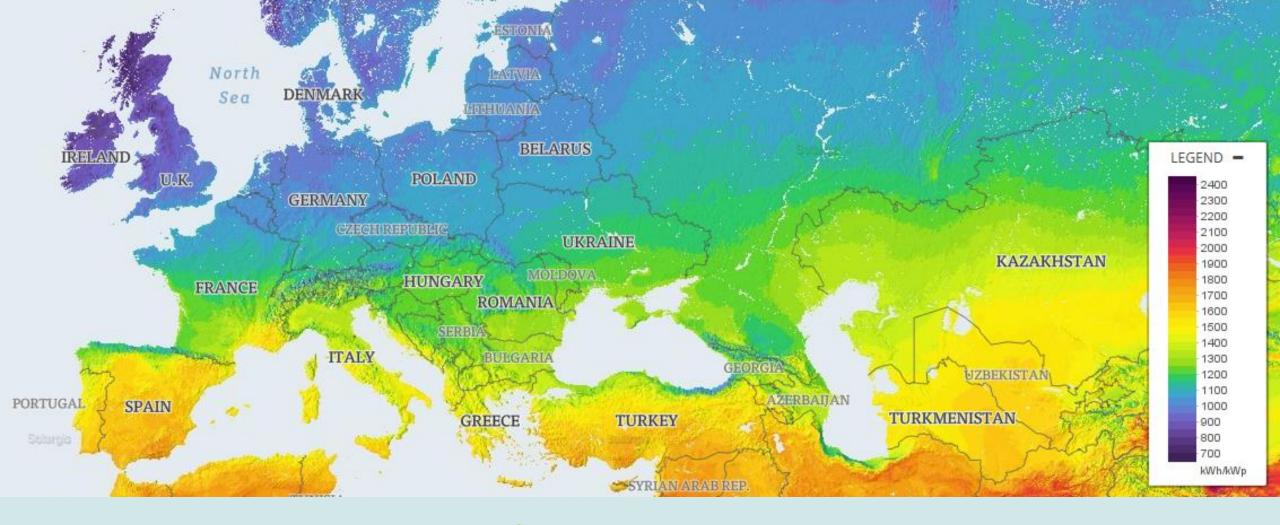
"FORWARD TO AN ENERGY TRANSITION IN UKRAINE"

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COULD UKRAINE RECOME A PIONEER IN FIGHTING GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE?



Global development as seen by evolutionists

ENERGY SYSTEMS ... MIRROR ... SOCIAL SYSTEMS





Pyramids = *vertical*



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ENERGY SYSTEMS ... MIRROR ... SOCIAL SYSTEMS



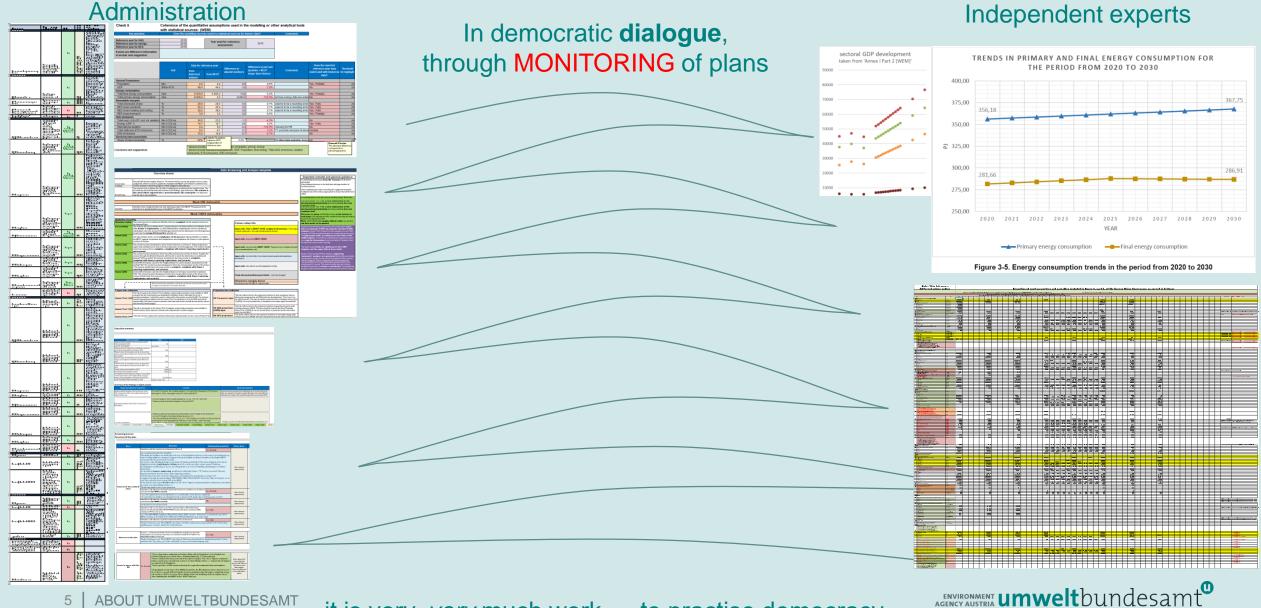
Centrally planned energy systems: nuclear, fossil – need strong protection



Distributed energy systems: solar – efficiency improvements



HOW IS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION DONE IN PRACTICE?



ABOUT UMWELTBUNDESAMT

... it is very, *very* much work ... to practise democracy

Image source: EEA

CAN WE REACH THE TARGET OF A REAL TRANSITION?

HOW?

THE NEW MINDSET

Renewable Energy Paradigms	
Old Paradigm	New Paradigm
Technology assessment	Market assessment
Equipment supply focus	Application, value-added, and user focus
Economic viability	Policy, financing, institutional, and social needs and solutions
Technical demonstrations	Demonstrations of business, financing, institutional and social models
Donor gifts of equipment	Donors sharing the risks and costs of building sustainable markets
Programs and intentions	Experience, results, and lessons
Cost reductions	Competitiveness on the market place

Adapted from: Martinot, E., Chaurey, A., Lew, D., Moreira, J.B. & Wamukonya, N. 2002. Renewable Energy Markets in Developing Countries. Annual Review of Energy and the Environment. 27: 309-348.

What was going on in Europe in 2019?



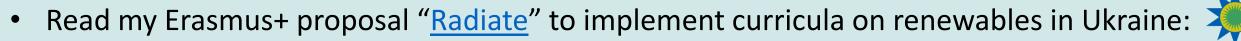
Youth says: we are now the "good examples" for you!





... a respectful result for engaged European Youth!

- *Hopes* turned into a political *plan*:
 - Climate neutrality
 - Clean, reliable & affordable energy
 - Financing the transition
 - "Leave no one behind"
 - IFIs <u>support</u> Green Energy



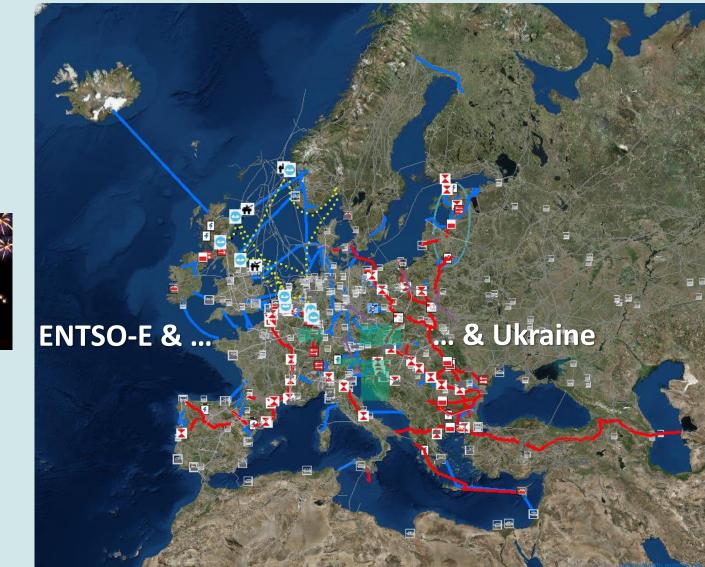


AUSTRIA & EU: INTEGRATION WITH UKRAINE

- Energy infrastructure map: current European <u>plans</u> for electricity, gas & oil pipelines to be built
- Ukraine now joins ENTSO-E,

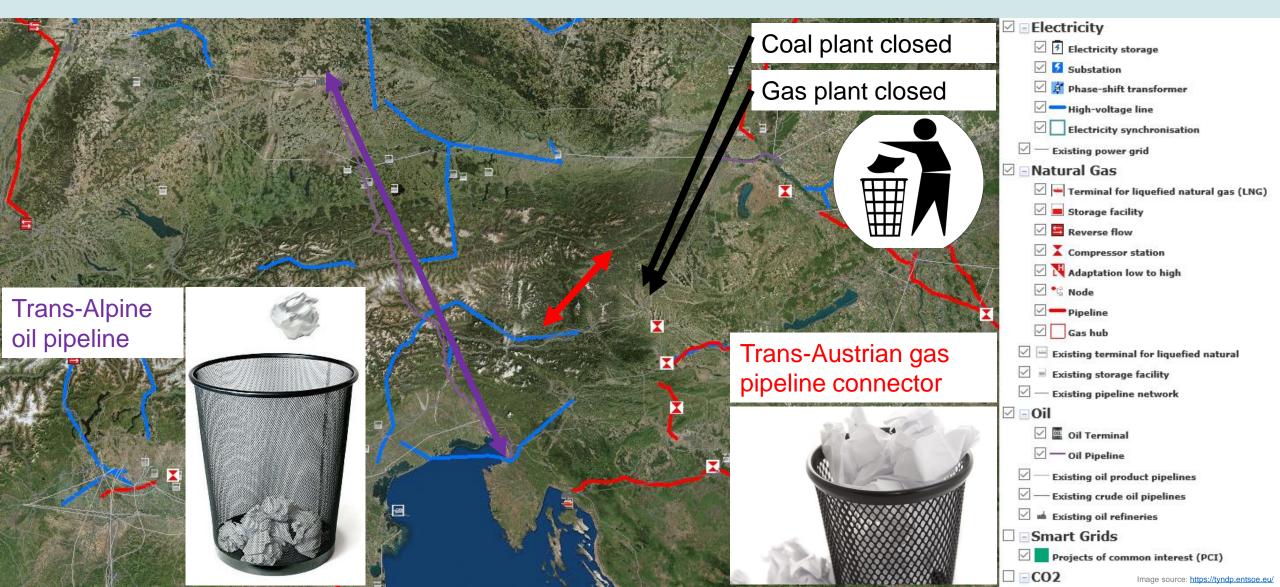
the European association for the cooperation of transmission system operators (TSOs) for electricity

- New oil & gas pipeline plans cost 1-2 M€/km (see <u>analysis</u>) and often do no more pay off in Austria



AUSTRIA: THE FOSSIL EPOCH IS NOW ENDING

Pipeline plans are *cancelled* and fossil power plants are *closed down*



New Trend in Austria: fossil power plants close down, even if fully functional

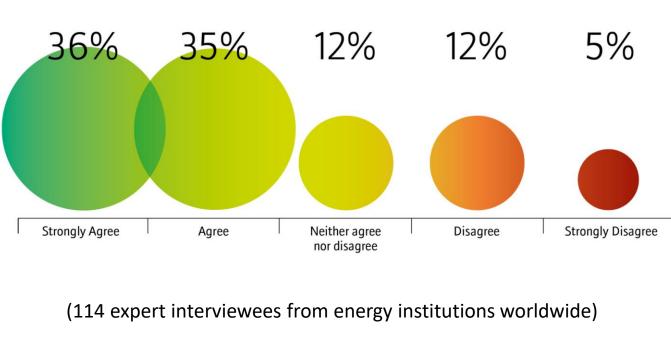


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ARE WE ALL REALISTS? – WHAT EXPERTS THINK:

• 71% agree that a transition to 100% renewable energy is globally feasible



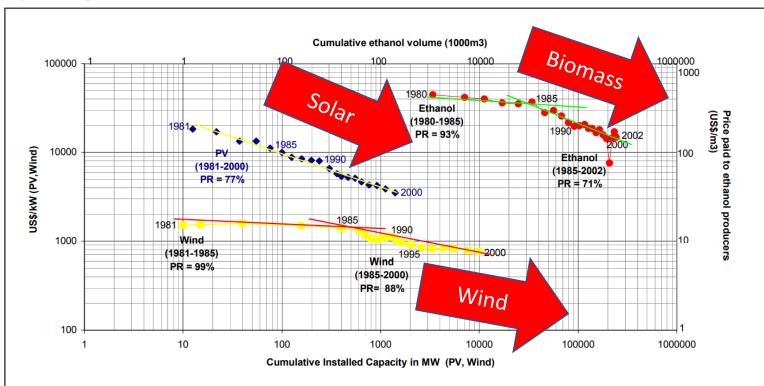
Is the transition to 100% renewables on a global level feasible and realistic?

Renewables Global Futures Report Great debates towards 100 % renewable energy



PRICES FOR RENEWABLES DECREASE STRONGLY

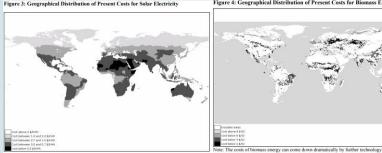
Figure 1: Experience Curves for Photovoltaics, Windmills, and Ethanol Production



Sources: for wind turbines, L. Neij., P. Dannemand Andersen., M. Durstewitz, P. Helby, M. Hoppe-Kilpper, and P.E. Morthorst, Experience Curves: A Tool for Energy Policy Assessment (2003); for photovoltaics, V. Parente, R. Zilles, and J. Goldemberg, "Comments on Experience Curves for PV Modules," Progress in Photovoltaics: Research and Applications, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd (2002); for ethanol, J. Goldemberg, S.T. Coelho, P. M. Nastari, and O. Lucon, "Ethanol Learning Curve: The Brazilian Experience," Biomass and Energy (Submitted for publication).



With increasing capacity installed, prices for solar, wind and biomass energy) decrease considerably – and already overtook attractivity of fossil fuels as of now!



Note: The costs of PV electricity can come down dramatically by father technology development. is available in greater detail bits shows specific regions. Source: Hoopsynk, M, de Vrise, B, Winkel, J, & Turkenburg, W. Submitted for publication. Assessment of the Source: Hoopsynk, M, de Vrise, J, Winkel, J, & Turkenburg, W. Submitted for publication. Potential of growthalt and marine in contential of advances memory.

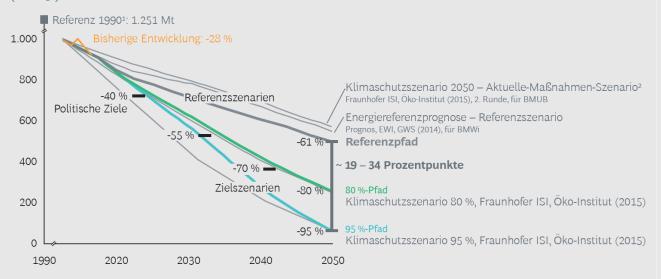
Source: REN Report https://ren21.net/Portals/0/documents/irecs/renew2004/The%20Potentials%20of%20Renewable%20Energy.t

EXAMPLE: CLIMATE PATHS FOR GERMANY (BDI STUDY)

RESULT: -80% REDUCTION IS POSSIBLE AT "NO COSTS" FOR THE ENTIRE ECONOMY

- 3 Paths: <u>Reference</u>, <u>-80%</u> & <u>-95%</u> emissions
- The Reference Path:

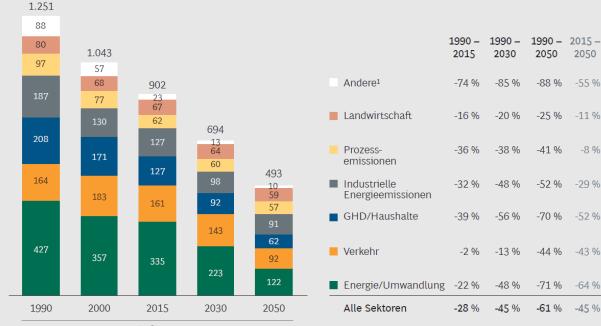
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¹ Exkl. internationaler Luft- und Seeverkehr und LULUCF ² Inkl. aller technischen Maßnahmen, die bis Oktober 2012 ergriffen wurden Quelle: Überblick Szenarienarbeit Klimaschutz in Deutschland bis 2050, Öko-Institut und Fraunhofer ISI (2016); Prognos; BCG

REFERENZ: MINUS 61 PROZENT EMISSIONEN ZWISCHEN 1990 UND 2050 ABBILDUNG 7 | Emissionsentwicklung nach Sektoren in der Referenz

THG-EMISSIONEN DEUTSCHLAND 1990 – 2050 (Mt CO2ä) SEKTORSPEZIFISCHE EINSPARUNGEN (%)



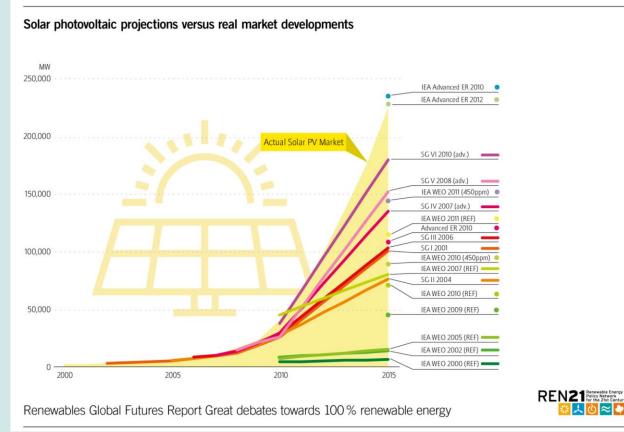
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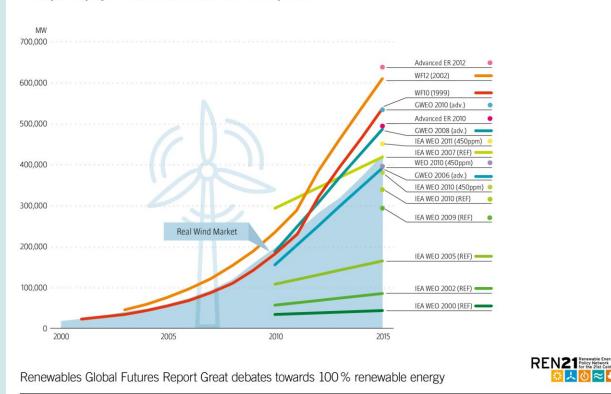
¹ Enthält Abfallwirtschaft, flüchtige Emissionen und Militär Quelle: Prognos

DID SCENARIOS TRULY TELL THE FUTURE?

For solar (and wind), earlier scenarios were even "under-optimistic"!

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Wind power projections versus real market developments

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What we worked in Ukraine on Renewable Energy Sources (RES):

a guided interview with two dozen stakeholders in Ukraine from five sectors of society, in the frame of a EU Twinning project

- Stakeholders from the triple helix of innovation, enlarged to a "quintuple helix":
 - Research & University, e.g. KPI, LPI, Academy of Sciences, Mohyla University etc.
 - Civil Society & NGOs, e.g. Ecodia, Dixi Group, Heinrich Böll F., 350.org, Greencubator
 - Industry & Enterprises, e.g. Ukrenergo, D.Tek Renewables
 - Governance & Administration, e.g. Verkhovna Rada Energy Committee
 - Media, e.g. Bloomberg
- Result: Draft recommendations for the SAEE website, based on expert interviews
- Main message: There should be tailored information for different groups of stakeholders, (S + M + L), such as individuals, house owners, energy cooperatives, small and medium businesses (SMEs), large businesses, industrial investors, and international actors
- Detailed <u>reports</u> and articles on <u>obstacles</u> and <u>ways forward</u> for RES in Ukraine, <u>e.g.</u>: Як подолати перешкоди, які стоять перед більш активним розповсюдженням ВДЕ на місцевому рівні 18



Main conclusions

for how to improve RES deployment in Ukraine by means of enhanced information

- The two dozen interview partners identified the key options for improvement in 5 domains
- And provided best practice examples to be followed, regarding these types of obstacles:
 - **1.** Financial, e.g. how to obtain suitable and cheap credits
 - 2. Administrative, e.g. how to master the complex application process
 - 3. Technological, e.g. types of RES installations and how to choose them
 - 4. Social, e.g. energy cooperatives
 - 5. Fact-based information on RES
- See the specialized <u>reports</u> on the detailed results:
 - Обізнаність щодо переваг ВДЕ та потреби в інформації для просування ВДЕ
 - and the <u>report</u> on existing information on RES in Ukraine



Проект ЄС Твінінг "Розвиток відновлюваної енергетики в Україні" Контракт Твінінг №: ENI/2018/403-147 19

1. Financial obstacles

What type of financial information do you think is needed for better promoting renewable energy installations?

- The general assessment provided by interview partners was that (especially for small and medium actors) financial obstacles are of primary importance.
- Generally, the most important parameter for potential future actors is the payback period. Most important influences are:
- > (i) prices of the installation,
- > (ii) expectable incomes for electric energy are decisive,
- > (iii) the available financial instruments, including different effective interest rates,
- > (iv) risks in assessing all of the above, including a guaranteed possibility for actually selling electricity to the grid,
- > (v) evidently the choice of technological model for the installation which means divergent technical lifetime.
- House owners, especially in villages, could therefore decrease their cost enormously, especially when aided by "self-construction initiatives" (providing professional expert advice) which were typical for the first RES epochs in Austria.

2. Obstacles of administrative complexity



What type of administrative information do you think is needed for better promoting renewable energy installations?

- The key message: too high administrative complexity
- The general assessment provided by interview partners focused on the too high complexity of administrative procedures especially for small and medium actors. For some interviewees, administrative hurdles are larger than financial hurdles, and they say that clear rules are needed.
- According to many interviewees, obstacles are mainly
- > (α) high prices of connection to the electric grid
- > (β) corruption and
- > (γ) high complexity of the involved administrative procedures, and to retrieve necessary info.

3. Social obstacles (organisation of energy communities)



What type of social information do you think is needed for better promoting renewable energy installations?

- The key message:
- The general assessment provided by interview partners focused on the importance of social innovation (mostly through self-responsible civil-society structures) in order to put into practice the technological options which in principle are already here.
- (α) identify experts as cooperation partners
- (β) energy cooperatives and OSBB
- (γ) best practice examples

4. Best practice examples

What type of information do you think is needed for better promoting renewable energy installations?

- Best-practice examples: there could be "best practice examples" inspiring other Ukrainian citizens:
 - Additionally, at the municipal level, four city mayors target 100% RES until 2050, namely L'viv, Chortkiv, Kamianets-Podilskyi, Zhytomyr. These cities also targeted partners from NGOs and asked for improvements, and also searched for investments. Such a target also helps cities to obtain more investments, and these cities also use their own money.
 - The "Association of active consumers and prosumers" will exert influence also in the future
 - There is an Energy transition platform of 5 environmental NGOs, and the idea is to also invite business.
 - 100RES is intercontinental, there is also 100RES.ua.
 - Ecoclub Rivne NGO.

5. Education: fact-based information to be provided



What type of information do you think is needed for better promoting renewable energy installations?

- The **general assessment** provided by interview partners highlights that awareness raising is of very high importance.
- (α) clear factual information on fact-based realities
- (β) vivid and appealing information on best-cases as encouraging motivator for the population
- (γ) dispersion of unfounded prejudices against RES.
- Basis diagnosis:

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- There is a great lack of education on RES: on the university level, on the workers level, on the population level.
- In Ukraine, there is a balance between understanding REN as a business case for profit versus as resulting from environmental and renewable awareness.
- The new president wishes: the government in a smart phone. Hence most relevant services are online. This should include also RES.
- One expert answered: If you searched for information on renewables, where would you go? I would find an acquaintance, not an office. "I would more rely on someone's experience."

My conclusion:

The energy system is the manifestation of values of the societal system.

Self-responsible, reliable, sustainable, democratic

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