

# SIGNĀLVĒLĒŠANAS

“Signal Voting” / Mock elections



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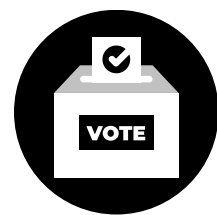
# LATVIA'S EXPERIENCE



**Civic education initiative, learning by doing, participation**



**First time in 2025 as a pilot project - limited locations and late results**



**It was organized in 15 randomly selected municipalities, involving 16-17-year-old young people. Voting was conducted online.**



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# MAIN CHALLENGES



**Lack of basic knowledge among young people. More attention must be given to developing critical thinking and information analysis skills – these are essential for making conscious voting choices.**



**Lack of understanding in society that young people are equal members with their own voice and choice. Fear from sides of teachers and politicians.**



**Democratic participation requires systematic effort – the education system and related sectors must prepare young people not only for election day but for life in a democracy.**



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**February 12**

**A cooperation memorandum was signed,  
and 15 municipalities were selected.**



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**February - March**

**Young people participated in think-tanking  
sessions drafting demands for political parties.**





# SOME SUGGESTIONS



**24h public WC and tram service in Rīga, bicycle infrastructure to suburbs, transform pedestrian tunnels into spaces of culture, public transport lines on streets**



**More paid internships, lectures on mental health and media literacy, free lunch in school, support for new businesses**



**more sports infrastructure, water filling stations close to sports and free time spots, more sitting opportunities in parks, social inclusion and support for seniors**



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**March**

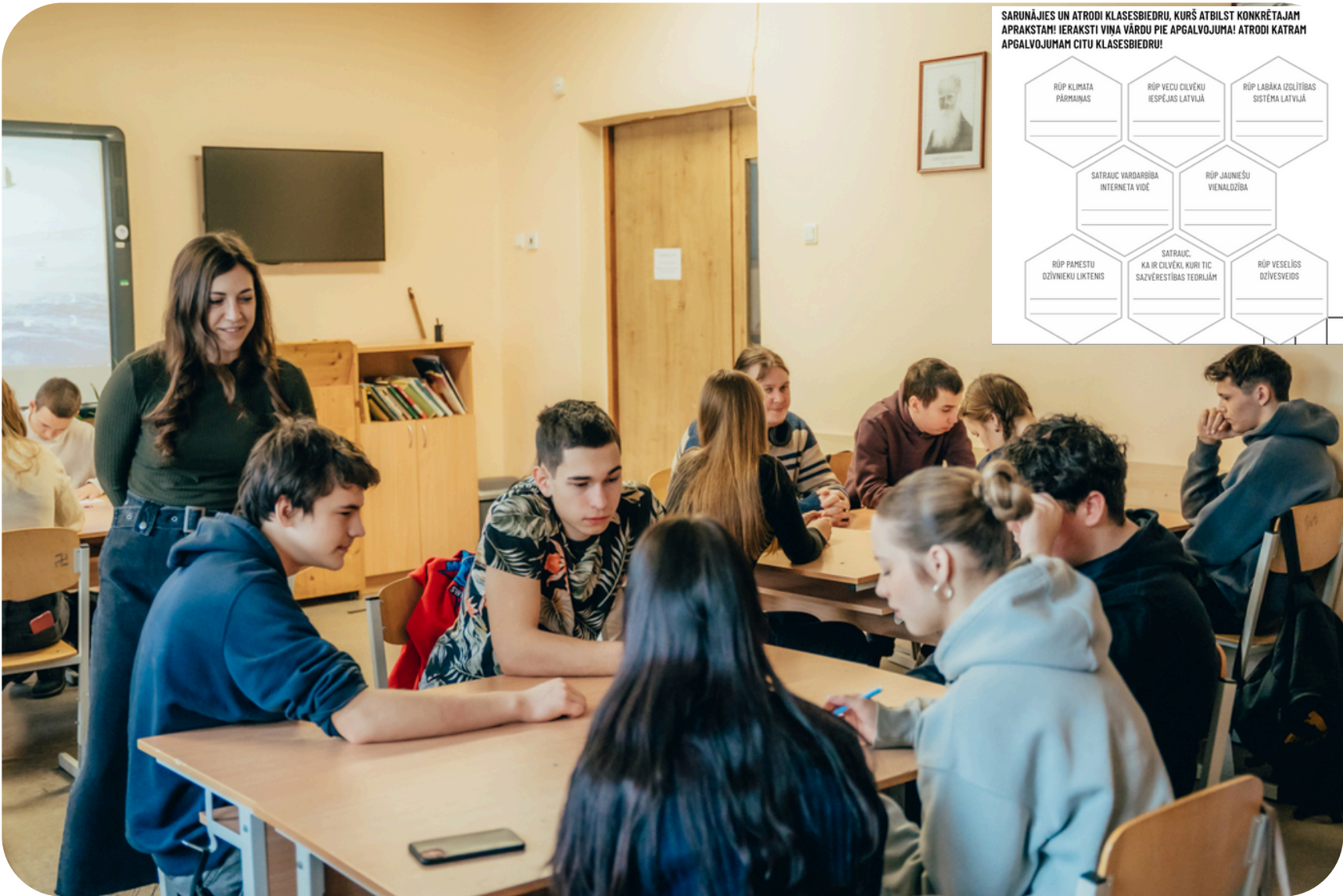
**Political parties familiarized themselves with the ideas developed by youth.**



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**April - May 19**

**Young people explored municipal work and learned about party programs.**





**May 19 - 31**

**Young people voted digitally, only in one city in paper, simulating real municipal elections.**



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IZGLĪTĪBAS INSTRUMENTS



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**June 7, 20.01**

**Results were published and commented on by experts.**



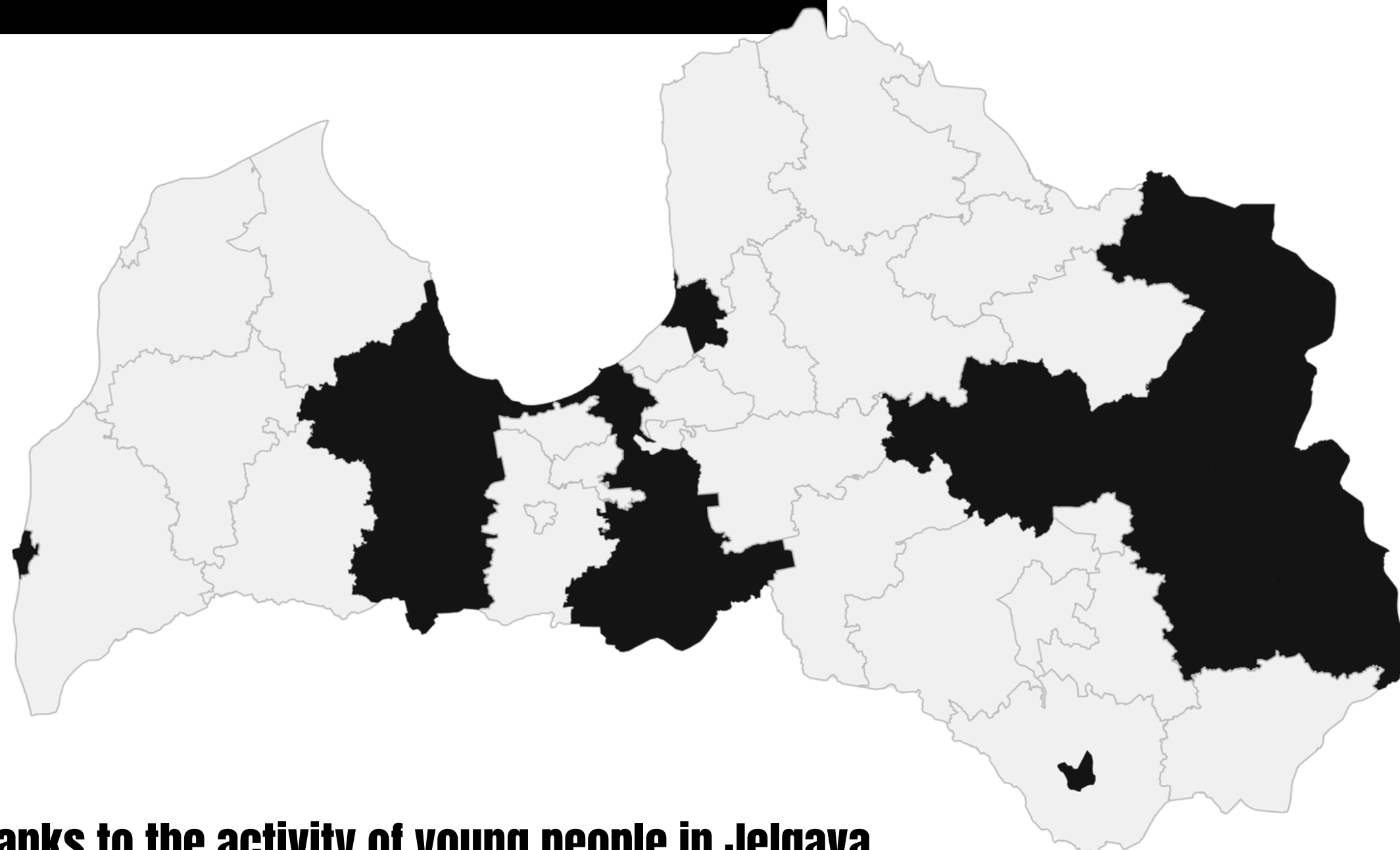


# SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES

- Alūksne Municipality
- Balvi Municipality
- Bauska Municipality
- Daugavpils City Municipality
- Dobeles Municipality
- Jūrmala City Municipality
- Kekava Municipality
- Ļiepāja City Municipality
- Ludza Municipality
- Madona Municipality
- Rēzekne Municipality
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- Rīga City Municipality
- Saulkrasti Municipality
- Tukums Municipality



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**Thanks to the activity of young people in Jelgava,  
*Signālvēlēšanas* also took place in person in three Jelgava schools.**



# RESULTS

**ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:  
23 463**

**TOTAL VOTES CAST:  
2000 (8.52%)**



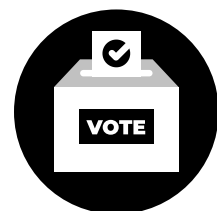
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27.75%	Ludza Municipality
26.39%	Alūksne Municipality
23.92%	Balvi Municipality
21.34%	Daugavpils City Municipality
19.15%	Rēzekne City Municipality
15.87%	Rēzekne Municipality
14.52%	Bauska Municipality
14.17%	Dobele Municipality
11.99%	Madona Municipality
10.39%	Liepāja City Municipality
9.9%	Ķekava Municipality
8.14%	Tukums Municipality
3.7%	Rīga City Municipality
2.95%	Jūrmala City Municipality
2.12%	Saulkrasti Municipality





# FUTURE PLANS



**The 15th Saeima (*Parliament of Latvia*) elections will take place on October 3, 2026.**



***Signālvēlēšanas* is planned for September 14-27, 2026, in all schools across Latvia. Large edu support.**



**Participants will be high school students, and voting will take place in person.**



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# NORDIC EXPERIENCE

## FINLAND

School elections (*kouluvaalit*) are held before national elections. In 2023, a record 90,435 students participated.

## NORWAY

Since 1989, school elections (*Skolevalgprosjektet*) have been systematically organized in highschools before national elections.

## SWEDEN

School elections are also organized in schools before national elections.

## DENMARK

School elections (*skolevalg*) are usually held simultaneously with or shortly before national elections.

## ICELAND

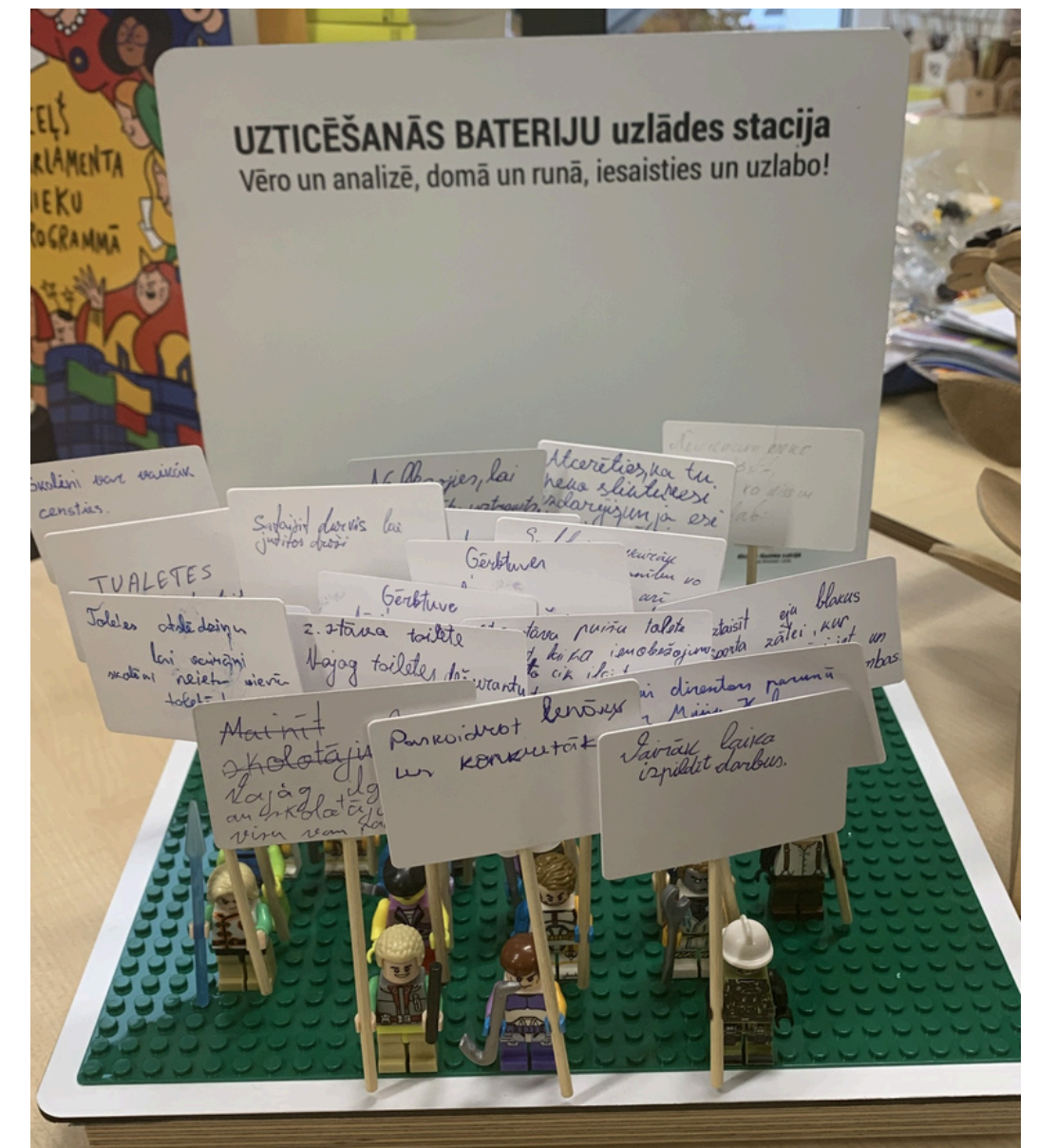
No nationwide school elections are held, but some schools organize them as part of civic education programs.



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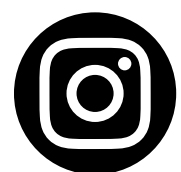


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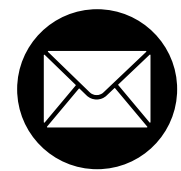
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