

# Glass is infinitely Recyclable



**FERVER**

Fédération Européenne des Recycleurs de Verre

Presentation

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Recycling  
Glass

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Respecting  
Nature



# Overview

Who are we?

The European Glass Recycling Market *(Packaging glass market)*

The European Glass Recycling Targets

The Belgian Green Dot System approach

Close Loop or Open Loop ?

Glass collection

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The ECO Balance of Glass Recycling

Who are we?

**F**édération **E**uropéenne des **R**ecycleurs de **V**erre

European Federation of Glass Recyclers

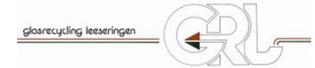
Founded in 2004 and based in Brussels (Belgium)

# FERVER 2017

32 Members

16 European countries

~ 1.500 Employees



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## FERVER 2017

Annual production : +16.000.000 ton

Annual Recycling : + 11.600.000 ton

FERVER members : 8.000.000 ton  
(70% of all European Packaging Glass Waste)

## **FERVER ongoing activities**

- End-of-Waste criteria for cullet (EOW)
- Quality improvement of cullet
- Lead reduction in cullet (Pb)
- End-of-life Vehicles (ELV)
- Photovoltaic equipment recycling (PV)
- Sustainability (labels, design, collection ...)

# Glass Recycling in Europe

Packaging glass



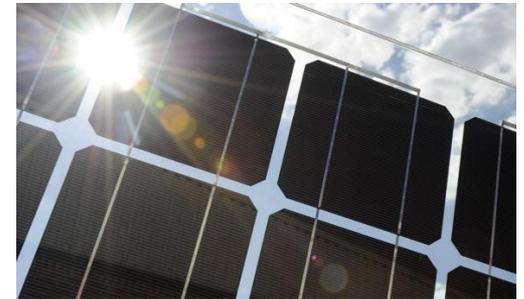
Flat glass



Automotive glass



PV glass



# Packaging Glass Recycling in Europe

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## Glass Recycling targets



Recycling glass  
respecting nature

# 70 / 20

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# CONTAINER GLASS - YEAR 2014

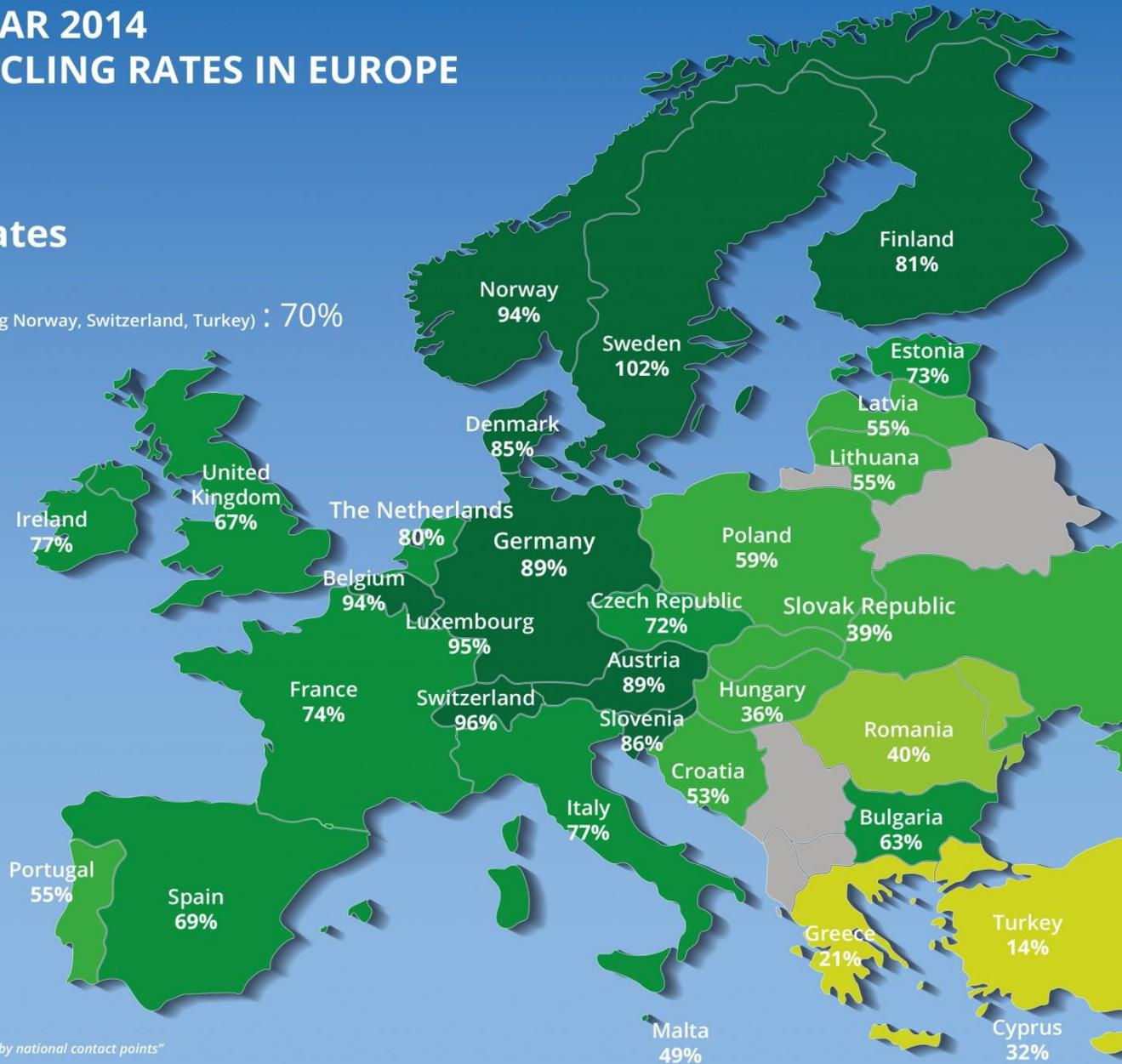
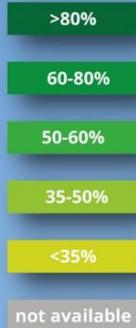
## COLLECTION FOR RECYCLING RATES IN EUROPE



### Average rates

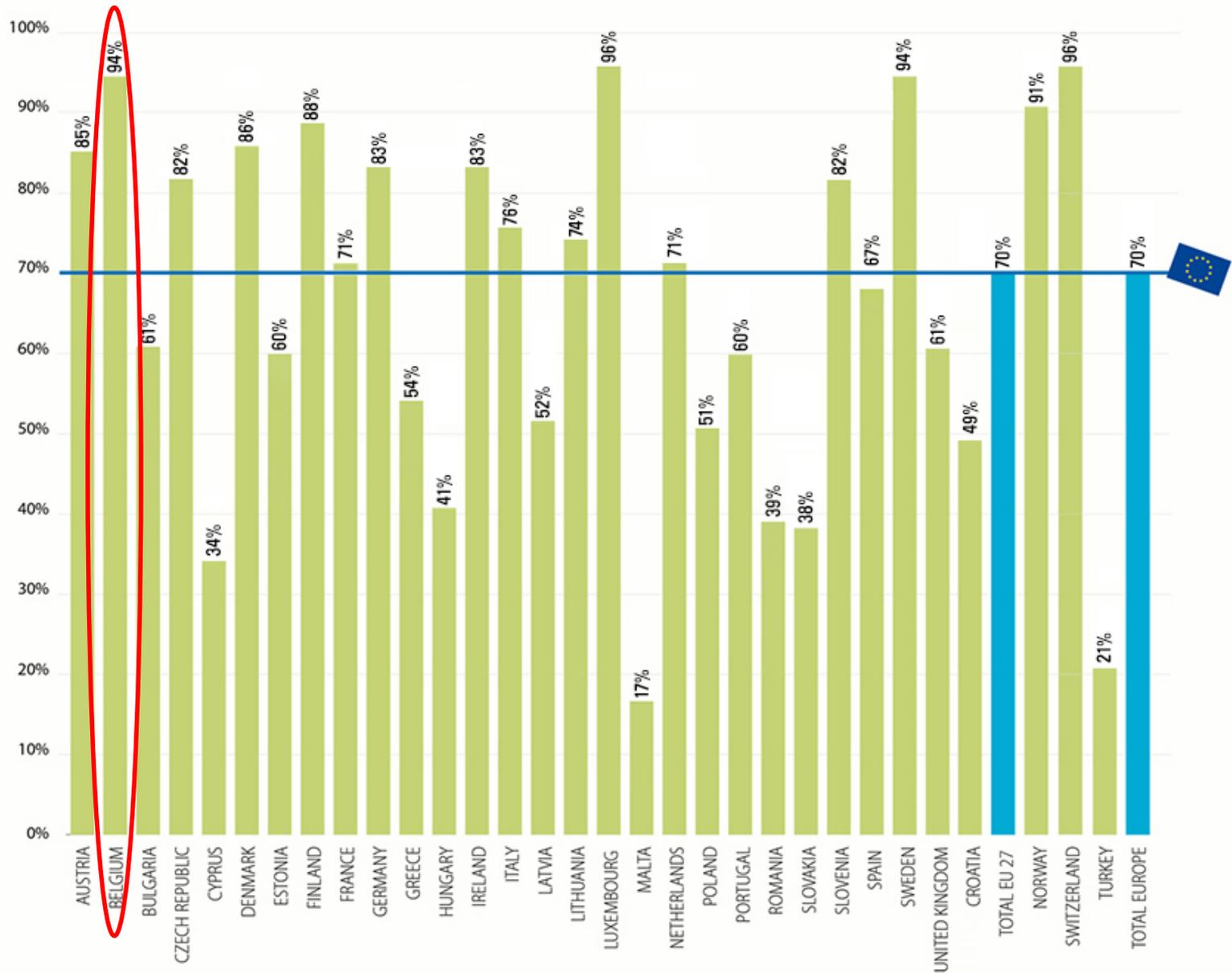
eu28 : 74%

europa (including Norway, Switzerland, Turkey) : 70%



*"Industry estimates based on the most recent available data provided by national contact points"*

CONTAINER GLASS - YEAR 2012  
COLLECTION FOR RECYCLING RATES IN EUROPE





## Glass Recycling targets



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90 / 30

EU countries should recycle at least 90% of their Packaging Glass Waste by 2030.

11.600.000 ton

Or **72,5%** of the 16.000.000 ton packaging glass produced in Europe

17.300.000\* ton

Or **90%** of the 19.200.000\* ton packaging glass produced in Europe.

*\*By an estimated consumption and production increase of 20% until 2030.*



Green Dot System



## Market approach:

### ***European tendering***

#### ***a. Collection***

- 5 to 7 years***
- incl. bottle banks (privately owned)***
- incl. site cleaning***

#### ***b. Acquisition of the material streams***

- 3 to 4 years***
- colour separated***
- fixed pricing over the period***
- ownership of the glass waste goes from the Green Dot system to the recycler.***



# Glass is a Raw Material again and again

## > Definition

# Recycling:

Recycling is a process to change (waste) materials into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful materials, reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials.

## Open-Loop Recycling

## Closed-Loop Recycling

> Recycling

# Open-Loop Recycling: Downcycling



> Recycling

# Closed-Loop Recycling

# Upcycling



# Collection

## > Collection

### Methods of collection:

### - Through the bottle bank



Mono bottle bank

Duo bottle bank



Underground bottle bank

## > Collection

### Methods of collection:

## - Curbside collection



## > Collection

Methods of collection:

- through private public collection sites



## > Collection

Methods of collection:

- through small stackable open bins



Quality

## > Quality

Quality of the collected glass waste:

### - Color sorting:

The quality of color sorting at the source is mainly determining the color of the new glass.



Verre blanc  
White glass



Verre vert  
Green glass



Verre brun  
Brown glass



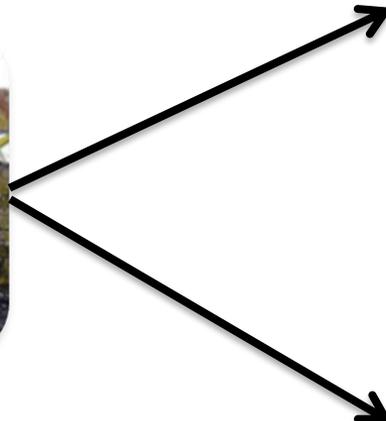
## > Quality

### Quality of the collected glass waste:

#### - Color sorting:

Color sorting at the recycling plant

Practiced by 95% of the European Glass Recycling Plants



Verre blanc  
White glass



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Verre vert  
Green glass



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OR



## > Quality

### Quality of the collected glass waste:

#### - Color sorting:

Color sorting at the recycling plant

Practiced by 5% of the European Glass Recycling Plants



Verre blanc  
White glass



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Verre vert  
Green glass



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Verre brun  
Brown glass



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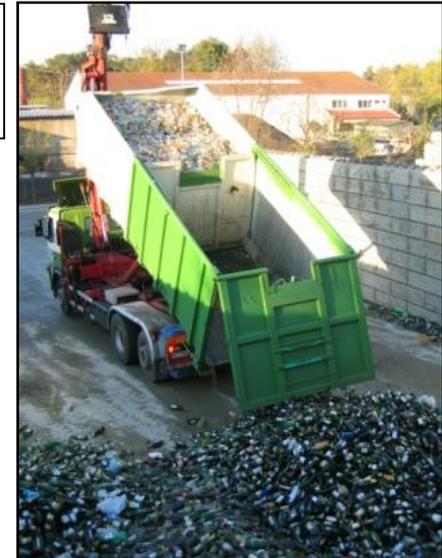
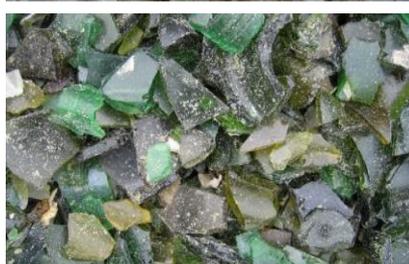
## > Summary

Quality of the collected glass waste:

### - Color sorting:

Color sorting at the source gives the highest recovery rate

- Color sorting if possible
- (> 90% color pureness)



## > Quality

Quality of the collected glass waste:

### Unwanted pollution:

**Ceramics and Heat Resistant glass** causes serious problems in the production of new glass.

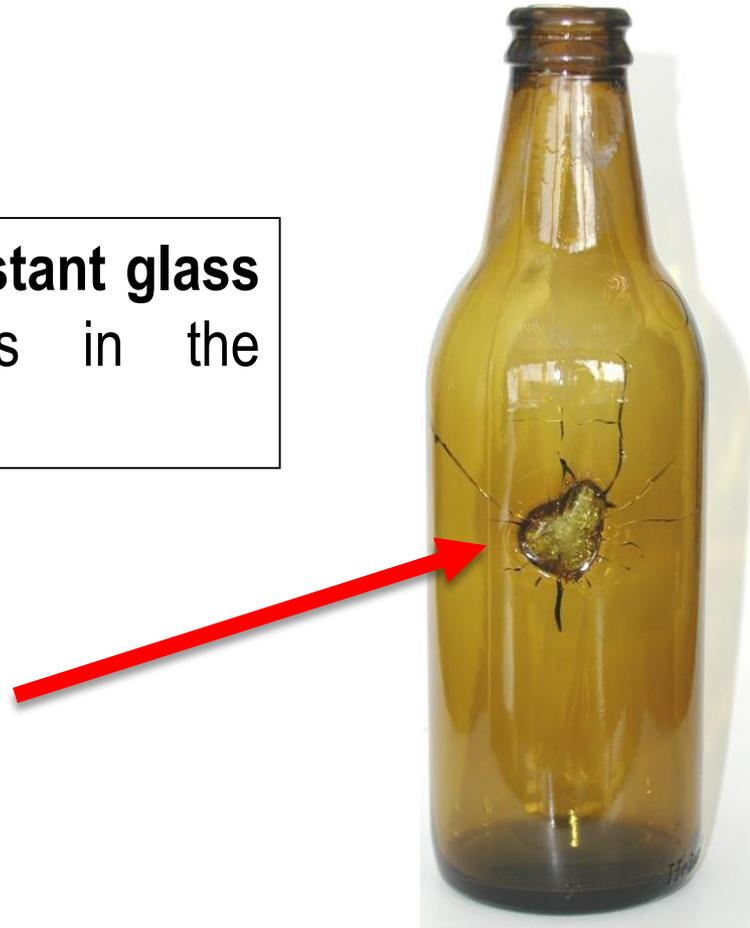


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### Unwanted pollution:

**Ceramics and Heat Resistant glass** cause serious problems in the production of new glass.



## > Quality

Quality of the collected glass waste:

### Unwanted pollution:

**Organic contamination** causes problems in the recycling and production process of new glass.



## > Quality

Quality of the collected glass waste:

### Unwanted pollution:

**Cristal Glass** increases the heavy metal content in new glass.



## > Quality

Quality of the collected glass waste:

**The operators play an important role:**



Well trained and motivated operators can turn glass waste into a good recyclable quality.

# Eco Balance

# Eco Balance of Glass Recycling



> Eco balance



**Men and environment**

1. MINING PRIMARY RAW MATERIALS

+

LANDFILLING GLASS WASTE

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**DISTURBING the ECOLOGICAL BALANCE**

> Eco balance



Men and environment

2. Use of FURNACE READY CULLET

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**VALUABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR PRIMARY RAW MATERIALS**

☛ Raw material batch for the production of green packaging glass

**90% FURNACE READY CULLET**  
**10% PRIMARY RAW MATERIALS**

**1 ton Furnace Ready Cullet = 1 ton new glass**

**1.2 ton Primary Raw Materials = 1 ton new glass**

> Eco balance



Men and environment

3. Use of FURNACE READY CULLET  
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REDUCTION OF THE MELTING TEMPERATURE  
**SAVES ENERGY**  
REDUCTION OF CO<sub>2</sub>- EMISSIONS

**SAVES ENERGY**

- ☛ Per 4% cullet use **1% energy saving.**  
**90 % cullet use = ±25 % energy saving.**

Per ton cullet use, 112 Kg fuel can be saved

- ☛ Belgium: 360.000 ton cullet can save 40.320 ton fuel

## > Eco balance



### Men and environment

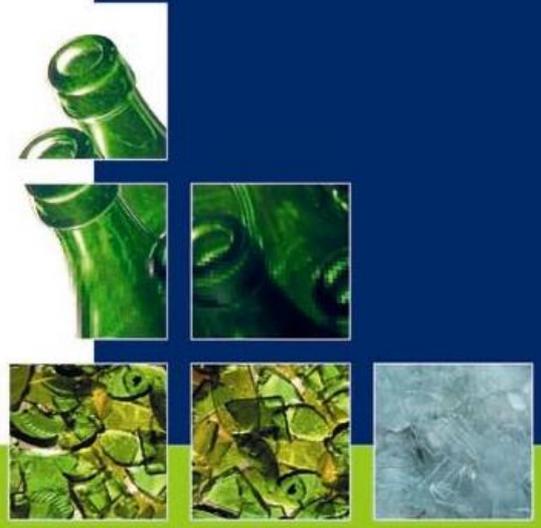
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### **REDUCTION OF CO<sub>2</sub>- EMISSION**

- ☛ **Per ton furnace Ready Cullet a reduction of 315 kg CO<sub>2</sub> can be realised**, in comparison with the use of primary raw materials. This includes processing and logistics of the cullet. (study British Glass)
- ☛ Belgium: 360.000 ton cullet = 113.400 ton CO<sub>2</sub>-savings  
Europe: 10.000.000 ton cullet = 3.150.000 ton CO<sub>2</sub>-savings

# Recycling

glass



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