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Marie Skłodowska- Curie Actions

Postdoctoral
Fellowship



Do you want

- to work abroad?
- good working conditions?
- to complement your expertise?
- to spend some time in another sector?
- new learning opportunities and new skills?
- to enlarge your scientific (and social) network?
- to develop and finance a good research project idea?

**Become a
MSCA Fellow!**

For supervisors



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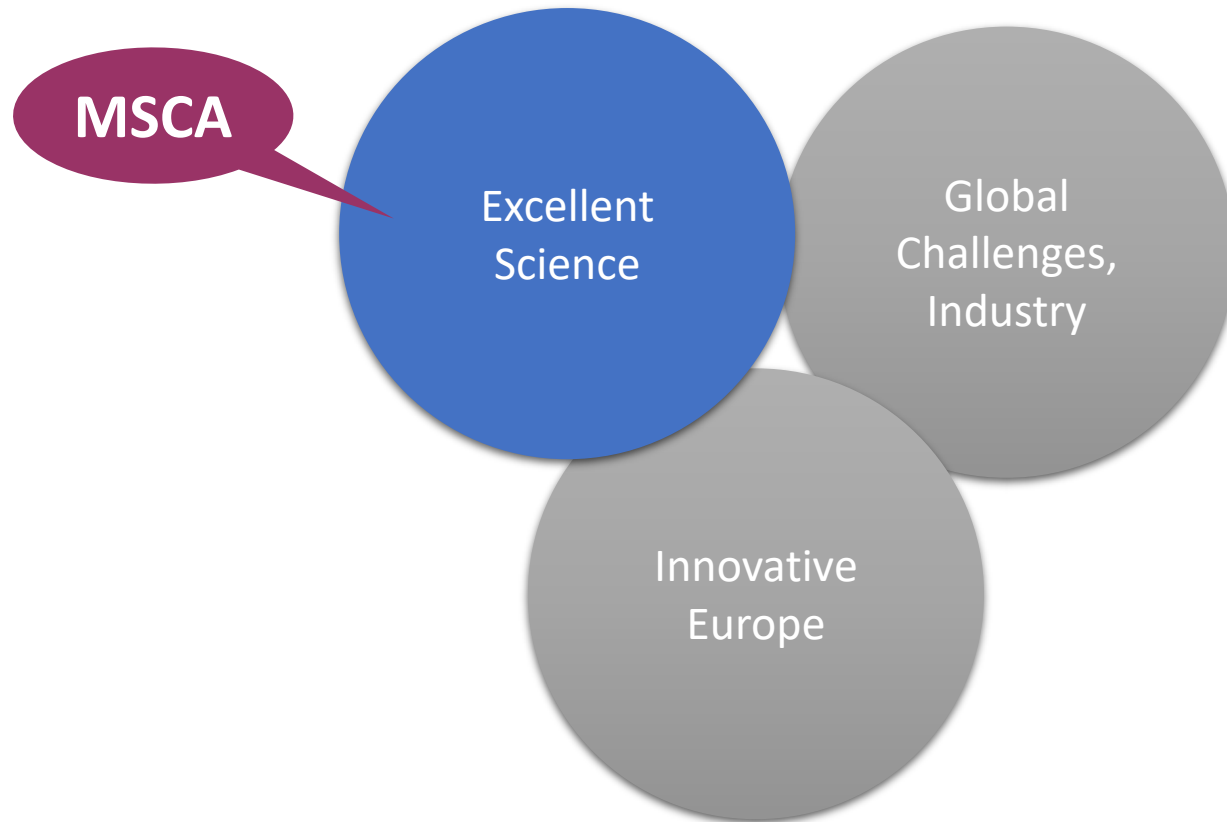
- PF is an opportunity to recruit talent from abroad
- Fellows may complement your expertise and network
- Fellows can come with fresh ideas
- Supervisors develop better skills in supervising postdoctors
- MSCA Fellows add prestige to supervisors' CV



What are Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions?



2021-27



3 pillars



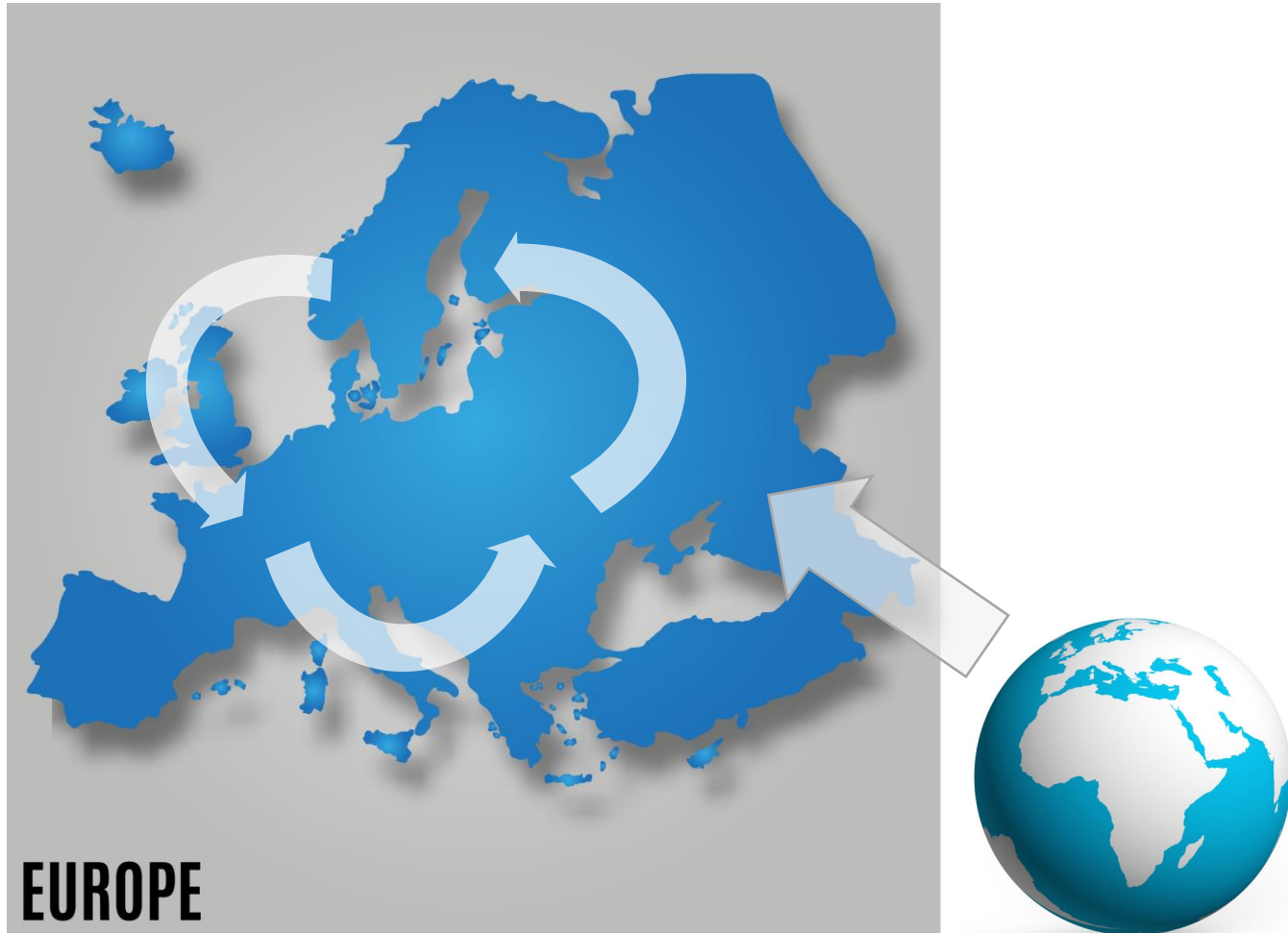
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What is a MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship?

- Individual grant for a postdoctoral period
 - Fellowship in another country: mobility
 - Attractive career and knowledge-exchange opportunities: Career boost!
 - For all nationalities
 - Targets early career stage researchers
 - Bottom-up research project
 - All domains of research and innovation
 - Supervised by the host organisation
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- Annual deadline for proposals, **mid September**
 - Success rate: 14-15% (UiB: 18% in Horizon 2020)



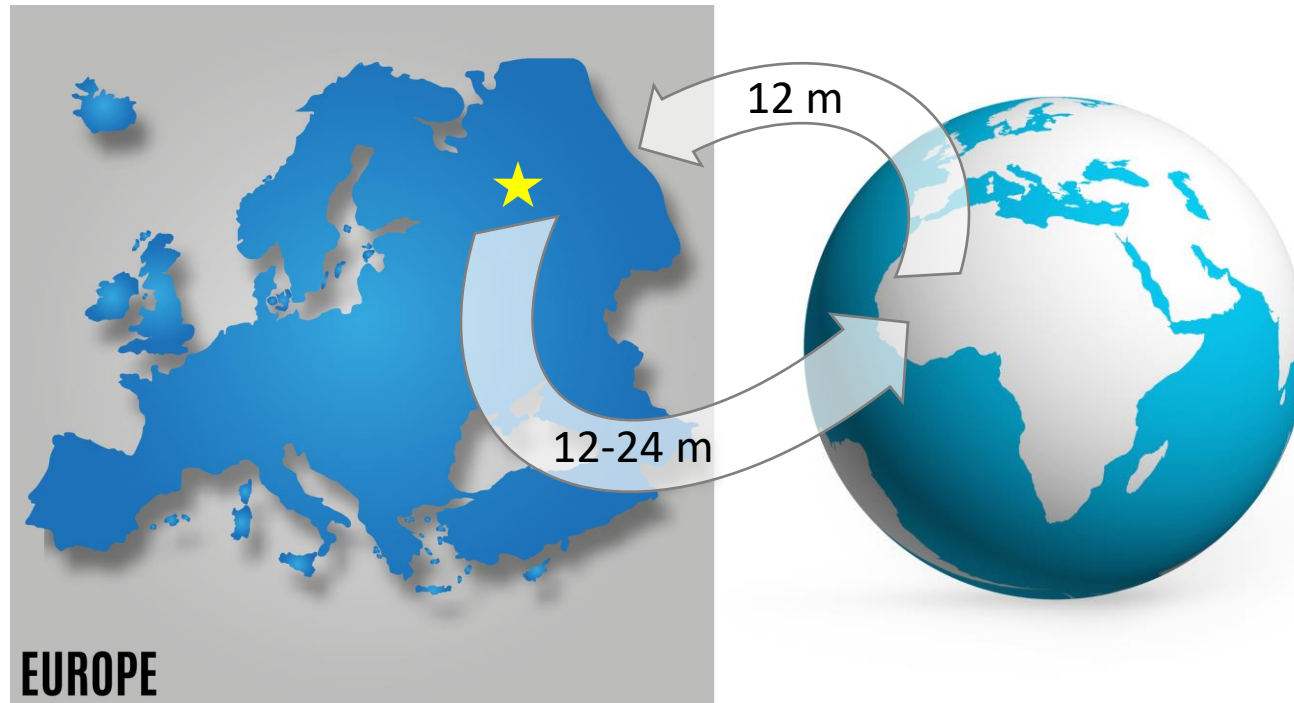
Two types of fellowships



European Fellowship

- ✓ Any nationality
- ✓ Coming to Europe (EU) from any country, or moving within Europe
- ✓ 12 to 24 months
- ✓ Specific options:
 - ✓ Career restart (after long-term break)
 - ✓ Reintegration (nationals or long-term residents of HEU Countries)

Two types of fellowships



Global Fellowship

- ✓ European nationals or long-term residents (except refugees)
- ✓ Going to a “Third” country, coming back to Europe again
- ✓ 24-36 months



Eligibility and requirements

One proposal per researcher

One MSCA PF grant per researcher

PhD theses successfully defended at the deadline of the call

- Medical doctor degree only when it corresponds to a doctoral degree

Maximal 8 years since Phd degree was awarded, at the deadline of the call

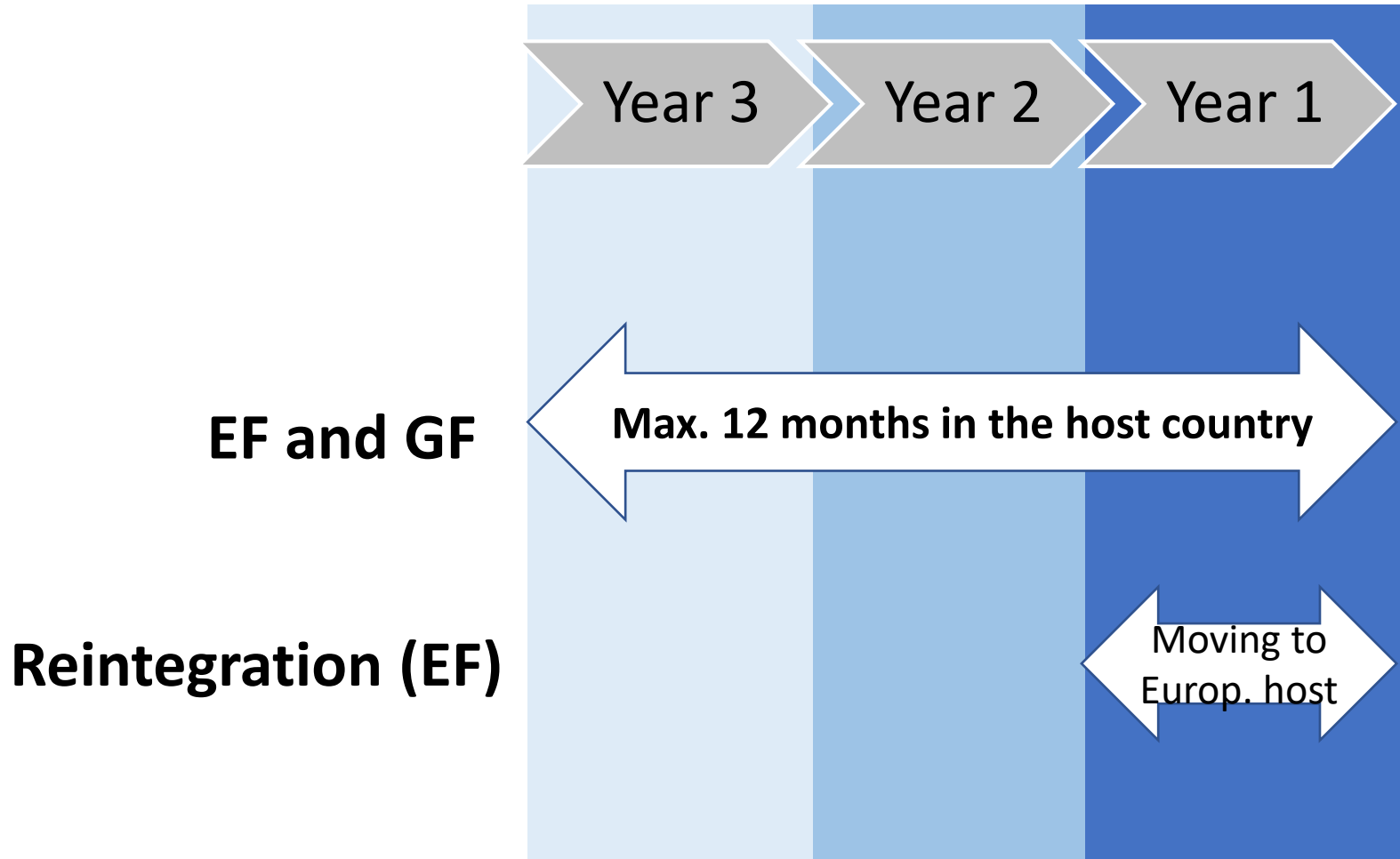
- Exception: experience outside research and career breaks

Resubmission the following year: score \geq 70%



Mobility rule

Call deadline



EF and GF

Reintegration (EF)

- *national service*
- *short stays*
- *holidays*
- *refugee status acquisition time do not count!*



Activities of a Postdoctoral Fellowship

- Research and training activities
 - ✓ Training-through-research
 - ✓ Hands-on activities: techniques and instruments
 - ✓ Transferrable skills: entrepreneurship, IPR, project management...
- Financial and organisational management of the project
- Dissemination and exploitation
- Communication and public engagement
- Secondments are encouraged, but optional.



Secondments

- A planned stay outside of your host organisation.
- Must add value to the impact of project, integral to project
- Can be in any country and organisation
- Single stay or divided into shorter periods
- Supervision by the secondment host
- **The other sector? Yes, please!**
- Must be included in the proposal
- Maximum duration:
 - EF – 1/3 of fellowship (4-8 months)
 - GF – 1/3 of the outgoing phase, **not** during return phase (4-8 months)
- GF: May spend up to 3 months at European host organisation before moving to Third Country – deducted of outgoing period



Incentive for intersectoral collaboration:

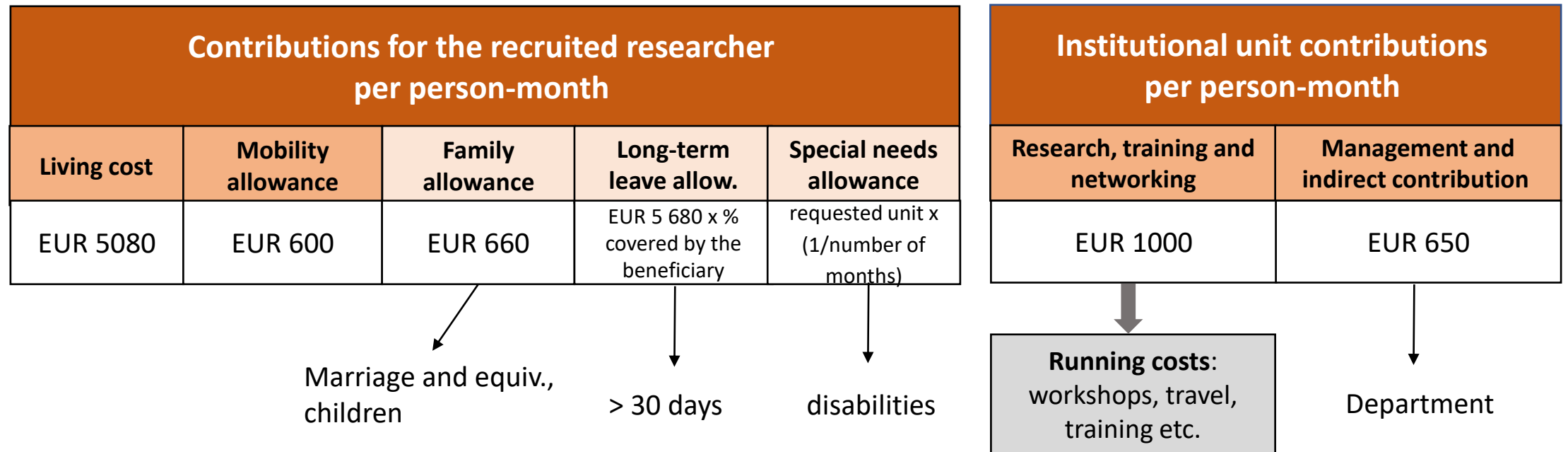
- Additional funding for a period of up to **six months** at the end of the fellowship
- Must be at a non-academic institution established in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country.
- Needs to be included in the proposal and will be subject to evaluation.

→ make contacts to companies/public authority from the start!



What is financed?

- Flat-rate contribution, multiplied by host country coefficient (CE)





Top-up financing for MSCA fellows

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/call-for-proposals/2020/top-up-financing-of-outgoing-msca-fell>. The page header includes the Research Council of Norway logo, navigation links for 'Norsk', 'The Project Databank', and 'My RCN web', a search bar, and a menu button. The main content area features the title 'Top-up Financing of Outgoing MSCA Fellows' and a 'Download' link. A prominent green 'APPLY NOW' button is visible. Below this, key details are listed: Application type: Coordination and Support Activity; Application deadline: Open-ended; Relevant thematic areas: Internationalisation; Target groups: Research organisations; Funding scale: NOK 10 000-800 000; Project duration: 1-36 months; Contact for the call: Berit Sundby Avset | bsa@forskingsradet.no | +4722037015 | +4793059324. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Create application' and 'Download templates'.

- UiB covers the difference between MSCA and Norwegian salary
- RCN pays a top-up for fellows during their outgoing years, e.g. Global Fellowship



How to apply

- The proposal is prepared by the researcher in liaison with the host (beneficiary), and the main supervisor
- Consider [ARQUS universities!](#)
- All information on the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#)
- 10 pages scientific proposal
 - Excellence
 - Impact
 - Implementation
- Second application part with information on host(s), CV, ethics, letter of commitment (GF)
- Get help from research support staff!
- Start early: in spring for the autumn deadline
- Webinar for applicants on proposal writing at UiB: **25 May 2021!**

Timeline MSCA PF 2021-23



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