

STUDY in

the Heart of Europe

Opportunities of the Hungarian Higher Education



Hungarian
Rectors'
Conference

Welcome!

The Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HRC), as the unique representative body of the local universities, is proud to be one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations in Hungary responsible for the university sector, academic cooperation and internationalization of the higher education. The Hungarian higher education system is widely recognized for its supreme academic qualities and high standards of education. The oldest of the currently operating 66 universities is more than 650 years old, thus the learning environment in the country keeps all the traditional values, meanwhile being also highly up to date, fresh and innovative.



During the past years a great emphasis has been put on fostering internationalization in Hungary, and the HRC is taking a major role in enhancing incoming and outgoing student mobility, promotion of the Hungarian culture, innovations, academic life and research cooperation, as well as concluding various international projects and agreements.

The HRC operates with a young and enthusiastic team, with strong engagement towards development, focusing on innovative solutions and keen to achieve outstanding success together with its partners in the realization of joint higher education projects.

We look forward to create new partnerships, receive more students from all over the world and send our colleagues abroad to learn from fellow colleagues in your universities. The endless opportunities of the Hungarian higher education system enable young people of the world to meet the requirements of global competition and this, I hope will lead us to a fruitful cooperation.

I remain with my most sincere regards, see you soon in Hungary.

ZOLTÁN DUBÉCSI

Secretary General
Hungarian Rectors' Conference

Hungary at a glance

Basic information

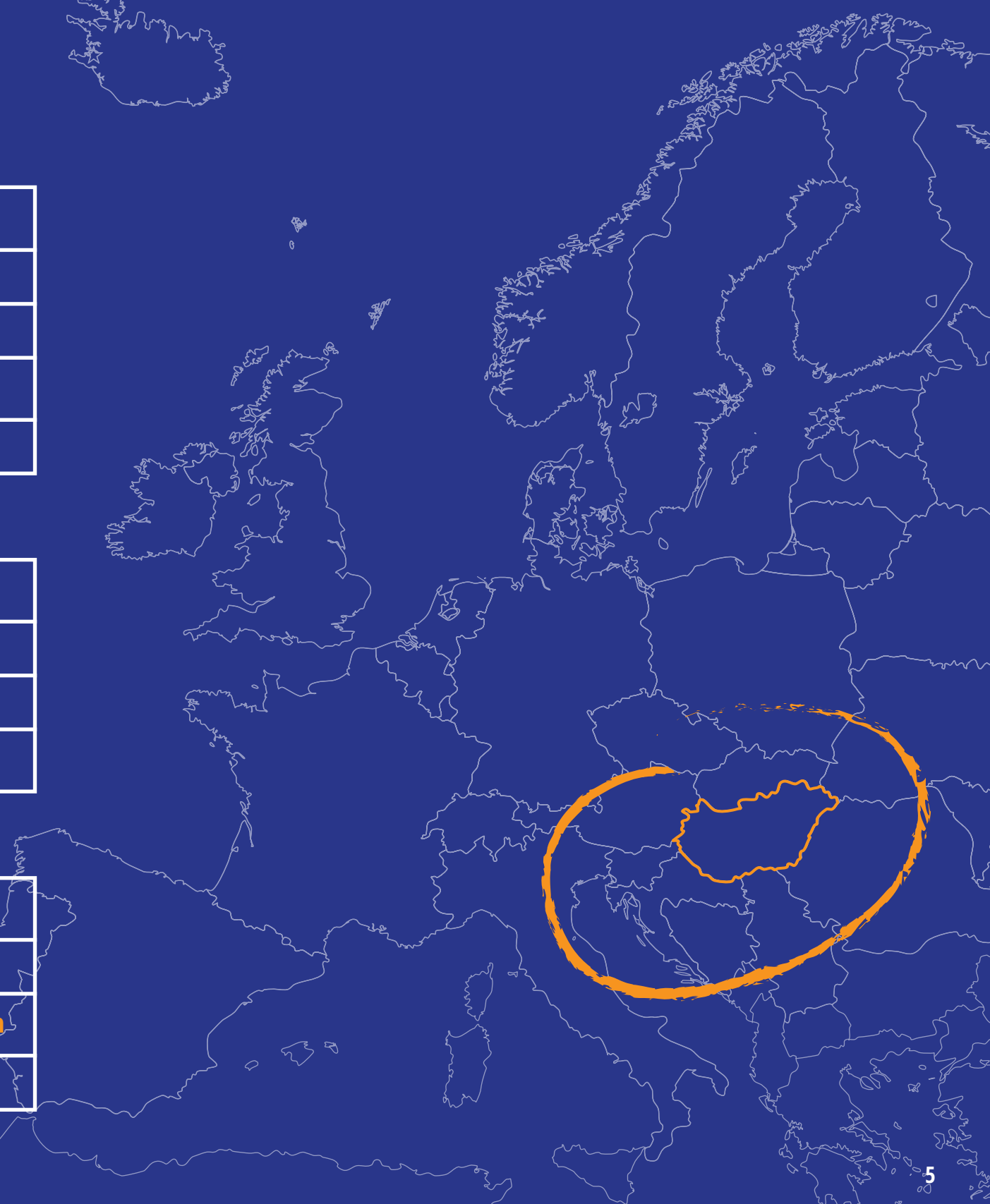
☆	CAPITAL	Budapest
🇹🇪	TERRITORY	93 030 km²
👤	POPULATION	9 830 000
🏠	CURRENCY	Hungarian Forint (HUF)
📊	GDP	14 374 USD / person

About higher education

🎓	HUNGARIAN STUDENTS	280 000
🌐	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS	26 178
👤	INSTRUCTORS / PROFESSORS	21 660
🏛️	NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES	66

Everyday life

🏠	LIVING COSTS	500-1000 USD/m
🏠	ACCOMMODATION	150-350 USD/m
🚗	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PASS	10-15 USD/m
🍽️	LUNCH MENU	~5 USD



8123 Rankings

2nd The world's best city is Budapest
(CNN 2013)

2nd Top 6 European Cities To Build Up Your Startup in 2015
(Nestpick, 2015)

3rd Central-Eastern Europe's most-livable city
(Mercer, 2016)

11th The 11 Friendliest Cities In The World, According To Travelers
(Business Insider, 2014)

15th The World's Best Cities for Arts and Culture
(Traveller Condé Nast, 2016)

17th List of countries by Nobel laureates per capita

Five Entrepreneurial Places In Europe Where Hub Things Are Happening (Forbes, 2015)

Budapest, a UNESCO Creative city of Design (2015)

8 World Heritage Sites



Budapest at night

Higher Education System

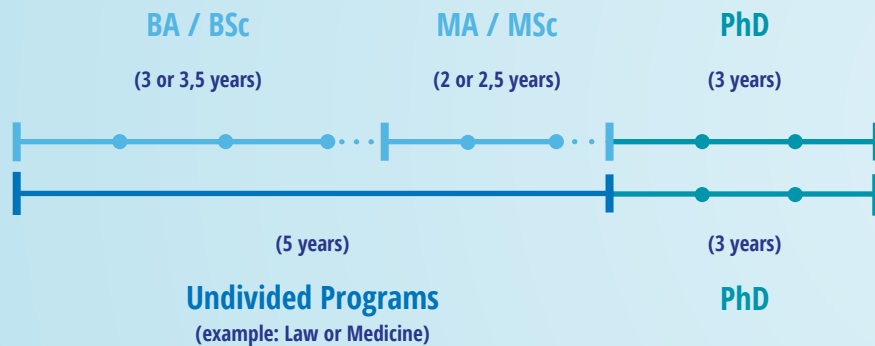
Quick facts about higher education

66 Higher education institutions (universities and colleges)

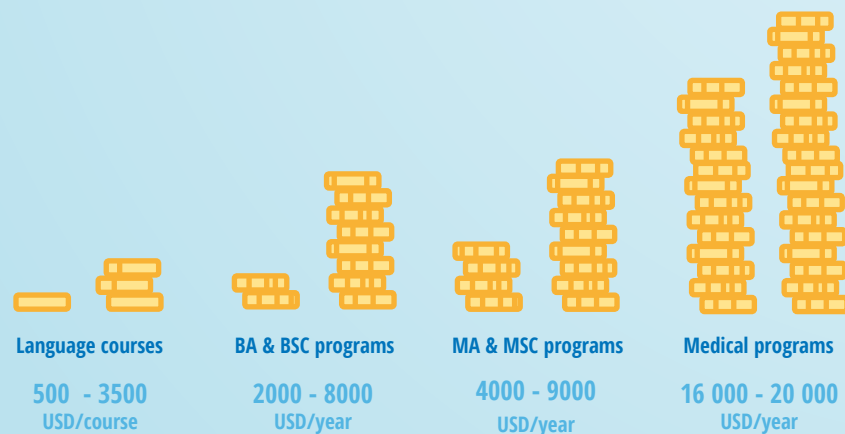
450 Foreign language degree programs in 30 institutions
Agriculture, Arts and Humanities, IT and Computer Science Business and Economic Studies, Law and Administration, Medical and Health Science, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Teacher Training, Technology

1367 Foundation of the first Hungarian University

Bologna System

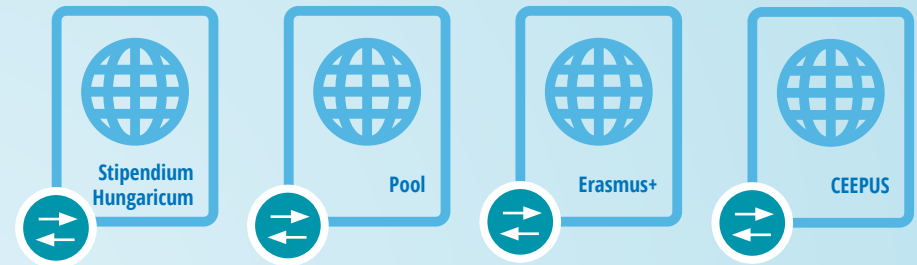


Tuition fees at a glance

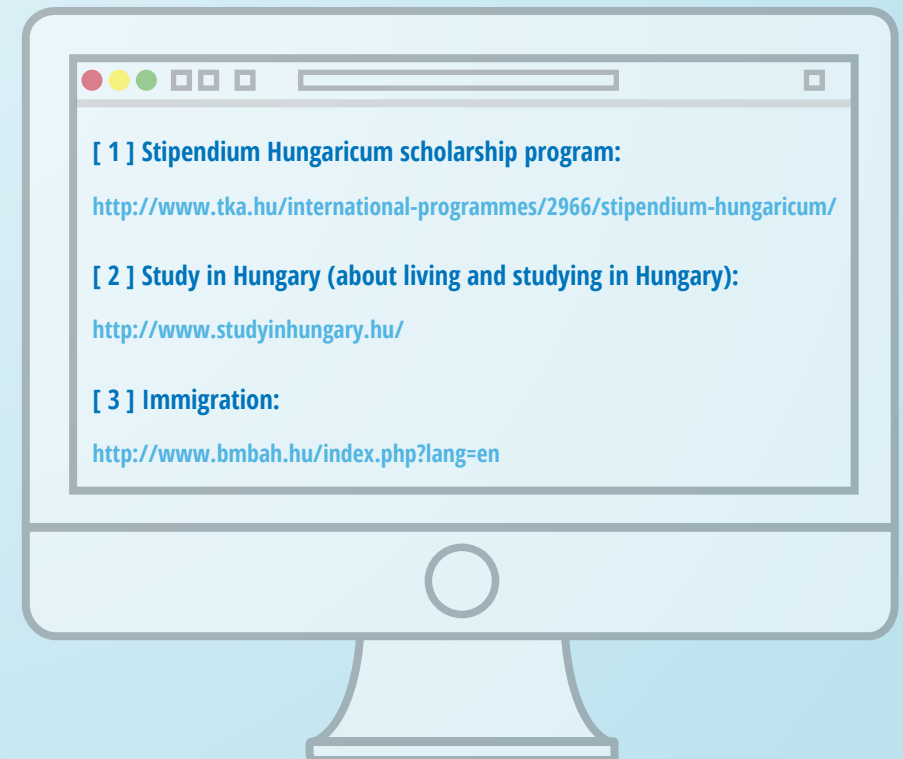


Internationalization and Scholarships

Internationalization is a high priority task on institutional level as well - language speaking staff, specialized trainings, infrastructure development for international students.



Useful links



Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HRC)



Main activities at national level

- the only organization representing each and every Hungarian HEI
- protecting the interest of HEIs in legislation procedures
- presenting proposals and initiatives on various fields related to HE
- policy shaping with the elaboration of HE sector positions involving relevant experts



Main activities in internationalization

- promoting Hungarian HE worldwide
- organizing roundtables, conferences and workshops
- managing incoming and outgoing delegations' visits
- coordinating summer programs, scholarship programs, short-term study programs and language preparatory courses for international students
- enhancing collaboration with international partner organizations
- promoting bilateral cooperation between Hungarian and international HEIs
- participating in international education fairs worldwide
- participating in EU-funded projects



Connections and Collaborations

- **Partnerships in EU-funded projects (European countries):** EFFECT (European Forum for Enhanced Collaboration in Teaching), PROCSEE (Strengthening Professional Higher Education and VET in Central and South Eastern Europe)
- **Active cooperation** with ministries, embassies (in and out of Hungary), public foundations, universities, press

- **Agreements and collaborations:** INAGBE (Angola), CAPES (Brazil), CRUCH (Chile), SCENESCYT (Ecuador), APTISI (Indonesia), University of Tokyo (Japan), KONUS (Serbia), Jazan University of Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia), FICHET (Taiwan), CGUB (Brazil)



Events and Programs organized by the HRC

- **Higher educational forums and roundtables:** Indonesia (2013 / 2014 / 2015), Vietnam (2014), Taiwan (2015 / 2016),
- **Workshops, delegation visits:** Russia (2015), Georgia (2015), Cuba (2015), Japan (2015), Serbia (2016), Malaysia (2016)
- **Thematic joint workshops with international organisations:** EURASHE-HRC workshop on Professional Higher Education (PHE) (twice in 2016), IAU-FMSH Paris-HRC workshop on Digital-Transform (2016), National Stakeholder Committee workshop on PHE challenges (PROCSEE, 2016), CLORA-HRK-HRC workshops on Rare disciplines (2015, 2016)
- **Coordination of the Brazilian Science without Borders scholarship program** – over 2000 incoming students from Brazil (2013 - 2016)
- **Summer universities:** Architecture program with the Jazan University (2015), Intercultural multidisciplinary program with the University of Tokyo (2016)



Memberships

Academic Links and Strategies for the Internationalization of the Higher Education Sector (ALISIOS) | European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE) | European University Association (EUA) | International Association of Universities (IAU) | Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) | Science without Borders (Brazil)



Presence on international conferences

Academic Links and Strategies for the Internationalization of the Higher Education Sector (ALISIOS) | Asia-Pacific Association for International Education Conference (APAIE) | Association of International Educators (NAFSA) | Brazilian Association for International Education (FAUBAI) | Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities (CGBU) | European Association for International Education (EAIE) | European Higher Education Fair (EHEF) | Europogrados | EuroPós (Brazil) | EUA annual and thematic conferences (EUA) | IAU annual and thematic conferences (IAU)

Cooperation opportunities offered by HRC



PARTNERSHIPS IN EU-FUNDED PROJECTS

Potential fields for collaborations:

- any goals related to the Hungarian HE or PHE sector, as a whole
- specific themes deriving from current HE challenges, such as reducing drop-out rates, fostering

Programs:

- Erasmus+
- H2020
- Twinning projects etc.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF STUDENT GROUPS

Package includes (items can be added or removed on demand):

- Single channel communication to all the higher education institutions
- Access to the entire foreign language course portfolio
- Group discount in tuition fees
- Central coordination and promotion
- Assistance with the application and allocation procedure
- Developed mentor system
- Support in visa and residence permit issues
- High quality health, travel and accident insurance
- Life management counselling and psychology consultation
- Legal advice about housing and tenancy
- 7/24 available emergency number
- International dormitory vacancies
- Assistance for networking, research and internship possibilities
- Organizing events (orientation, workshops, conferences)
- Special discount for major cultural events and festivals

In order to strengthen the academic, scientific and cultural ties between Hungary and partner countries, we are eager to increase the number of joint programs, to boost participation in international projects and to contribute to research activities. Likewise, we also give prominence to mobility plans in various forms and duration as described below.



TERMINOLOGY SPECIFIC OR GENERAL LANGUAGE PREPARATORY COURSE

Duration:

4 weeks - 6 months

Fee:

1500 - 5000 USD

Package includes (items can be added or removed on demand):

- Customized language course
- Specialization courses (Maths, Sciences, etc)
- Extracurricular activities
- International dormitory vacancies
- High quality health, travel and accident insurance
- Transportation (airport shuttle, public transport pass)
- A dedicated social media platform and a 0-24 hotline



INTERCULTURAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY SUMMER OR WINTER ACADEMY

Duration:

2 - 8 weeks

Fee:

1250 - 3500 USD

Admission:

- In accordance with the sending partners.
- Candidates must submit a language score report (TOEFL or IELTS).

Package includes (items can be added or removed on demand):

- Lectures, workshops and guided tours
- Accommodation during the academic program
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Entrance fees for cultural activities
- Transportation (airport shuttle, transfer in and out of Budapest)
- A course coordinator and Hungarian mentors
- A dedicated social media platform and a 0-24 hotline



Conference on the Brazilian-Hungarian Academic and Scientific Cooperation





Feedbacks from students and partners

“ Before this year I didn't know too much about Hungary but it's impossible to not fall in love for your country, people and culture. The last 10 months were the best months of my life and I can't still believe this experience is getting to an end. ”

CAIQUE PEIXOTO (Student | Science without Borders program | Brasil)

“ Overall, I experienced a lot of things and I enjoyed every single day in Budapest thanks to the organizers, teachers, teacher assistant, lecturers, Japanese members, and Hungarian mentors, who spent time with me for the 2 weeks. I am grateful to everyone. Thank you. ”

SHIORI ARAI (Student | Intercultural summer program | Japan)

“ Being one of the biggest opportunities of my life, Hungary was by far the best choice I have ever done, since here I have all the support from every institution involved with my educational, personal and cultural development. ”

IGOR LACERDINO (Student | Science without Borders program | Brasil)

“ The Taiwan-Hungary Roundtable is an inaugural collaboration between FICHET and HRC, which successfully opened a new page for the collaboration between the universities of Hungary and Taiwan. During the organization of the Roundtable event, the colleagues of HRC have demonstrated their profession and excellence in every aspect. ”

KIARA FU (Foundation for International Cooperation in HE of Taiwan)

“ Many thanks for the comprehensive account of activities carried out by the HRC in connection with the implementation of the Science without Borders program – as well as fostering bilateral relations. ”

BRUNO SANTOS DE OLIVEIRA (Brazilian Embassy in Hungary)

“ The staff of HRC are friendly and proactive partners who I was very happy to work with. They coordinated the course which was rich in terms of academic contents as well as the interactive opportunities of Hungarian and Japanese students. I am very convinced that the course participants were satisfied with the course, and learned a lot about the uniqueness of one of the great European countries, Hungary. ”

YUSUKE SAKURAI (University of Tokyo)

KEEP IN TOUCH



Fanni Kitti BALOG // international coordinator

I believe that education is one of the most powerful tools in the hand of humanity and I am delighted to have the chance to work in this field. In my job, my focus is on connecting Hungarian universities, teachers and students with partners from all over the world, to support internationalization of the higher education, create joint projects, enhance student and staff mobility.

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Júlia MOROVÁN // international coordinator

I focus on bilateral cooperations, partner agreements, project management and student recruitment mainly in South America and the Far East; however, I perform different internationalization activities in HE worldwide and I am responsible for summer programs, conferences, and researches as well.

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Fanni KOMLÓS // international coordinator

As a student I also participated in mobility programs and had the chance to experience the advantages of internationalization. Now I am proud to be part of this process by working with international organizations, institutions and students from across the globe. I am mostly responsible for managing short programs, conferences and recruitment.

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Petra PERÉNYI // european affairs and international organizations

My work at HRC focuses on European initiatives, projects and international organizations. Currently I am the project manager of two EU-funded projects aiming at the improvement of teaching and learning in HE and responding to the challenges of professional HE. I am also responsible for the tasks emerging from HRC's membership in EUA and IAU.

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