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Experiences and characteristics of cross-border cooperation between Hungary and Ukraine

Kick-off seminar

24.11.2020

With cross-border cooperation for the Europeanisation of Ukrainian borders

- (1) International conditions
- (2) Border regime
- (3) Cross-border cooperation

International conditions

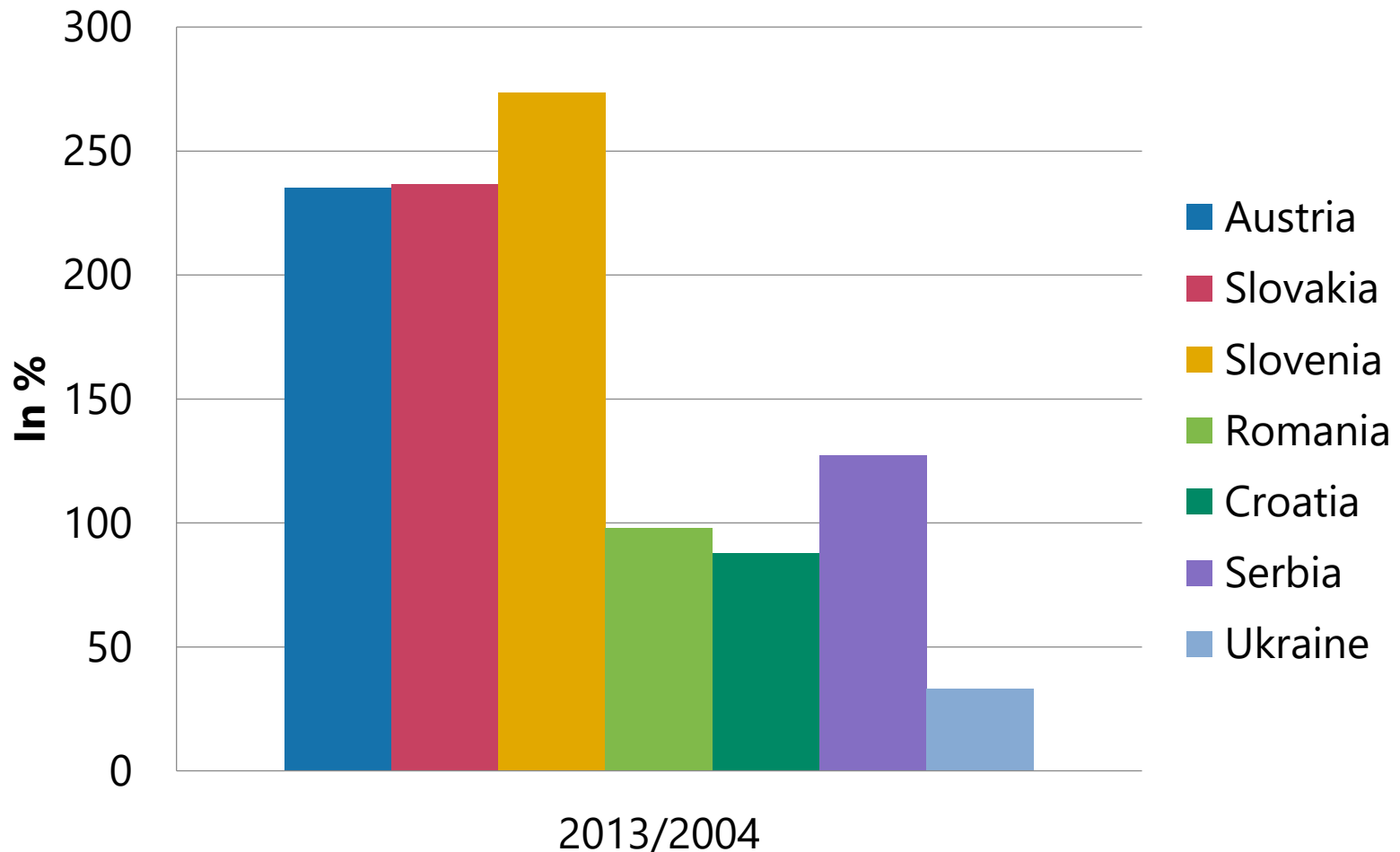


- 6 December 1991 Basic Treaty on Foundation of Neighbourhood and Cooperation
 - EU integration process
 - Education law and language law of Ukraine considered hostile against the Hungarian minority by the Hungarian government
- Hungary blocks Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration

Border regime

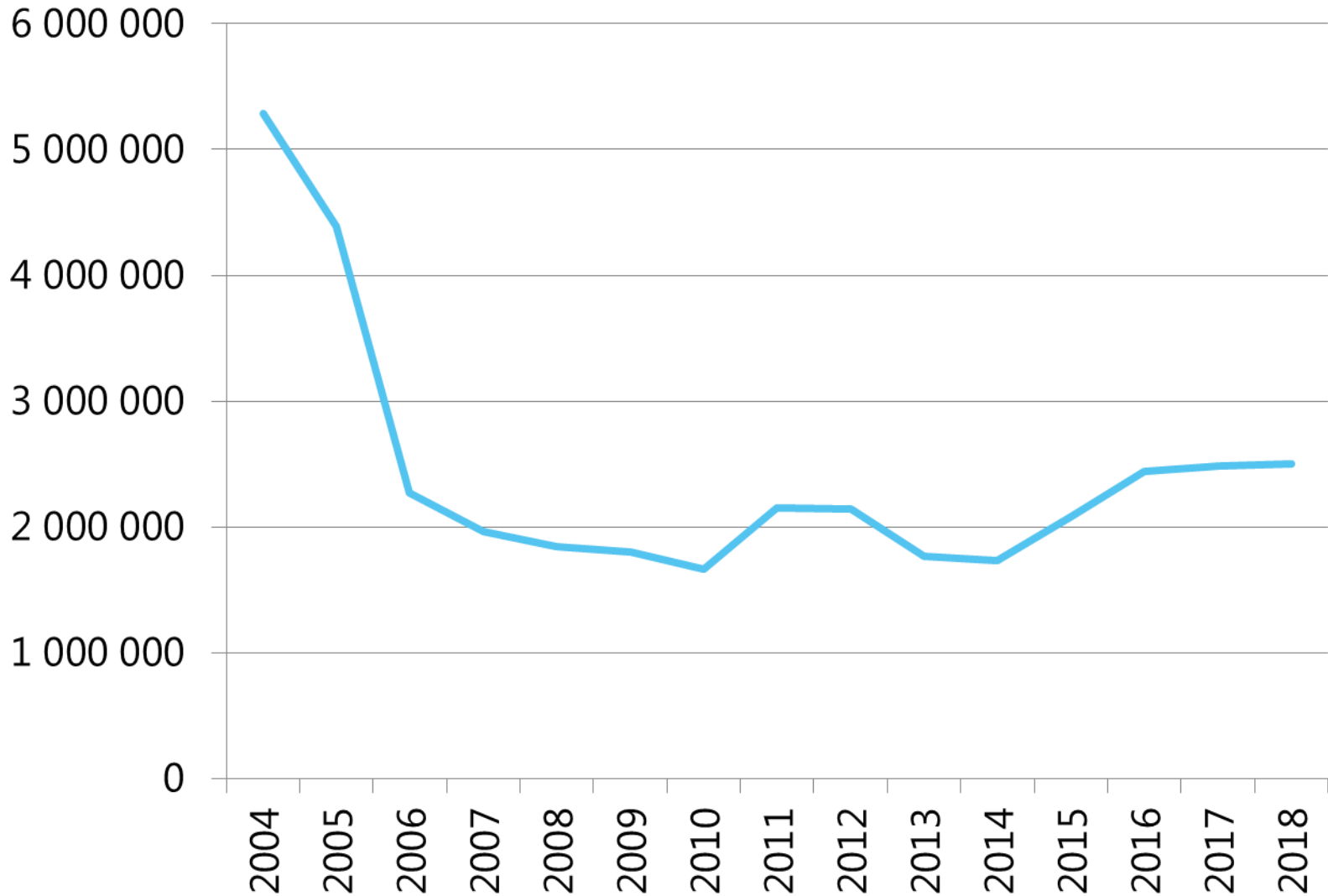


Changes in border traffic after the Hungarian EU accession (2004: 100%)

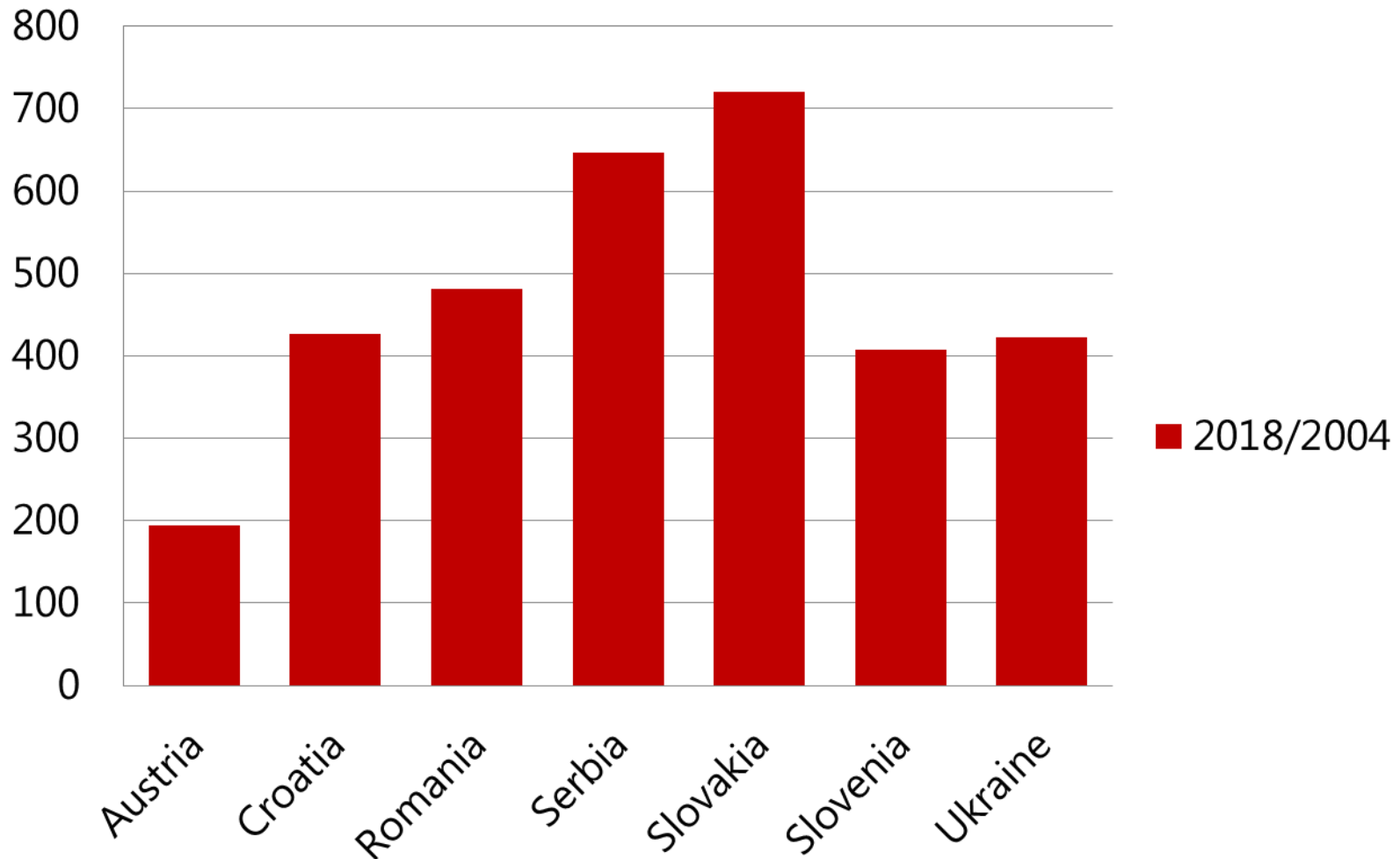


Border regime

Border traffic between Hungary and Ukraine



Changes in cross-border trade (Hungary) (2004: 100%)



Border regime

Smuggling in hidden parts of a truck



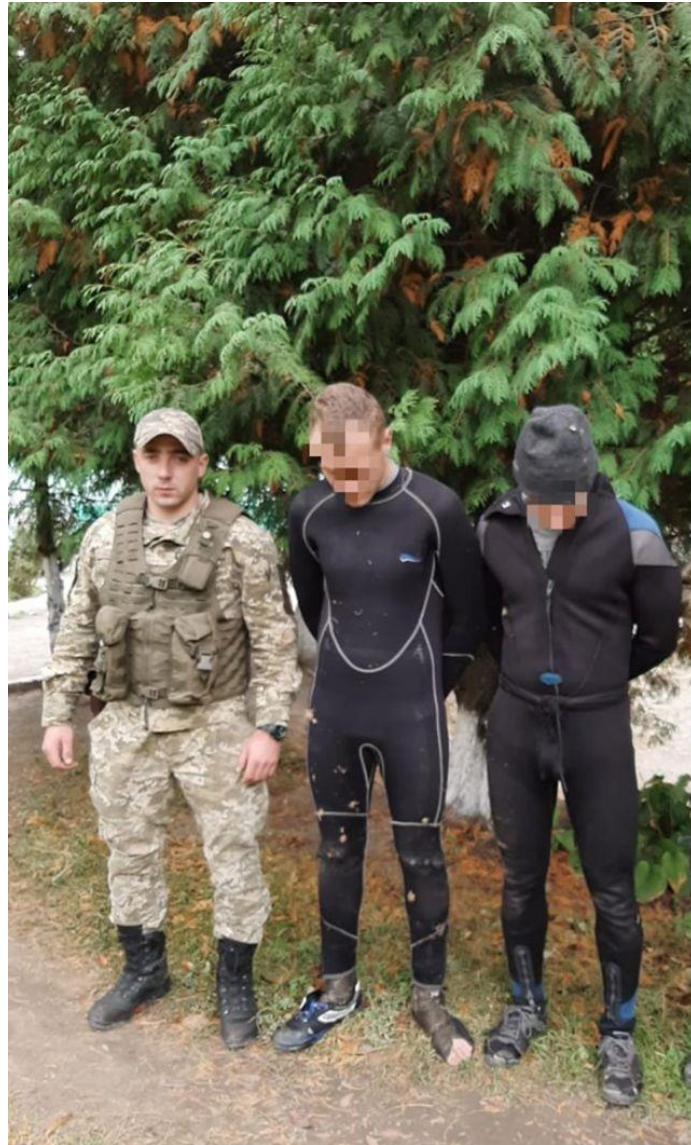
Border regime

Smuggling in the breaks of a railway truck



Border regime

Smuggling by diving...
... and by drones



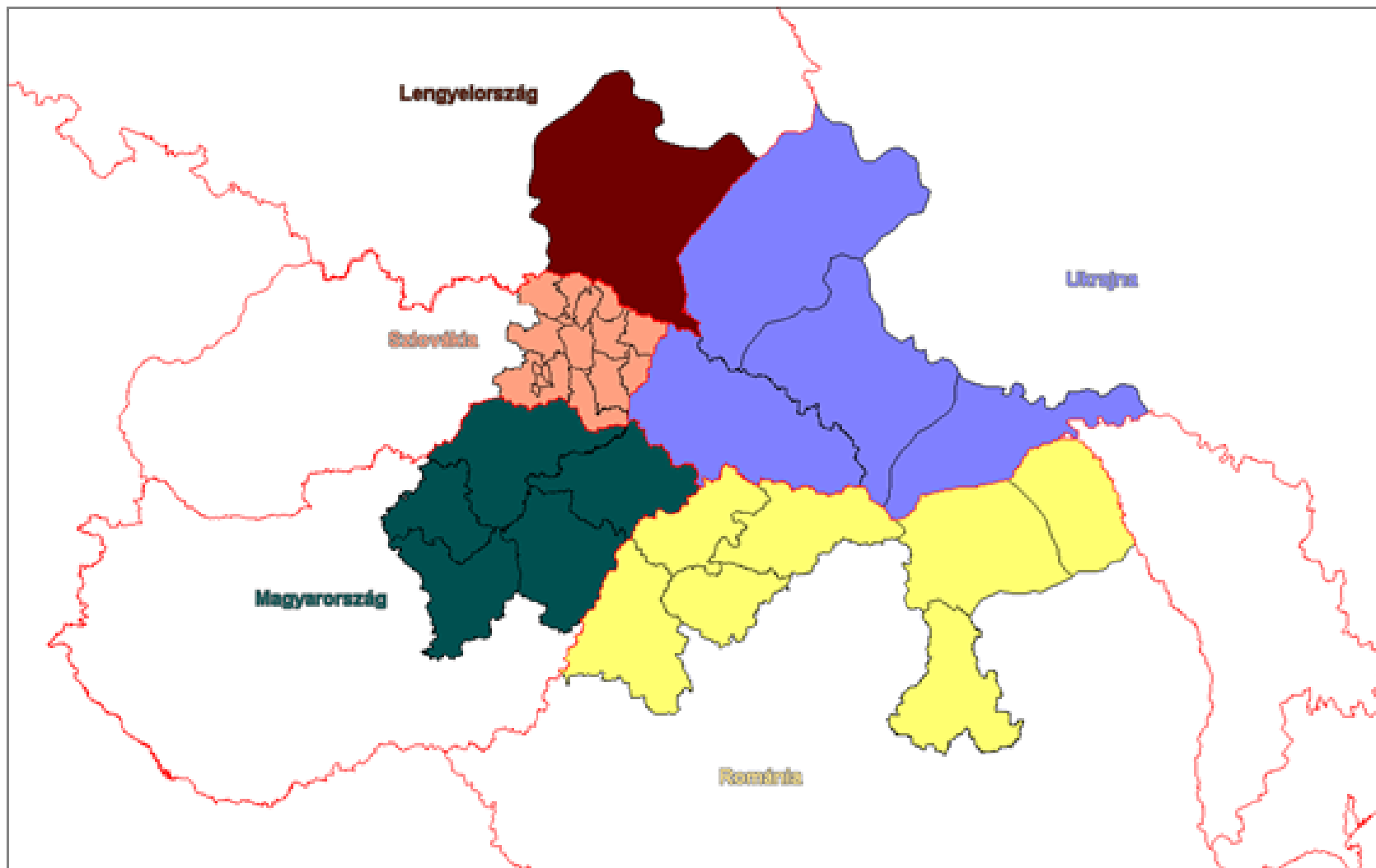
Border regime

Smuggling with catapults and unidentified flying objects



Cross-border cooperation

The Carpathian Euroregion (since 1993)



Cross-border cooperation

16 October, 2015: funding meeting of the first EGTC involving a third country entity as member (Zakarpattya region, Ukraine)



Cross-border cooperation

28 May, 2018: International conference „Supporting the Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine through the Example of Transcarpathia“



September, 2018: the Ukrainian parliament amends the law on cross-border cooperation including the EGTC tool – with the contribution of the Tisza EGTC

Cross-border cooperation

29 August, 2019: kick-off of the Revital I project aiming to unfold and eliminate the underground salt pollution at Solotvyno



Cross-border cooperation

12 September 2019: closing event of the Council of Europe cross-border leadership academy



Cross-border cooperation

20 September, 2019: introduction of the legal-institutional guide for EGTCs in Ukraine



Thank you for your attention!

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