



# E-Bulletin



Theme for 2019: Effective Public Procurement as a key driver to achieving Ghana Beyond Aid Agenda

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## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF EGP



After close to seven years of work towards the implementation of an Electronic Procurement System (e-GP), Ghana has become the first country within the West Africa Sub Region to establish the EGP System.

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## Vice President praises PPA on establishment of EGP



The Vice President of Ghana, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia has commended the efforts of the Public Procurement Authority for the establishment of an Electronic Procurement System in Ghana.

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## GHANA: TORCHBEARER OF ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT IN WEST AFRICA

Welcome to May/June edition of PPA e-Bulletin. This edition is dedicated to celebrate the launch of Ghana's e-procurement system, GHANEPS. Yes, GHANEPS is launched at last!



Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 marked an all-important day for Ghanaians, as far as, saving the public purse is concerned. Ghana's e-procurement system, GHANEPS, which promises to reduce considerably non-compliant to public procurement processes in Ghana was launched on this day. E-procurement is the procurement of Goods, Works and Services with the use of the Internet, as well as, other information and networking systems, such as electronic data interchange.

GHANEPS promises to minimize the human element in the public procurement procedures in Ghana by automating all such processes. Thus, this initiative will not only improve efficiency but also reduce the cost of transactions to Service providers. It also seeks to strengthen accountability, transparency and effectiveness of Governance.

Ghana is the first country to roll out e-procurement system within the West African sub-region. As pacesetters, we look forward to leading other West African countries to embrace it as well.

This edition gives more details in the activities during the launch, including, photos, speeches, as well as, a feature story on the benefits of EGP around the world.

Enjoy reading this edition.

**Public Procurement Authority**  
Improving efficiency and transparency in Public Procurement

**Date:** Tuesday  
30th April, 2019

**Venue:** Ghana Academy  
of Arts and Science Auditorium

**Time:**  
10 : 00 am

**Theme:**  
**RISING TO A NEW DAWN  
IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT**

**Other Speakers**

**HON. URSULA OWUSU-EKUFUL**  
Minister of Communications

**HON. SARAH ADWOA SAFO**  
Minister of State in charge of PP

**AB ADJEI**  
Chief Executive of PPA

**Keynote Speaker: His Excellency  
DR. MAHAMUDU BAWUMIA**  
Vice President of Republic of Ghana.

The Public Procurement Authority (PPA) wishes to inform you of the official launch of Ghana's Electronic Procurement System.

The e-Procurement System is to transform Ghana's manual procurement process and procedures into an electronic platform with the use of the internet. This is expected to improve transparency, efficiency and ensure value for money in Ghana's procurement system.

*By: Joana Sakyi Aseidu*

*Senior Administrative Officer (SAO)*

# OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF EGP

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The Official Launch was held at the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences Auditorium on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Some of the key personalities in attendance were the Vice president, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia the Minister of Communications Mrs. Ursula Owusu – Ekuful and the country director of the World Bank, Mr. Henry Kerali among others.



The electronic procurement system named GHANEPS is an acronym which stands for Ghana Electronic Procurement System. Recognizing the transformation and benefits the use of technology offers, PPA initiated the process of introducing an Electronic Government Procurement (eGP) System as part of its reforms in the public procurement sector. The event was well attended by Ministers of State, heads of institutions, representatives of the World Bank and other development partners, associations and bodies, civil society, media and students.

*By Marian Oteng*

*Assistant Corporate Affairs Officer*



**Arrival of Guests**



**Registration of Participants**



**GHANEPS social media stand**

## ONLINE PROCUREMENT PLANNING SUBMISSION AT AT 31ST MAY, 2019

1. Accra Metropolitan Assembly
2. Accra Polytechnic
3. Ada District Hospital
4. Adidome District Hospital
5. Afadzato south District Assembly
6. Agona West Manucipal Assembly
7. Ahantaman Senior High School
8. Akatsi College of Education
9. Akatsi District Hospital
10. Akatsi North District Assembly
11. Akim Oda Government Hospital
12. Akrofuom District Assembly
13. Akrofuom Senior High Technical School
14. Akuse Government Hospital
15. Akyemansa District Assembly
16. Al-Faruq College Of Education
17. Asamankese Government Hospital
18. Asikuma Odoben Brakwa District Assembly
19. Asokore Mampong Municipal
20. Asonomaso district Hospital
21. Assin North Municipal Assembly
22. Assin South District Assembly
23. Atebubu-Amantin District Assembly
24. Bank of Ghana
25. Begoro Hospital
26. Bibiani/Anhwiaso/Bekwai District Assembly
27. Birim Central Municipal Assembly
28. Birim South District Assembly
29. Bolgatanga Municipal Assembly
30. Bolgatanga Polytechnic
31. Bui Power Authority
32. Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation
33. Cape Coast Nursing and Midwifery Training College
34. Central Gonja District Assembly
35. Centre for Plant Medicine Research - Mampong
36. Civil Service Clinic
37. Cocoa Marketing Company (Ghana) Limited
38. Community Health Nurses Training School - Tamale
39. Community Health Nursing Training School - Akim Oda
40. Controller And Accountant General Dept
41. Copyright Administration
42. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
43. Council of State
44. Department Of Urban Roads
45. Dormaa Municipal Assembly
46. Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA)
47. Ear Nose And Throat Training School
48. East Akim Municipal Assembly
49. Economic and Organised Crime Office
50. Effiduase District Hospital
51. Ekumfi District Assembly
52. Electoral Commission
53. Energy Commission
54. Environmental Protection Agency
55. Essikadu District Hospital
56. Fair Wages And Salaries Commission
57. Fisheries Commission
58. Foods and Drugs Authority
59. Forestry Commission
60. Ga South Municipal Assembly
61. Gaming Commission of Ghana
62. Ghana Aids Commission
63. Ghana Airports Company Limited
64. Ghana Atomic Energy Commission
65. Ghana Audit Service

66. Ghana Book Development Council
67. Ghana Broadcasting Corporation
68. Ghana Civil Aviation Authority
69. Ghana Cocoa Board
70. Ghana Cocoa Board - Quality Control Division
71. Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons
72. Ghana Education Service
73. Ghana Education Trust Fund (GETFUND)
74. Ghana Export Promotion Authority
75. Ghana Export Promotion Council
76. Ghana Geological Survey Authority
77. Ghana Grid Co. Ltd. (GRIDCO)
78. Ghana Health Service
79. Ghana Highway Authority
80. Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ)
81. Ghana Institute of Management And Public Administration
82. Ghana Investment Fund for Electronic Communication
83. Ghana Investment Promotion Centre
84. Ghana Law School
85. Ghana Library Board
86. Ghana Maritime Authority
87. Ghana Metrological Agency
88. Ghana National Gas Company Limited
89. Ghana National Petroleum Corporation
90. Ghana Police Service
91. Ghana Publishing Company Limited
92. Ghana Railway Development Authority
93. Ghana Reinsurance Company Ltd
94. Ghana Revenue Authority
95. Ghana Shippers Authority
96. Ghana Standards Authority
97. Ghana Technology University College
98. Ghana Tourist Board
99. Ghana Water Company Limited
100. Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence
101. Gomoa West District Assembly
102. Government Technical Training Centre
103. Grains And Legumes Development Board
104. Half Assini District Hospital
105. Health Facilities Regulatory Agency (HeFRA)
106. Ho Polyclinic
107. Ho Technical University
108. Holy Child College Of Education
109. Jaman South (Jaman ) District Assembly
110. Jirapa District Hospital
111. Judicial Service
112. Kade Government Hospital
113. Kedjebi
114. Keta District Hospital
115. Ketu South District Assembly
116. Ketu South Municipal Hospital
117. Kintampo North Municipal Assembly
118. Kintampo South District Assembly
119. Koforidua General Hospital
120. Koforidua Technical University
121. Komenda Edina Eguafo Abirem Municipal Assembly
122. Konongo District Hospital
123. Konongo Odumase Senior High School.
124. Korle- Bu Teaching Hospital
125. Krachi East District Assembly
126. Krachi West District Assembly
127. Krachi West District Hospital
128. Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly
129. Kumasi Technical University
130. Kwaebiiirem District Assembly
131. Kwahu Afram Plains South District Assembly
132. Kwahu Government Hospital
133. Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology (KNUST)

## ONLINE PROCUREMENT PLANNING SUBMISSION AT AT 31ST MAY, 2019

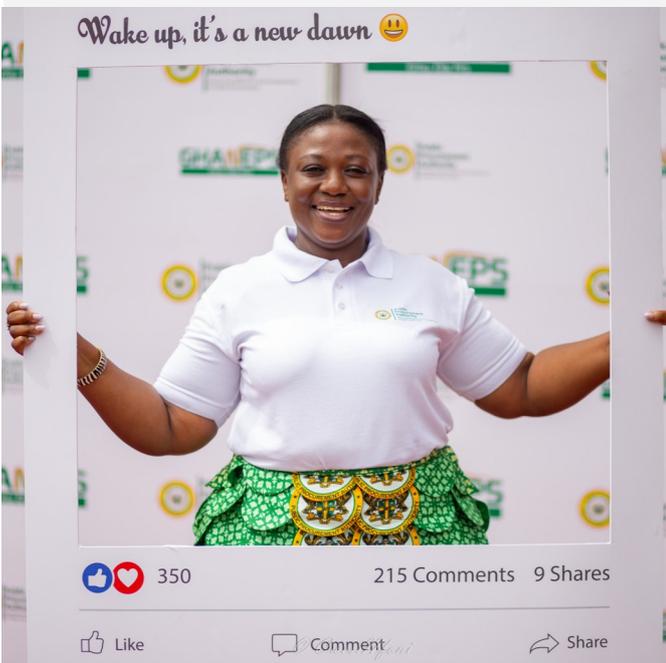
- 134.Lambusie-Karni District Assembly
- 135.Lawra District Hospital
- 136.Local Government Service Secretariat
- 137.Maamobi General Hospital
- 138.Mampong General Hospital
- 139.Mampong Municipal Assembly
- 140.Methodist College of Education - Akim Oda
- 141.Metro Mass Transport Ltd
- 142.Minerals Commission
- 143.Minerals Development Fund
- 144.Ministry for the Interior
- 145.Ministry of Defence
- 146.Ministry of Education
- 147.Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations
- 148.Ministry of Finance
- 149.Ministry Of Fisheries And Aquaculture Development
- 150.Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- 151.Ministry Of Foreign Affairs And Regional Integration
- 152.Ministry of Health
- 153.Ministry of Information
- 154.Ministry of Inner-City and Zongo Development
- 155.Ministry of Justice And Attorney General
- 156.Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
- 157.Ministry of Monitoring and Evaluation
- 158.Ministry of Planning
- 159.Ministry of Railways Development
- 160.Ministry Of Regional Reorganization and Development
- 161.Ministry of Roads and Highways
- 162.Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources
- 163.Ministry of Special Development Initiative
- 164.Ministry of Trade and Industry
- 165.Ministry of Transport
- 166.Ministry of Works and Housing
- 167.Ministry Of Youth And Sports
- 168.Nadowli District Hospital
- 169.Narcotics Control Board
- 170.National Accreditation Board
- 171.National Board for Professional And Technical Examinations
- 172.National Board for Small Scale Industries
- 173.National Commission for Civic Education
- 174.National Commission on Small Arms and Light Weapons
- 175.National Communication Authority
- 176.National Development Planning Commission
- 177.National Film and Television Institute
- 178.National Health Insurance Authority
- 179.National Identification Authority
- 180.National Information Technology Agency (NITA)
- 181.National Insurance Commission
- 182.National Lotteries Authority
- 183.National Pensions Regulatory Authority
- 184.National Petroleum Authority
- 185.National Road Safety Commission
- 186.National Service Secretariat
- 187.National Theatre of Ghana
- 188.National Youth Authority
- 189.New Edubiase District Hospital
- 190.New Juaben North Municipal Assembly
- 191.North Gonja District Assembly
- 192.North Tongu District Assembly
- 193.Northern Electricity Distribution Company (NEDCo)
- 194.Nsawam Government Hospital
- 195.Nurses and Midwifery Training College - Sekondi
- 196.Nursing and Midwifery Council of Ghana
- 197.Nursing and Midwifery Training College - Twifo Praso

- 198.Nursing Training College - Wa  
 199.Obuasi Government Hospital  
 200.Obuasi Municipal Assembly  
 201.Office of Administrator of Stool Lands  
 202.Office of President  
 203.Office of the Head of Civil Service  
 204.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Brong Ahafo Region  
 205.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Eastern Region  
 206.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Greater Accra Region  
 207.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Upper West Region  
 208.Office of the Regional Health Directorate – Western  
 209.Offinso College of Education  
 210.Peki Government Hospital  
 211.Pharmacy Council  
 212.Planning Demo  
 213.Prestea Huni Valley District Assembly  
 214.Public Procurement Authority  
 215.Public Service Commission  
 216.Public Utilities Regulatory Commission  
 217.Registrar Generals Department  
 218.Ridge Hospital  
 219.S.D.A College of Education - Asokore  
 220.S.D.A.Senior High School.  
 221.Salga District Hospital  
 222.Scholarships Secretariat  
 223.School of Anesthesia - Ridge Regional Hospital  
 224.SDA Nursing and Midwifery Training School  
 225.Securities and Exchange Commission  
 226.Sene Dist. Hospital  
 227.Sene East District Assembly  
 228.Shama District Assembly  
 229.SimmsSenior High School  
 230.Sissala East (Sissala) District Assembly  
 231.Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT)  
 232.Sogakope District Hospital  
 233.South Dayi District Assembly  
 234.St. Francis College of Education  
 235.St. Joseph College Of Education-Bechem  
 236.St. Monicas College of Education  
 237.St. Therasas College of Education  
 238.St. Vincent College of Education  
 239.Students Loan Trust Fund-SLTF  
 240.Suaman District Assembly  
 241.Suhum Municipal Assembly  
 242.Sunyani General Hospital  
 243.Sunyani Polytechnic  
 244.Tain District Hospital  
 245.Takoradi Technical University  
 246.Tamale Teaching Hospital  
 247.Tamale Technical University  
 248.Tano North District Assembly  
 249.Tano South District Assembly  
 250.Tarkwa Nsuaem Municipal Assembly  
 251.Tema Development Corporation  
 252.Tema Shipyard Ltd  
 253.Tema West Municipal Assembly  
 254.Tepa District Hospital  
 255.University Of Cape Coast (UCC)  
 256.University of Energy and Natural Resources  
 257.University of Health and Allied Sciences  
 258.University of Mines and Technology -Tarkwa  
 259.University of Professional Studies, Accra  
 260.Upper Denkyira East Municipal Assembly  
 261.Upper West- Regional Co-ordinating Council  
 262.Volta- Regional Coordinating Council  
 263.Volta Regional Hospital  
 264.Volta River Authority

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**GHANEPS social media stand**



**Mrs. Rhoda Appiah—Chief Manager Corporate Affairs & Facilities Management**



**Arrival of Guests**



**Arrival of Guests**



**Deputy Board Chairman, Minister of Communications, Vice President, CEO of Public Procurement Authority and Country Director of the World Bank arriving for the official launch of the EGP**

# OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF EGP



**Guest seated in the Auditorium**



**Welcome Address by the CEO of PPA—Mr. AB Adjei**



**Guest Speaker— Mrs. Ursula Ekuful-Owusu  
Minister of Communications**



**High Table—Deputy Board Chair, Minister of Communications, Vice President, CEO of PPA and Country Director of the World Bank**



**Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia and Mr. AB Adjei**



**Guest Speaker—Mr. Henry Karali  
Country Director of World Bank**

# OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF EGP



**Keynote Address delivered by the Vice President  
Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia**



**Head of ITSS—PPA  
Mr. Thomas Bonzi**



**Board Chairman of PPA  
Professor Douglas Boateng**



**Students of Koforidua Technical University  
(KTU)**



**Deputy CEO of PPA— Mr. Kwame Prempeh**



*Photo Story  
Marian Oteng*

## Vice President praises PPA on establishment of EGP

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Commending the Board, Management and Staff of the Public Procurement Authority (PPA) as well as the Minister and staff of the Ministry of Communications, Vice President Bawumia said their efforts at tackling procurement fraud would save Ghana many productive man-hours and revenue lost through theft.

“Ghana is indeed entering a new dawn in public procurement. It will soon be a thing of the past where service providers have to travel distances to access tender documents, submit tenders or seek clarifications.

“Use of Tender Boxes will be history. Now your computer is your Tender Box. Civil Societies and for that matter the general public no longer have to go to public entities requesting information on its procurement activities... The e-procurement system is another step aimed at curbing the canker of corruption in our public procurement processes.”

The Vice President on Tuesday 30th April, 2019 launched the Ghana’s Electronic Procurement System dubbed GHANEPS.

*By David Damoah*

*Senior Officer– Corporate Affairs*

## E-GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT SYSTEM - A TOOL FOR AN EFFICIENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

The application of technology to public procurement is on the rise and many Governments have seen the need to embrace technology for the continuous improvement of their procurement systems. These electronic systems known worldwide as Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) are strictly Government to Business process of using ICT, specifically the internet platform by governments in carrying out procurement relationships with Suppliers, for the acquisition of Goods, Works and Services required by public sector (World Bank 2003).

An e-GP System encompasses the use of electronic methods in every stage of procurement from identification of requirements/needs, tendering, award, payments and contract and project management. The key drivers for e-GP include procurement process (transactional), payment, management information and price benefits. These drivers are interdependent, each enabling the other’s delivery. Therefore, the interaction of these drivers is very important.

There are many benefits to a government’s procurement procedures when it adopts an e-Government Procurement System since it seeks to create an effective, efficient and transparent World Class Procurement system driving value for money. Countries as varied as Ukraine, Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Costa Rica, Jordan and other developing countries suffer from ineffectiveness and corruption in the public services sphere and in the

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process, billions of dollars are lost to these public procurement inefficiencies. However, with the implementation of e-GP reforms such as e-Bidding/e-Tendering, e-Catalogue Management, e-Contract Management, e-Supplier Performance Management, e-Auction and e-Payment Systems, these losses have been minimized. Notably, nearly 250 billion Hryvnas (more than 10 billion dollars) were spent in Ukraine in 2014 for procurement of goods, services and works for public needs. According to international research, usage of e-Procurement system saves at least 10% of the procurement budget. Applying simple mathematical logarithms, 2.7 million dollars can be saved each day. With the introduction of an e-GP system known as Prozorro in Ukraine it allows for the adherence of Ukraine legislature with European standards, giving Ukraine a transparent procurement procedure thereby bringing Ukraine closer to a World Class standard([Головна | ProZorro](#)"(in Russian). Retrieved 2017-04-05)

On 1<sup>ST</sup> February 2016, Prozorro was expanded to include other sectors including sales due to the success seen in the public procurement sector in reducing corruption by 25%. The sales include sale of state properties, municipal properties, small privatized objects, buildings and also sales of materials such as scrap metal, and raw wood.

Korea has also recorded significant benefits since its implementation of its e-GP System known as Korean On-line Procurement System (KONEPS). Since its' inception in the early 2000s, Korea has experienced notable improvements in the administration of its public procurement system. It has brought about an increase in transparency, competition and efficiency in the Korean economy. For example, before the introduction of the e-GP System, government spent over 30 hours validating received tenders and related documents as well as selecting the winning tender. However, with the introduction of the system it now spends less than 30 minutes in carrying out same activities.

Africa has also embraced the concept of Electronic Procurement systems where countries such as Rwanda, Tunisia and Cameroon have recorded significant benefits. Rwanda is the first African country to implement an e-GP system nationally and in a shorter period of time when compared to other countries. With the implementation of its e-GP system known as UMUCYO, there has been notable improvement in the reduction of fraud and corruption as there is no personal contact with tenderers. In addition, complaints received from tenderers are responded to through the system in a transparent manner.

### **BENEFITS TO GHANA**

The traditional process of carrying out procurement relationships has a number of challenges that increases cost in resource terms as well as causes delays in the procurement process. These challenges include;

- ◆ Repetitive lengthy operations
- ◆ Miscommunication between tenderers and buyers
- ◆ Human interface at every stage causing delays
- ◆ Inefficient records management

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- ◆ Suppliers selection bias
- ◆ Collusion among tenderers
- ◆ Missing tender documents

Ghana's adoption of an Electronic Government Procurement System therefore opens a window of opportunities for suppliers/contractors/service providers, and entities as well as the economy as a whole. The country can benefit in three main ways:

- ◆ Increased Transparency
- ◆ Increased Efficiency
- ◆ Cost Savings

### **Increased Transparency**

- ⇒ Supports easy access to tender documents and allows for clarifications.
- ⇒ Disclosure of tendering results and contract details to the general public.
- ⇒ Interested stakeholders can access various reports due to the standardized data structure of the system.
- ⇒ Suppliers/Contractors/Service Providers receive prompt feedback regarding their tenders.
- ⇒ Minimise or eliminate unstructured paper or email exchanges.

### **Increased Efficiency**

- ⇒ Facilitates the management of complicated projects involving a large number of documents, project tasks, projects, and deliverables
- ⇒ Automates complex workflows and approval procedures.
- ⇒ Improves procurement lead times.

### **Cost Savings**

- ⇒ Supports decision making regarding price trends and specifications.
- ⇒ Improves budgeting due to availability of procurement history.
- ⇒ Improves competition among tenderers.
- ⇒ Electronic issuing and processing of invoices and payments.

In conclusion Electronic Government Procurement is an updated and real time internet based system for procurement of Goods, Works and Services using public fund. The efforts of government should be appreciated for digitizing the public procurement process in Ghana since it will go a long way to protect the public purse.

*By Edwina Safee Boafo*

*Officer– Capacity Development*

# GHANA EMBRACES ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

This brief compilation of both print and online headlines show how Ghana embraced the launch of the Electronic Procurement System—GHANEPS

corruption cases associated with public procurement.



Friday May 3, 2019 - Daily Graphic



Wednesday May 1, 2019  
Ghanaian Times

The country director of the World Bank, Mr. Henry Kerali says Ghana can save more than \$100 million, an equivalent of two percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for introducing the e-procurement system.

The Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia has launched an electronic procurement system estimated to save the country \$100 million annually through the prevention of corruption and inefficiencies in public procurement.



Thursday May 2, 2019  
Business & Financial Times (B&FT)

The Vice President, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, has launched an electronic procurement system that will enhance government procurement processes and is expected to reduce by 90 percent all



Ghanaweb

Tuesday, 30 April 2019

Vice president Dr Mahamudu Bawumia on Tuesday April 30, launched a new Electronic Public Procurement portal as part of efforts to fight corruption

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Thank you all for honouring our invitation to attend the official launch of Ghana’s Electronic Procurement System “GHANEPS”.  
Your presence helped make this event a success.  
We truly appreciate your support.

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