



Analysis and coordination of the investigations

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National Central Office for the suppression of currency counterfeiting

- Established by decree of the Ministry of Interior on July 1930 and located at the the National Criminal Office for International Police Activity – Interpol
- The location inside the National Criminal Office – Interpol facilitate direct connections with the foreign National Offices, according to statement of art.13 of Geneva convention



National Central Office for the suppression of currency counterfeiting



Art.13

The Central Offices of the different
countries should correspond directly
with each other



National Central Office for the suppression of currency counterfeiting

- Located inside the International Co-operation Police Service – III Division
- Terminal point for all the information concerning counterfeiting currency
- It is composed by representatives of the three main Italian Police Forces





Deeper interaction between
circuits and bodies

Cooperation increases and more
effective fighting strategies available



Italian Liaison Officers





State Police (Polizia di Stato)

Located in all the main cities

General competence, under the authority of the Public Security Department, maintaining the democratic order and security

Judicial police with special units



Carabinieri Corps (Arma dei Carabinieri)

Located in all the main cities and in all villages across the country.

General competence in the field of public security, military and judicial police tasks.



Finance Corps (Guardia di Finanza)

Located in all the main Cities

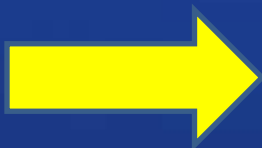
General competence on all economic and financial matters
competences for Financial Crimes

General competence on judicial police





Both Police Corps have set up specialized units that operate in the fight against currency counterfeiting

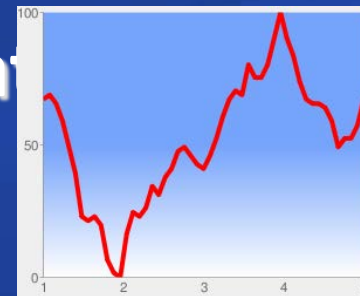


Does not have a specialized unit but co-ordinates the investigations carried out by local police offices

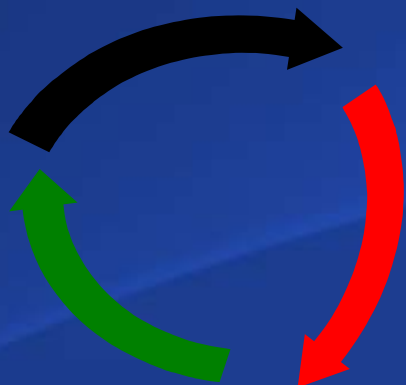


Tasks

- **Analysis and co-ordination of investigation activities**
- **Exams under the technical aspect of banknotes and coins suspected to be counterfeit**



Analysis and co-ordination of investigative activity



Circulation of investigation knowledge



Individualize connection between
different kind of counterfeit notes

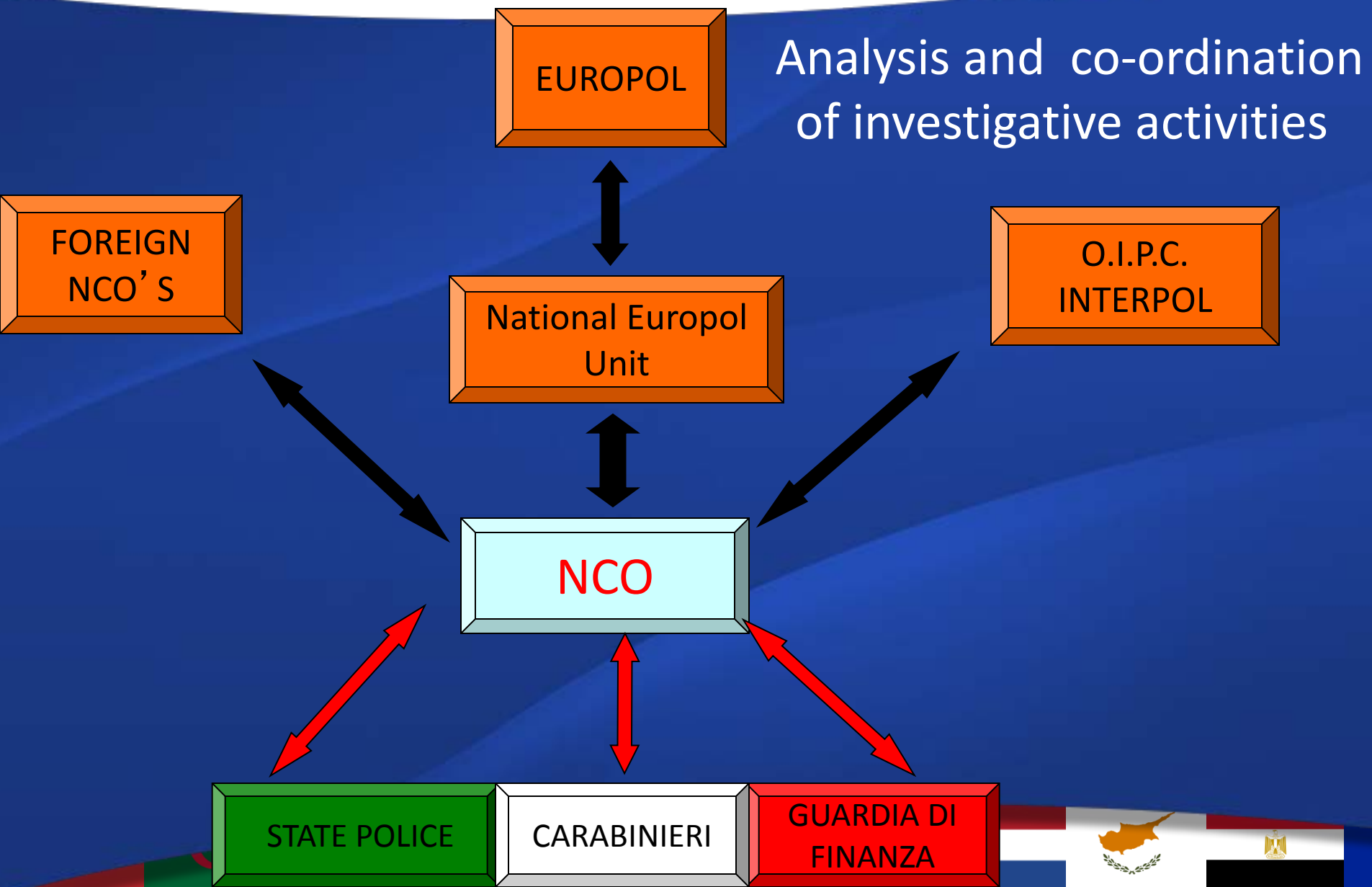


Improvement of the flows and circularity of information



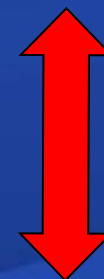
- All the cases related to currency counterfeiting must be reported to the National Central Office by using a form containing all technical and personal data.
- Information are also forwarded to Europol, O.I.P.C. Interpol, countries involved in the case and national Police Forces





**National Central
Office**

**National
Police Forces**



**National Analysis Center
(within Banca d'Italia)**

**Coin National
Analysis Center
(within Zecca dello Stato)**



Cooperation with Bank of Italy and Italian Mint



Periodical meetings (usually twice a year) to exchange information about the newest tendencies of counterfeiting



Agreement with the Republic of San Marino

- to check foreign banknotes suspected of being counterfeited;
- to collect technical and personal information on cases of counterfeit money (both euro and foreign notes/coins) discovered



The Central Office takes part in all the different international forums:

- at O.L.A.F. (ECEG);
- at Europol (AWF Soya – Focal Point Peninsula);
- at bi/multilaterale level with collateral foreign offices;

The office also supports foreign countries, organizations and institutions that organize events aimed at:

- sharing experiences and developing best practices
- exchanging information on the modus-operandi and investigative methodologies
- support the creation of a network between foreign offices.



According to the Italian legislation:

- **NO** special operations (under cover agents, agents provocateurs, etc.)
- **YES** traditional investigations (phone wiretapping, shadowing, etc.)



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The figures of Napoli Group*

At national level: 91% of counterfeit currency

Inside eurozone: 80% of counterfeit currency

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Off-set production

- Italy has an opposite tendency with respect to the rest of Europe where digital technique is mostly used
- allows the production on an industrial level
- the distribution outside national borders
- need of a structure for the distribution



Gulf of Naples with Vesuvio



Maschio Angioino



Santa Chiara's monastery



Capri's stacks



The excavations of Pompei



The area of Naples is characterized by widespread crime and low level cooperation by the public

Being organized groups a multi-prolonged approach is necessary by the investigators who have to use all the most advanced investigative tools

In order to achieve significant results it is necessary to intensify investigations that, consequently, last much longer

Not always the dismantling of a printing shop brings it to a stop because sometimes counterfeiters produce and stock their production to be distributed later



DATE	PLACE (PROVINCE)	POLICE	DENOMINATION
24/04/2004	Parete (Caserta)	Carabinieri	50 Euro
27/04/2004	Baveno (Varese)	Carabinieri	50 Euro
10/11/2004	Montecompatri (Rome)	Carabinieri	50 Euro
12/02/2006	Castelvolturmo (Caserta)	Guardia di Finanza	50 Euro
30/05/2006	Marano (Naples)	Guardia di Finanza	20-50 Euro
09/02/2007	Carinola (Caserta)	Carabinieri	20-50 Euro
25/10/2007	Lusciano (Caserta)	Guardia di Finanza	20 Euro
07/05/2008	Melissano (Lecce)	Carabinieri	50 Euro
03/06/2008	Pomezia (Rome) Riva del Chieri (Turin)	Guardia di Finanza	100-50 US Dollars
21/01/2009	Giugliano in Campania (Naples)	Guardia di Finanza	1000 Algerian Dinars



DATE	PLACE (PROVINCE)	POLICE	DENOMINATION
28/07/2009	Gricignano d'Aversa (Caserta)	Guardia di Finanza	50 Euro
11/08/2010	Ponticelli (Naples)	Carabinieri	50 Euro
08/11/2010	Castello Mirafiori (Turin)	State Police	Euro, USD, Pounds, Swedish Krona
06/10/2011	La Spezia	State Police	100 US Dollars
29/03/2012	Vitulazio (Caserta)	Guardia di Finanza	20 Euro
20/02/2013	Naples	State Police	20 – 50 Euro
14/03/2013	Valdagno-Arzignano	Carabinieri	50 Euro
09/12/2013	Verbania	Carabinieri	50 Euro
07/02/2014	Torre Annunziata (Naples)	Guardia di Finanza	10 – 50 Euro
23/05/2014	Giugliano in Campania (Naples)	Guardia di Finanza	50 Euro
23/09/2014	Oradea (Romania)	Guardia di Finanza and Romanian Authorities	50 Euro



DIGITAL PRODUCTION

DATE	PLACE (PROVINCE)	POLICE	DENOMINATION
05/10/2008	Piacenza	Carabinieri	20-100 Euro
02/08/2010	Bagnolo Cremasco (Cremona)	Carabinieri	200-500 Euro
13/04/2011	Lisert (Trieste)	State Police	20 Euro
13/05/2011	Sant'Agata di Militello (Messina)	State Police	50-100 Euro
13/06/2011	Casoria (Naples)	Carabinieri	20 Euro
27/09/2011	Scisciano (Naples)	Carabinieri	5-10 Euro
07/02/2013	Naples	Carabinieri	5-10-50 Euro
07/03/2014	Catania	Carabinieri	10 Euro

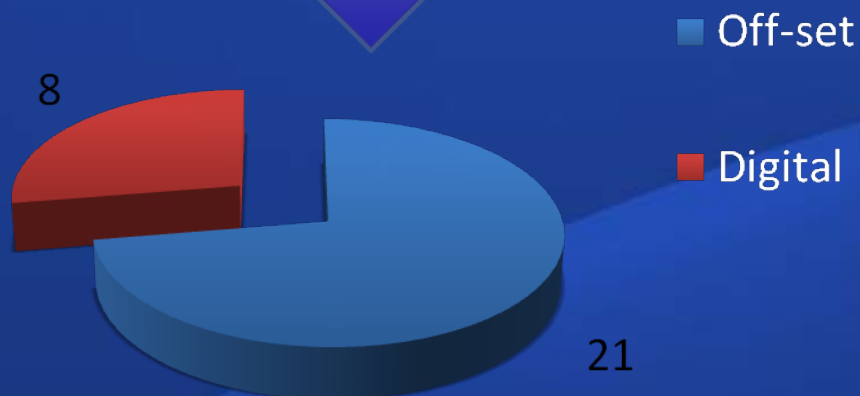


Location of clandestine printing shops



Dismantling of clandestine printing shops

From adoption
of Euro



Total: 29 illegal printing shop



Investigation of the Guardia di Finanza



Investigative lead on fight against “Napoli Group”



**Torre Annunziata
(07/02/2014)**



**Giugliano in Campania
(23/05/2014)**



Torre Annunziata illegal print-shop (07/02/2014)

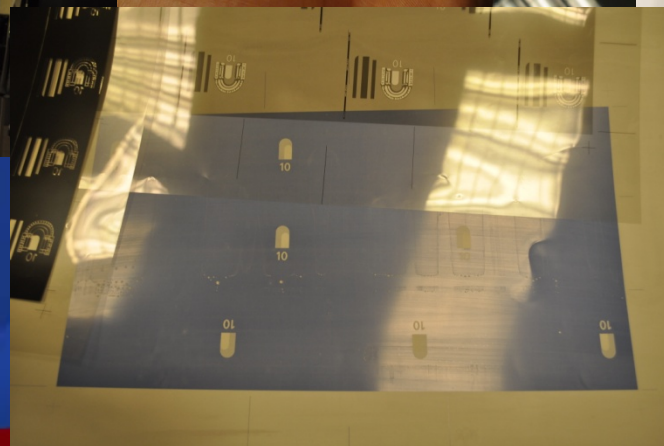
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- All the machines seized and some incomplete banknotes due to the lack of hologram
- Indicative class to be defined



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Giugliano in Campania illegal print-shop (23/05/2014)

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- Discovered in a basement hidden by contiguity with an automobile repair shop
- The "laboratory" was protected by security measures:

micro cameras/cctv outside the perimeter

great number of subjects watching the "vault" during the night



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During the raid 4 Italian people were arrested:

- two of them already arrested in the past for the same offense;
(25/10/2007 Lusciano – 27/07/2009 Gricignano d’Aversa)
- one having criminal records;
- one unknown for criminal matters, holder of the property.



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Indicative classe is unknown

almost sure belonging to Napoli Group

High performance machines seized:

- offset printing machine;
- printing press;
- films developing machine;
- hot stamping machine;
- bromograph;
- industrial cutter;
- bench / flat light and ups;
- 7.6801 million euro banknotes with a nominal value of euro 50 already printed on nr. 15,036 sheets paper;
- cliché of € 50 notes;



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Operation “Every Ten” (09/12/2013)

Carabinieri

- Total face value of 77 million euro
- 173 cardboard boxes containing each one 9000 pieces of 50 euro banknotes seized (1.557.000 banknotes) Indicative class **EUA50P38**

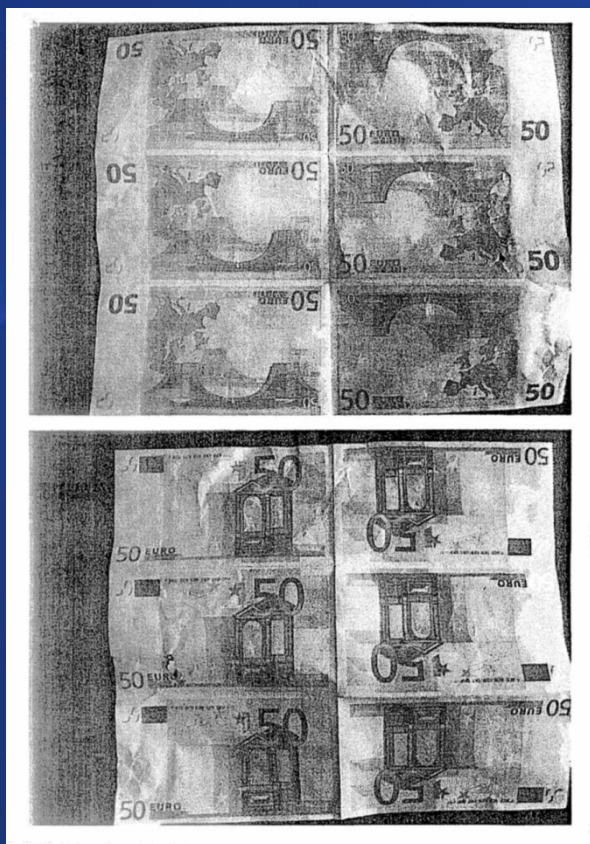


- 670.000 euro banknotes withdrawn from circulation on 2013 in EU Member States
- 35% of them 50 euro denomination



Operation “Every Ten” (09/12/2013)

Carabinieri



Jammed paper inside the printer



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Carabinieri



Location used to hide the counterfeit notes



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Roland offset 4 colours (*overlapping*)



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Bromograph for photoengraving



Operation “Every Ten” (09/12/2013)

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Professional high-speed cutting machine



Operation “Every Ten” (09/12/2013)

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Internal area of the second typography



Operation “Every Ten” (09/12/2013)

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Heidelberg *Stella* for holographic foil patch



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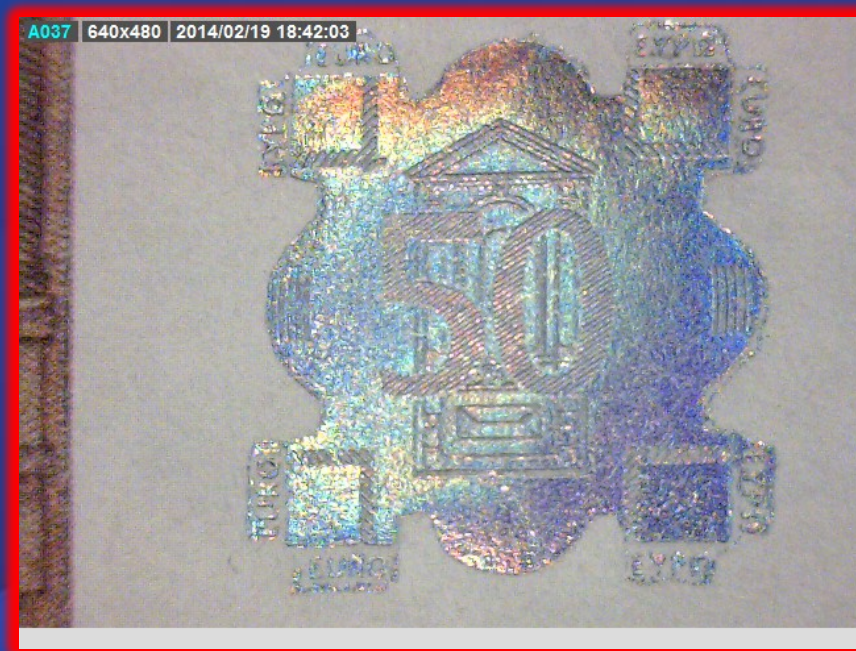
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Patch (obtained with printing foil which takes a good effect of change color)

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The distribution beyond national borders



The distribution abroad takes place in various ways, by mail, by courier, via DHL, by internet, in a fragmented manner and by organized groups. Important results have been obtained both nationally and thanks to cooperation with colleagues abroad



Currency Counterfeiting: increasing of threat



- Improve the training
- Intensify the investigations
- Needing to cooperate on an international level



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**Thank you very much for your
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