

## POLISH ARMED FORCES MILITARY ENGINEERING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



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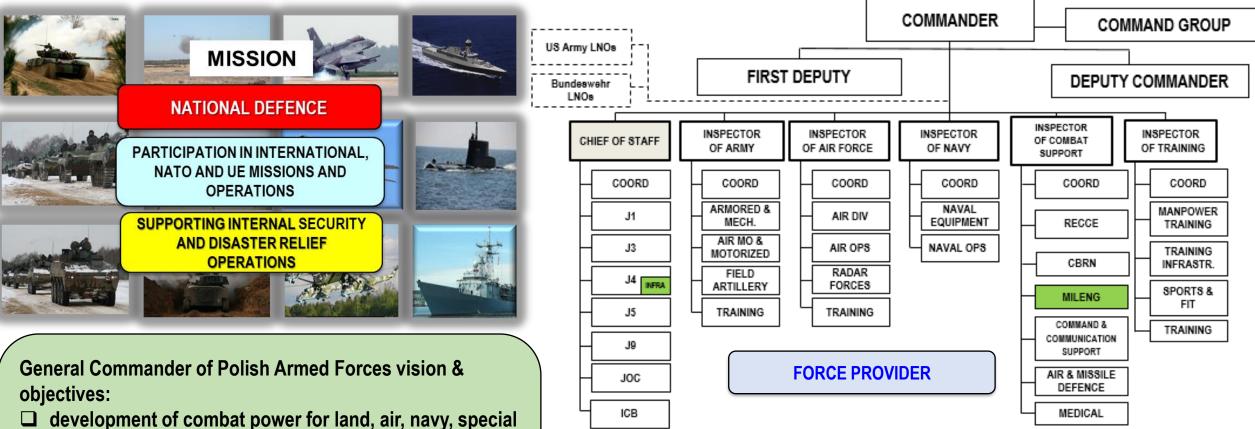
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#### **GENERAL COMMAND OF THE POLISH ARMED FORCES STRUCTURE & MISSION**

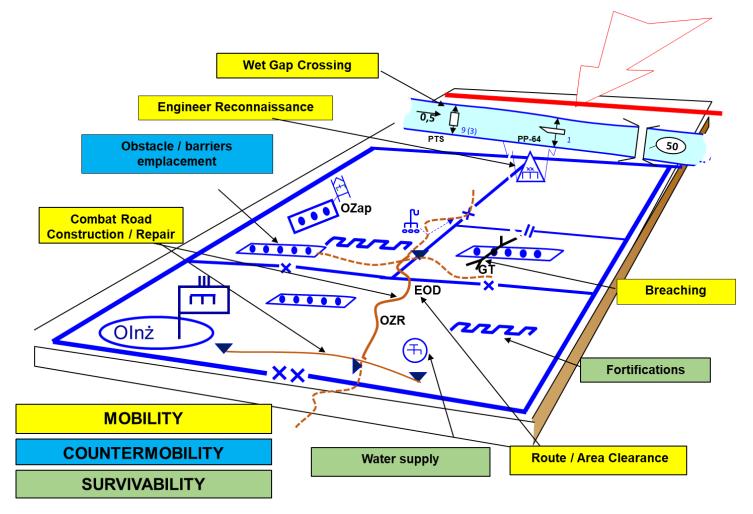


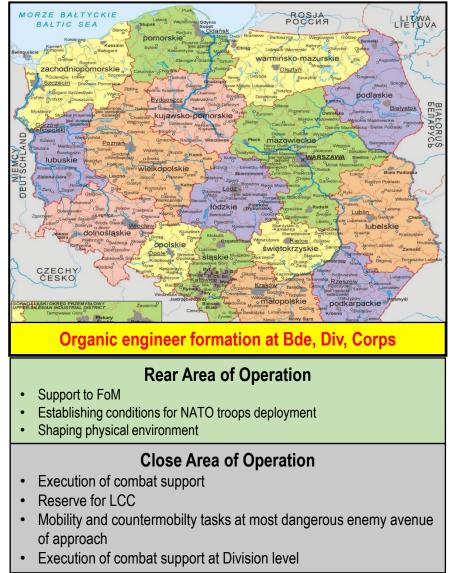
- forces in order to strengthen the deterrence policy
- ❑ building capabilities for effective defence
- increasing the manpower
- implementation of new combat systems
- shaping new organizational culture





#### **BUILDING POLISH ARMED FORCES MILENG CAPABILITIES AND DETERRENCE POSTURE**

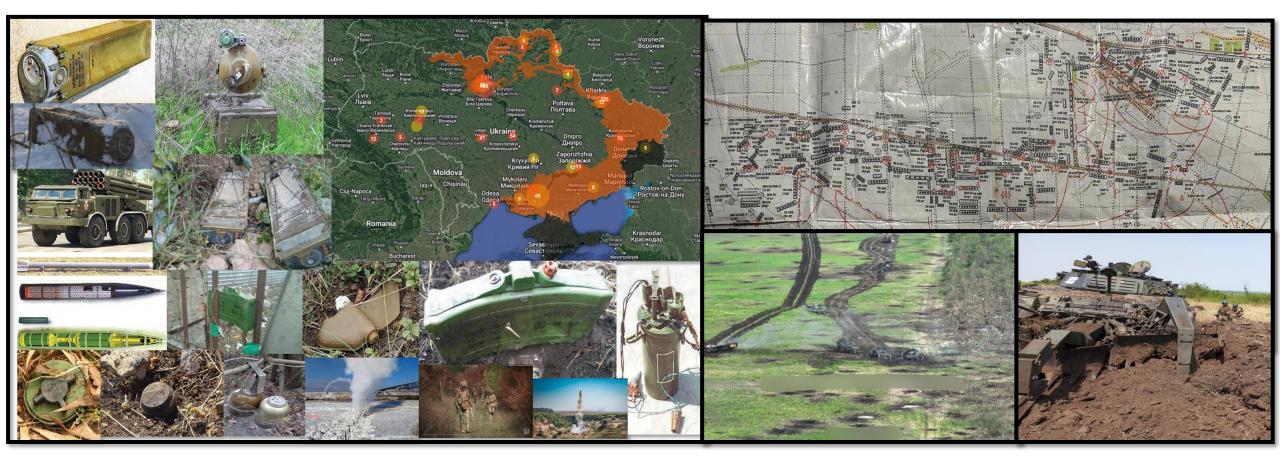








### **Russian Federation complex system of engineering barriers**

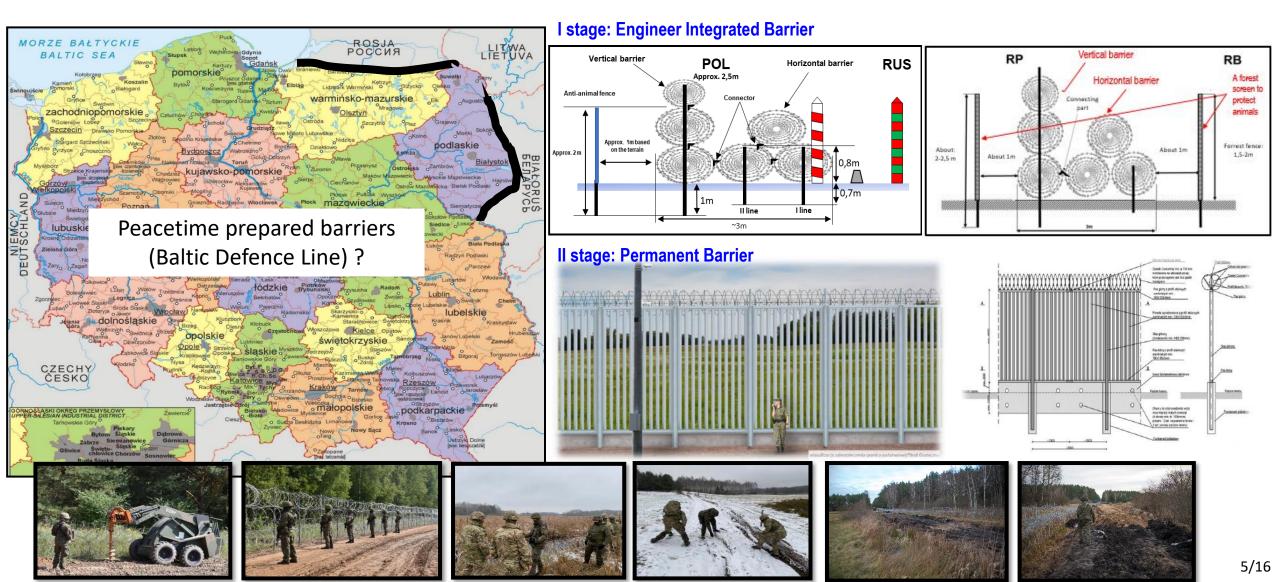


The system of Russian engineering barriers consists of barriers and battle positions with a fire system (Surowikin line), that is a strongly fortified defense line. Minefields are most often mixed minefields consisting of anti-personnel mines, anti-tank mines, booby traps, IEDs, UXO and signal mines.





### ENGINEERING SUPPORT TO SECURE THE BORDERS AGAINST HYBRID THREAT





#### MILITARY ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE Training support to Ukrainian Sappers



#### MISSION

**Save lives** with highest quality training possible

Build **multinational** relationships

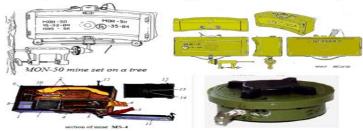
Maximize initiative and instruction at lowest levels

#### Training outcomes:

- □ Multinational support & Coordination (UE mission)
- □ Flexibility and adaptivity to UKR needs
- **Training quality**
- International interest
- Building multinational relationships

#### 14 x editions of basic sapper training Nearly 1300 soldiers from AFU trained in CAMP SAPPER

#### Wide spectrum of mines used by Russia Federation troops



To fully support UKR Basic Sapper Training (dummy/mock-up) mines, fuses

are required:
 Fuzes: MUV-3, MUV-4, VPF, NM-71

Mines: MON-50, MON-90, MON-200, MC-3, MC-4, ML-7, MZU, MZU-2, TM-57, TMK-2, TM-83, PMN, PMN-2, PMN-3, PMN-4, PTM-1, PTM-3, POM-2, PFM-1, PFM-1S

#### Sapper-instructor training

Prepare and execute the training in order make UKR personnel ready to perform the role as Instructor-Sapper and/or Trainer-Assistant during basic sapper-soldier training.

#### Basic sapper-soldier training Training executed in 3 blocks:

- explosive works,
- mines and minefields laying and breaching,

3) identification, neutralization and engineer reconnaissance

#### Usually days of Ukrainian sappers





	<u>Fundar</u> Rota	nentals ation	Main Topics Rotation 3 Weeks					<u>FTX</u>			
	Arrival	3-Day Rotation	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	2 Days	Departure
el	1 Platoon (40 PAX)	Safety and Intro to Explosives	Complex Firing Circuits	Attack Metal & Wood	Attack Concrete	Attack Equipment	Attack Structures	Demolitions Exercise			
	2 Platoon (40 PAX)	Search Drills	Theory of Mines	Explosive Threat Indicators and Intro to Mines	AT Minefield Laying and Clearance	Employ Hook & Line Kits	Engineer Recce Breaching Wel	Welfare	Field Training Exercise	Departure	
	3 Platoon (40 PAX)	Explosive Ordinance Recce	Theory of IEDs and Booby- traps, EOR	Neutralize IEDs & Booby- Traps	Building Search	Defensive Position Search	General Engineer Search	Medical Training			

Mobility Suppor

Explosives & Demolitions



**Counter-Explosive Threat** 

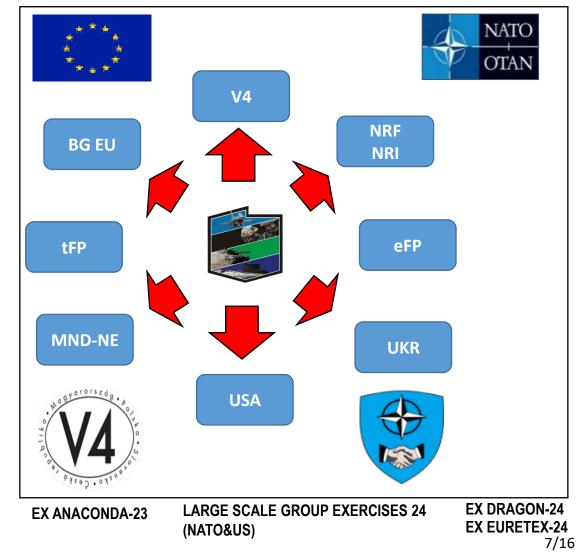




## **GENCOM MILENG DIRECTORATE TREX STRATEGY PRINCIPLES**

#### PAF MILENG COOPERATION PRINCIPLES:

- Bolstering close and effective MILENG TREX cooperation with allies and partners.
- Maintain open doors for all bilateral, multinational initiatives aiming to leverage MILENG.
- □ Seek opportunities for enhancement of MILENG interoperability at company and battalion level. Interoperability starts from the ground.
- □ Focus on bilateral & multinational developments of MILENG traditional roles and functions (mobility, counter mobility, etc.).
- Actively contribute to initiatives aiming to enhance national & NATO MILENG capabilities (e.g. USA-POL, GBR-POL, DEU-POL Staff Talks and the others.).
- □ Continue close multinational TREX cooperation.

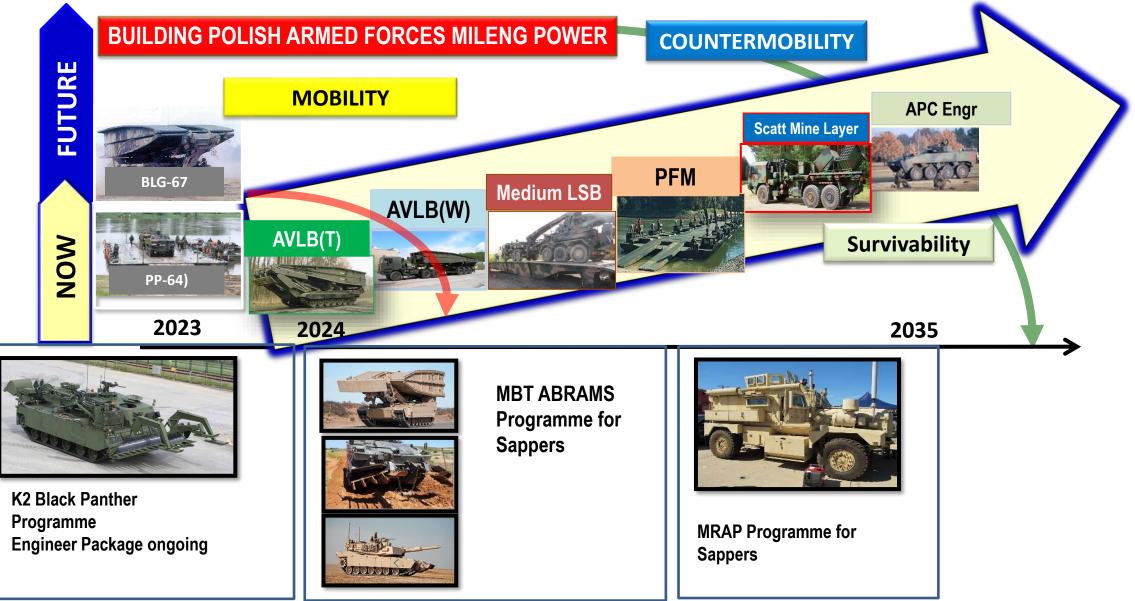




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GENERATIONAL REPLACEMENT AND KEY MODERNIZATION PRIORITIES FOR PAF MILENG







# Hasty building of infrastructure - New capability for troops and equipment

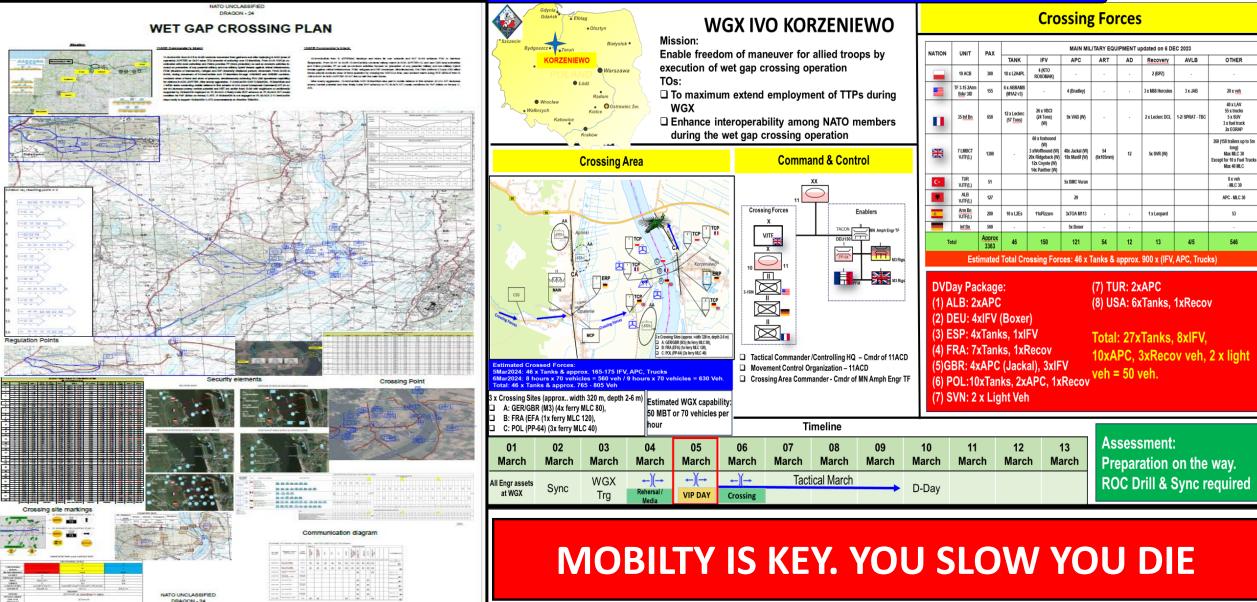




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#### MILITARY ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE EX STEADFAST DEFENDER-24 / EX DRAGON-24





### **EURETEX-24 INDUSTRY DAY**

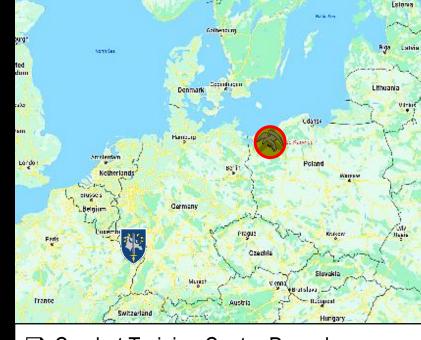
Networking military and industry at tactical level (tools & boots on the ground)



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#### Combat Training Centre Drawsko Pomorskie POLAND <u>18 JUN 2024</u>





- Combat Training Centre Drawsko
  Pomorskie, DPTA, POLAND
  18 JUN 2024, static display 10.00 13.00
- EURETEX exercise lead by HQ EUROCORPS, designed to prepare military engineers for their role in multinational environment by sharing experience, best practices, tactics-techniques and procedures.

To get an invitation please forward the request to: t.czekirda@ron.mil.pl ENG@EUROCORPS.ORG

- □ 13 nations
- □ More than 1200 soldiers
- Sappers, EOD, GEO, K9, METOC, CBRN, CBRN EOD, DIVERS, Infantry,
- Coy level exercise
- Industry welcome to bring their products and assets and play vital role in the TREX,
- Details to be coordinated with EUROPCRPS and GENCOM POCs.



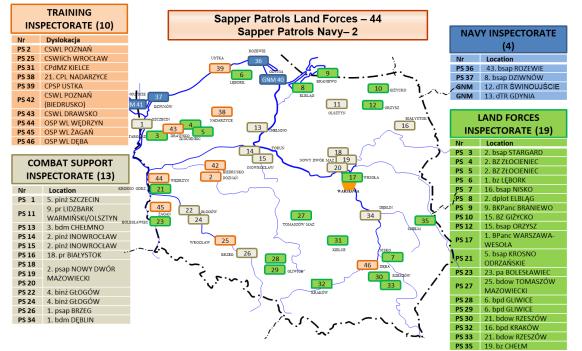
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2021



Demining tasks				
Number of personnel	365			
EOD Patrols	46			
Notification numbers	8 877			
ERW (EO) disposal	311 278			
Number of kilometers	1 542 9884 km			
Explosives used	9 813,1 kg			

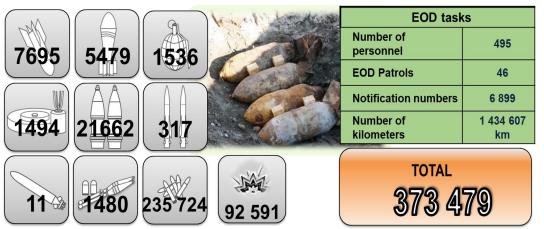


#### 2022



ALC: NO	Demining tasks				
	Number of personnel	417			
	EOD Patrols	46			
	Notification numbers	7129			
	ERW (EO) disposal	257 753 pcs			
	Number of kilometers	1 542 984 km			
	Explosives used	9 813,1 kg			

#### 2023





#### MILITARY ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE GENCOM MILENG SUPPORT TO DISASTER RELIEF OPERATION 2019 / Warsaw

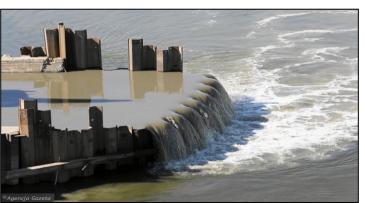
#### **Background**

On August 30 (2019), the Masovian Local Authorities requested the MOD for the support to the public administration to cope with the uncontrolled discharge of waste to the Vistula river in the city of Warsaw. MILENG TF were requested to build a floating bridge as a temporary foundation for pipes connecting the damaged sewage collector with the sewage treatment plant.



TIMELINE				
Recce	291000AUG19			
Deployment	NLT 292000AUG19			
Task order	300900AUG19			
Task completed	031030SEP19			
Pipe installation	NLT 071500SEP19			
Sewage pumping	091000SEP19			





ENG Task Force					
	2nd ENG regiment	2nd SAPPER Regiment	Total		
Military boat	13	2	15		
Military vehicle	27	18	45		
Pontoon bridge	86	18	104		
Engineers	55	25	80		









#### MILITARY ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE GENCOM MILENG SUPPORT TO DISASTER RELIEF OPERATION 2023 / ETF SLOVENIA

#### **Background**

As a result of heavy flooding, more than 200 bridges has been damaged. Authorities from Republic of Slovenia requested international disaster relief aid operation. Poland quickly responded with deployment of engineer troops equipped with Polish bridge type DMS-65\* and heavy equipment.

GENCOM MILENG Directorate coordinated with SVN counterparts building two bridges at Mezica and Gornij Grad.

	TIMELINE	Engineer Task Force (ETF) Slovenia		
SVN request for support	8 Aug 2023		2 <sup>nd</sup> GS Engineer	
Recce	10-14 Aug 2023	Unit	Regiment Inowrocław	
GENCOM FRAGO	17 Aug 2023	Military equipment	25 pc	
Deployment of Advance Party	19 Aug 2023	Logistic bride type	51 m	
Deployment	22 Aug 2023	DMS-65	VT III	
of main body	22 Aug 2025	Engineers	47 PAX	
Task completion	First bridge constructed at MEZICA at 31Aug 2023 Second bridge in Gornij Grad under construction			



\* DMS-65 has been taken from National Strategic Reserve after decision of Prime Minster







# **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

□ FUNDAMENTAL ROLE OF MILENG. THE COMBAT ENGINEERING & LOGISTICS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT FOR MANEUVER FORCES

□ INTEROPERABILITY STARTS FROM THE GROUND

□ UKR LESSONS AND IMPACT ON MILENG

□ CLOSE MILENG COOPERATION AS A KEY AND CRUCIAL FACTOR FOR THE FUTURE







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