WHAT FUTURE FOR EUROPE?
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Who We Are

CEC was founded in 1959 as a bridge-building organisation between churches in Eastern and Western Europe. Today the Conference has grown to 115 Member Churches from all corners of Europe, and also works closely with many National Councils of Churches and Organisations in Partnership.

We confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures and therefore seek to fulfill together their common calling to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

How We Work

We establish for fora programmatic development, research, and dialogue. This is achieved through a number of participatory working mechanisms that bring together the expertise found in our Member Churches, Organisations in Partnership, and National Councils of Churches.

These include Thematic Reference Groups, consultations, collaboration with partners and more.

Vision

In its commitment to Europe as a whole, the vision of the Conference is to promote a community of Churches sharing their spiritual life, seeking reconciliation, strengthening their common witness and service and fostering the unity of the Church.

In providing an authentic, credible and socially responsible Christian witness, it will work towards building a human, social and sustainable Europe at peace with itself and its neighbours in which human rights and solidarity prevail.
The year 2016 will remain in European history as the year of more deaths on external EU borders than ever before. By United Nations estimation, 5,096 women and men and children died or disappeared trying to make their way from the Middle East and Africa to Europe. This happened despite that the overall numbers of migrants were lower than in previous years. Thousands of people fell victim to human trafficking, paying all their savings to criminals, and ended up in a lawless existence in the shadows of European welfare societies. The task of the churches and the Conference of European Churches, together with the Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe, is to raise their voices, and to question the foresight and morality of the policies that have led to these tragedies. It is possible that these events represent a symbolic shift of times, which the ecumenical movement needs to grasp and discern.

The referendum decision of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union was a surprise to most ecumenical and political actors. This and other important developments speak of a broad disappointment and frustration with democratic institutions in the global West. It needs to be taken seriously, not least because many practising church members share these views. In the context of CEC, the UK referendum has caused churches to express their need to be linked with Europe more closely than before. The need for CEC to enhance its relations with Member Churches is a timely task across Europe. In 2016, such conversation with the Member Churches was undertaken in a focused way through the open letter What future for Europe, and through the churches’ responses to it. This is part of the continuous task for CEC to rediscover and redefine ecumenical commitment in each generation.

Two ecumenical events in 2016 will remain in church history. Both the Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church (Crete 19 to 26 June) and the Joint Ecumenical Commemoration of the Reformation (Lund 31 October) consolidated achievements of ecumenical dialogue and rapprochement. In themselves, they did not involve new doctrinal or ecclesial initiatives, but both can inspire new ecumenical steps, based on existing convergences in self-understanding and mutual acceptance between confessional church families. The political developments in 2016 remind the Conference of European Churches that its membership is broader than the European Union. CEC needs to serve all its Member Churches, and it should not be perceived as a club of the privileged, prosperous, and powerful ones. The Christian witness to the salvation of the world through the Cross and the Resurrection needs to continue from age to age in the context of the world we live in, notwithstanding its upheavals and turmoil.
What future for Europe?

At its regular meeting in June, the CEC Governing Board approved an open letter, What future for Europe, addressed to its constituency on the current situation in Europe.

The influx of refugees, mass migration, violent conflicts and terrorist attacks, along with economic crises and growing Euroscepticism all challenge the European project and promotion of common values.

By way of response, the open letter elaborates a theological perspective to these issues and encourages churches to make a positive contribution in building a common European home. Through this process of consultation and dialogue, CEC returns to the fundamental question of common values and how these are expressed in Europe today.

We encourage our Member Churches and all Christians in Europe to affirm values such as respect for others, solidarity, and the building up of community.

Responses to this letter will feed into a series of regional consultations leading to the 2018 Novi Sad General Assembly.

Our Work

Economic and Ecological Justice

- The 11th Assembly of the European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN) took place in Helsinki (Finland) in June under the theme “Water in a Sustainable Future.” ECEN is the main working instrument of CEC for environmental engagement and responding to climate change. More than 80 delegates from all regions in Europe travelled to Finland—a country with some 188,000 lakes—to discuss the place of water in a sustainable future.

- The Assembly captured momentum from the historic Paris Agreement on climate change and worked to strengthen churches’ cooperation and engagement in the post-Paris era. At the end of the Assembly, delegates issued a statement emphasizing the theological and biblical imperative to work for water justice.

- At the international level, CEC was present at the United Nations Climate Chance Conference (COP22) in Marrakech (Morocco) as part of the World Council of Churches’ delegation. At this important international gathering, taking place just days after the Paris Agreement came into effect, faith leaders from around the world—including the CEC General Secretary and President—spoke together in a shared statement on climate change. The statement made a number of appeals, including shifting funds from fossil fuels to renewable energy and increased attention to the rights of indigenous peoples.

Employment and Social Issues

- CEC work in the area of employment and social issues continued to advocate for socially inclusive and sustainable European policy throughout 2016. The Thematic Reference Group contributed to a public consultation launched by the European Commission on a future European Pillar of Social rights, which shall define more clearly and foster the social dimension of the European Union and especially the Economic and Monetary Union. Together with Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Union (COMECE) amendments were proposed to a report of the European Parliament on the pillar, which were taken into consideration and adopted.

- Since mid-2015 CEC has been home to the secretariat for the European Sunday Alliance (ESA), a network committed to the synchronisation of free time, decent working hours, and work-life balance. In November, the ESA hosted a third full-day conference in the European Economic and Social Committee, Work-Life Balance 4.0: Challenges in a time of digitalization. Throughout the day over 100 participants discussed how digitalisation will increasingly impact all aspects of our lives. On this occasion the European Sunday Alliance also launched a resolution for better work-life balance and synchronised free time in the age of digitalisation. A number of church leaders and MEPs have signaled their commitment and signed the resolution.

European Economic Governance

- The CEC ad-hoc working group on European Economic Governance brought together concerns from several CEC programmatic areas to develop an important interdisciplinary text, Seeking Justice and Prosperity for Our Common Future in the European Union. The discussion paper was a result of intensive consultation and reflection among CEC Member Churches. The text seeks to be a reflection of CEC on the relationship between economy, politics, ethics, and theology. It also hopes to develop a pointed contribution to the discussion on European economic governance, as it was shaped at the EU-level in the wake of recent economic and financial crises. The text was adopted by the CEC Governing Board in November and dovetails with overall work reflecting on the future of Europe leading to the 2018 General Assembly in Novi Sad (Serbia).

Bioethics

- The experts of the Thematic Reference Group on Bioethics addressed a number of pressing issues emerging both from church contexts and the European political institutions, especially the Council of Europe. The group decided that reproductive technologies and the beginning of life, as well as gene editing will form the central focus of their work in the final years before the 2018 General Assembly of the Conference of European Churches. In 2016, members of the group took part in a consultation on the ethics of reproductive medicine organised by the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe. We continued and strengthened our work vis-à-vis the Council of Europe as an observer in the Steering Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO). Its work includes a range of contemporary challenges, including gene editing, genetic testing and insurance, and emerging technologies.
Education for Democratic Citizenship

- Through the Thematic Reference Group on Education for Democratic Citizenship, CEC continued to promote peace and reconciliation, intercultural dialogue, and democratic participation in European society. Coordinated through our Strasbourg office, our work in this area focused on dialogue with the Council of Europe, including status as an official observer on the Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice. Here, experts discussed the consequences of mass migration and refugees in Europe and the rise of populism and extreme right-wing parties and movements. The moderator of the TRG joined CEC General Secretary Fr Heikki Huttunen at the 25th session of the Standing Conference of Ministers of Education in Brussels in April where the theme was “Securing Democracy through Education.”

EU Policy and Legislation

- In cooperation with the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) Brussels’s office, CEC carries out monitoring and action on EU policy and legislation. The Thematic Reference Group working in this area met twice in 2016. The first meeting in Athens addressed the situation of the Evangelical Church in Greece and its legal status after the official recognition as a legal entity by the Greek state in 2014. The group learned about the commitment of the church in assisting vulnerable refugees, for example in Idomeni at the Greek-Macedonian border. The group also discussed the UK EU referendum and the position of the churches in Europe. At their October meeting the group deliberated two cases pending before the European Court of Justice regarding the ban on wearing headscarves in private companies, the state of play of the rule of law dialogue with Poland and of the United Kingdom withdrawing from the European Union. They also had an exchange regarding Article 17 of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union, which guarantees the churches’ dialogue with the European Institutions.

Ecclesiology and Theological Dialogue

- Together with the Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark, CEC convened a consultation on migration and ecclesiology. The consultation focused on the challenges that migration poses to our theological reflection of what it means to be Church in Europe by responding to the World Council of Churches’ Faith and Order document, The Church: Towards a Common Vision. The response, addressing questions around gospel and culture, unity and reconciled diversity, and the actual practice of being Church, will be submitted in 2017. The gathering provided opportunity for dialogue on the changing religious landscape of Europe and the effects of these changes on the theological and societal self-understanding of churches.

Human Rights

- Together with the Theological School of Aristotle University, the Conference of European Churches organised the 3rd Annual Summer School on Human Rights in June in Thessaloniki (Greece). More than 90 people, representing a diversity of countries and Christian traditions, participated in the week-long event devoted to women and children’s rights. Participants discussed legal, theological, and practical aspects of the right of women and children to food, shelter, education, health care and participation in society.

- In September, CEC along with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung convened a hearing at the European Parliament on freedom of religion or belief. Panel presentations focused on different situations from around the world, including the loss of access to holy and worship sites, prejudice, and genocide. All those who spoke stressed the importance of education and youth formation in cultivating peace and combating prejudice.

- Later in the autumn, religious leaders, human rights advocates, and representatives from youth and international organisations gathered in Zagreb (Croatia) for a conference on religious minorities as part of culturally diverse societies. As an outcome of their dialogue, participants released a communiqué calling for increased cooperation, the creation of conditions for peaceful coexistence in diverse societies, and promoting dialogue between majority and minority churches and communities.

- Throughout 2016, CEC developed ongoing dialogue with Dr Ján Figel’ Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside of the EU and his team in Brussels. CEC updated the Special Envoy on current activities, including calls from European churches to the European Union to prepare a separate report on freedom of religion outside the EU.
Peacebuilding and Reconciliation

- The Thematic Reference Group on Peacebuilding and Reconciliation was active this year in advocacy vis-à-vis the European Institutions. In March, the group issued a statement in support of European Parliament resolutions on arms exports, which included a call for arms embargo against Saudi Arabia in light of the humanitarian situation in Yemen. The group affirmed its support for the legally binding criteria of the EU Common Position and the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty and urged CEC Member Churches to take this pressing issue into consideration. In October, the group spoke out against a proposal from the European Commission on amending the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP), which might open way for the EU to use development funds to support military activity of third countries.

Migration and Asylum

- The Conference of European Churches works closely with the Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe to promote refugee protection, safe and legal pathways to Europe, and advocacy at the European level. Throughout 2016, CCME continued its work on the so-called Dublin regulation, which specifies which EU Member State should examine an application for asylum. In February, CCME hosted a seminar on sharing responsibility for refugee protection. In the autumn, CCME continued its advocacy on this front in collaboration with nine other church organisations and submitted comments on the European Commission’s proposal on the Dublin regulation.

- In June, together with the Conference of European Churches, World Council of Churches, and Protestant Church in the Netherlands, CCME brought together church leaders and those working directly on refugee issues for a consultation—“Have No Fear”—in Lunteren (Netherlands). They addressed fears and anxieties in societies experiencing increased immigration. Participants identified opportunities for collaboration on joint assistance and advocacy initiatives, met with refugees who had made dangerous journeys to Europe, and issued a statement calling for a coordinated global response to the challenges facing refugees.

- The United Nations General Assembly held a historic conference on the rights of refugees and migrants in September. In advance of the summit, CCME cooperated with Church World Service USA in a preparatory consultation in July, and along with ACT Alliance, the World Council of Churches, and Churches Witnessing With Migrants issued a joint statement calling for world leaders to address the root causes of large-scale forced movements and reaffirm existing international human rights laws.

- CCME continued to develop its Safe Passage project throughout the year, advocating for safe and legal ways to enter Europe, including through the reduction of visa restrictions and accessible legal travel options. The programme emphasizes a number of practical ways to provide safe passage for refugees and migrants. These include increasing the number of resettlement places for refugees, granting of humanitarian visa as well as increased family reunification and suspending visa requirements for refugees from war areas and dictatorships. Safe Passage also calls for maintaining civilian search and rescue operations at sea.

Ecumenical Relations

- In 2016 the Conference of European Churches enjoyed another year of fruitful and creative collaboration with European partners and the worldwide ecumenical community. At the global level, we continued our close relationship with the World Council of Churches, especially during its Central Committee meeting where we presented our recently approved open letter What Future for Europe. We also came together with the WCC for a consultation on migration in June, along with the Protestant Church in the Netherlands and the Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe.

- In June, CEC President Rt Rev. Christopher Hill KCVO, DD was one of few official ecumenical observers to the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. The consilium document The relations of the Orthodox Church with the rest of the Christian world made special mention of CEC and its important mission in promoting unity.

- Events in the neighbourhood of Europe, including the ongoing refugee crisis, inspired closer work and solidarity with Christians in the Middle East and Africa. In September, CEC General Secretary Fr Heikki Huttunen travelled to Amman (Jordan) for the Xi General Assembly of the Middle East Council of Churches.

- At home in Europe, we continued our historic collaboration with Roman Catholic partners. The presidencies of CEC and the Council of European Bishops’ Conferences (CCEE) enjoyed a meeting in Brussels and the CEC and COMECE joined forces for a dialogue seminar with the European Commission on unresolved fears in European societies prompted by mass migration.

- National Councils of Churches in Europe continued to serve an instrumental role in fostering Christian unity at the national level. These bodies are indispensable partners in ecumenical networking, as their constituency includes both CEC Member Churches and a significant number of other churches, including the Catholic Church in many countries. CEC convened its annual gathering of National Councils of Churches in June in Lisbon (Portugal) at the invitation of the Portuguese Council of Christian Churches (COPIC). Those gathered enjoyed fruitful exchange on concerns emerging from their national contexts, including refugees and migrants, religious freedom, and European affairs.
Governing Board

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- Rev. Christian Krieger (Union of Protestant Churches in Alsace and Lorraine)
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  Proxy: Rev. Stephen von Twardowski (United Methodist Church in Germany)

- Ms Julija Vidovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)
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* As a result of the death of Rev. Gwynn ap Gwilym (Church of Wales) in July, the Rev. Canon Dr Leslie Nathaniel (Church of England) was confirmed as a full member of the Governing Board.
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  Romanian Orthodox Church
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  Reformed Church in Hungary
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  United Methodist Church in Germany
- Rev. Dr Raag Rolfsen
  Church of Norway / Christian Council of Norway
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  Ecumenical Patriarchate
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Peacebuilding and Reconciliation

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  Church of Greece
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  Church of Ireland
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  Evangelical Church in Germany
- Mr Reins Vanags
  Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
- Mr Pantel Vingas
  Ecumenical Patriarchate
- Ms Louise Wilkins
  Methodist Church in Britain

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  Church of Greece
- Dr Joanna Matuszewska
  Evangelical Reformed Church in Poland
- Prof. Dr David McLean
  Church of England
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  Church of Ireland
- Prof. Dr Rüdiger Stotz
  Evangelical Church in Germany
- Mr Reins Vanags
  Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
- Mr Pantel Vingas
  Ecumenical Patriarchate
- Ms Louise Wilkins
  Methodist Church in Britain
Member Churches

Albania
- Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Albania

Armenia
- Armenian Apostolic Church

Austria
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria
- Old Catholic Church of Austria
- Reformed Church of Austria
- United Methodist Church in Austria

Belgium
- United Protestant Church in Belgium

Bulgaria
- Pentecostal Assemblies of Bulgaria
- Union of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Bulgaria
- United Methodist Church in Bulgaria

Croatia
- Baptist Union of Croatia
- Church of God in Croatia
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Croatia
- Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Croatia
- Reformed Christian (Calvinist) Church in Croatia

Czech Republic
- Czechoslovak Hussite Church
- Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
- Old Catholic Church in the Czech Republic
- Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and Slovakia
- Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Czech Republic
- United Methodist Church in the Czech Republic

Denmark
- Baptist Union of Denmark
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

Estonia
- Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (Canada)
- Estonian (Apostolic) Orthodox Church

Finland
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
- Orthodox Church of Finland

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- United Methodist Church in the FYR of Macedonia

France
- Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches of France
- Malagasy Protestant Church in France
- Union of Protestant Churches in Alsace and Lorraine
- United Protestant Church of France

Georgia
- Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia
Germany
- Catholic Diocese of the Old-Catholics in Germany
- Evangelical Church in Germany
- Union of Evangelical Free Church Congregations in Germany (Baptist Union)
- United Methodist Church in Germany

Greece
- Church of Greece
- Evangelical Church of Greece

Hungary
- Baptist Union of Hungary
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary
- Reformed Church in Hungary
- United Methodist Church in Hungary

Iceland
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland

Ireland
- Church of Ireland
- Methodist Church in Ireland
- Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Italy
- Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy
- Evangelical Methodist Church in Italy
- Waldensian Church in Italy

Latvia
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
- Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (Germany)

Liechtenstein
- Evangelical Church in the Principality of Liechtenstein

Lithuania
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania
- Lithuanian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany

Luxembourg
- Protestant Churches in Luxembourg

Netherlands
- Mennonite Church in the Netherlands
- Old-Catholic Church of the Netherlands
- Protestant Church in the Netherlands
- Remonstrant Church

Norway
- Church of Norway

Poland
- Baptist Union of Poland
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland
- Evangelical Reformed Church in Poland
- Old-Catholic Mariavite Church in Poland
- Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church
- Polish Catholic Church (Old-Catholic)
- United Methodist Church in Poland

Portugal
- Evangelical Methodist Church in Portugal
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal
- Lusitanian Catholic Apostolic Evangelical Church

Romania
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (Sibiu)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (Cluj-Napoca)
- Reformed Church in Romania (Királyhagomélek district)
- Romanian Orthodox Church
- Transylvanian Reformed Church

Russia
- Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Russia
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia
- Russian Orthodox Church (suspended its membership in 2008)

Serbia
- Reformed Christian Church in Serbia and Montenegro
- Serbian Orthodox Church
- Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia
- United Methodist Church in Serbia

Slovak Republic
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia
- Orthodox Church in the Czech Lands and Slovakia
- Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia

Slovenia
- Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Republic of Slovenia

Spain
- Spanish Evangelical Church
- Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church
Sweden
- Church of Sweden
- Uniting Church in Sweden

Switzerland
- United Methodist Church in Switzerland
- Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches
- Old Catholic Church of Switzerland

Ukraine
- Reformed Church in Transcarpathia

United Kingdom
- Baptist Union of Great Britain
- Church in Wales
- Church of England
- Church of Scotland
- Congregational Federation of the United Kingdom
- Council of African and Caribbean Churches in the UK
- Methodist Church in Britain
- Presbyterian Church of Wales
- Salvation Army UK Territory/Ireland
- Shiloh United Church of Christ Apostolic Worldwide
- United Reformed Church

International Areas
- Ecumenical Patriarchate
- European Baptist Federation
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States
- Moravian Church - European Continental Province
- Salvation Army - International Headquarters
- United Methodist Church - Nordic & Baltic Area

National Councils of Churches
- Action of Churches Together in Scotland
- Christian Council of Norway
- Christian Council of Sweden
- Christian Interconfessional Consultative Committee

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
- Churches Together in England
- Churches Together in Wales
- Consultation of Christian Churches in Belgium
- Council of Christian Churches in Germany
- Council of Christian Churches in Slovenia
- Council of Churches in the Netherlands
- Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania (AIDRom)
- Ecumenical Council of Churches in Austria
- Ecumenical Council of Churches in Hungary
- Ecumenical Council of Churches in Slovakia
- Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic
- Ecumenical Council of Churches in Lithuania
- Estonian Council of Churches
- Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy
- French Protestant Federation
- Finnish Ecumenical Council
- Irish Council of Churches
- Malta Ecumenical Council (Christians Together in Malta)
- National Council of Churches in Denmark
- Polish Ecumenical Council
- Portuguese Council of Christian Churches
- Spanish Committee on Cooperation between the Churches
- Swedish Free Church Council
- Swiss National Ecumenical Council

Organisations in Partnership
- Church and Peace
- Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe
- Conference of European Clergy
- Conference of European University Chaplains
- Ecumenical Association for Adult Education in Europe
- Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women Eurobaconia
- European Alliance of Young Men Christian Associations
- European Forum of Christian Men
- InterEuropean Commission on Church and School
- International Association for Christian Education
- International Prison Chaplains' Association - Europe
- Oikosnet Europe
- Union of Evangelical Free Churches in Germany
- World Student Christian Federation - Europe
- Young Women Christian Association - Europe
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- Braunschweig parishes
- Kirche Bremgarten
- Walpurgis HEKE Propsteiverband
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