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1 Foreword

For Refo500, 2021 marked the end of the third four-year period in which partnerships were established and in which we could maintain the worldwide network of institutions and others working with the sixteenth-century Reformations and their significance. Refo500 started in 2010, and the first period lasted until the end of 2013. The second period ran from 2014-2017 and the third period from 2018-2021. During this third period, in consultation with the Board of the Refo500 Foundation, it was decided to discontinue non-academic activities as of 1 January 2022 and to henceforth focus entirely on the academic aspect and the maintenance of the academic network.

In that sense, this annual report marks the end of an eventful period. A period in which many activities were developed and many people were reached. When we look back, we are grateful for everything that has been developed and for the relationships that have been established. At the same time, we can soberly conclude that it was good: many anniversaries were celebrated, many books were published and a continuous flow of news could be offered. The downward trend in non-academic activities and productions in recent years continued in 2021. In summary, we can say: it has been good, and it was long enough.

This annual report provides a glimpse into the events and developments of the past year, in which we have certainly not been idle and were also able to lay the foundations for Refo500 after 2021. We are convinced that even after 2021 there will be sufficient opportunities to continue working on Early Modern Christianity research. And hopefully you will be too, after reading this annual report.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Herman J. Selderhuis, Director Refo500

April 2022

2 Board

In the year under review the Board of the Refo500 Foundation consisted of Wim (W.H.Th.) Moehn (Chair), Willemien Riezebos-Tessemaker (Board member), Henk Bokhorst (Secretary/Treasurer), and Peter Raven (Board member). In December of the year, Board member Willemien Riezebos-Tessemaker stepped down. Peter Raven was appointed in her place.

The board met three times. As usual, the annual report and accounts were adopted. The treasurer's budget for 2022 was also approved.

The Board was kept informed of the further development of the new-style REFORC, in which not only institutions can participate - as was the case until now - but also individual academics. Earlier, the Board already gave its approval to REFORC's new style. In consultation with the Board, we investigated whether the statutes needed to be amended now that Refo500 will profile itself more as REFORC and non-academic activities will be discontinued. On the advice of a notary, it was concluded that it is not necessary to amend the Articles of Association with a view to the future. The directors' and officers' liability insurance was checked and found to fully meet the current requirements.

3 Vision Paper 2018-2021

The activities are determined by the Vision Paper 2018–2021, adopted by the Board, which describes the mission, vision, goals and ambitions for the third phase:

3.1 Mission

The Reformation, as a movement of renewal and change, is important for today and tomorrow. Refo500 makes connections between themes in Reformation times and our days, between then and now, between people and Reformation history. In short: Refo500 is 'Connecting you, then and now'.

3.2 Vision

A network is a powerful instrument and we can do more together than we can alone. Partners know where to find each other for, e.g., related events, more public awareness, enlargement of their market, output, valorization, creating synergy, etc.

3.3 Aims

- Refo500 shows that the reformation is relevant.
- Refo500 offers a platform for meeting and cooperation.

3.4 Ambitions for 2018–2021

- Strengthening of international cooperation.
- Strengthening of RefoRC as an academic entity.
- Developing of the Coram Deo Program (2018) and implementing the program (2019-2021).
- Effectuation of the partnerships of institutions in Eastern Europe.

The verbs that go with these ambitions are intended for the network and platform function and not so much for the development of a programme, namely: facilitating, stimulating, informing and cooperating.

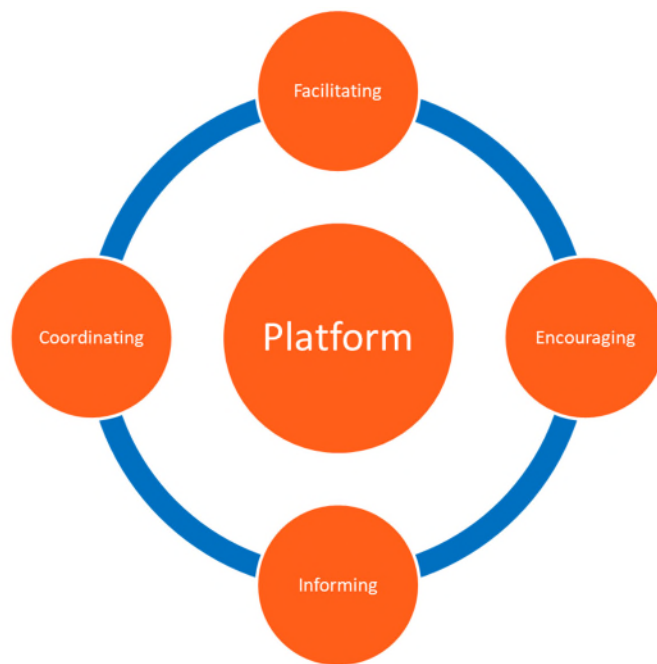


Fig. 1 Refo500 in verbs

4 Activities

4.1 REFORC New Style

In May of the reporting year, REFORC's new style was presented at the Tenth Annual RefoRC Conference on Early Modern Christianity. The new style is visible in the design of the new website www.reforc.com, which went online in April. In addition, because interest in the academic arm continues to grow, a new concept has been presented: in addition to institutions, individual scholars and other interested individuals can now join. Also, membership has been opened to associations dealing with early modern Christianity.

With this opening and the improved service in the form of more discounts and better opportunities for communication, REFORC becomes even more attractive for its members and future members.

The new style was also reflected in a new design, including a new logo. REFORC's logo is a word mark. The font is custom made for REFORC. It is a serif font that hearkens to the fonts used during the period of early-modern Christianity (ca. 1400-ca. 1700):

REFORC CONNECTING
ACADEMICS

In addition to the word mark, a symbol was designed. The symbol contains the initial R of REFORC and is a nod to the old paint stamps.



4.2 REFORC Memberships

Starting in the fall, many institutions, individuals and societies were contacted about the benefits of a REFORC membership. This has led to several academic institutions, as well as individual scientists and societies, already signing up as members in 2021. Members can make use of the services that REFORC offers and also post news on the website through their account. REFORC is committed to putting members in touch with each other in order

to expand their network and, if desired, to work together in the field of early modern Christianity.

4.3 Farewell to Non-academic Partners

The launch of REFORC's new style also marked the end of a period in which many non-academic institutions were partners of the international platform Refo500 and together they developed many activities and productions. All partnerships ended on December 31, 2021. Appropriate farewells were said to all partners, where possible in person. This often led to interesting and good contacts, and with gratitude we were able to look back on the past period in which we were able to accomplish a great deal together.

4.4 Coram Deo Program

Coram Deo Program, an initiative of Refo500 with its own income stream could not be developed further in the year under review for various reasons. Unfortunately, the planned activities could not take place because of the corona pandemic. The program supports academic activities within REFORC that focus on current themes or on themes that are clearly relevant to the present.

One example is the Coram Deo Program-sponsored conference on *Righteousness in Early Modern Christianity*, which was held in Bologna on September 15-16, 2021, and where 12 mostly young scholars presented their research. Preparations for a next Coram Deo Program sponsored conference were made in cooperation with KNIR and DHI, but due to the pandemic it was decided to postpone this conference until June 2022. About 20 speakers have registered for this latest conference.



Fig. 2 Conference 15/16 September in Bologna

4.5 ReIReS

ReIReS, the first step towards a permanent research infrastructure for Religious Studies concluded in 2021. Six partners of Refo500 participated in this Horizon 2020 funded project. Refo500 will not participate in the follow-up project called RESILIENCE. The hours and other costs incurred for the ReIReS project will be charged to the grant Refo500 received.

4.6 Other Activities

In cooperation with The Research Centre for the Humanities in Budapest and Zsombor Tóth, work was done on the Annual REFORC Conference in May. After much deliberation it was finally decided to offer the conference in a hybrid form, i.e. partly physical and partly online. The reason for this was the still prevailing pandemic. We are pleased that this year the conference could take place and that colleagues in Budapest made such an effort. On the other hand, a hybrid form is not the most optimal for an international conference in which mutual face to face meeting may also occupy an important place.

Furthermore, preparations were made with the team of the SFB 980 Episteme in Bewegung at the Freie Universität Berlin for the Annual REFORC conference in 2022.

Once again, work was done with the International Martin Luther Stiftung from Erfurt on the annual Luther Conference, but this conference too had to be rescheduled again, and to 2022.

Also postponed to 2020, but taking place in 2021, was the symposium *Priesterlijke zielen gevraagd M/V*, which was organized in cooperation with the Katholieke Vereniging voor Oecumene, the Theological University of Apeldoorn and Brevier publishers. Participating in the symposium were, Wim Moehn, Martijn Pouw, Marcel Sarot, Pieter Verhoeve, Andreas Wöhle and others. The symposium was offered in an online version. A thematic issue of *Perspectief*, the magazine of the Katholieke Vereniging voor Oecumene, was published as a result of the symposium.

In September, the LutherRose 2020 was awarded to Tandean Rustandy from Indonesia on behalf of the International Martin Luther Stiftung. Rustandy received the award because, according to the IMLS, he is someone who has "exemplarily applied the Reformation tradition of freedom and responsibility for the common good."



Fig. 3 LutherRose awarded to Tandean Rustandy, 13 September in Bologna

On October 15, 2021, the symposium *Kerkelijke eenheid, iets van vroeger?* was held in an in person format. This symposium was organized by the Vereniging Protestants Nederland, the Theological University Apeldoorn and Refo500 on the occasion of 450 years of the Synod of Emden (1571), with contributions by Christa Boerke, Erik de Boer, Piet Vergunst, Han Schenau, Wim van Vlastuin, Wijnand Zondag and Kees de Groot.

In collaboration with Babes-Bolyai University and the *Long Reformation in Eastern Europe (1500-1800)* research team, a workshop was organized in Cluj, October 2021. However, this could not take place for several reasons, including the still prevalent corona issue.

5 REFORC

5.1 General

REFORC, the Reformation Research Consortium, is the department of Refo500 that deals with research related to Early Modern Christianity (ca. 1400-ca. 1700). 32 partners of Refo500 are also members of REFORC. The department is enjoying growing interest from scholars around the world in this area. The new REFORC was launched in the middle of

2021 and in addition to institutions, individual scientists and associations can now also participate. Special offers have been developed for each of these target groups.

REFORC:

- strengthens interdisciplinary research on Early Modern Christianity;
- encourages international collaboration;
- stimulates its members to connect and to cooperate;
- communicates news on the activities and productions of its members.

5.2 Annual REFORC Conference

The Tenth Annual RefoRC Conference on Early Modern Christianity was organized by Zsombor Tóth and his team at the Research Center for the Humanities in Budapest. After much deliberation, a hybrid conference was chosen in which people could participate both physically and online. This choice allowed the conference to take place after the 2020 conference - organized by Aarhus University – unfortunately, had to be cancelled. It turned out to be quite a challenge to get the program right and to adapt the technology to it, but with combined efforts we succeeded. In the end 108 people participated; by far the most did so online. Seven plenary lectures were held on the topic of the *Long Reformation (c. 1400-1800): Confessions, Cultures, and Societies*, eighty short papers, a roundtable, and a digital book fair were also enjoyed. The advantage of the hybrid conference was that it still provided a conference in which much new research could be presented. The disadvantage of the hybrid conference was that the interaction was a lot lower than with a physical conference and also that there was less room for meeting people, although the organizers had offered this in a digital way. To compensate, some contributions were also offered via YouTube.



Fig. 4 Zsombor Tóth, opening the conference

5.3 Series

Refo500 Academic Studies (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht)

Thirteen volumes have been published, bringing the total number of volumes in the series to 84. *Common Man, Society and Religion in the 16th century* (Ulrich A. Wien, ed.) was the first publication in this series to also appear in open access.

Journal of Early Modern Christianity (De Gruyter)

Two issues appeared, including a special issue on the theme of *500 Jahre Rezeption der Reformation in Siebenbürgen und Ungarn: Anfänge und Netzwerke von Konfessionspluralismus in der Überlappungszone von West- und Ostkirche*, with guest editor Ulrich A. Wien.

Kunst und Konfession in der frühen Neuzeit (Schnell und Steiner)

No books in this series were published in the reporting year.

Law and Religion in Early Modern Christianity

No books in this series were published in the year under review.

5.4 Board

The REFORC Board, made up of internationally regarded scientists associated with REFORC members, met twice this year. Unfortunately, due to circumstances, this had to be done in an online setting.

The Board Members are concerned with the proper progress of the series, and with providing content, with the preparations for the Annual REFORC conferences and everything that goes with them. They give advice on the expansion and improvement of both the network and the program. The Board has been closely involved in the design of the new REFORC, as launched in mid-2021. Furthermore, Board Members take turns on the jury of the REFORC Book Award and the REFORC Paper Award.

5.5 Other

18 submissions were accepted for the REFORC Book Award 2021. The Award was won by Els Agten for her book *The Catholic Church and the Dutch Bible. From the Council of Trent to the Jansenist Controversy (1564-1733)*, (Brill). The Award includes a prize of € 1,000. The

award winner was announced during the Tenth Annual REFORC Conference on Early Modern Christianity.



Fig. 5 Els Agten with the REFORC Book Award 2021

The REFORC Paper Award 2021 went to Preston Hill for his paper *Dolores Inferni in Anima Sustinuisse: Christ's Descent into Hell in the Thought of Calvin, Lefèvre, Pico, and Cusa*, which he presented at the Tenth Annual RefoRC Conference 2021.

There was no request for the REFORC Support Fund, a support fund that members of REFORC can use, in 2021.

A panel was prepared for the European Academy of Religion, which however had to cancel its conference.

6 Informing

By "informing" we mainly mean the dissemination of news of all kinds of books, projects and events of our partners and of course our own productions like the Annual REFORC Conference. For communication, a number of channels and means are available, such as a website, newsletter and social media. In addition, much internal communication takes place through appropriate channels (e-mail, online conference tools, telephone, and in the past year to a lesser extent physical meetings).

In order to continue to inform the target groups in a recognizable manner in the future, a new house style for REFORC has been developed, which has already been applied to a number of resources (stationery, business cards, roll-up banners) and which will also be used for the new website.

6.1 Website

The number of news items changed in accordance with the trend that started several years ago: more news was posted on the REFORC site, but again less news was posted on the Dutch, English and German Refo500 websites. This is related to the trend that there is less and less non-academic news and more and more academic news

The newly designed website reforc.com went online in April.

The website reformatieactueel.nl, set up some years ago in cooperation with Erdee Media Groep, went offline at the end of 2021. The website contained materials that can be used for catechesis and Bible study groups.

Also refo500.nl, refo500.de, and refo500.com, respectively the Dutch-, German-, and English-language websites containing non-academic news, went offline at the end of 2021.

6.2 Social Media

6.2.1 Twitter

The number of followers showed a slight increase. As fewer posts were made - this as a result of the reduced non-academic offerings - fewer tweets were also displayed.

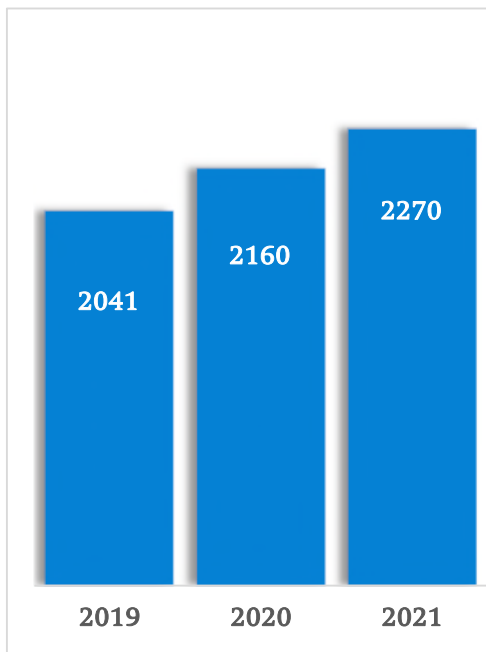


Fig. 6 Number of followers on Twitter

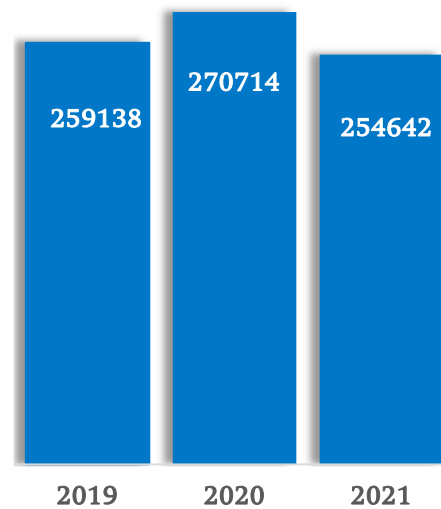


Fig. 7 Number of tweet views

6.2.2 Facebook

The Facebook page was followed by 500 people and 655 people join the Facebook group.

6.2.3 Academia

REFORC's account at Academia has been discontinued because it was not utilized sufficiently. On Academia, we reach many people through the director's account.

6.2.4 YouTube

Six new videos have been uploaded. The number of subscribers to the YouTube channel is 146. The total number of views of the videos remaining on the account in 2021 was 7036.

6.2.5 LinkedIn

The REFORC page on LinkedIn was opened in 2020. By 2021, the page was followed by 130 people.

6.2.6 Instagram

An Instagram account was opened, 60 people follow it.

6.3 Newsletters

A total of 41 newsletters found their way to subscribers, 26 of which contained academic news. The newsletters highlighted activities and publications of partners with a relationship to the sixteenth-century Reformations and their significance for today or Early Modern Christianity.

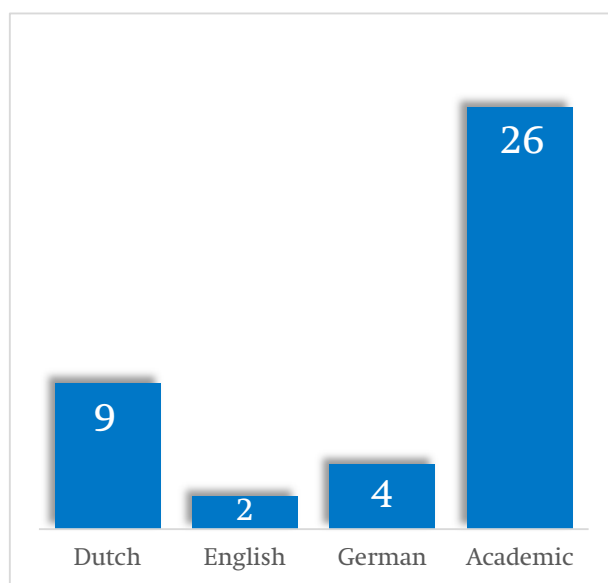


Fig. 8 Number of newsletters

6.4 Press Releases

During the year under review, one press release was sent announcing that Refo500 is launching REFORC and that membership is now open to individuals and associations.

7 Partners

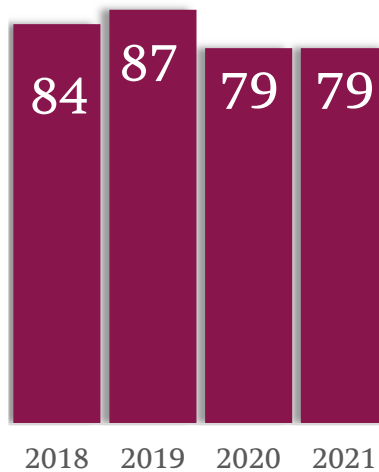


Fig. 9 Number of partners of Refo500, December 31

Antiquariaat De Roo
Babeş-Bolyai University
Boston University, School of Theology
Brevier Uitgeverij
Brill Deutschland GmbH
Calvin Theological Seminary
Crossway
Deutsches Kulturforum östliches Europa e.V.
Donatus Verzekeringen
Driestar Educatief
Drukkerij Verloop
Dunham Bible Museum
Erdee Media Groep
Europäische Melanchthon-Akademie Bretten
Evangelische Omroep
Evangelische Theologische Faculteit
Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University
Faculty of Theology of the University of Copenhagen
Folkekirkens Uddannelses og Videnscenter Løgumkloster

Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII
Gemeente Dordrecht
Gemeente Zwartewaterland
Hapdong Theological Seminary
IIPAC (International IP ADC Center)
Institut für schweizerische Reformationsgeschichte der Universität Zürich
Institut für Spätmittelalter und Reformation der Universität Tübingen
Institute for Calvinistic Studies in Korea
International Reformed Evangelical Seminary
Internationale Martin Luther Stiftung
Johannes A Lasco Bibliothek
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Katholieke Vereniging voor Oecumene Athanasius en Willibrord
Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt
Kenniscentrum Arbeidsrecht
KokBoekencentrum
Korea Abraham Lincoln Society
Korea Institute for Reformed Preaching
Korean Institute of Reformed Studies, Kosin University
Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte
Lund University, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies
Martin Luther Stiftung Ruhr
MF Norwegian School of Theology
Musée International de la Réforme
North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus, Faculty of Theology
Ökumenisches Institut für interreligiösen Dialog an der Universität Trier
Protestantse Theologische Universiteit
Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary
Purun Academy of Reformed Theology
Reformed Theological Seminary
Remonstrantse Broederschap
Research Center for the Humanities
Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group
Jongbloed Uitgeverij B.V.
Society for Reformation Studies
Sonderforschungsbereich 980 "Episteme in Bewegung"

Stiftung LEUCOREA, Stiftung des öffentlichen Rechts an der Martin-Luther-Universität
Halle-Wittenberg
Terra Lu Travel
The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
The Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S.
Theologische Universiteit Apeldoorn
Theologische Universiteit van de Gereformeerde Kerken in Nederland
Torch Trinity Graduate University
Tourist-Information Neustadt
Università di Modena-Reggio
Universität Koblenz-Landau, Institut für Ev. Theologie am Campus Landau
Universität Osnabrück, IKFN
University of Miskolc
University of Oslo
University of Warsaw
University of Wrocław
Vandenhoeck& Ruprecht GMBH & CO. KG
Vereniging Protestants Nederland
Verlag Schnell und Steiner GmbH
Volos Academy for Theological Studies
Walter de Gruyter GmbH
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Wheaton College
Yullin Church
Zentrale Universitätsbibliothek „Lucian Blaga“, Klausenburg/Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár

8 People

Partners

Every partner has one central contact person, and further, all are employees who bring their inspiration, ideas and productions to Refo500.

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Karla Boersma

9 Numbers

9.1 Balance Sheet on 31 December (€)

Assets			Liabilities		
	2022	2021		2022	2021
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>			<i>Equity</i>		
- Office furnishing	107	308	- Special purpose reserve	0	5.296
<i>Current assets</i>			- Remaining reserves	200.343	228.931
- Inventories	250	250	<i>Long-term debts</i>		
			Remaining debts	-	-
<i>Receivables</i>			<i>Current liabilities</i>		
- Partnership contributions	5.500	12.100	- Repayment obligations	0	78
- Other receivables	23.010	1.789	- Payables	728	6.758
			- Taxes and social security insurance	6.479	6.760
<i>Cash and banks</i>	850.630	818.363	- Other debts	20.725	8.677
			- Accruals	651.222	576.310
Total assets	879.497	832.810	Total liabilities	879.497	832.810

9.2 Profit and Loss on 31 December (€)

	2022	2021
INCOME		
Partnership contributions	129.673	128.797
Conference income	8.599	5.323
Sponsoring	-	49.500
Other income	33.630	9.798
Total income	171.632	193.418
EXPENSES		
Personnel	100.785	92.143
Depreciation	200	220
Housing expenses	20.100	19.500
Sales expenses		
▪ Website development and branding	-	9.704
▪ Representation expenses	204	68
▪ Conference expenses	12.853	12.151
▪ Bad debts	8.108	8.450
▪ Coram Deo Program expenses	10.350	6.711
▪ ReIReS expenses	17.943	3.037
▪ Donation RefoRC Support Fund	-	860
▪ General RefoRC expenses	6.132	9.212
▪ Travel	-	17
▪ Collection expenses	-	355
Office expenses	16.624	3.362
General expenses	4.864	-3.796
Total expenses	198.163	161.944
Interest income and expenses	-1.605	-863
Operating loss/profit	-28.136	30.561

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