



# Here to stay?

Young people from Eastern Europe  
living in the UK Survey

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# Before you start....

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the Here to stay? survey, we appreciate your interest and support.

Before you start the survey, please confirm that you meet all these conditions:

- you have read the Information Sheet which gives you information on the project
- you voluntarily agree to participate
- you have lived in the UK for at least 3 years, but were not born here
- you are 12-18 years of age
- at least one of your parents is from a Central Eastern European country

Some of the Central Eastern European countries are:

Bulgaria

Czech Republic

Estonia

Hungary

Latvia

Lithuania

Poland

Slovakia

Slovenia

Romania

Russia

Ukraine

If you agree with the statements above, please tick this box ☐

# Section 1: About me

In this section we ask a few questions to find out a bit about you and who you are.

1. How old are you? [please select one answer only]

12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐

2. What is your gender? [please tick one answer only]

Male ☐

Female ☐

Other (please write in)

Transgender ☐

Prefer not to say ☐

3. Which country were you born in? [please select one country only]

Bulgaria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latvia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slovenia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Czech Republic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lithuania	<input type="checkbox"/>	Romania	<input type="checkbox"/>
Estonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Russia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hungary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slovakia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ukraine	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other country ☐

[write country you were born in here:\_\_\_\_\_]

4. What country were your parents born in?  
[please write your answer in the box]

5.a. What do you feel is your national identity? For example, you could feel Scottish, Romanian, Polish or English or Polish-British. [please write your answer in the box]

5.b. What nationality is your passport? Most people will have just one passport, but if you have more than one passport, please list all that you have.



6. What is your ethnic group? [please select one answer only]

- ☐ White
- ☐ Gypsy/Traveller/Roma
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black
- ☐ Mixed or multiple heritage

Other ethnic group- please describe your ethnicity

7. Do you belong to a religion? [please tick one box only]

- |                         |                          |                     |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Baptist                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Calvinist               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orthodox            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Roman or Greek Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presbyterian        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jewish                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pentecostal         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lutheran                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Protestant          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Methodist               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Atheist/No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other (please write in)

8. How interested are you in politics? [please tick one box only]

- ☐ Completely disinterested
- ☐ Not very interested
- ☐ Neither interested, nor disinterested
- ☐ Quite interested
- ☐ Very interested

9. If you could vote, which party would you be most likely to vote for? [please tick one box only]

- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Labour
- ☐ Liberal Democrats
- ☐ Green Party
- ☐ Scottish Nationalist Party
- ☐ UKIP
- ☐ I wouldn't vote
- ☐ I don't know





10. When you compare your family with other families, how well off do you think your family is financially? [please tick one only]

- ☐ Very badly off
- ☐ Quite badly off
- ☐ Neither well off, nor badly off
- ☐ Quite well off
- ☐ Very well off
- ☐ I don't know

11. Did your parents go to university?

- ☐ Yes, both/all parents
- ☐ Yes, one parent
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

12. Do you have any special circumstances that affect your ability to carry out your daily activities? [please tick all that apply to your situation]

A physical condition or disability ☐

A mental health issue, e.g. anxiety, depression ☐

A long term condition, like diabetes or asthma ☐

You are a carer for someone else in your family, for example, you help someone elderly or disabled regularly ☐

Other  
[please write which]

None apply to me ☐

13. What is your postcode? [please write in the boxes]

*[the postcode is the same for several streets in your area, so we won't know your address]*

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## Section 2: My migration story

This section asks you about your move to the UK. Your answers will help us understand better your journey, when and why you moved to the UK and how you feel about living here.

14. What year did you move to the UK? [please select year from list]

- |             |                          |      |                          |      |                          |              |                          |
|-------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Before 2004 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2007 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2011 | <input type="checkbox"/> | I don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2004        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2008 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> |              |                          |
| 2005        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2009 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2013 | <input type="checkbox"/> |              |                          |
| 2006        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2010 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2014 | <input type="checkbox"/> |              |                          |

15. Did you live in any other countries before moving to the UK (apart from the country you were born in)?  
[please tick one answer only]

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

*If yes, what other countries have you lived in? [please write down all countries that you lived in]*

16. Who decided that you would move to the UK?  
[please tick one answer only]

- ☐ Your parent(s)
- ☐ You
- ☐ You and your parents decided together
- ☐ I don't know

*Someone else decided* ☐  
*[please write who below]*

17. Why did you move to the UK? [please write a short answer or leave blank if you don't know]



18. Did you want to move to the UK? [please tick one answer only]

- ☐ I definitely did not want to move
- ☐ I would rather not have moved
- ☐ I didn't care
- ☐ I would rather have moved than stayed
- ☐ I really wanted to move
- ☐ I don't remember

19. How many times have you moved house since you arrived in the UK?  
[please tick one answer only]

- 1 ☐    2 ☐    3 ☐    4 ☐    5 ☐    6 ☐
- more than 6 ☐    I don't know ☐

20. Do you feel:  
[please tick one answer for each row]

	Yes	No	Don't know
Scottish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
British	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Do you feel you belong in the UK? [please tick one box only]

- ☐ No, definitely not
- ☐ No, not really
- ☐ Yes, a little
- ☐ Yes, most of the time
- ☐ Yes, definitely
- ☐ I don't know

22. Now that the United Kingdom might leave the European Union in future, how are you feeling about your future? [please tick all boxes that apply to how you feel]

- ☐ Hopeful
- ☐ Happy
- ☐ Excited
- ☐ Sad
- ☐ Angry
- ☐ Scared
- ☐ Worried
- ☐ Uncertain
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I don't care

Other [please comment] \_\_\_\_\_



23.a) In the last year, have you visited the country in which you were born?

- ☐ Yes, I visited a few times
- ☐ Yes, I visited once
- ☐ No

b) If you said yes at 23a, which of these services have you used in your birth country over the last year? [please tick one box only for each row]

Service	I have used this service in my birth country	I have not used this service in my birth country
Doctor/GP		
Dentist		
Hospital		
After school club		
Counsellor or support worker for stress/ personal issues		
Local park		
Community centre or youth club		
Sports/leisure centre		
Local library		
Language school or classes		
Private tutors (maths, language, music and other subjects)		
Online services in your birth country		
Other service. Please say what:		
1.		
2.		





## 24. Which languages do you speak?

Language 1

Language 2

Language 3

Language 4

Language 5

## 25. How well do you speak each of these languages?

[please use your answers from the previous question]

I can speak a little, but  
not read or write

I can speak a little, but  
read/write slowly

I can speak a little and  
read /write confidently

Language 1

☐☐☐

Language 2

☐☐☐

Language 3

☐☐☐

Language 4

☐☐☐

Language 5

☐☐☐

## Section 3: My life in the UK

**This section is about your life in the UK. We want to know if you are happy here, if you feel part of your community or not, and the things you do in your area.**

**26. Which of the following things do you do?**

**[please tick all answers that apply to your situation]**

- ☐ Go to school
- ☐ Work part-time
- ☐ Work full-time
- ☐ Attend college or university
- ☐ On a training scheme
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Other

[please say what] \_\_\_\_\_

**27. Thinking about your school (or your last school, if you have left school), how supportive is this school of Eastern European young people compared to other young people? [please tick one box only]**

- ☐ My school is very unsupportive of Eastern European students
- ☐ My school is fairly unsupportive of Eastern European students
- ☐ My school is neither supportive, nor unsupportive
- ☐ My school is fairly supportive of Eastern European students
- ☐ My school is very supportive of Eastern European students
- ☐ I don't know

**28. Overall, how satisfied are you/were you with your school?**

**[please tick one only]**

- ☐ Very unsatisfied
- ☐ Fairly unsatisfied
- ☐ Neither unsatisfied, nor satisfied
- ☐ Fairly satisfied
- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ I don't know



## 29. Which of these people do you think are suited to be a primary school teacher?

	Very unsuitable	Fairly unsuitable	Neither suitable, not unsuitable	Fairly suitable	Very suitable	I don't know
A Gypsy/Traveller or Roma person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone aged 70	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone who from time to time experiences depression	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Gay man or lesbian woman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A Muslim person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A black or Asian person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An Eastern European person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 30. Do you think people in your area are prejudiced against Eastern Europeans? [please tick one only]

*[Definition: Prejudiced means to have negative feelings or attitudes towards an individual or group, without a particular reason]*

- ☐ Very prejudiced
- ☐ Prejudiced
- ☐ Neither prejudiced not unprejudiced
- ☐ Unprejudiced
- ☐ Very unprejudiced
- ☐ I don't know

## 31. Do you feel a sense of belonging to your neighbourhood? [please tick one only]

- ☐ I never feel like I belong
- ☐ I mostly feel like I don't belong
- ☐ I sometimes feel like I belong and sometimes feel like I don't belong
- ☐ I mostly feel like I do belong
- ☐ I always feel like I belong
- ☐ I don't know



**32. Do you feel safe in your community? [please tick one box only]**

- ☐ No, I never feel safe
- ☐ No, I mostly feel unsafe
- ☐ Sometimes I feel safe and sometimes I feel unsafe
- ☐ Yes, I mostly feel safe
- ☐ Yes, I always feel safe
- ☐ I don't know

**33. Have you ever experienced racism because of your nationality or things like your accent, colour of your skin or how you look? [please tick one only]**

- ☐ I very often experience racism
- ☐ I often experience racism
- ☐ I sometimes experience racism
- ☐ I rarely experience racism
- ☐ I don't know

**34. If you have experienced racism please describe your experience**

**[say where it happened, like school or supermarket, and describe what happened don't use real names of people involved]**

**35. Has the amount of racism that you see changed in the last few months since the EU Referendum? [please tick one box only]**

- ☐ I have seen more racism since the Referendum
- ☐ I have seen about the same amount of racism since the Referendum
- ☐ I have seen less racism since the Referendum
- ☐ I don't know



36. Which of these services do you use in your area and how often do you access them? This could be face to face or online access.

[please tick one box only for each row]

Service	1-2 times a week or more	1-2 times a month or more	3-4 times a year	Rarely	Never
Doctor/GP					
Dentist					
Hospital					
After school club					
Counsellor or support worker for stress/ personal issues					
Local park					
Community centre or youth club					
Sports/leisure centre					
Public library					
Weekend language school like Polish classes					
Private tutors (English, maths, music, other subjects)					
Other service in your area. Please say what: 1.					
2.					

37. How satisfied are you with the quality of services in your local area?

- ☐ Very unsatisfied
 ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Unsatisfied
 ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied, nor unsatisfied
 ☐ I don't know

38. What could be changed in your local area to make life better for young people?

[please write in the box]





## Section 4: My family and friendships

In this section, we are interested in your family life and friendships and the sort of things you do together with people who are important to you.

39. Who lived with you before moving to the UK? [please write how they were related to you, like mum, carer, step-dad, grandmother, sister etc. Do not write their real names]

40. Who lives with you now? Please mention only the people that live with you on a regular basis, not visitors. [Please write how they are related to you, like mum, carer, step-dad, grandmother, sister etc. Do not write not their real names]

41. How many of your friends are from the same country of origin as you? [please tick one box only]

- ☐ None
- ☐ Less than half
- ☐ About half
- ☐ More than half
- ☐ All



42. How often do you do the following things now?

Activities	Never	Rarely	A few times a year	A few times a month	A few times a week	Everyday
Go for walks/ hang out in the local area						
Do sports activities						
Cook and eat together						
Visit friends or relatives in the UK						
Speak with grandparents abroad						
Browsing online (reading news, watching videos etc.)						
Play online games						
Visit educational places, like castles, museums, theatre						
Go on a holiday						
Go to church						
Visit family/ friends abroad						
Go shopping						
Do voluntary/ community work						
Political participation						

Other activities [ please write how often you do these activities]

43. Which of these online networks do you use? [please tick all that apply to you]

- |                                    |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pinterest | <input type="checkbox"/> KikMessenger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SitwithUs | <input type="checkbox"/> Viber     | <input type="checkbox"/> Habbo        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SnapChat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> WhatsApp  |                                       |

Other [please write which] \_\_\_\_\_

44. On a normal day, how much time do you spend online on social networks?  
[please tick one answer]

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 30 mins    | <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 3 hours     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 mins - 1 hour | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to 2 hours    |  |

45. How strongly do you feel part of the following groups?  
[please tick one answer for each row]

	Not at all	Not very much	I sometimes do, other times don't	Quite a bit	Very much	I don't know
<b>Your family</b>						
<b>Online group, e.g. Facebook, Messenger</b>						
<b>Offline hobby group, e.g. sports club</b>						
<b>Your offline group of friends</b>						
<b>Your neighbourhood</b>						
Other groups. Please say which:						
1.						
2.						



46. Overall, how happy are you with your relationships now?  
[please tick one box only for each row]

	Very unhappy	Unhappy	Neither happy, nor unhappy	Happy	Very happy	This does not apply to me
Your family in the UK						
Your family in country you were born in						
Your friends in the UK						
Your friends in country you were born in						

47. Overall, how satisfied are you with your life in the UK now? [please tick one only]

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very unsatisfied                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly satisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly unsatisfied                | <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither unsatisfied nor satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know     |

48. What do you think you will be doing in the year 2020?  
[please tick one or more answers]

- ☐ Going to school
- ☐ Going to college or university full-time
- ☐ Going to college or university part-time
- ☐ Working full-time
- ☐ Working part-time
- ☐ On a training scheme
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Volunteering

☐ Other [please write what] \_\_\_\_\_



49. How likely are you to still be living in the UK in 2020? [please tick one only]

☐ Very unlikely

☐ Quite likely

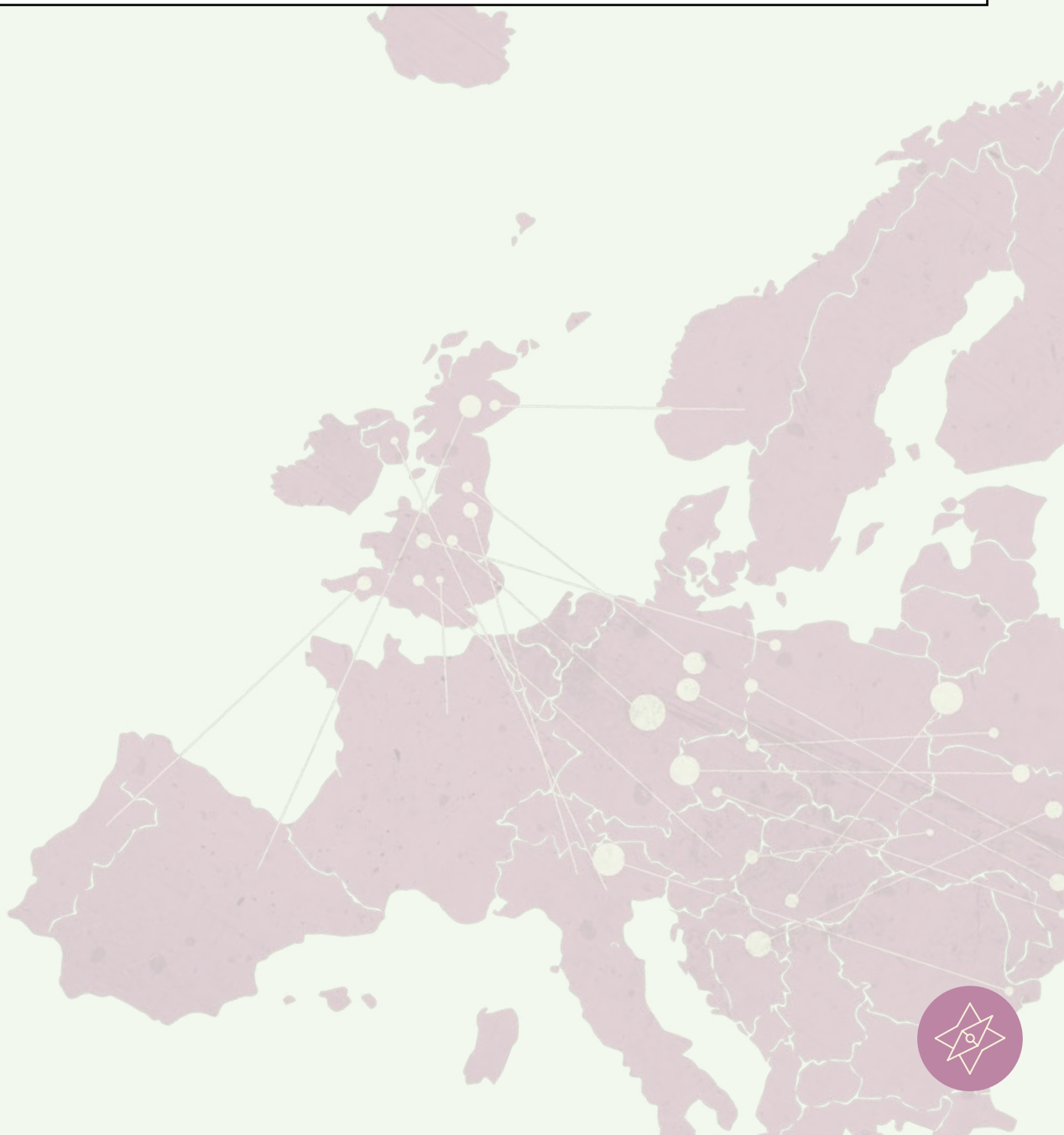
☐ Not very likely

☐ Very likely

☐ Neither likely, nor  
unlikely

☐ I don't know

50. Is there anything you would like to say about your feelings of identity and belonging in the UK and Europe or your plans for the future? [please write a few words]





# Thank you and prize draw

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete all the questions in the survey.

If you wish to be entered into the prize draw, be invited to the launch of our project events or receive a summary of the results by email, please fill in your details below. Otherwise, you can finish the survey now.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be entered into the prize draw for Love2Shop vouchers/Ipad ☐

I would like information about volunteering for the next part of the research ☐

I would like an invitation to the project events ☐

I would like to receive a summary of the survey findings by email ☐

Do you want to volunteer for the next stage?

We are looking for volunteers to take part in the next part of the project. We want to meet with young people in groups to discuss in more detail the issues that affect Eastern European young people who are now living in the UK. If you would like to take part, please tick the box above and leave your email details and we will contact you.

If you are upset by any aspects mentioned in this survey and would like to talk to someone, please consider contacting Childline: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) or phone them on: 08001111 to speak in confidence with one of their advisers. You could also contact Get Connected- a free helpline and email service for young people, which can put you in touch with services which can help. Phone them on 0808 808 4994 (between 1-11 pm) or email: [help@getconnected.org.uk](mailto:help@getconnected.org.uk)



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