



EJN Secretariat News

CEP Expert Workshop on Enhancing the Implementation of Framework Decisions 2008/JHA/947 & 2009/JHA/829

EUROPEAN JUDICIAL NETWORK

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1. About the European Judicial Network

The role of the European Judicial Network:

Connecting Justice since 1998 – 25+ years of EJN

What?



Pioneer network consisting of more than 450 competent authorities with a focus on judicial cooperation

When ?



Established in 1998 (Joint Action 1998 replaced by the EJM Decision 2008)

Who?



Contact points appointed by each Member State as 'active intermediaries' to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters: prosecutors, judges, central authority officials

Where ?



HQ in the Netherlands, but network reaches all Member States of the European Union; candidate and associated countries; partners in non-EU countries

EJN Structure



EJN Website

www.ejn-crimjust.europa.eu

Created in 2000

Home base for the **EJN Contact Points**

Information on **judicial cooperation in criminal matters** to all judicial authorities

Practical e-tools for judicial authorities for judicial cooperation

Managed by the **EJN Secretariat** and the **EJN Tool Correspondents**



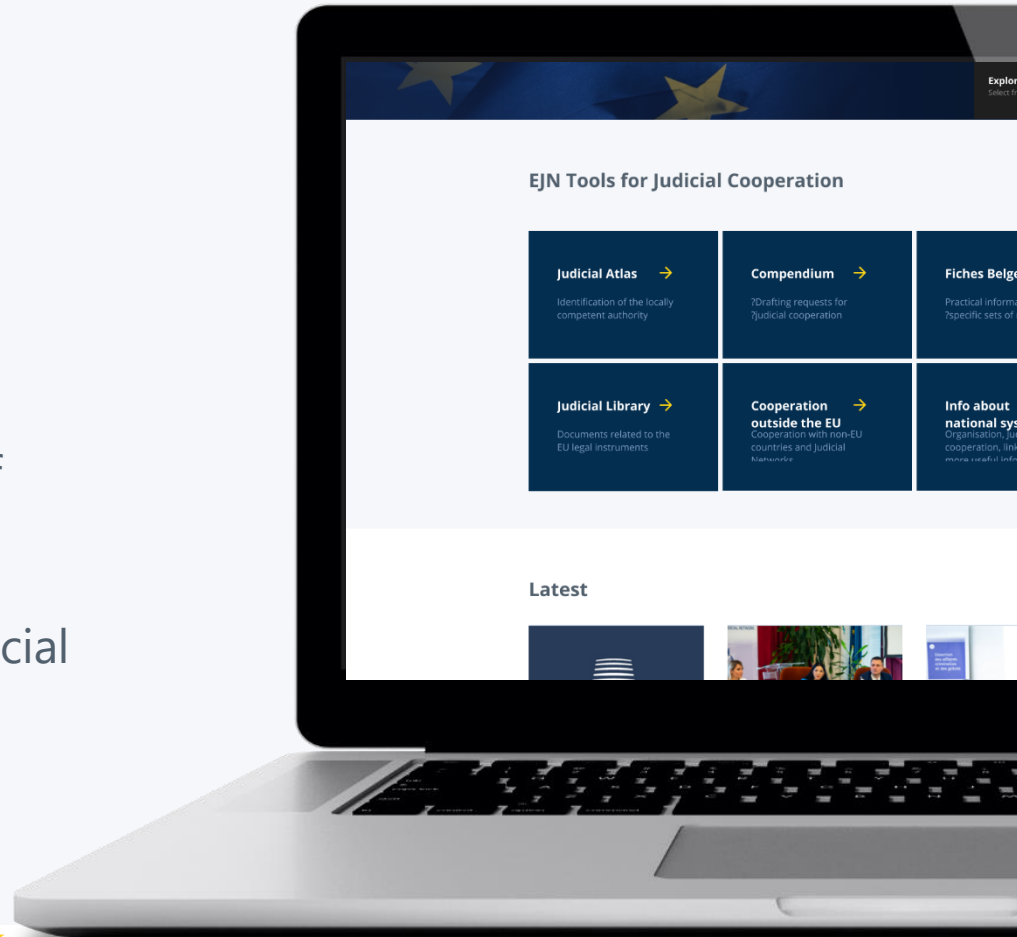
EJN e-Tools

5 e-tools

- Fiches Belges
- Atlas
- Compendium
- Judicial Library
- Contact Points (only for the CPs)

Accessible from the **home page** of the EJN website

For **practitioners** dealing with judicial cooperation in criminal law cases



EJN in Practice

01 |

A judicial authority from MS "A" would like to know **which is the competent** executing authority of an EAW in MS "B"

Judicial Atlas

info on the competent authority

02 |

Need **more info** on the requirements in MS "B"?

Fiches Belges

Judicial Library

03 |

Not enough?

Contact

Contact a **EJN Contact Point** in MS "B"

04 |

Draft the request

Compendium

2. Updates from the European Judicial Network Secretariat

1) 11th Round of Mutual Evaluations

- 11th Round of Mutual Evaluations – Principal objective: illicit drug trafficking in the European Union
- COPEN meeting on 13 March 2024: draft questionnaire, comments on the proposed questions submitted by EJM Contact Points
- EJM as an observer

2) High Level Forum on the future of the EU Criminal Justice & EJM

Background:

- The European Commission has set up a “*High Level Forum on the Future of Criminal Justice in the EU*”: participants being Member States, the Council, EPPO, OLAF, EU-Lisa, Eurojust, EJM, selected academia.
- 2nd High Level Forum will take place in early October 2025

EJM involvement:

- 64th Plenary meeting of the EJM under the PL Presidency in Warsaw, 7-9 May 2025.

During Workshop 1, the EJM prioritised the following topics:

- 1) **Cross-border surveillance**
- 2) **Video conference**
- 3) **(AI)**
- 4) **Future of the EJM**

Main aim: to make sure that the views of the practitioners are reflected also from the EJM point of view.

3) Council Conclusions on judicial cooperation with third countries (1)

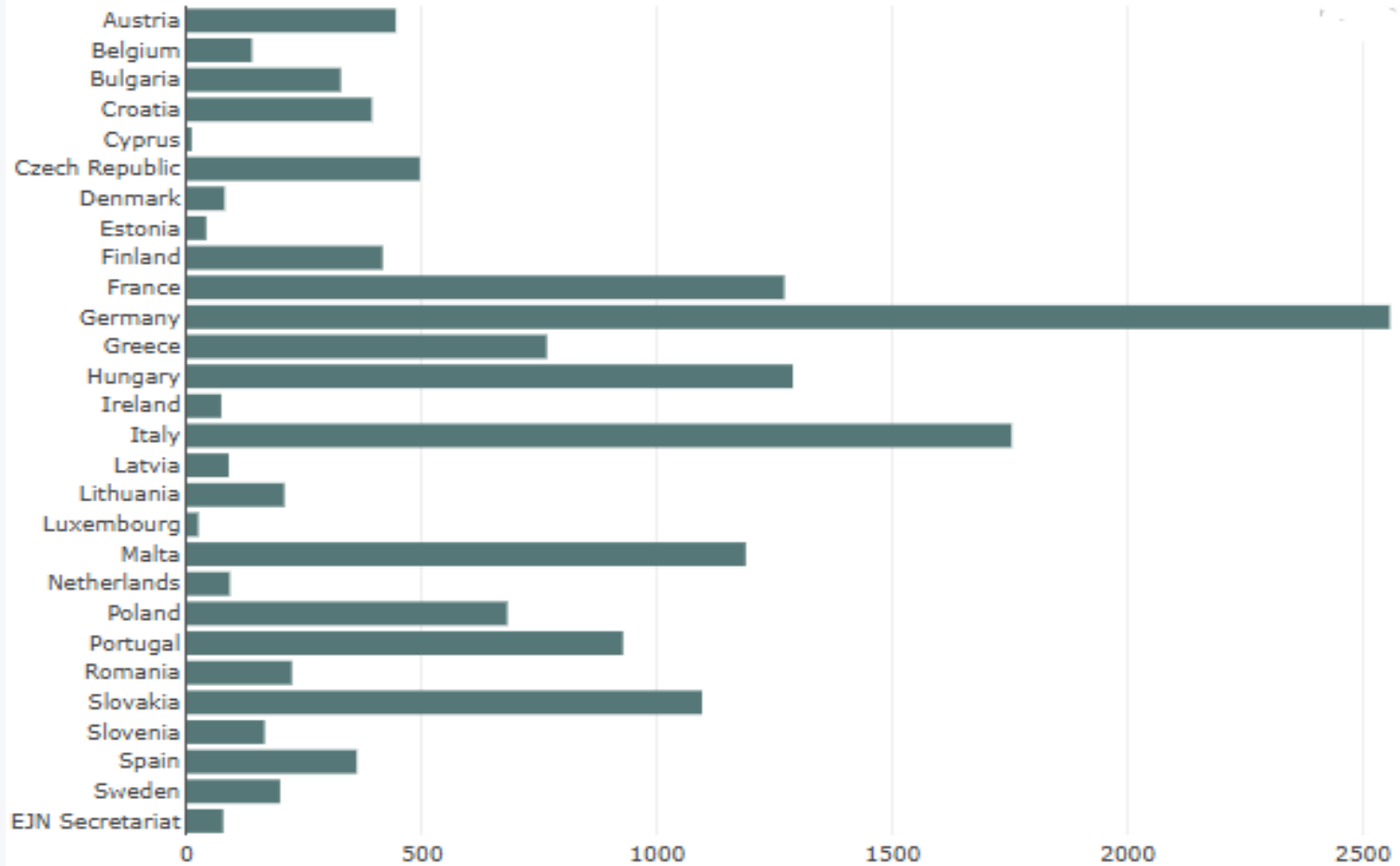
- *Council Conclusions on strengthening judicial cooperation with third countries in the fight against organised crime* – adopted in June 2024;
- Phase I: Task for Eurojust to collect information on priority third countries where enhanced cooperation is needed & **support from the EJM** -> **questionnaire sent via the EJ national desks**;
- Phase II: Task for EJM (and Eurojust)- to organise **exchanges of experience and best practices** between experts from the Member States regarding judicial cooperation with priority third countries

3) Council Conclusions on judicial cooperation with third countries (2)

- Set up a temporary **EJN Expert Group** on “Judicial cooperation with non-EU countries” in 2025 to collect **EJN experience** and best practices on cooperation with non-EU countries;
- 2-3 online meetings and adoption of final report to be submitted to the Council and the European Commission.

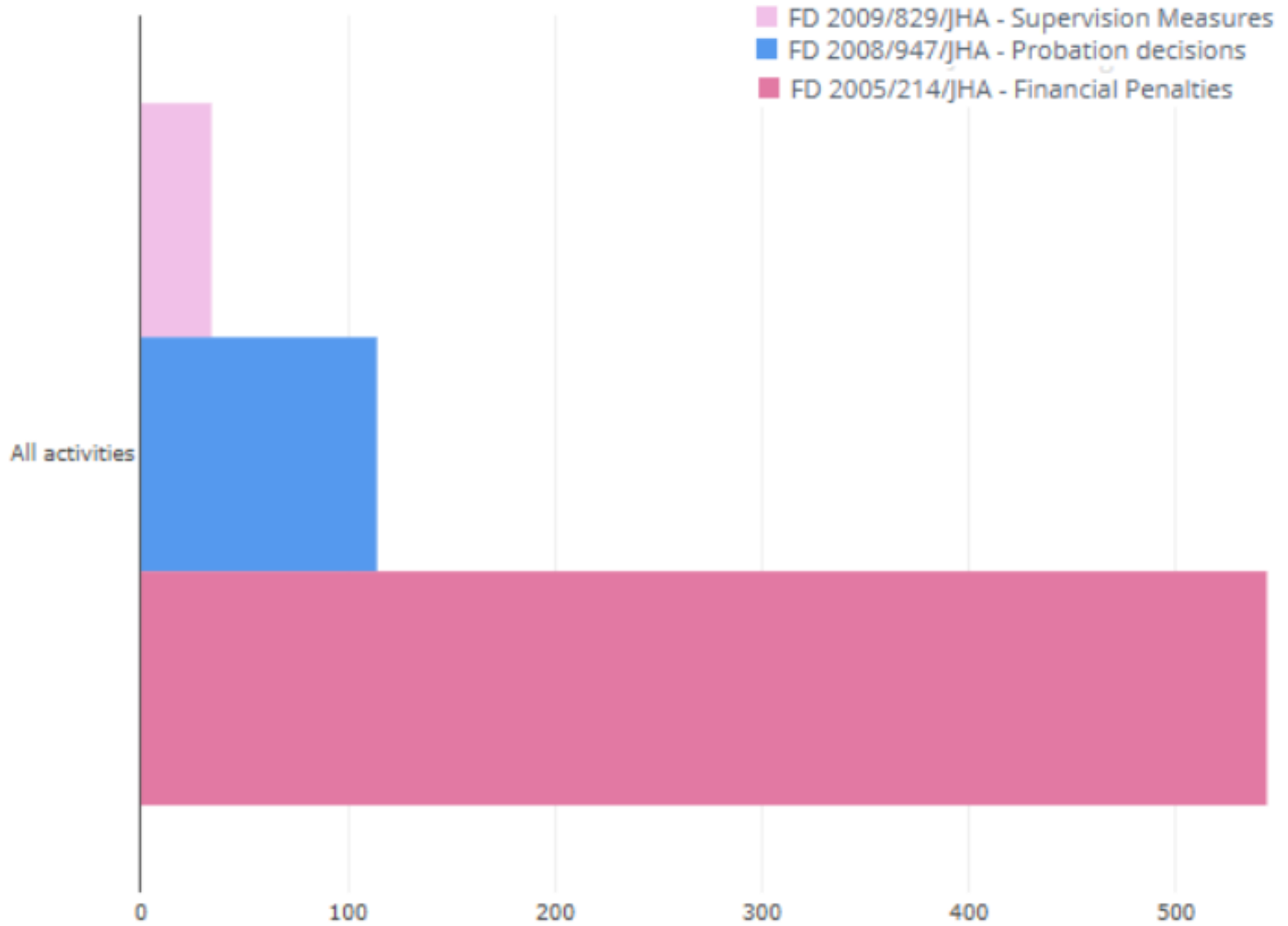
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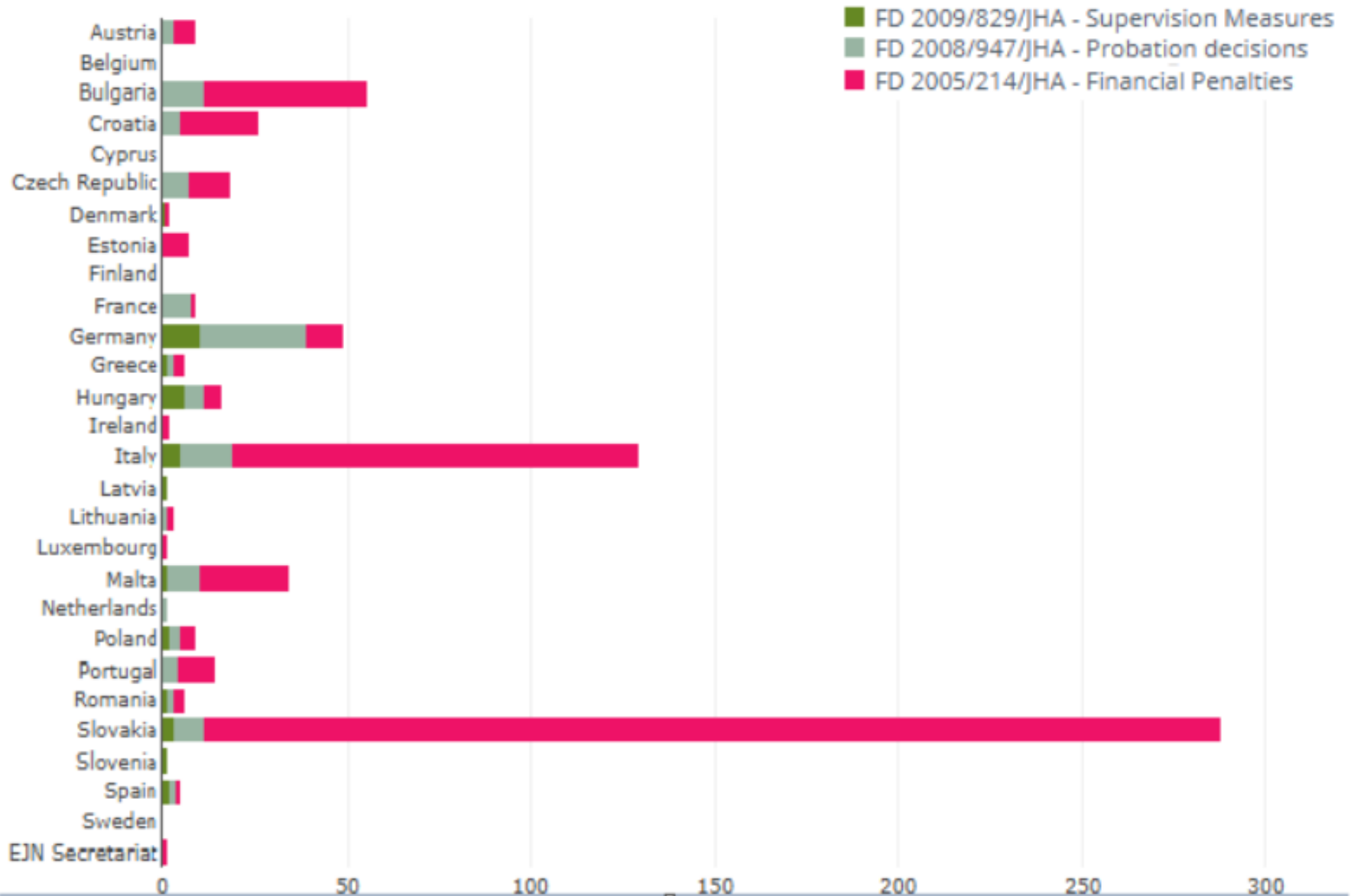
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EJN Regional Contact Point Meeting in Latvia

- Meeting on “Current Challenges in the Application of the Mutual Recognition Principle in Financial Penalties and Probation Measures: Assessing the Effectiveness of Decentralization”
- Took place on 6 June 2025 in Latvia
- Supported by an EJN grant and organised by the Ministry of Justice of Latvia
- EJN Contact Points from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and the EJN Secretariat present at the meeting

Meeting Conclusions – Country Experiences

- **Lithuania** has adopted a decentralized system for mutual recognition of judgments, resulting in faster processing and reduced administrative burden, with the MoJ acting only in exceptional cases and providing methodological support rather than handling individual requests.
- **Estonia** currently operates a centralized system through the MoJ, but due to rising costs and workload, there is growing support for transitioning to a decentralized model to improve efficiency and reduce administrative strain.
- **Latvia** applies a centralized system under the MoJ, but judges have highlighted legal ambiguities, classification issues, and lack of direct communication with foreign authorities; while some concerns about decentralization exist, many judges support it as a way to streamline procedures, reduce delays, and allow direct court-to-court cooperation using tools like the EJM Atlas.

Upcoming

65th Plenary Meeting of the European Judicial Network under the Danish Presidency, 5-7 November 2025 in Copenhagen with a focus on key topics:

- Crime As A Service
- Combatting Criminal Organisations
- Crypto Assets



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your attention!**

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