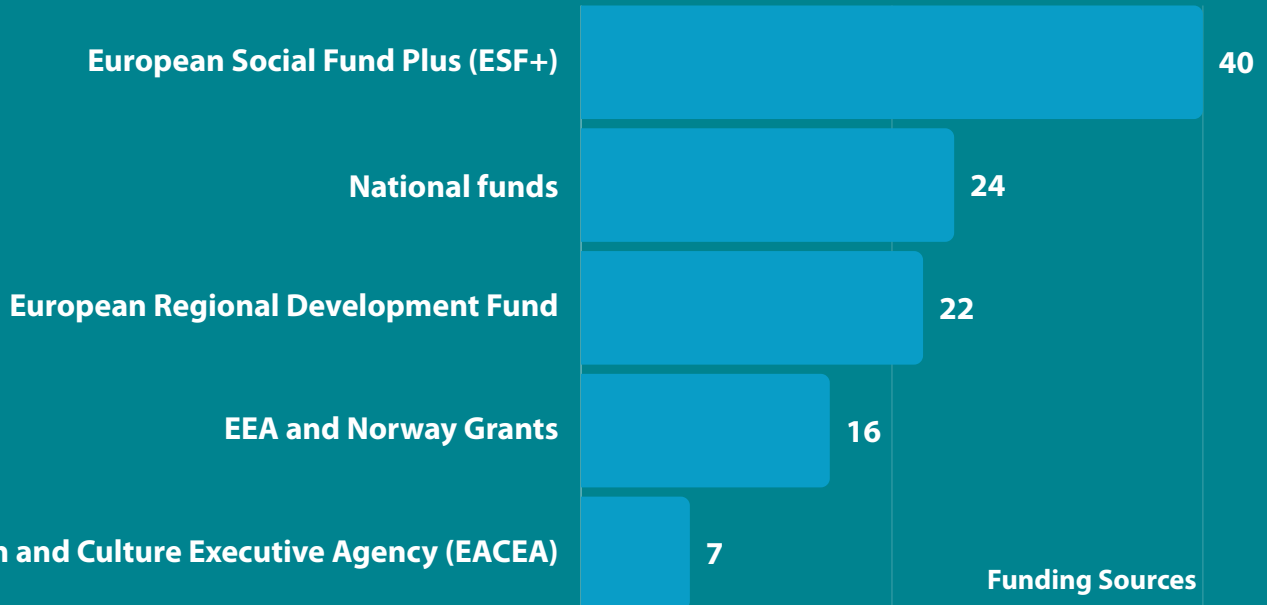


Types of projects



€ 111

Projects approved and funded at national and EU level

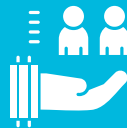




SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Piatra Neamt
1 684 700€



Respite center for families of children with disabilities

- Developing social infrastructure, including the promotion of access to social protection, with a focus on the long-term well-being of children and disadvantaged groups

- Establishment of a respite center in the Municipality

- Increasing the level of integration and access to social services for 100 children with disabilities and their parents



Funded under the EU4Health Programme (EU4H)



Miercurea Ciuc
546 052€



Together for change

- Integrated community services provided to two disadvantaged communities: Șumuleu 33 and Primăverii, including Roma, in the municipality of Miercurea-Ciuc, aimed at reducing economic and social disparities between communities, over a period of 18 months.

- Beneficiaries: 150 persons; 70 families



Funded under the 2nd Swiss Contribution

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SUPPORTED PROJECT EXAMPLES



Piatra Neamt
1 000 000€



Care at your home - support for elderly in Piatra Neamt

High-quality, sustainable integrated social services and care targetting 106 vulnerable elderly persons residing in the municipality of Piatra Neamt, over a period of 42 months, with the aim of preventing the risk of institutionalization and supporting an active, autonomous, and safe life.

Funded under PoIDS 2021-2027



The small grant support was provided to municipalities and Community Action Groups to build capacity of disadvantaged communities and multiply good practices



150

max. 5 000€ each

Municipalities,
Community Action
Groups, schools, CSOs

669 700€



Support for educational activities aiming at reducing school dropout



Awareness raising campaigns on health care and education

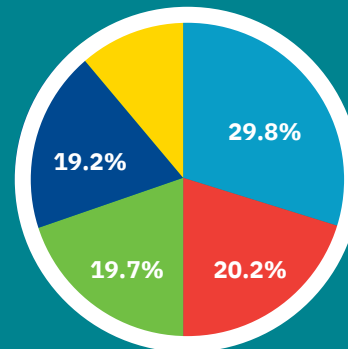


Enabling safe access to school by public transport



Establishment of a Social Cooperative Enterprise for labour market inclusion

DISTRIBUTION BY FIELD



- Health
- Education
- Aid
- Infrastructure
- Awareness raising (11.1%)



ROMACT elaborates reports, guides and studies, based on evidence from the ground, to support local, national, and European stakeholders in policy design and adaptation



Guide on Non-discriminatory Social Housing Allocation Criteria

The Guide is based on needs assessments in ROMACT municipalities in Romania. It supports local authorities in improving the understanding of the social housing allocation methodology.

It combines legal and social approaches and exemplifies potential restrictive criteria and criteria that are accessible and already used by some municipalities to prevent discriminatory allocation practices.

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Study on “children left behind”

This ROMACT study identifies the challenges faced by children left behind, by parents going abroad for work, in selected municipalities in Bulgaria.

The report includes several specific recommendations directed at various stakeholders (parents, guardians, relevant institutions) with the goal of minimizing the consequences for the children left behind.



Scan for the video on children left behind





Guidelines for Permanent Address Registration and Issuance of an Identity Document

These Guidelines for Permanent Address Registration and Identity Document Issuance provide practical tools for municipalities in the ROMACT programme to help residents, mainly of Roma origin, who cannot provide ownership documents for their homes. This typically affects those living in dwellings built without construction permits or outside official settlement boundaries.

The Guidelines inform both municipal staff and affected individuals about the legal options for permanent address registration and obtaining identity documents, supporting municipalities in resolving these challenges and assisting people in accessing official registration and IDs.



Toolkit: Possible solutions for informal settlements

The Toolkit is dedicated to local public authorities in Romania who wish to start a process of legalizing informal settlements and design development projects together with the community.

It lists all the necessary steps and tools to accomplish them: analysis of the informal settlements, demarche of legalization and local development planning.



Scan to see the toolkit



Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- Summary and key takeaways - National Forum "Decent Home, secure future: Housing Conditions as a Key Determinant of Child Rights
- Social housing in Bulgaria - Case studies and report
- Examples of good practice in Romania
- Analysis of the application of the Social Services Act in Bulgaria with regard to preventive community work in Roma communities
- Process of community involvement in the CLLD approach to the development of marginalised areas - Indicators of the community involvement process in Romania.
- Report of the public discussion on Children left behind: between labour migration, institutional standards and extended family, 12 December 2022, Sofia
- Analysis of the draft Integrated Territorial Strategies for the Development of Level 2 Planning Regions in Bulgaria to find out their relevance to the needs of the local Roma communities
- Analysis of the challenges concerning registration at a permanent address and possession of identity documents of persons living in homes without valid lawful basis in Bulgaria
- Guidelines for Obtaining a Sustainable Status of Housing Constructions built without Construction Papers in Bulgaria
- Guidelines for Conducting Public Procurement with Social Criteria in ROMACT Municipalities (RO)
- Report on the Situation of Social Economy Structures in the ROMACT municipalities in Romania



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Other ROMACT Reports and Studies

- Brief on Romanian legislative framework on socially-responsible public procurement
- Report on the analysis of the legal provisions regarding the social component of the public procurement in Romania
- Analysis of Municipal Development Plans & Integrated Urban Reconstruction & Development plans of municipalities participating in ROMACT in Bulgaria
- Guide on local information & awareness raising campaigns on the protection of children with parents going to work abroad
- Operational Programmes proposed for Romania in the programming period 2021-2027 - ROMACT Review
- Initial developments in the CLLD approach in 9 urban communities in Romania
- Guide on social housing awarding criteria for local authorities in Romania



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