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Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

5th Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Strasbourg, 7-8 June 2011

List of decisions

The Governing Board of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) met in Strasbourg on 7 and 8 June 2011. The meeting was chaired by Mr Jean-Luc Janiszewski, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board. The Consultative Committee was invited by the EPAS Governing Board to take part in the first part of the meeting (on 7 June). Having deliberated, the Governing Board:

First part of the meeting (with the Consultative Committee)

1. Opening of the meeting

- welcomed the delegates from member states of the EPAS, as well as a special guest from Canada (the list of participants can be found in Appendix 2);
- took note of the welcoming address delivered by Mr Jean-Luc Janiszewski, Chair of the EPAS Governing Board (publication on the restricted website);
- took note of the address by Mr Predrag Manojlovic, Chair of the Consultative Committee;
- noted the address by Mr Ralf-René-Weingärtner, Director of Youth and Sport, who reported on the recent developments in the Council of Europe Secretariat General (Reform, new structure of the Secretariat, interest expressed by ministers and in the Committee of Ministers for match-fixing issue);
- noted the updates by Mr Pierre Masson from the Sports Convention Division, (challenges: WADA budget 2012, data protection in anti-doping, development of the spectator violence Convention);
- welcomed the keynote speech by Mr Pascal Boniface on the role of sport in international relations, and expressed the wish to develop further exchange and cooperation with the "Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques" (IRIS), e.g. on peace though sport projects or on « match-fixing »;

2. Adoption of the agenda

- adopted the agenda for this meeting as it appears in Appendix 1 to this report;

3. Reports

- took note of the reports of the Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board meetings of 5 November 2010, 22-23 March 2011 as they appear in documents EPAS (2010) 62rev and EPAS (2011) 39rev;

- took note of the reports of the Bureau of the EPAS Consultative Committee meetings of 9 March 2010 and Consultative Committee of the 21 March 2011 as they appear in documents EPAS (2010) 22 and EPAS (2011) 30;
- decided that, in the future, the Bureau report would be published on the EPAS restricted website after its approval by the Bureau, and would not be reproduced as a document for the next Governing Board meeting;

4. Information on accession of new members to the EPAS

- took note of the membership developments (34 member states) and wished a special welcome to Georgia;
- noted that there are ongoing contacts between the Secretariat and countries which have already expressed interest in acceding (e.g. Ukraine, Belgium and Turkey);
- noted that the observer statute which were granted to Turkey in April 2010, has expired according to the EPAS Rules of procedures Paragraph 2.3 and that Turkey was consequently notified it would not be invited to the present meeting;
- noted with satisfaction, that the Sambo Federation and the « Women and Sport » network were finally granted with the observer statute by the Committee of Ministers (in its composition restricted to EPAS members), on 16 March 2011;
- noted that the final decision concerning EUPA and Sport and Citizenship is pending¹;
- noted the recommendation of the Consultative Committee to strengthen the representation of individual sports in the Consultative Committee;
- agreed that as the membership of the first Consultative Committee members is about to expire, the forthcoming Governing Board will update the terms of Reference of the Consultative Committee, and may define more precise criteria for the organisations, according to the proposals of the Consultative Committee;
- had an exchange of views on the case of Sport Rights Owner Coalition (SROC), which gathers 40 right-holders organisations;
- agreed that the position of the Consultative Committee and the approval by the Governing Board on the newly registered candidates (Tennis Europe, SROC, European Handcycling Federation and EU Athletes) will be taken by written procedure;

5. Update on current issues in international co-operation on sport

5.1 From the governmental side

- took note of the presentation of current issues from the governmental side (publication on the restricted website);
- noted, in addition to the elements included in the presentation, that the UN Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group (SDP IWG) is actively supported by Norway to lead its agenda;

5.2 From the non-governmental side

- took note of the presentation from the sports movement (publication on the restricted website);
- noted that the survey that serves as a background for the two presentations is available on the EPAS website under the section "Studies and reports";
- thanked the IOC representative to mention the different memorandum of understanding between IOC and UN agencies;

¹ The statute was granted on 6 July 2011

5.3 Discussion on issues of common interest for the EPAS members and the sports movement

- welcomed the closer cooperation and the converging views between the sports movement and the public authorities, on several issues;
- noted that this close co-operation is reflected in the setting of some national delegations to the EPAS Governing Board, which associated a representative of their national sport movement;
- re-iterated the invitation to EPAS member states to involve, where appropriate, representatives of their national sports movement in the work of EPAS;
- proposed that the whole Governing Board meeting in 2012 could associate both EPAS governmental and national sports movement representatives, with views to foster this co-operation, except if some items on the agenda need to be addressed "in camera", without the observers;
- noted the presentation of UEFA on the issue of national teams, and in particular :
 - the need for adequate compensation mechanisms between clubs and national teams;
 - the risk that clubs may refuse to free players to national team, in particular in the case of the less visible nations:
- agreed to keep it in mind and to consider to address it, in the framework of the programme of activities 2012;
- noted the presentation by Mrs Krisztina Gönter on the priorities for the Hungarian EU presidency, in the field of sport :
 - social and economical dimension on sport;
 - EU work plan on sport;
 - closer co-operation with sport movement and with partner organisations such as the Council of Europe;
 - new organisation of the EU working groups;
 - Sports directors meeting and Sports ministers meeting;
- noted the presentation by Mrs Ewa Markovic on the priorities for the Polish EU presidency, in the field of sport :
 - fight against match-fixing (in coordination with the Council of Europe);
 - co-operation with the "Eastern Partnership" countries;
- noted the update by Mrs Ingrid Beutler, of Sport Accord (umbrella organisation of 90 International Federations), on its activities to promote integrity in sport; activities in this field may provide opportunities to continue close co-operation with public authorities, which are also interested in the issue;

6. Discussions on draft recommendations

6.1 Manipulation of sports results

- expressed appreciation for the presentation by Mr Pierre Cornu (UEFA), and took note of the report by Mr Stanislas Frossard (EPAS Secretariat);
- agreed that the draft recommendation and guidelines were answering to a need of most EPAS member states;
- noted the statement by Norway that not all states have yet been affected by cases of match-fixing and that it should be primarily a competence of the sports movement to address these issues;
- noted the statements from Finland, France, Switzerland and Iceland, which expressed support for the process;
- noted that as far sports ethics is concerned, the sports movement should have the main responsibility to address the issue, but that support from public authorities is

needed and that manipulation of sport results also involves corruption and organised crime;

- noted that further consultation will continue before the document can be submitted to the Committee of Ministers for adoption, notably:
 - written inputs from EPAS members (10 days after the meeting);
 - approval by CDPC (on criminal law issues) on 16 June;
 - final approval by EPAS Governing Board;
- stressed that such a recommendation is not a legally binding standard;
- agreed that the adoption of the recommendation should open the door to the consideration of a Convention (feasibility study);
- noted the statement by Mrs Paquerette Girard-Zapelli, representative of the IOC, which considered that the draft recommendation should serve as a starting point for standard setting at international level, and warned against the risk of isolation of Europe;
- decided to keep the reference to the issue of "fair return", even "as an issue to be handled separately";
- expressed appreciation for the extensive co-operation with sports organisations, other public authorities and betting operators;

6.2 Migrations in Sport and the protection of young people

- welcomed the introductory presentation by Mrs Ida Hyllested, from UNICEF (publication on the restricted website), the international leading advocate organisation for children's rights, who shared the concerns by EPAS in the preparation of the recommendation, acknowledged the need for further international co-ordination, welcomed the draft proposal and expressed readiness for cooperation on the implementation of the recommendation;
- noted the statement by SportAccord, which mentioned that a working group of the UNSPS, with the support of UK Sport and Unicef UK, is also interested in these issues and may constitute a channel to promote internationally the measures elaborated in the framework of the recommendation;
- noted the statement by Finland, which confirmed that this is an important issue, which requests some co-ordination at international level and with relevant stakeholders;
- noted broad support in favour of the approval of this recommendation;
- noted the statement by Norway, which was not able to get the agreement from all the concerned authorities, and requested an additional deadline before transmitting the project to the GR-C;
- requested the delegation, which still have amendment to send them to the Secretariat until 16 June 2012, and the Secretariat to launch a decision by written procedure on the approval of the Recommendation, before the end of June;

7. EPAS activities on promoting diversity and combating discrimination in and through sport

- took note of the report by Sonia Parayre (EPAS Secretariat);
 - those activities are in the heart of the CoE mission, as supported by the "group of eminent persons";
 - the London Conference on "Women in Sport" will take place on 15-18 September in London;
 - EPAS managed to involve experts and to build on experience from other specialised committees;
 - working group to take place on 20-21 June, on the issue of gender-mainstreaming in sport (proposal to the London Conference);

- strong Support from Consultative Committee members;
- the proposal included in document EPAS(2011) 40, is to continue these activities, and to focus every year on a specific group, in particular
- in 2012 a Conference will take place on the fight against homophobia in sport;
- approved document and the proposals of activities;
- specified that further work on gender-mainstreaming will depend on the proposals of the London Conference;

8. Joint Projects

8.1 Good Governance

- noted that despite numerous attempts, the funding of the project is not yet ensured, as € 18500.- of a total amount of € 90 000.- are still missing from a sports partner;
- invited the Secretariat to pursue its efforts and decided to postpone the deadline for identifying partners to 31.12.2011, and requested the Bureau to consequently take a final decision on the project after this date;

8.2 Friendship Games

- noted with appreciation with presentation of the frame project (EPAS (2011) INF8rev), which was built on the experiences and the expertise of the "Peace and Sport" organisation;
- noted that such activities may be organised with a budgetary frame from € 10 000 to 250 000;
- decided to launch a call for interest, and depending on the interested countries, which may be ready to fund a part of such activities with voluntary contribution, to submit projects to the Governing Board for possible support by other partners and/or EPAS funds:

8.3 Projects funded by voluntary contributions from Monaco

- approved the project "Handbooks on good practices", as described in document EPAS(2011)37 and the allocation of the voluntary contributions from Monaco to the funding of these handbooks;

8.4 Media against Racism in Sport, Council of Europe/European Union joint project

- noted the involvement of the EPAS, in an advisory role, in the projects "Media against Racism in Sport", funded by the European Union and managed by the Directorate of Culture (described in document EPAS (2011)INF2);

9. Priorities of the Programme of activities 2012

- expressed views on the proposed list of activities for 2012 :
 - need to follow orientations given by the Ministerial meetings as well inputs from sport organisations, and to provide room for theme renewal every second year;
 - need to promote diversity, expertise and performance in sport thought cooperation activities:
 - need to keep an offer of Consultative and Evaluation visits, which add value to the development of sports policies;
 - suggested to find a way to refer to the issue of evaluation of the sustainability of major sports events;

10. Miscellaneous

- thanked the representatives of the sports movement for their active participation in the meetings;

Second part of the meeting (without the Consultative Committee)

11. Opening of the meeting

resumed its proceeding;

12. EPAS Statute: legal and political issues

- expressed appreciation for the clarification with the legal department on the various issues raised in recent EPAS meetings;
- approved the three proposals in document EPAS (2011) 2rev, and invited the Secretariat to prepare the corresponding statutory amendments, to consult the Consultative Committee and to submit them for approval;
- agreed that the forthcoming ministerial meeting (12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport), should be opened to all states parties to the European Cultural Convention, but wished to include a restricted meeting for the Ministers of EPAS countries, in order to collect proposals on EPAS activities;

13. Ministerial Meeting

- noted with satisfaction the review of the follow-up since the 18th Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for sport as presented in documents EPAS (2011) 17rev and expressed appreciation for the speedy implementation of the resolutions by the EPAS;
- took note of the overview of organisational costs of ministerial Conferences EPAS (2011) 35;

14. Ongoing 2011 programme and budget of the EPAS

- took note of the update of the ongoing programme of activity, as presented in document EPAS(2011) 7rev3;
- approved the additional activities C and D, provided the funding is available;
- noted that EPAS won't be able to be represented in the event "Conference on Sport as a Mediator between Cultures », in September 2011, but that the Secretariat in Contact with Israel concerning possible accession;

15. Discussion of the draft programme of activities 2012

- confirmed the definition of the three priorities presented in document EPAS(2011)15rev, and expressed support for a balance between the three first priorities;
- adopted the draft list of activities as presented in the document EPAS(2011)33rev and invited the Bureau, where appropriate, to update this list of activities in the course of the year;

16. Ministerial meetings: preparation of the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport

- agreed with the proposal to organise the Conference in the first semester, in order to prevent proximity with EU Sports Forum and Ministerial meeting;
- accepted the date (15 March) proposed by Serbia, provided the Conference will be organised in good conditions;
- wished to provide the organising country with an opportunity to make proposal on the themes of the Conference;
- agreed to include in the programme a separate meeting of the Ministers of EPAS member states, in order to discuss EPAS priorities;
- defined that the follow-up of the Match-fixing recommendation, and in particular the feasibility study on a convention and consideration of a worldwide entity, shall constitute the main theme of the Conference and invited Serbia to express issues to be included in the discussion on "current issues";

17. Development of co-operation between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of sport

- thanked the initiative of Hungary, which organised a working lunch on interinstitutional co-operation between Council of Europe and European Union before the EU informal meeting of Sports directors;
- expressed the wish that such opportunities will continue, and may in the future include representative of the intergovernmental committees and the parliamentarian institutions:
- noted that EU countries, in the update of the Terms of reference of the EU experts groups², took a stand in favour of the possible involvement of CoE representatives in the relevant working groups;
- exchanged views on the continuation when needed of informal ministerial meetings in the framework of EU, which request good co-ordination of the date to prevent the multiplication of ministerial events in a narrow timeframe;
- noted that at present, the areas of common interest of the EU and EPAS, which request attention and coordination, are the following:
 - Volunteering;
 - Match-fixing / integrity;
 - Good governance;
 - Migrations;
 - Gender issues in sport;

18. Monitoring Activities

- took note of the oral presentation by the Secretariat on the Consultative Visit in Bosnia and Herzegovina (25-26 January 2011), on the implementation of the European Sports Charter and the Recommendation Rec(2001)6 on the prevention of racism, xenophobia and racial intolerance in sport;
- noted that the report was sent for preliminary check by the national authorities and will be submitted for adoption by the Governing Board;
- noted the appreciation expressed by Mrs Amila Karadzic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) for the visit, the report and the recommendations;

² Themes dealt with by the experts groups (2011-2014): anti-doping, good governance in sport, educatin and training in sport, sport, health and participation, sport statistics, sustainable financing of sport.

- noted that Bosnia and Herzegovina will propose to host a seminar or a round table on funding of sport (e.g. sponsoring, public private partnership), as a follow-up measure to this seminar;
- noted that this issue of spectator violence, nationalism and intolerance will be further addressed by the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and hope that EPAS and the Standing Committee of the Spectator violence Convention will further provide their support;
- stressed that EPAS should continue to provide member states with this kind of evaluation and/or advisory visits;

19. Elections

- elected Ms Ewa Markowicz (Poland) as Chair of the Governing Board (2011-2013);
- elected Mr Alexey Morozov (Russian Federation) as Vice-Chair of the Governing Board (2011-2013);
- elected:
 - Mr Jean-Luc Janiszewski (France), as member of the Bureau (2011-2013),
 - Ms Satu Heikkinen (Finland) as member of the Bureau (2011-2013),
 - Ms Krisztina Göntér (Hungary) as member of the Bureau (2011-2013),
 - Mr Amila Karazic (Bosnia and Herzegovina), as member of the Bureau (2011-2013),
 - Mr Dragan Atanasov (Serbia) as special representative of the host country of the Ministerial Conference, as an additional participant to Bureau meetings for the next term of office of the Bureau, and specified that his travel and accommodation costs will be covered as for the Bureau members (2011-2013),
- noted the election, by the Consultative Committee, of Mr. Predrag Manojlovic, Chair of its Consultative Committee, as the first representative in the Bureau of the Governing Board (2011-2013);
- noted that, if the Consultative Committee wants to link this seat with the term of office of its Chair, they may have to take decisions to proceed with an intermediate election;
- as the second CC representative Committee had not yet been elected, invited the Consultative Committee to do so by written procedure to complete its representation in the Bureau;
- invited the Secretariat to prepare an update of the Rules of procedure to include non European members in the sub-regional election groups, and to establish the seat of representative of the host country of the ministerial Conference;

20. Miscellaneous

21. Place and date of the next meeting

- agreed that the 6th meeting of the Governing Board should be held in Strasbourg, in spring 2012 (to be confirmed).

Appendix 1

Agenda

Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS)

3rd Joint Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee

5th Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board

Room 2, Agora, Strasbourg

7-8 June 2011, 9.30am-6pm

Draft Annotated Agenda

1st day, Governing Board and Consultative Committee

1. Opening of the meeting

Addresses by:

- Mr Jean-Luc Janiszewski, Chair of the Governing Board
- Mr Predrag Manojlovic, Chair of the Consultative Committee
- Ms Gabriella Battaini, Director General of DGIV

Oral presentation by Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni on the Council of Europe reform

- Mr Pierre Masson, Head of Sports Conventions Division

Oral presentation by Pierre Masson on the latest developments in the Conventions

- Mr Pascal Boniface, Director of the Institute of International and Strategic Relations (IRIS) as special guest

Oral presentation by Mr Pascal Boniface

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Governing Board is invited to adopt the agenda and its possible amendments

EPAS (2011) 34rev3

3. Reports

- Bureau of the EPAS Governing Board meetings of 5 November 2010, 22-23 March 2011

EPAS (2010) 62rev EPAS (2011) 39rev

The Committees are invited to take note of the reports

 Consultative Committee plenary meetings of 21 March 2011 and its Bureau of 9 March 2011

EPAS (2011) 22 EPAS (2011) 30

The Committees are invited to take note of the reports

- 4. Information on accession of new members to the EPAS
 - Governing Board: new member states and observer states
 - Consultative Committee: new members

The Committees are invited to take note of EPAS new members. The Governing Board is invited to approve the candidatures from several organisations wishing to join the Consultative Committee, in order to convey for approval to the Committee of Ministers.

EPAS (2011) 6rev3 EPAS (2011) INF4rev3

- 5. Update on current issues in international co-operation on sport Presentations
 - 5.1 From the governmental side
 - 5.2 From the non-governmental side

EPAS (2011) INF5rev2

The two presentations will provide general background information on the situation of international co-operation on sports policies, both from the perspective of the governments and from the perspective of the sports movement. The presentations are based on information collected by the secretariat and provided by respective organisations. Any documents will not be distributed as meeting documents, but will be made available in the "Reports" section of the EPAS Website. The Committees are invited to react to the presentations and to take note of them.

5.3 Discussion on issues of common interest for the EPAS members and the sports movement

The Committees are invited to use this opportunity of open forum to address current issues of common concern in the light of existing Recommendations and to consider new challenges.

- 6. Discussions on draft recommendations
 - 6.1 Manipulation of sports results
 - Presentation (by Mr Pierre Cornu, Chief Counsel, Integrity and Regulatory Affairs, UEFA)
 - Presentation of the draft recommendation (Secretariat)

EPAS (2011) 32rev1

- Discussion
- Approval

The Governing Board is invited to discuss and approve the draft recommendation, with a view to its transmission to the Committee of Ministers, for consideration by the GR-C and adoption by the Deputies. Sections C and D will also submitted to the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), on 16 June 2011.

- 6.2 Migrations in Sport and the protection of young people
 - General presentation of the issue of protection of minors and young people in sport (by Ms Ida Hyllested, UNICEF)

The Governing Board is invited to hold an exchange of views with Ms Ida Hyllested.

- Presentation of the draft recommendation (by the Secretariat)
- Discussion
- Approval

The Governing Board is invited to discuss the draft recommendation and to approve it, with a view to its transmission to the Committee of Ministers.

EPAS (2010) 38

EPAS (2011) 40

- 7. EPAS activities on promoting diversity and combating discrimination in and through sport
 - Presentation (by Secretariat)
 - Discussion on ongoing and future activities

The Committees are invited to take note of the presentation and to express their views on the EPAS activities related to diversity.

- 8. Joint Projects
 - for decision of EPAS member states:
 - 8.1 Good Governance
 - 8.2 Friendship Games
 - 8.3 Projects funded by voluntary contributions from Monaco
 - 8.4 Project "School of Sport and Peace"

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the progress, to agree to allocate EPAS funding to cover the governmental contribution and its launch provided the promised contributions are confirmed.

EPAS (2011) INF2

EPAS (2010) 9rev

EPAS (2011) 37

EPAS(2011) INF15

EPAS (2011) INF8rev

- for <u>information</u> of EPAS member states

8.4 Media against Racism in Sport, Council of Europe/European Union joint project

The Committees are invited to take note of the information provided by the Secretariat.

- 9. Priorities of the Programme of activities 2012
 - Results of the surveys
 - 2012/2013 activities
 - List of activities 2012
 - Discussion

The Governing Board is invited to discuss proposals for priorities 2012, to set the priorities for the EPAS programme of activities 2012 and the list of activities. In the light of the agreed priorities and the first comments, the draft list of activities will be updated for the second day of the meeting.

10. Miscellaneous

EPAS (2011) 42 EPAS (2011) 15rev EPAS (2011) 33

2nd day, without the Consultative Committee

- 11. Opening of the meeting
- 12. EPAS Statute: legal and political issues

Statutory and political issues concerning the EPAS

- Presentation (by the Secretariat)
- Discussion
- Decision

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the information, to hold an exchange of views and make proposals on the questions which should be considered.

12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport (MSL12)

13. Ministerial meetings

Follow-up to the 18th Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for sport

- Review of the follow-up since the 18th Council of Europe Informal Conference of Ministers responsible for sport

- Estimation of organisational costs of Ministerial Conferences

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the progress in the review of the followup, and, if need be, to make comments.

EPAS (2011) 35

EPAS (2011) 17rev

EPAS (2011) 2rev

14. Ongoing 2011 programme and budget of the EPAS:

- Updated detailed programme and budget 2011

- Draft 2011 calendar of activities

EPAS (2011) 7rev3 SPORT (2011) 1

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the state of implementation of the programme of activities 2011.

15. Discussion of the draft programme of activities 2012

- Presentation (by the Secretariat)

Discussion

Decision (priorities, draft programme of activities and budget proposal)

The Governing Board is invited to discuss the updated draft list of activities, to adopt the priorities, the list of activities and the draft budget 2012 and to delegate to the Bureau the responsibility of following up its implementation and update.

16. Ministerial meetings:

Preparation of the 12th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for sport

- Presentation (by the Secretariat)

Discussion

- Decision (date, place and draft programme)

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the information given by the Secretariat, to hold and exchange of views and take decisions on the programme of the Conference.

17. Development of co-operation between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of sport

The Governing Board is invited to discuss the development of inter-institutional cooperation between the EPAS, Council of Europe and the European Union, and to express proposals that may be followed up.

18. Monitoring Activities

18.1 Report on the Consultative Visit in Bosnia and Herzegovina

18.2 Further visits

The Governing Board is invited to take note and comment.

18.3 Procedure and conditions on granting visas to sportspeople participating in international sports events

- Update

The Governing Board is invited to take note of the oral presentation made by the Secretariat, to comment and make possible proposals on the update on 18.3.

EPAS (2011) 15rev

EPAS (2011) 16rev

19. Elections

- Chairman

- Bureau of the Governing Board

The Governing Board is invited to elect its President and its Bureau members.

20. Miscellaneous

Round Table proposal

The Governing Board is invited to suggest themes for a possible Round Table.

21. Date and place of the next meetings

Appendix 2

List of participants / Liste des participants

3rd Joint Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board and Consultative Committee 5th Meeting of the EPAS Governing Board Room 2, Agora, Strasbourg 7-8 June 2011, 9.30am-6pm

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