

Szczecin Metropolitan Area

cooperation of local and regional
authorities in West Pomerania

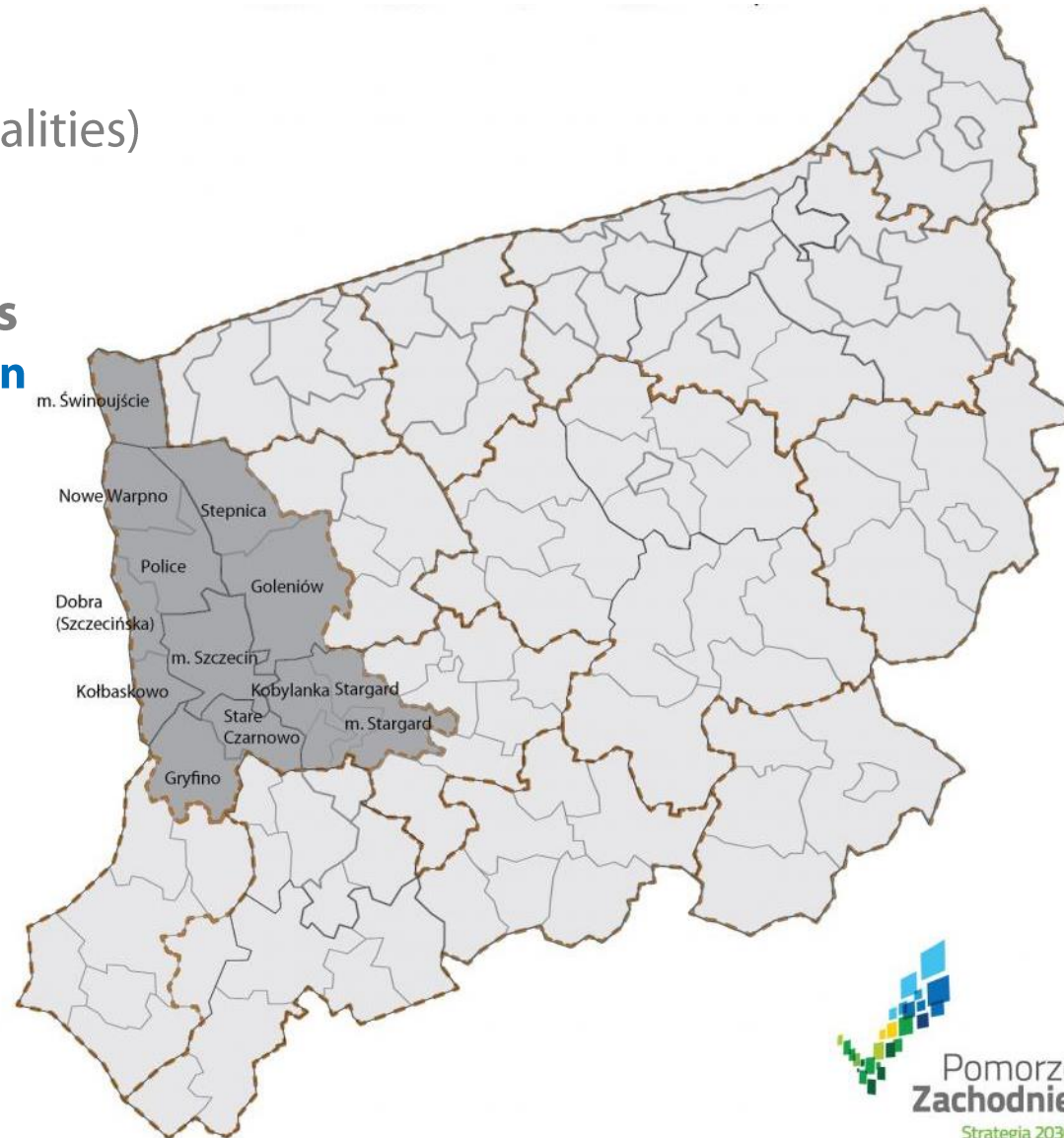
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Szczecin Metropolitan Area

basic data

- ▶ area: **280k hectares** (13 municipalities)
 - ▶ **12% of the area of the region**
- ▶ population: **683 000 inhabitants**
 - ▶ **41% of the region's population**
- ▶ population share:
 - ▶ urban: **84.5%**
 - ▶ rural: **15.5%**
- ▶ age structure of the population:
 - ▶ pre-productive: **17%**
 - ▶ productive: **58.9%**
 - ▶ post-productive: **24.1%**
- ▶ population of major cities:
 - ▶ Szczecin: **393k**
 - ▶ Stargard: **67k**
 - ▶ Świnoujście: **40k**

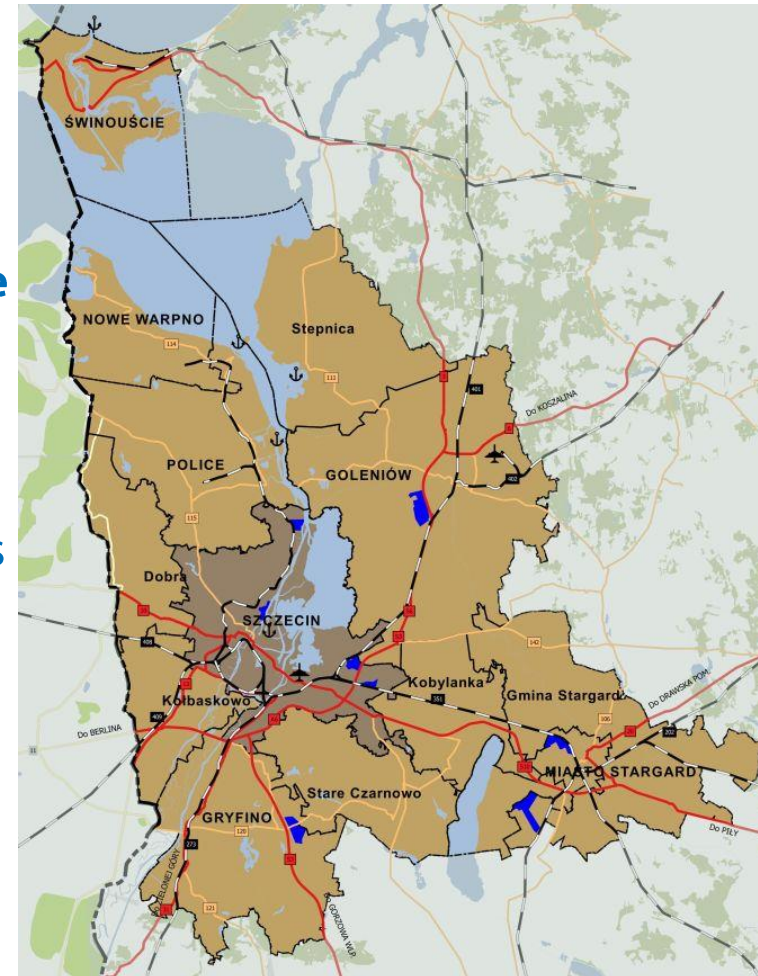


Szczecin Metropolitan Area Association at glance



STOWARZYSZENIE
SZCZECIŃSKIEGO OBSZARU
METROPOLITALNEGO

- ▶ date of establishment: **2005**
- ▶ 15 members – local and regional authorities:
 - ▶ 13 communes (gminas): **Dobra, Goleniów, Gryfino, Kobylanka, Kołbaskowo, Nowe Warpno, Police, Stare Czarnowo, Stargard (x2), Stepnica, Szczecin, Świnoujście**
 - ▶ a county (powiat): **Police**
 - ▶ a region (voivodship): **West Pomerania**
- ▶ goals:
 - ▶ solidarity-based cooperation of local authorities
 - ▶ coordination of efforts aimed at creating a strong metropolitan centre
- ▶ areas of cooperation:
 - ▶ metropolitan area development strategy
 - ▶ coherent urbanisation system
 - ▶ integration of transport and communication networks
 - ▶ strengthening social capital



Szczecin Metropolitan Area in regional policy

- ▶ **Regional Development Strategy up to 2030**
- ▶ **integrated** region
- ▶ **territorial equality** to high-quality public services
- ▶ the constant improvement of Szczecin Metropolitan Area position (strengthening and development of **metropolitan functions**)



3rd STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

EFFICIENT SELF-GOVERNMENT

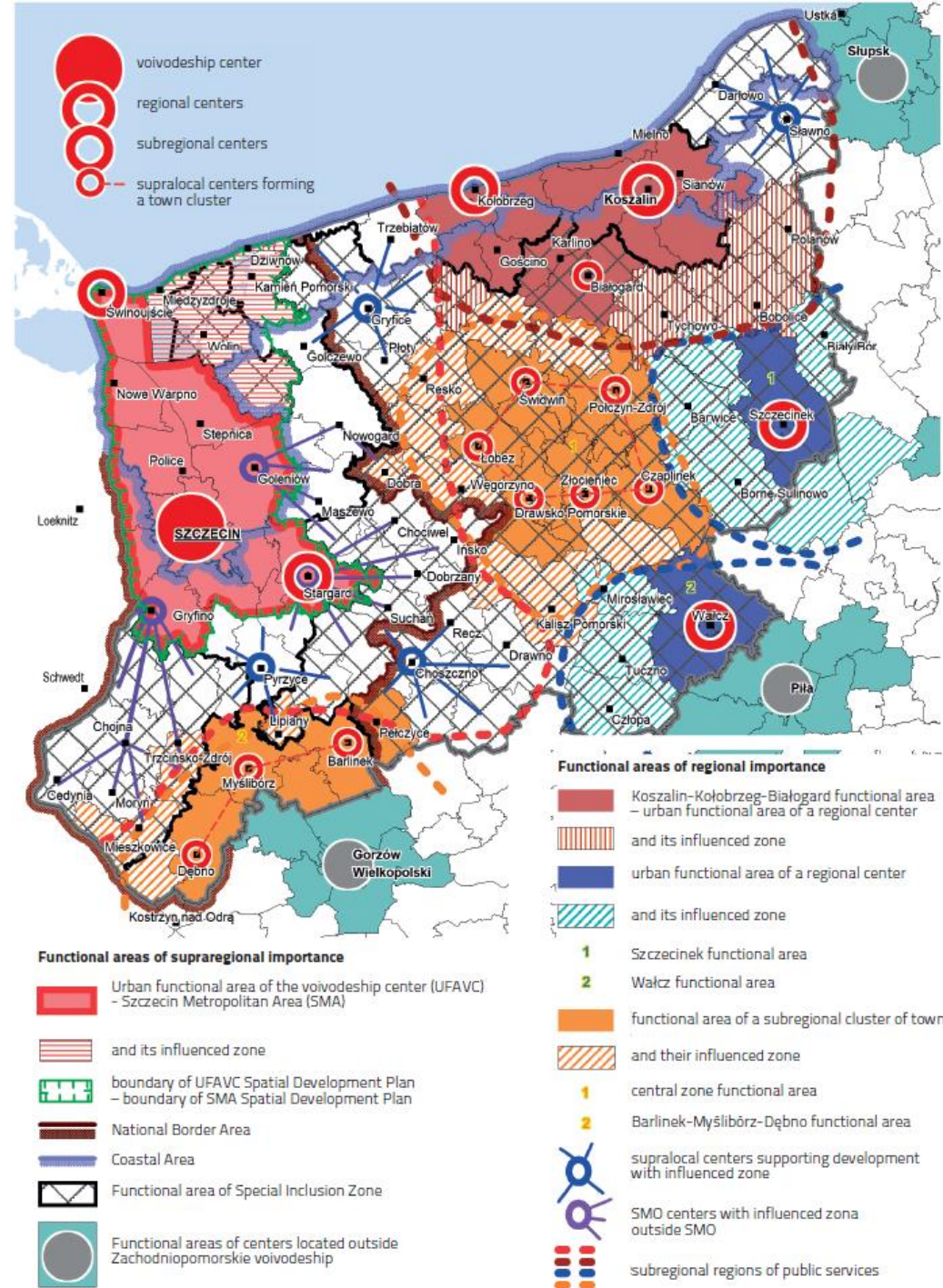
EFFECTIVE SELF-GOVERNMENT – AN INTEGRATED REGION.
TERRITORIAL EQUALITY IN ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES

#functionalareas #cooperation #efficiency #localdevelopment #integrity
#commune #publicservices #space #district #voivodeship #ruralareas



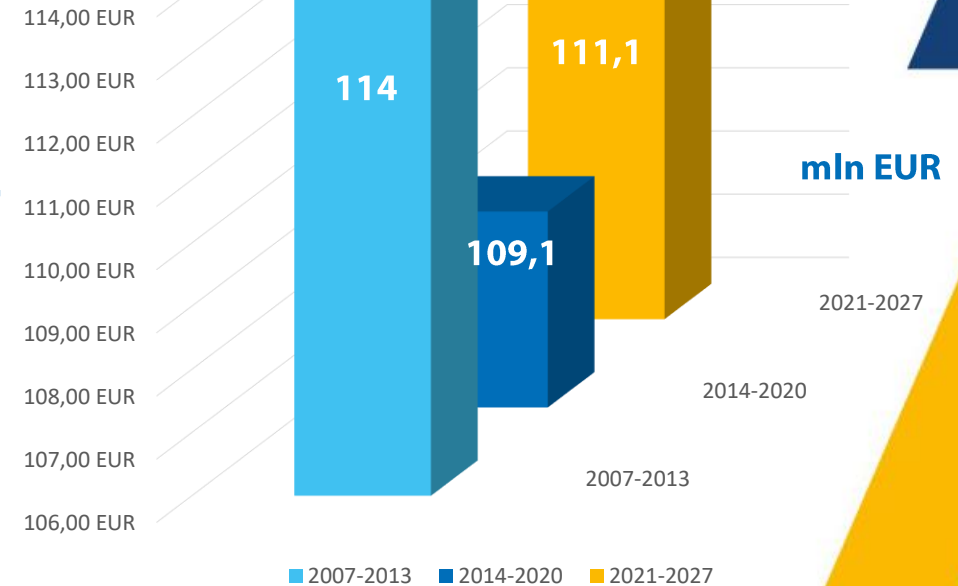
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- ▶ **Regional Spatial Development Plan**
- ▶ functional areas in the region
- ▶ spatial development plan of Szczecin Metropolitan Area



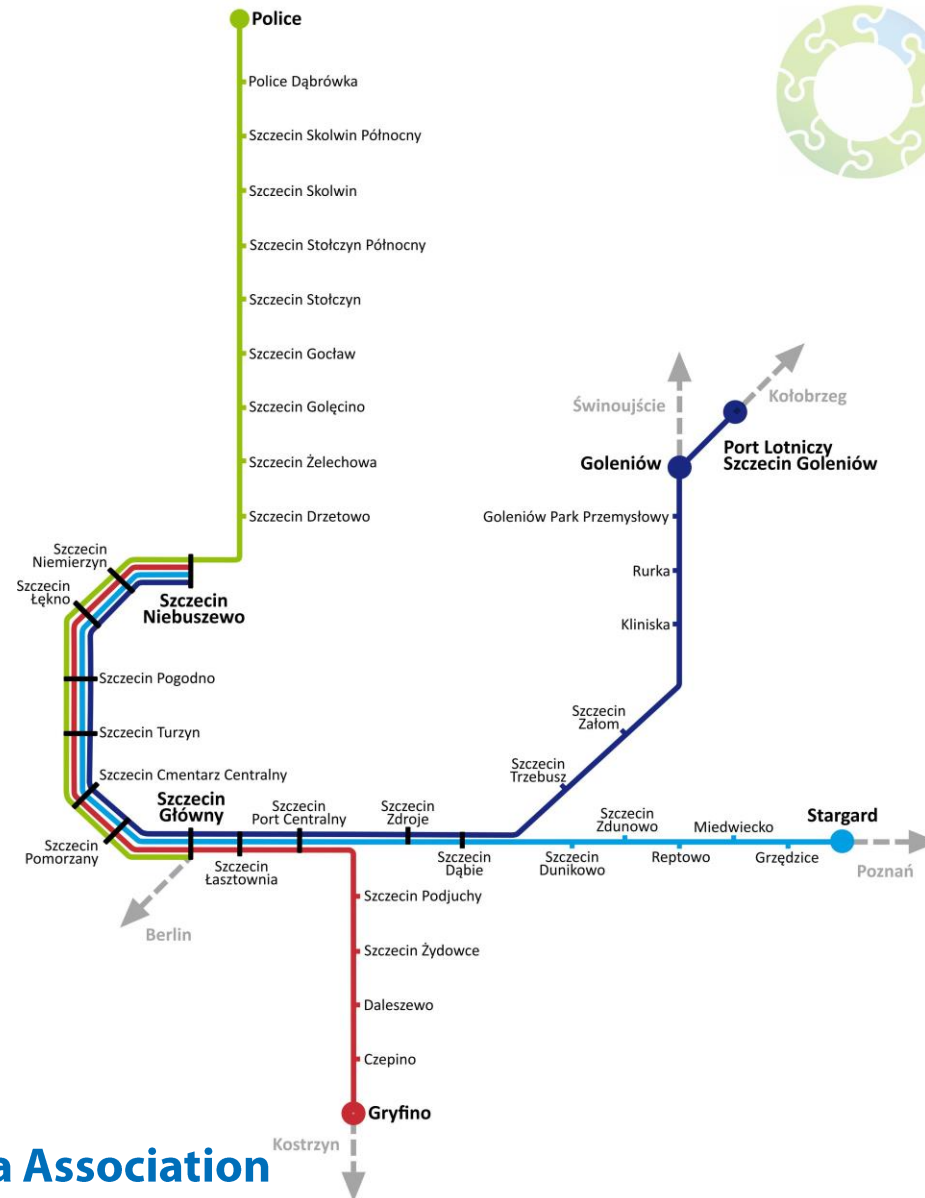
Szczecin Metropolitan Area financial tools

- ▶ EU funds distributed at regional level (regional programme)
 - ▶ **evolution of territorial dimension**
 - ▶ **separate priority axis** (ERDF)
in 2007-2013 programme
(public transport, culture, tourism, regeneration)
 - ▶ **Integrated Territorial Investments** (ERDF, ESF)
in 2014-2020 programme
(economic development,
sustainable public transport,
vocational education)
 - ▶ **Integrated Territorial Investments**
in 2021-2027 programme
(energy efficiency, climate change adaptation,
sustainable public transport, vocational education,
social services, tourism, culture,
- ▶ EU and public funds accessible from the national and cross-border levels (i.a):
 - ▶ Infrastructure and Environment programme
 - ▶ Interreg Mecklenburg-Vorpommern/Brandenburg - Poland



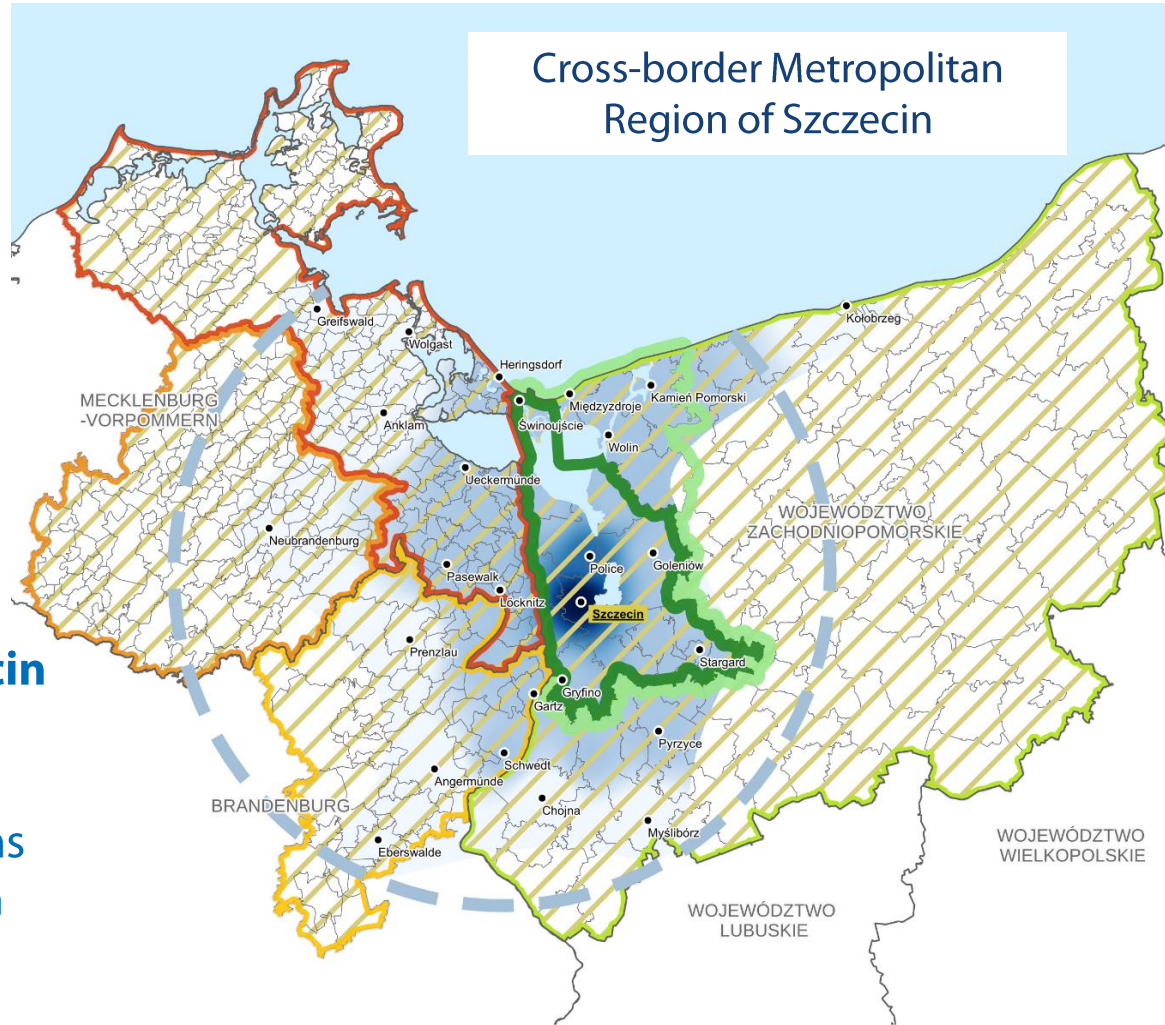
Szczecin Metropolitan Area cooperation in action

- ▶ **Construction of Szczecin Metropolitan Railway**
- ▶ creation of a **main axis of public transport in Szczecin Metropolitan Area** using existing railway lines
- ▶ creation of a **modern transport system in Szczecin Metropolitan Area**, based on agglomeration rail, complemented by bus lines
- ▶ reconstruction or modernisation of 23.75 km of railway lines,
- ▶ construction of integrated junctions and stops with P&R and B&R car parks
- ▶ project leader: **Szczecin Metropolitan Area Association**
- ▶ implementation by **2025**



Szczecin Metropolitan Area cooperation in action

- ▶ **Cross-border monitoring model - innovative ways of acquiring data in Szczecin Metropolitan Region**
- ▶ practical implementation of the **idea of Cross-Border Metropolitan Region of Szczecin**
- ▶ providing reliable evidence on the potential and connections of Szczecin Metropolitan Region
- ▶ development of a **methodology for data acquisition, harmonisation and publication** in thematic areas: tourism, regional transport and mobility, effective networks, urban-rural partnerships, smart growth and industries of the future



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