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REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

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# National Cyber Security Strategy 2018– 2022: RECAP

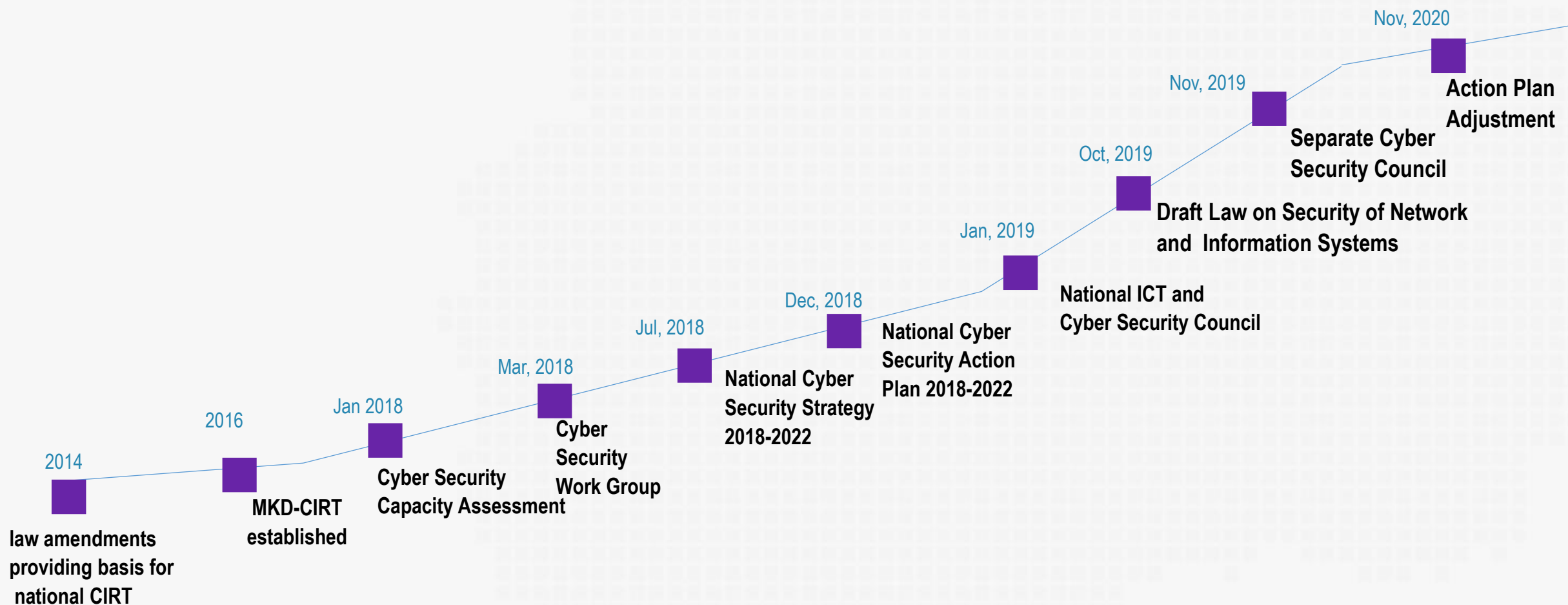
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# ABOUT US

## North Macedonia

- Population: 2,084,367 million
- Internet Penetration: 79,3 %
- Area: 25,713 km<sup>2</sup>
- Currency: MKD

# CYBER SECURITY ACTIVITIES TIMELINE



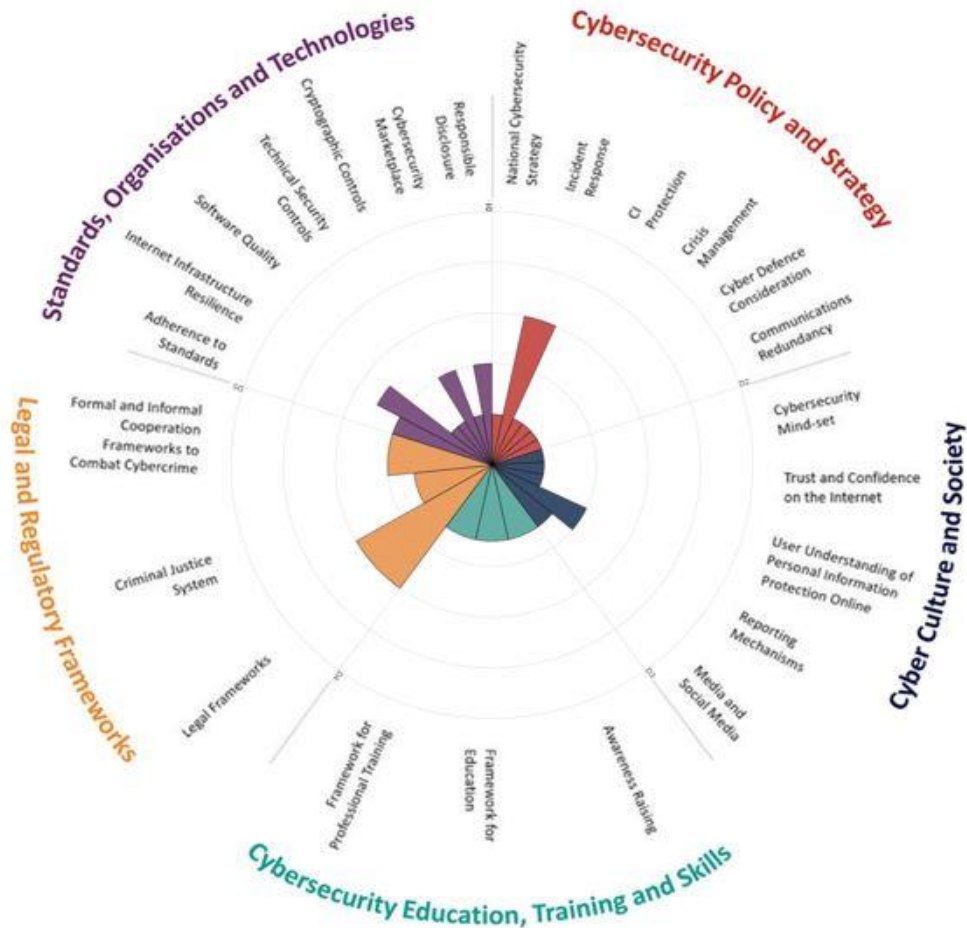


# Cyber Security Activities

- **2014** - Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communications providing basis for establishment of national CIRT (no obligation for mandatory incident reporting)
- **2016** - National Computer Incident Response Team MKD-CIRT team established within the Agency for electronic communications
- **Jan-Feb 2018** - Cyber Security Capacity Assessment (GCSCC, University of Oxford)
- **March 2018** - National Cyber Security Working Group established
- **July 2018** –National Cyber Security Strategy 2018-2022 adopted
- **December 2018** - National Cyber Security Action Plan 2018-2022 adopted
- **January 2019** – National ICT and Cyber Security Council established
- **October 2020** - Draft Law on Security of Network and Information Systems - public consultations started
- **November 2019** – Separate National Cyber Security Council established
- **February 2020** – [Adjustment](#) to National Cyber Security Action Plan/ Annual operational plan prepared

# CYBER SECURITY CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

**Jan-Feb 2018** - Cyber Security Capacity Assessment (Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, University of Oxford – World Bank partnership)



Source:

*The Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre | Oxford Martin School: Cybersecurity Capacity Review, Republic of North Macedonia, 2018*

# STRATEGY PREPARATION PROCESS



## Multi-stakeholder engagement – public consultation process

- Public sector entities
- Technology and telecommunications sector
- Finance sector
- Critical Infrastructure owners
- Academia
- Civil societies / NGOs
- International community





# NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY 2018-2022

## GOAL 5: Cooperation and exchange of information

Republic of Macedonia to protect its cyber space through cooperation and exchange of information at national and international level.

## GOAL 4: Cyber defence

Republic of Macedonia to strengthen its capacities for defence of national interests and to reduce current and future cyber space risks.

## GOAL 1: Cyber resilience

The Republic of Macedonia to have cyber resilient ICT infrastructure, and to identify and implement adequate solutions in order to protect the national interests.

## GOAL 2: Cyber capacities and cyber culture

The public sector, the private sector and the Macedonian society to have a comprehensive understanding of cyber threats and to have the necessary capacities to protect themselves.

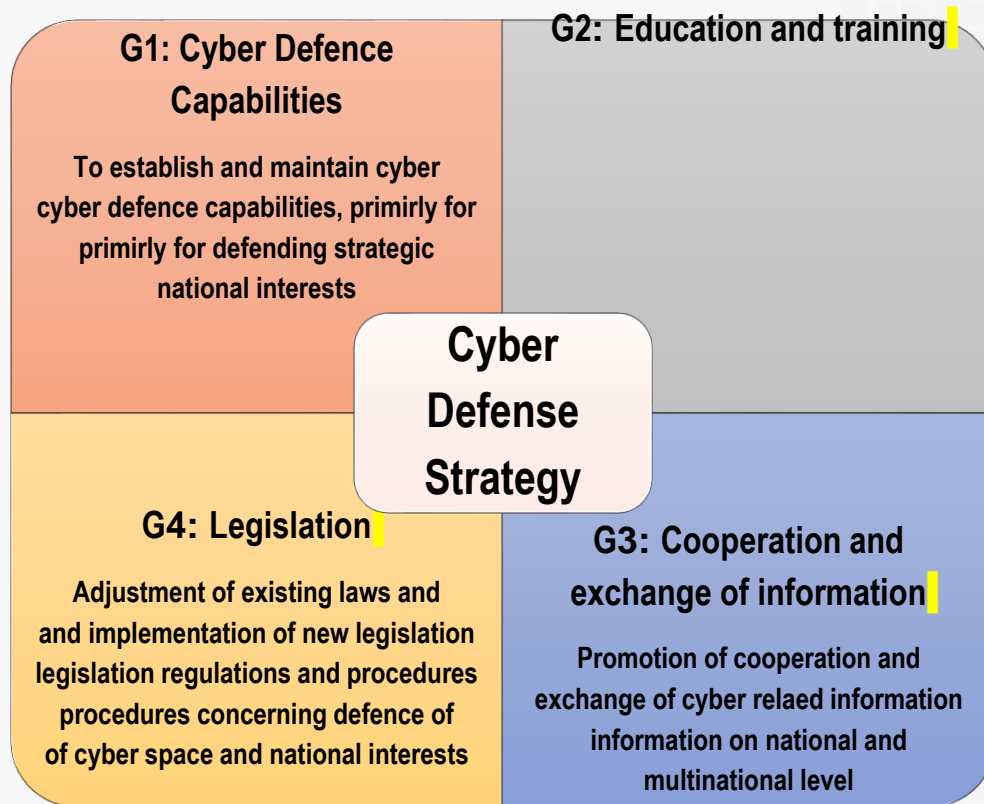
## GOAL 3: Combating cyber crime

Republic of Macedonia to strengthen its capacities for prevention, research and adequate response to cyber crime.





# Cyber Defense Strategy



## Goal I

- Building capabilities for protection of national interests
- Capabilities in support of NATO, EU projects and operations
- Capabilities to detect and deter cyber threats
- Management of crisis situation cyber originated

## Goal II

- Building cyber awareness concerning cyber defense system
- Develop strategic, operative and tactical level experts
- Establish Institute for Cyber Defense and digital forensics
- Participation in CCDCOE (NATO Cyber Center of Excellence)

## Goal III

- Develop system for monitoring and exchange of info concerning CII
- Develop civilian-military cooperation in cyber field
- Defining NSWAN point of contact and secure communication
- Incorporating into NATO's collective defense system

## Goal IV

- Unique legislation framework concerning cyber defense
- Methodology for cyber assessment of threats
- Define role of military capacities in defense of CII
- Coordination of military plan with national cyber defense

# Combating Cyber Crime

1. Advancing the cyber crime handling and management capacities.
2. Harmonizing the national with international policies related to cyber-crime
3. Development of a single, comprehensive legal framework for cyber crime, taking into consideration the applicable legal framework in the Republic of North Macedonia and EU.
4. Modernizing authorities in charge of cyber crime in order to efficiently combat cyber crime.
5. Establishing efficient procedures to report and research cyber crime.
6. Establishing formal procedures for cooperation and exchange of information in the field of cyber crime among relevant national entities and other security services.
7. Advancing cooperation with regional and international organizations in the fight against cyber crime.
8. Advancing the existing and establishing new mechanisms for cooperation and exchange of information with the private and civil sectors.
9. Securing expert-specialist education and training for individuals working in the field of identification and research of cyber crime.
10. Developing a multidisciplinary academic environment for the advancement of national capacities for cyber crime investigations.
11. Active participation in the creation of international cyber crime regulations and standards, as well as their implementation on national level.
12. Continuous assessment of the adequacy and efficiency of the national cyber crime regulation.
13. Providing continuous education and training for law enforcement entities in the field of cyber security, cyber crime and electronic evidence.

# NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY ACTION PLAN 2018-2022

## Priority activities

1. Establishing a National Cyber Security Council
2. Establishing a Body with operational cyber security capacities
3. Defining and protection of the Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) and other Important Information Systems (IIS)

\* Legal framework – harmonization of the EU NIS Directive, strengthening the authority of the National Centre for Computer Incident Response



# NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY COUNCIL

## Goal:

- strategic level decision making
- coordination and monitoring of implementation of the Strategy and Action plan
- prioritize cyber security at the top of the political agenda of North Macedonia

## Members:

- Minister of Information Society and Administration (chair)
- Minister of Interior
- Minister of Defence

1<sup>st</sup> session: 02.01.2020

- requested adjustments to the Strategy and Action plan

# BODY WITH OPERATIONAL CYBER SECURITY CAPACITIES

- in charge of operational implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan
- competencies defined in the new Draft Law on Security of Network and Information systems (\*planned as a part of Digital Agency)
- ongoing project for institutional restructuring (MISA)
- (temporary solution) Inter-ministerial working group established to support the National Cyber Security Council and coordinate the Action Plan on operational level

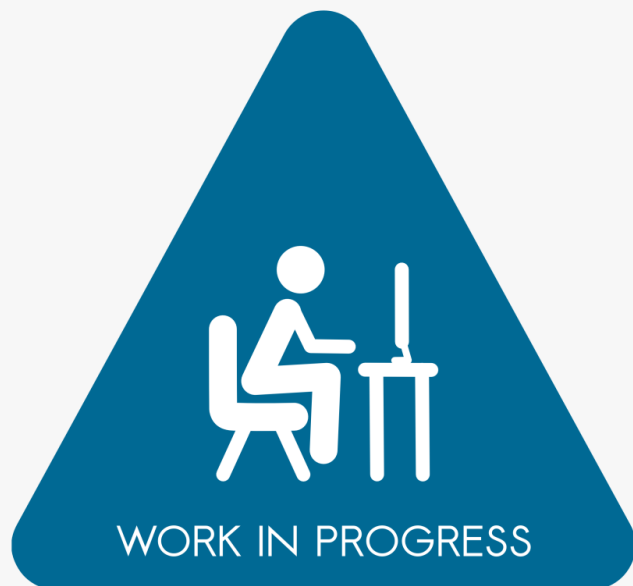


# CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- methodology for CII identification determined
- sectors determined in line with NIS directive
- CII mandated agencies identified for each sector

## next steps:

- capacity building in the CII mandated agencies (expert assistance required)
- determining sector-specific criteria
- establishing list of Critical Services and list of CI Operators
- CII assets and services identification





# LEGAL FRAMEWORK


- Draft Law on Security of Network and Information Systems (harmonization with NIS Directive 2016/1148 and in line with ENISA regulation EU 526/2013 and EU 2019/881)
- Extended public consultation process started October 2019
- Legally establishing the Body with operational cyber security capacities as Digital Agency
- Incorporate the National Centre for Computer Incident Response and increase its authorities and responsibilities
- Promote strategic collaboration and information sharing, define coordination between CSIRTS
- Adoption planned : **end of 2020**

# CYBER CAPACITIES AND CYBER CULTURE

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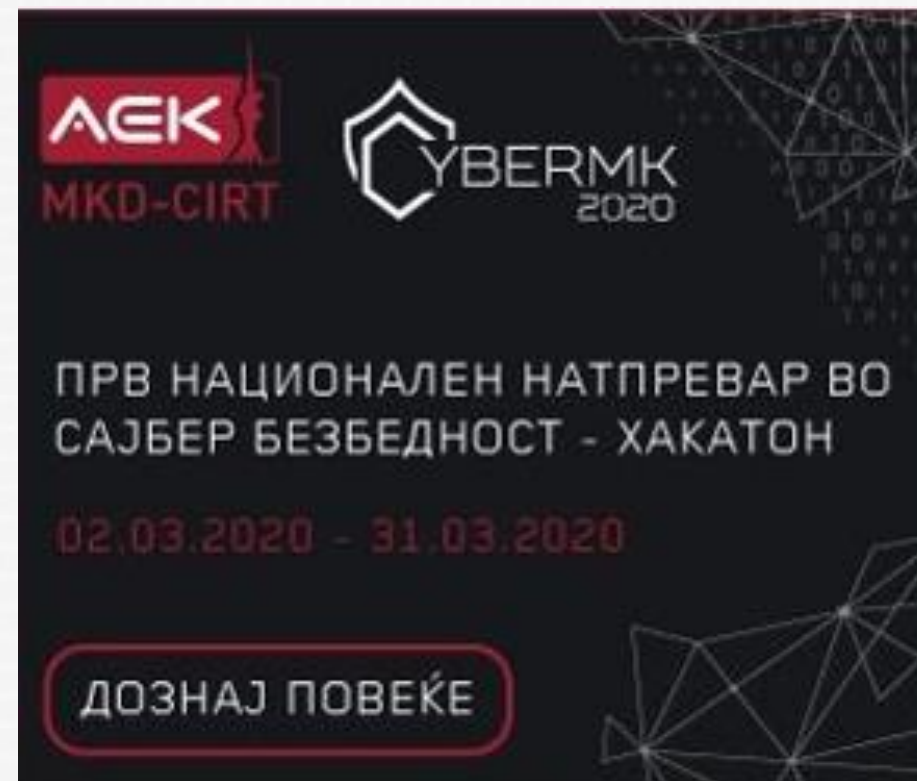
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## Cyber MK 2020 – First National Cyber Security Hackaton

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March Registration (online)
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March Prequalification (online)
- 25<sup>th</sup> March Semifinals (online)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March Finals (on site)





# CYBER CAPACITIES AND CYBER CULTURE

- ISO 27005 Certified Risk manager courses
- Vulnerability assessment courses
- MKD-CIRT technical capacities for SOC upgraded
- MKD-CIRT classroom with capacity of twenty participants
- MKD-CIRT laboratory for malware analysis and digital forensics equipped
- February – June 2020 - Network security and vulnerability assessment courses (NATO Peace for security program)

# COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- June 2019 – ITU Workshop for Europe on National Cyber Security Strategies
- June 2019 – Cyber Security Conference “CSIRTs and Cyber Resilience”
- July 2019 – UK-North Macedonia National Cyber Security Workshop
- October 2019 – Cyber Security Incident response - Coordination and communication workshop
- November 2019 – Cyber security training for primary school students, teaching staff and parents
- June 2020 - ITU cyber drill



# LESSONS LEARNED

- Budgeting
- Keep it lean, especially at the beginning: less people involved, more flexibility, fast action
- Accountability: one institution per activity only
- KPIs
- Realistic timeline
- Monitoring of the implementation
- Periodical revision of the action plan, taking into account current conditions
- Good practice: annual operational plan for effective implementation of activities





# INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS





# THANK YOU!

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