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REPORT OF THE 24th MEETING OF THE MCSD STEERING COMMITTEE

Introduction

1. The 24th Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD) Steering Committee was held on 14 and 15 December 2022 in Athens, Greece. The list of participants is provided in Annex I to the present report.

Agenda item 1: Opening of the Meeting

2. After welcoming remarks by Mr. Gabino Gonzalez, MAP Deputy Coordinator, the meeting was opened by Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia), President of the MCSD Steering Committee, at 10:00 a.m. local time in Athens, Greece (GMT+3).

3. In his opening remarks, the President thanked the Members of the MCSD Steering Committee for their presence and commitment, noting that all members of the Committee were represented. He highlighted the importance of the MCSD and noted that the members of the Steering Committee have both a great privilege and responsibility. Furthermore, he referred to the Honorary Event “Celebrating 50 years of Active Academic and Social Contribution of Prof. Michael J. Scoullos” that he attended the previous evening, and congratulated Prof. Scoullos, a member of the Steering Committee. Finally, he welcomed the new Deputy Coordinator of UNEP/MAP, commenting his excellent work as REMPEC Director.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work

4. The President introduced the Provisional Agenda prepared by the Secretariat, as contained in document UNEP/MED WG.542/1 and annotated in document UNEP/MED WG.542/2.

5. A member of the MCSD Steering Committee requested adding the following point under Agenda item 6 “Any Other Matters”: *Proposal to Strengthen the Institutional Setup of UNEP/MAP on Climate Change*.

6. The agenda, including the point above under Agenda item 6 “Any Other Matters”, was adopted by the participants, as provided in Annex II of the present report of meeting.

Agenda item 3: Work of the MCSD and MSSD Implementation: Review of Progress for the Period April – October 2022

7. The Deputy Coordinator introduced document UNEP/MED WG.523/3 “Progress Report and Specific Issues” and provided an overview of the progress made during the period July 2021 – April 2022, with emphasis on Cooperation and Partners, and on Outreach, Information and Communication.

8. During the ensuing discussion the MCSD Steering Committee members referred to the importance of the main global events in this period, and especially the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon where MAP was very active, and the UNFCCC COP 27 in Egypt, where MAP participated with the MedPavilion and presented the outcomes of COP 22 (Antalya, Türkiye, December 2021). The gender perspective was also highlighted, in relation to a dedicated event in the MedPavilion. They also referred to two important meetings taking place in parallel to the MCSD Steering Committee meeting, i.e. the COP 15 of UN CBD and the IMO’s MEPC 79, noting that the latter was crucial for the adoption at global level of the Med SOx ECA, following the regional consensus decision of COP 22 of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols. The members of the Steering Committee highlighted the need to encourage the representation of the Secretariat and Contracting Parties in such big events with an adequate delegation.

9. The MCSD Steering Committee members also referred to the need to work more on positioning the MCSD in the next Barcelona Convention COP, as well as to increase its visibility in major global events of relevance. It was highlighted that the Steering Committee members should take the lead in

this respect. The President of the MCSD Steering Committee noted that at the next COP, which will take place in Slovenia, the host country plans to organize a special event to highlight the important role and added value of the MCSD.

10. The representative of France noted that it was an honor and privilege for her country to host the next MCSD meeting in Marseille, in June 2023. She added that the MCSD meeting will be also an important step for her country on the preparation of the next UN Ocean Conference by France (co-organized with Costa Rica) in 2025.

11. The Members of the Steering Committee also highlighted the need to increase efforts to assist all countries in the region for tailor made solutions to the Mediterranean region and at the country level. They highlighted the role of MedECC regarding climate change to this end. They also referred to the need to demonstrate synergies between the implementation of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols and the implementation of national activities, for example at subregional level (ecoregions), where challenges are faced, and solutions are implemented.

12. Several ideas for on-the-ground solutions were presented by the MCSD Steering Committee members. One member of the Committee noted that there was a need for national coordination to revive the importance of MSSD at national level. He suggested to start from 4-5 countries as a pilot, and launch a dialogue at national level twice a year, to look at the challenges, the lessons learnt, etc. He added that this way, the Mediterranean priorities could be identified and the MCSD could have a real, effective impact in the region and build synergies at national level. He suggested to share ideas with MAP Focal Points and partners and establish a mechanism this biennium, to present the outcomes at COP 23.

13. Another member noted that there was an economic crisis in all countries impacting on the timely implementation of environment protection related activities. To this end, she proposed to further look into how to increase economic development while balancing environment protection, especially for local communities which are more impacted by the economic crisis. She suggested to make a list of vulnerable communities (from both economic and environmental point of view), like fishermen, and seek solutions for these categories, for example through green jobs, blue economy and to also work on the national Sustainable Development strategies, through coordination at national level.

14. Another member of the Steering Committee referred to the important role of parliamentarians in dealing with medium- and long-term policies. He noted that United Arab Emirates (UAE) are a member of his organization and suggested that UAE with other MCSD members could contribute to COP 28 of UNFCCC that will be held in the Emirates. The preparation of this process could start early, in March 2023. He also referred to the need to assist all countries to access funds, especially on renewable energy resources, and to the importance of energy and food security for the region as well as of tourism. He also referred to the possibility for scholarship for students from the southern Mediterranean to study international affairs, environment, sustainability, and related subjects, in a study center established in San Marino. Furthermore, he referred to environmental crime and its relevance to the work of the MCSD. He highlighted the importance of Aarhus Convention for his organization, in relation to transparency and climate accountability. A reference to the public trust approach was also made in this respect.

In relation to environmental crime, the Deputy Coordinator informed the meeting that there is action for illicit discharges under MAP and that the Secretariat has been in contact with French judicial authorities in relation to the establishment of a network of prosecutors ("Union des Procureurs généraux de la Méditerranée (UPGM)") in relation to the enforcement of relevant international Conventions. Cooperation with this network could be explored not only to ensure the enforcement but also for judicial procedures and the prosecution of criminals.

15. On outreach, information and communication, the members of the MCSD Steering Committee expressed their satisfaction for the progress and for the richness of activities, while they also stressed the need to find ways to enhance efficiency in the future. The importance of eco-regions was highlighted, with specific reference to the Adriatic-Ionian. Also, reference was made to the implementation of the MSSD at national level and its links with the regional level. In relation to visibility, it was noted that beyond the attendance of events, it is also important to make good use of the accumulation of knowledge and the collaboration in the region. In relation to future events, reference was made to the next Our Ocean Conference to take place in Panama in 2023. The issue of plastic pollution and the importance of the ongoing work for the preparation of a possible new global legal instrument was also highlighted, and it was proposed that a specific Task Force under UNEP/MAP could work on this issue which is also very relevant to the MCSD.

16. One member of the MCSD Steering Committee noted that the MapX database which is included in the WESR platform contains some incorrect information on Exclusive Economic Zones and requested the necessary adjustments of MapX and deletion of related reference from the working document UNEP/MED WG.542/3.

17. A member of the Steering Committee referred to the youth events that took place before COP 21 and COP 22, and added that this very good tradition should continue at next COPs. The participants agreed on the important role of youth in the promotion of sustainable development and noted that youth should be further involved in the work of the MCSD, *inter alia* through a possible event/workshop at the next MCSD meeting.

18. The meeting agreed to consider enriching the work of the MCSD by addressing issues that go beyond business as usual, such as environmental crime, social and economic changes, climate and food security, considering thus a bottom-up approach.

19. **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

a) **The MCSD Steering Committee expressed its deep appreciation to the former Socioeconomic Affairs Officer, Mr Julien Le Tellier, for his commitment and work on the MCSD and MSSD implementation, including on the education for sustainable development, and wished him all the best for his new job with UN ESCWA.**

b) **The MCSD Steering Committee expressed its satisfaction and support for the consistent efforts and key achievements, and invited the Secretariat, MCSD Members and MAP Partners to maintain their commitment towards the MSSD implementation and to further strengthen their collaboration and communication actions, in a synergetic manner.**

c) **The MCSD Steering Committee encouraged the Secretariat and MCSD Members to strengthen their representation in important regional and global events of relevance, with the aim to further showcase the Mediterranean example, including the work of the MCSD.**

d) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed a number of proposals coming from its Members, including the following:**

- **To organise a side event dedicated to the MSSD in the next COP 23 in Slovenia.**
- **To identify a limited number of important global events of priority, scheduled in the coming period, including the UNFCCC COP 28, and develop a coordinated proposal for MCSD visibility.**
- **To promote the MSSD during the International Day of the Mediterranean**
- **To further promote youth engagement in the work of MCSD and the MSSD review process, including by having an event/workshop with young people in the next MCSD Meeting in June 2023 and consider to continue the tradition of youth event organized prior to COPs, started by Italy in COP 21 (Naples, Italy) and continued by Türkiye in COP 22 (Antalya, Türkiye).**

- **To establish a common calendar of key meetings and events in relevance to MSSD with contributions from the MCSD Members.**
 - **To establish a coordinated approach on MSSD at national level through the MSSD Focal Points with MAP Components' contribution.**
 - **To consider addressing environmental crimes, by strengthening regional cooperation on surveillance, monitoring, enforcement, and judicial measures.**
- e) **The MCSD Steering Committee acknowledged the expression of interest from PAM to host its next Meeting.**
- f) **On the opportunity of the Honorary Event *Celebrating 50 years of Active Academic and Social Contribution of Prof. Michael J. Scoullos*, the MCSD Steering Committee congratulated Prof. Scoullos for his constructive long-standing contribution to the MCSD and the MSSD implementation from its very beginning.**

Agenda item 4: Specific Issues

A. Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Indicators

20. The representative of Plan Bleu/RAC, Mr. Antoine Lafitte, presented the Mediterranean sustainability dashboard, including the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) indicators. He referred to the ambition and perspective for the observatory in 2022-2023, the long-term objectives and the concrete actions under implementation.
21. The members of the Steering Committee discussed how to further integrate the legally binding obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the national judicial systems. Within this framework, it was noted that synergies should be encouraged with the ongoing activities, for the promotion of the Aarhus Convention, carried out under the relevant Flagship Initiative. The possibility of using the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the courts for legal reasons, directly but also indirectly for EU Member States through the EU Acquis, was also noted.
22. One member of the Steering Committee noted that his organization can translate the questionnaire related to indicators in French and Arabic. He invited the Secretariat and Plan Bleu/RAC to participate at the next PAM Assembly at 1-2 March in Rabat, Morocco, to present the work on indicators, including on legal indicators.
23. Another member highlighted the importance of indicators and of data sharing, noting the challenges related to measurement of indicators and acquisition of data, and stressed the importance of peer learning in this respect.

24. Conclusions and Recommendations:

- a) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the work done by the Secretariat (Plan Bleu and MedWaves - SCP/RAC) during the period under reporting (April - October 2022), including regular updates of the Mediterranean Sustainability Dashboard and other specific activities implemented in this framework.**
- b) **The MCSD Steering Committee reiterated the importance of development and population of legal indicators while also noting the challenges relating to availability and sharing of data and the importance of enhancing dialogue and strengthening national capacities in this field.**
- c) **The MCSD Steering Committee noted the need to enhance discussion and exchange of best practices between Contracting Parties, on how to further integrate the legally binding obligations under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols in the national judicial systems.**

B. MSSD Flagship Initiatives

25. The status of implementation of key MSSD Flagship Initiatives was presented during the meeting, namely:

- Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award: Mr. Ilias Mavroeidis, Secretariat, updated the meeting on the most recent developments and information on the launch of the call for applicant cities, which for the first time will be done through an online application form;
- WeMed Green Business Award: Mr. Ilias Mavroeidis, Secretariat, presented the call for applications and the information on the presentation of the award;
- Environmental Governance – Encourage the Accession to and Implementation of the Aarhus Convention on Public Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention): Prof. Michael Scoullou, GWP-Med, updated the meeting on the most recent developments on this issue;
- Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Action Plan towards 2030: Prof. Michael Scoullou, GWP-Med, updated the meeting on the most recent developments, including the high-level event organized at the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Nicosia, Cyprus, 5 – 7 October 2022);
- Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change: Mr. Antoine Lafitte, Plan Bleu/RAC, updated the meeting on the most recent developments, including the three thematic reports, and on the next steps, including the planned stakeholder consultations.

26. In the ensuing discussion, the MCSD Steering Committee members congratulated the Secretariat and the relevant MCSD Steering Committee members on the progress achieved and referred to specific issues as highlighted below.

27. In relation to the Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award, the meeting discussed ways to improve publicity of the Award, as well as the need to further simplify the application process in order to encourage more cities to apply. They added that it should be seen not as a competition but mainly as an incentive to improve sustainability in cities.

28. On the WeMed Green Business Award, the meeting thanked MedWaves-SCP/RAC for their work and highlighted the importance of the award and of the Action Plan on SCP for raising awareness in the region. They discussed the importance of circular economy and the contribution of the SWITCHMED project in promoting SCP and in implementing the MSSD, while one representative noted the need for the project to also cover the West Balkans and Türkiye.

29. On Environmental Governance and the Aarhus Convention, the intention to encourage Contracting Parties that are not EU-Member States to join the Aarhus Convention was highlighted.

30. On the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Action Plan towards 2030, it was highlighted that this is the first such strategy at a regional level and that further funding would be welcomed. The representative of Plan Bleu/RAC noted that there is a pressing need for data to populate the relevant Indicator 28 of the MSSD and asked for the support of the MCSD Steering committee members. The links with ocean literacy and education for climate change were also highlighted by participants, as well as the importance of enabling youth. The need to increase the awareness of Ministries of Education on environment and sustainability was also stressed by the meeting. The proposal to have a session/event on education and youth at the next MCSD meeting was welcomed by the participants, in order to discuss achievements, opportunities and challenges.

31. Following the discussion, an informative video by the Egyptian Sustainable Development Forum was presented, showing the participation of teachers, managers, and students in educational activities related to sustainable development.

32. In relation to the Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change, the meeting welcomed the ongoing work on the three thematic reports and noted that the process for selection of side events in the MedPavilion of COP 27 of UNFCCC, coordinated by UfMS, could have been done in a more efficient and transparent way, since the proposed side events of important partners were not included in the final programme.

33. **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

- a) **The MCSD Steering Committee expressed its appreciation on the launch of a simplified application procedure for the fourth edition of the Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award (IEFCA) (2022-2023) and highlighted the importance of making the IEFCA application more appealing to Southern Mediterranean countries and small municipalities. It further highlighted the need for MCSD Members and other Partners to support interested applicants in the preparation and submission of their applications. The MCSD Steering Committee also stressed the importance of taking into consideration the capacities of different applicant cities, as well as the progress achieved, including on specific best practices, during the evaluation phase.**
- b) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the successful delivery of the second edition of the WeMed Green Business Award, which had a thematic scope related to textiles.**
- c) **The MCSD Steering Committee took note with appreciation of the progress marked on the MSSD Flagship Initiatives on Environmental Governance. Regarding the flagship initiative aiming at facilitating the accession to the Aarhus Convention, the MCSD Steering Committee noted the importance of sharing best practices between Mediterranean countries.**
- d) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the plan of publishing three thematic reports led by MedECC and asked the Secretariat to provide more information on these reports during the 20th MCSD Meeting. The MCSD Steering Committee also invited the Members of the MCSD to contribute to these special reports, as individuals.**
- e) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the endorsement of the updated Action Plan towards 2030 of the Mediterranean Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), presented by GWP-MED, and highlighted the need for mobilization of resources for its full implementation. In this context, the MCSD Steering Committee also strongly encouraged the Secretariat and Contracting Parties to further integrate elements on education for sustainable development in the UNEP/MAP Programme of Work and Budget 2024-2025, and invited MCSD members to contribute and actively participate in the implementation of the ESD Action Plan.**
- f) **The MCSD Steering Committee encouraged its members having relevant information and best practices, to share them with the Secretariat (Plan Bleu/RAC) in order to support the updating process of the MSSD indicator 28 “*Number of countries that have National Strategies/Action Plans on Education for Sustainable Development in place*”.**
- g) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed the idea of including in the 20th MCSD Meeting, the topic of education for sustainable development with involvement of youth and stakeholders with concrete best practices to share, to which the Ministries of Education may also be invited, and explore innovative ways to promote this issue, e.g. through social media, influencers etc.**

C. MED 2050 Foresight Study

34. The representative of Plan Bleu/RAC presented the progress in the preparation of the MED 2050 Foresight Study, including the six (6) scenaria for the Mediterranean currently under finalization. The meeting welcomed the comprehensive work on this very complex issue, while noting the difficulties of working with scenaria and adding that some scenaria were more realistic than others. It was added that in finalizing the scenaria, these should be finetuned to be made more understandable by the public.

35. One participant noted that these scenaria are somehow pieces of a puzzle and that the real scenario will be a mosaic of all these. He added that, unfortunately, we cannot expect to get rid of the stresses in the region, hoping also not to have a generalized crisis in the region that would lead to further deterioration. He stressed that, therefore, these scenaria should be presented as pieces of puzzle, based on which we can guess what the most probable approach is. Overall, the aim should be to move towards a combination of the most optimistic scenaria 4, 5 and 6; at the same time, we should consider what steps should be taken to avoid the more pessimistic scenaria 1, 2 and 3. Another participant added that scenaria 4, 5 and 6 are still not attainable, and that some countries in the region are still under scenaria 1, 2 and 3.

36. The participants highlighted the importance to establish partnerships with southern Mediterranean stakeholders in view of the workshops to discuss the scenaria and the MED2050 Foresight Study, and that the MCSD Steering Committee members should be involved as early as possible in this very complex process.

37. Conclusions and Recommendations:

a) **The MCSD Steering Committee welcomed work done for the preparation of the MED 2050 foresight study during the current biennium 2022-2023 and noted that the 6 scenarios provide pieces of a mosaic of the possible future in the region. It further asked the Secretariat (Plan Bleu/RAC) to take into consideration comments expressed by its Members and to ensure that the fully fledged scenarios are timely shared with the MCSD Members for review and consultation with their own networks.**

D. MSSD Review process

38. The Deputy Coordinator, presented the tentative steps for the MSSD review process, taking into account the outcomes of the MSSD mid-term evaluation undertaken in 2020-2021. In the ensuing discussion, the members of the Steering Committee expressed their overall preference towards option 1 of a parallel MSSD evaluation and review in 2024-2025 biennium, since it would allow to move forward immediately and not loose the opportunity to influence developments and to be proactive, considering that there are already enough evidence from the implementation of the current MSSD, while the MED2050 Foresight Study would provide further insight. Participants made a plea to the Secretariat and Plan Bleu/RAC to timely finalise the Foresight Study to provide important input for the finalization of the MSSD. Furthermore, it was noted that moving forward with the MSSD review process in the next biennium will increase the visibility of the MCSD .

39. Conclusions and Recommendations:

a) **The MCSD Steering Committee thanked the Secretariat for the presentation of three clear options for the MSSD review process and expressed their overall preference towards option 1 of a parallel MSSD evaluation and review in 2024-2025 biennium and requested the Secretariat to elaborate a detailed roadmap for Option 1 for further review by the 20th MCSD Meeting.**

E. Preparation of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD

40. The Deputy Coordinator, presented possible topics, as contained in document UNEP/MED WG.542/3, in view of the preparation of the 20th Meeting of the MCSD and the definition of possible agenda items, including options for a substantive theme to be addressed at the MCSD meeting through the organization of a roundtable.

41. In the ensuing discussion, the members of the Steering Committee highlighted the possible themes of (a) youth, with links to education for sustainable development and employment/green jobs, as well as (b) blue economy, with links to tourism, best practices on judiciary issues/prosecutors, as well as links with the food, climate, water and energy sectors. One member of the Steering Committee added the importance of links at the Mediterranean regional level with the recent global developments under the UNFCCC and the UNCBD. The possibility of side events was also discussed and considered to bring added value to the meeting, while participants also discussed the need to have an interactive and attractive meeting, where MCSD members will have an active role to play.

42. Conclusions and Recommendations:

a) **The MCSD Steering Committee took note of the elements proposed by the Secretariat and thanked the Host Country France for the updated proposals, noting two proposed main themes, i.e. (i) youth, including aspects related to education for sustainable development and to employment, and (ii) blue economy, including tourism, best practices on reinforcement of judicial capacities on sustainable development, as well as food, energy, water and climate security. It further stressed the importance of ensuring and further strengthening the liveliness, attractiveness and relevance of the MCSD meeting, keeping the focus on its mandate and strategic role and giving an active role to MCSD members.**

Agenda item 5: Any Other Matters

43. Two presentations were made by the Secretariat, one on the work of UNEP/MAP on gender and the MAP Gender Action Plan, and one on the issue of sustainable tourism and the relevant activities under Plan Bleu/RAC. The participants highlighted the importance of the gender perspective and proposed an event on women for the MCSD meeting, either as a panel discussion or as a side event; it was added that UN Women could be contacted in this respect. Furthermore, the possible invitation of women active in the sustainable agriculture or fisheries sectors was considered, while the need was also stressed to be gender sensitive in all meeting sessions, and not only during a gender-related item.

44. A member of the Steering Committee referred to the importance and relevance of the implementation of UNEA 5.2 Resolution regarding the development of a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution. To this end, she referred to the conclusion of the 93rd Bureau meeting (Thessaloniki, Greece, November/December 2022) to establish an informal Task Force under UNEP/MAP to enable coordination among Contracting Party representatives during the negotiations of the new global legally binding instrument on plastic pollution including in the marine environment. The meeting welcomed this development and stressed the need to include non-Contracting Party partners in this process, since their participation will enrich the process and take stock of their long experience in relation to plastic pollution.

45. The same member of the Steering Committee referred to a proposal to strengthen the institutional setup of UNEP/MAP on Climate Change that was submitted to the Bureau at its 93rd meeting, through the establishment of a Regional Activity Center (RAC) for Climate Change of UNEP/MAP-Barcelona Convention. She added that it is proposed that the possible new Centre will be fully funded by Türkiye and will be hosted in Istanbul, Türkiye, within an institute under the Ankara University, which has

competence on climate change and on the marine environment. She noted that the Mediterranean region, faced with increasingly catastrophic impacts of climate change, needs urgent and efficient action, and that the MAP-Barcelona Convention system must be adequately equipped to face such urgency. Finally, she added that the Bureau welcomed this proposal by Türkiye and requested the Secretariat to follow the respective rules of procedure regarding the submission of this proposal to the MAP Focal Points meeting for its consideration.

46. Conclusions and Recommendations:

- a) **The MCSD Steering Committee highlighted the need to speed up the implementation of the CoP Decisions in Antalya, the recommendations of CoP 27 UNFCCC and CBD CoP 15 and mobilize human and other resources to get more involved in the process for the preparation of the global legally binding instrument on the plastic pollution including in the marine environment.**
- b) **The MCSD Steering Committee encouraged the identification of appropriate ways to mainstream gender in different themes addressed by the MCSD.**

Agenda item 6: Closure of the Meeting

47. After approval by consensus of the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting, the President thanked the participants, for their contribution to the 24th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee. He congratulated the Secretariat for the documentation prepared for the meeting and indicated that the report of the meeting will be circulated in due time for review and possible comments through electronic means.

48. The meeting was closed by the President of the MCSD Steering Committee at approximately 17:00 on Thursday 15 December 2022.

Annex I
List of Participants

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Annex II
Agenda of the 24th Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee

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