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## European Chemical Sciences

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### EuCheMS policy activities

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# RESPONSES TO PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

- Circular Economy
- Minamata Convention on Mercury

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## Consultation








<b>Title</b>	
	Public Consultation on the Circular Economy
<b>Policy field(s)</b>	
	Circular economy, resource efficiency, waste management, product policy, markets for secondary raw materials, sustainable production and consumption
<b>Target group(s)</b>	
	All interested stakeholders
<b>Period of consultation</b>	
	From <b>28.05.2015</b> to <b>20.08.2015</b>
<b>Objective of the consultation</b>	
	The Commission is aiming to present a new, more ambitious circular economy strategy late in 2015, to transform Europe into a more competitive resource-efficient economy, addressing a range of economic sectors, including waste. The strategy will be fully aligned with the priorities of the new Commission. It will comprise a revised legislative proposal on waste and a

# An example of a legislative cycle

## Annex II of the Groundwater Directive

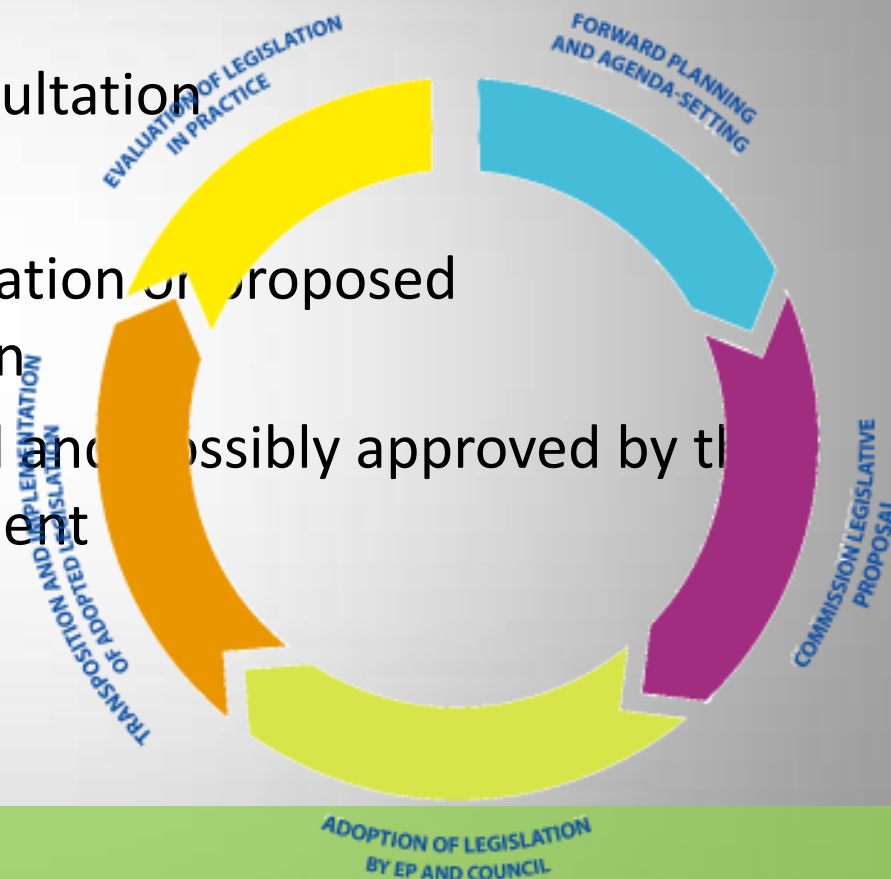
Step 1: EC published a public consultation

Step 2: (EuCheMS) responded

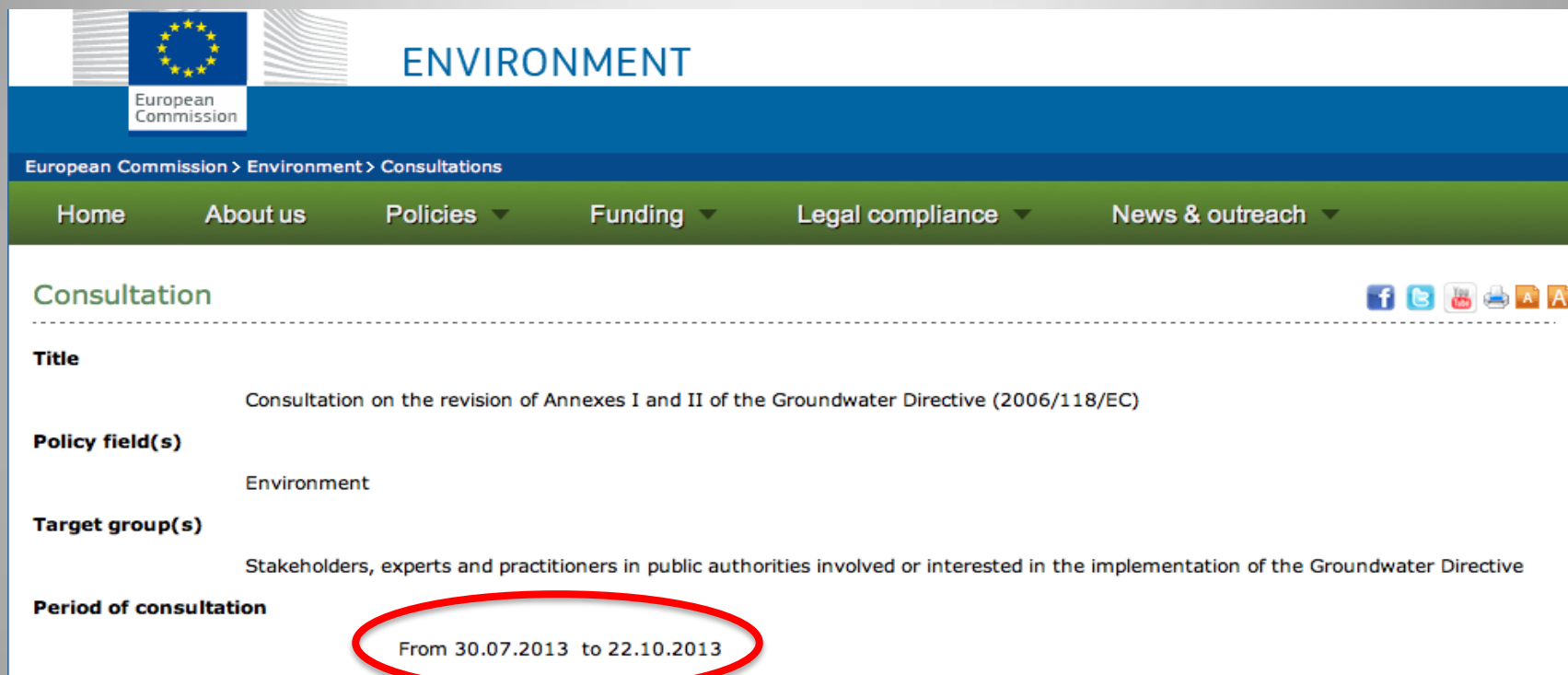
Step 3: EC drafted proposed legislation or proposed amendments to existing legislation

Step 4: The proposal is scrutinized and possibly approved by the Council and the European Parliament

Step 5: Implementation



# Step 1: Public consultation published



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Consultation

**Title**  
Consultation on the revision of Annexes I and II of the Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EC)

**Policy field(s)**  
Environment

**Target group(s)**  
Stakeholders, experts and practitioners in public authorities involved or interested in the implementation of the Groundwater Directive

**Period of consultation**  
From 30.07.2013 to 22.10.2013

# Step 2: EuCheMS response

## B. Main challenges to address in the review of Annexes I and II of the Directive

3. Do these four main challenges cover the most important issues for the review of Annexes I and II of the GWD? -single choice reply-(**compulsory**)

No

4. Should any other challenges be considered? If so, which and why? Do you have any other comments on the list of four main challenges. -open reply-(**optional**)

Frequency of monitoring (see response to Q18a); Elemental speciation (for inorganic compounds) due to the impact of speciation on bioaccessibility and (eco)toxicity.

# Step 3: The EC Groundwater Directive Annex Proposal

D031851/01 ¶

EN ¶

ANNEX ¶

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Annex II is amended as follows: ¶

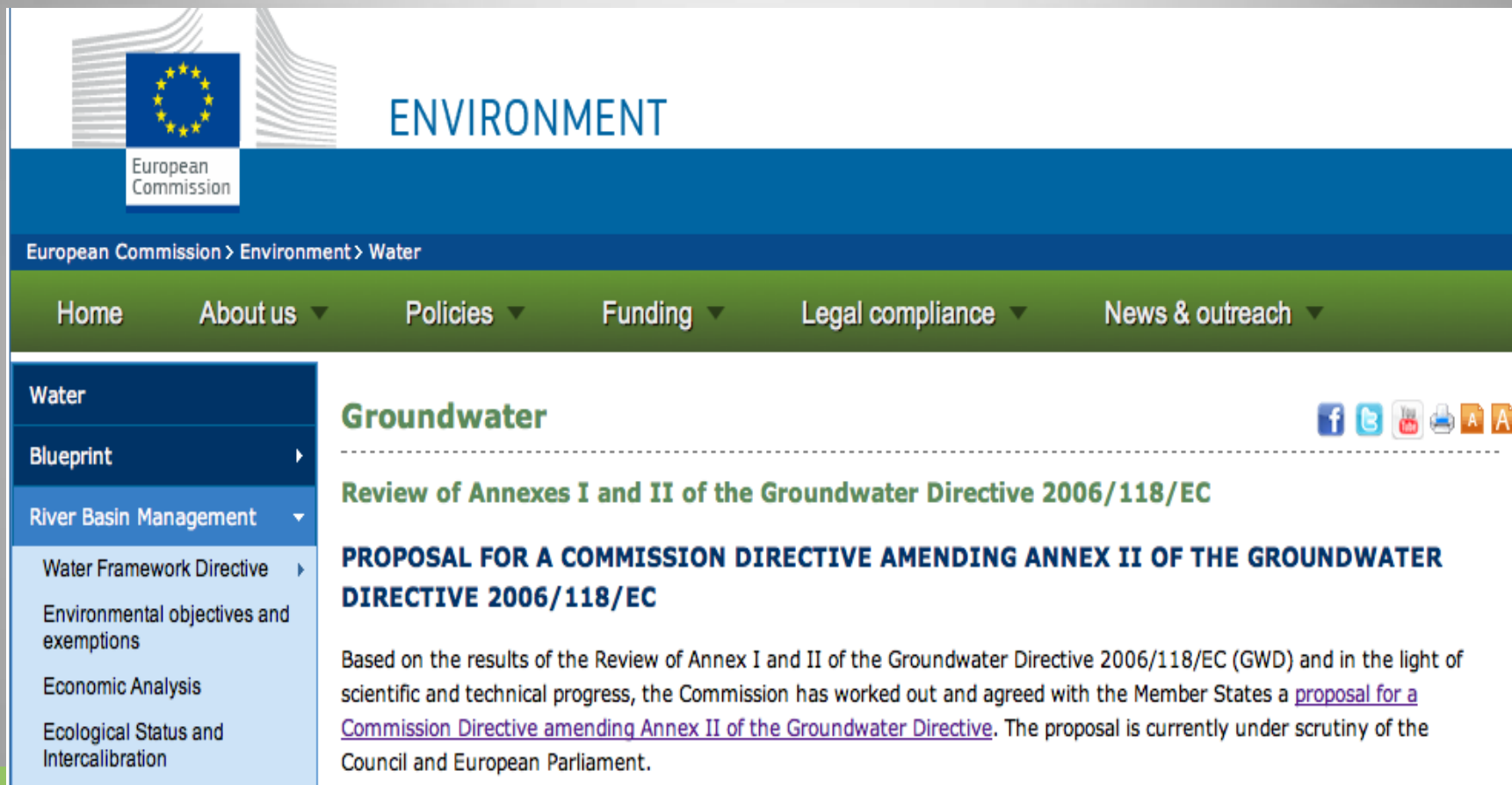
(1) → in Part A, point 3 is replaced by the following: ¶

'3) wherever elevated background levels of substances or ions or their indicators occur due to natural hydro-geological reasons, those background levels in the relevant body of groundwater shall be taken into account when establishing threshold values. When determining background levels, the following principles should be taken into account: ¶

(a) The determination of background levels should be based on the characterisation of groundwater bodies in accordance with Annex II to Directive 2000/60/EC and on the results of groundwater monitoring in accordance with Annex V to that Directive. The monitoring strategy and interpretation of the data should take account of the fact that flow conditions and groundwater chemistry vary laterally and vertically. ¶



# Step 4: The EC proposal is with the Council and European Parliament



The screenshot shows the top part of the European Commission's website. At the top left is the European Commission logo. To its right is the word "ENVIRONMENT" in large blue letters. Below this is a blue navigation bar with the text "European Commission > Environment > Water". Underneath is a green navigation bar with links: "Home", "About us", "Policies", "Funding", "Legal compliance", and "News & outreach". On the left side, there is a dark blue sidebar menu with the following items: "Water", "Blueprint", "River Basin Management", "Water Framework Directive", "Environmental objectives and exemptions", "Economic Analysis", and "Ecological Status and Intercalibration". The main content area has a green header "Groundwater" with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Print, and two versions of a magnifying glass icon). Below this is a sub-header "Review of Annexes I and II of the Groundwater Directive 2006/118/EC". The main heading is "PROPOSAL FOR A COMMISSION DIRECTIVE AMENDING ANNEX II OF THE GROUNDWATER DIRECTIVE 2006/118/EC". The text below reads: "Based on the results of the Review of Annex I and II of the Groundwater Directive 2006/118/EC (GWD) and in the light of scientific and technical progress, the Commission has worked out and agreed with the Member States a [proposal for a Commission Directive amending Annex II of the Groundwater Directive](#). The proposal is currently under scrutiny of the Council and European Parliament."

# Step 5: Implementation at national level

- Not yet there in this particular case, else

links to official sites for WFD in member states:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/links/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-framework/links/index_en.htm)

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# POLICY RELATED EVENTS, MEETINGS, PROJECTS

# Policy workshops

- *Chemistry for the Future of Europe – Energy, Food, Environment*, November 2014, Rome
- *A First Look at the European Survey on the Employability of Chemists*, December 2014, Brussels
- *Integrating CO<sub>2</sub> in the Value Chain – The Role of Chemistry*, chaired by MEP Julie Girling, March 2015, Brussels



# Policy workshops

- *Zero Carbon Energy: The Future*, May 2015, Edinburgh
- *Protecting Endangered elements*, September 2015, chaired by MEP Ian Duncan



# Policy workshops

- *(Re)searching for Jobs*, chaired by MEP Catherine Stihler, June 2015, Brussels



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Guest Editorial

European Survey for Chemists

**The Professional Status of European Chemists and Chemical Engineers**

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**Abstract:** Which country pays its chemists and chemical engineers the highest salaries? Where can I find a new job quickest? Which chemical sub-discipline offers most jobs? Reliable answers for these and other questions have been derived from the first European employment survey for chemists and chemical engineers, which was carried out in 2013. Here we publish the first general evaluation of the results of this survey.

# Policy workshops

- *Analytical chemistry-Environmental-Policy session at the 18th EuroAnalysis, September 2015, Bordeaux, chaired by Nineta H. Majcen*



# Projects

- European Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Education Network
- Solar driven chemistry (led by U. Schubert)

## Invitation

EuCheMS is well positioned to do dissemination for research projects, namely Horizon 2020 projects;

EuCheMS can be included as a member at proposal stage or later on, once a project gets funded, as a subcontractor



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# COMMUNICATION

# Social networks

- Number of facebook likes has grown from 515 in September 2014 to 947 in September 2015



Total Page Likes as of Today: 947





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#### SEPTEMBER 2015 SUMMARY

Tweets

**35**

Tweet impressions

**22.1K**

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Profile visits

**2,712**

Mentions

**32**

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New followers

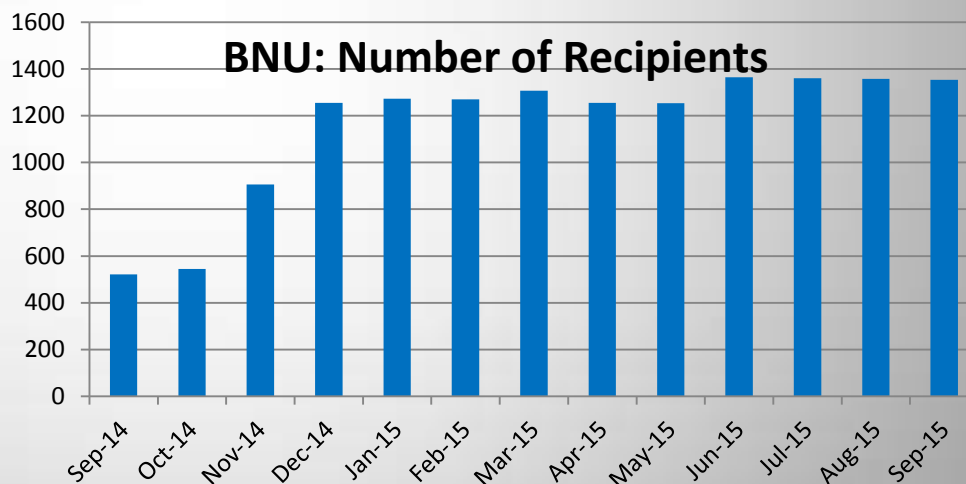
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# Brussels News Updates

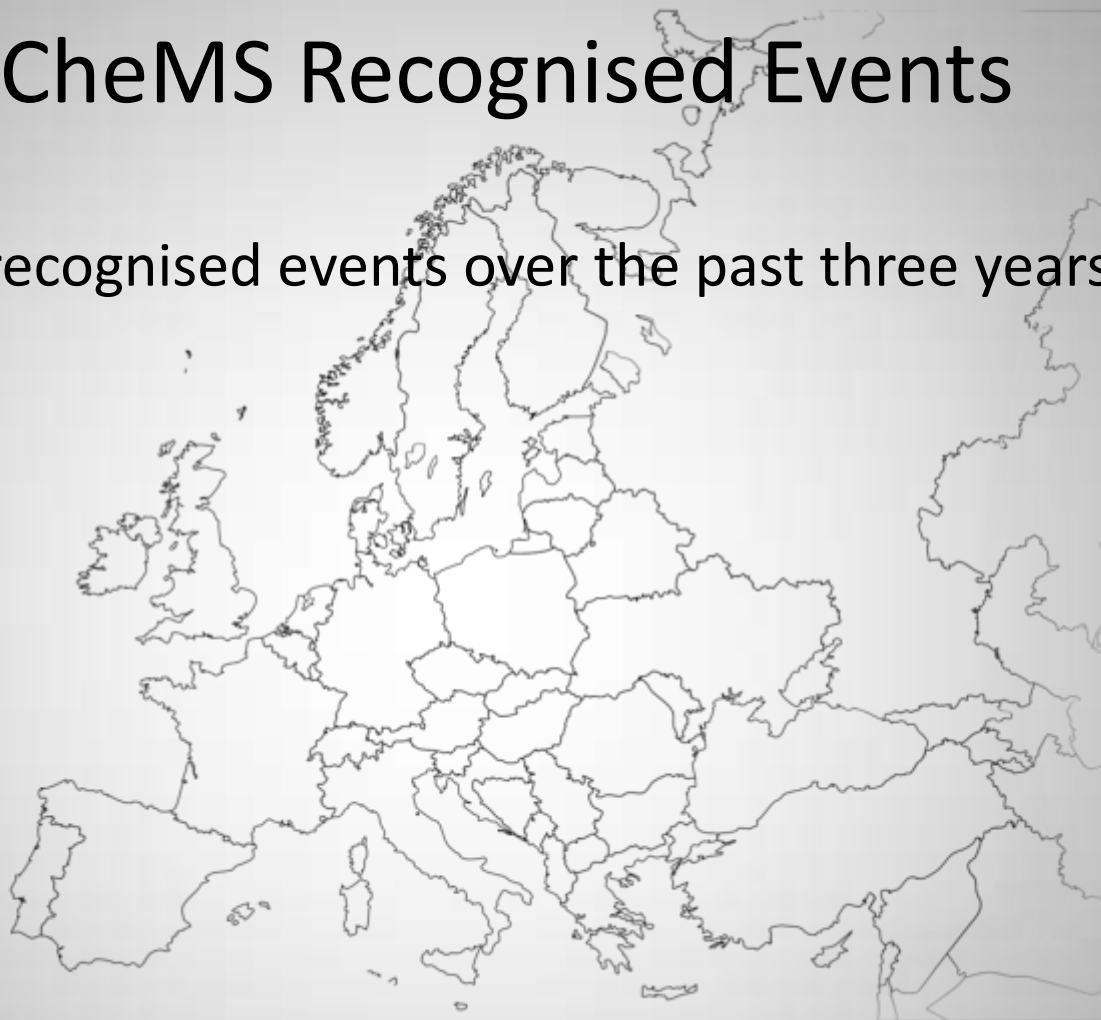
Number of recipients increased for more than 240% in one year

Subscribers are researchers, European Commission officials, MEPs and curious people in general, not only from Europe but from all around the world. EuCheMS would like to thank those who actively disseminate BNU.



# EuCheMS Recognised Events

More than 70 recognised events over the past three years, all over Europe



# EuCheMS on EC, EP, other EU & national 'channels'

EuCheMS events are published at EUEvents, European Commission website and are as well mentioned by MEPs.

In addition to this many of our members proactively promote our events - thank you!



# Annual Report and Newsletter



# New Logo, Refreshed Image

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# New website!

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# Thank you!

