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Green ERA-Hub – 1st Call

Webinar for applicants

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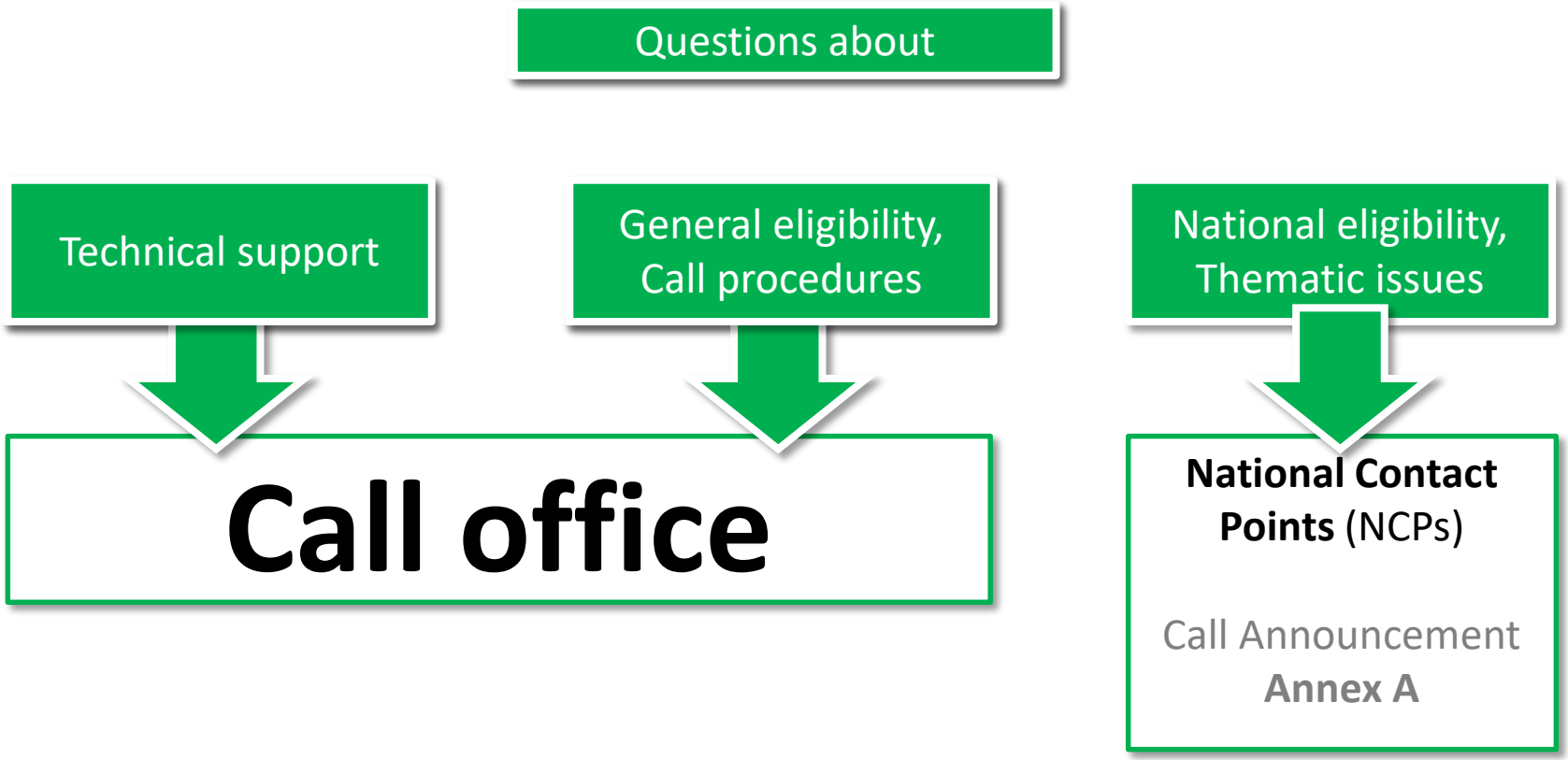

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Objectives and scope of the Call

The objective of this Call is to support projects that contribute to the development of **more sustainable and resilient food and farming systems**. This includes consideration of what resources are used and how they are used; reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and impact on yields, product quality, human nutrition and profitability.

The scope covers both **organic** and **conventional** farming and/or food approaches. A holistic systems approach to food and farming systems is encouraged both pre- and post-farm gate. Such an approach could be, for instance, to look at circularity, closing nutrient cycles, utilising side streams, and minimising waste, trying to enhance the efficiency at system level and to improve the use of natural resources.

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II. Introduction to 1st GEH Call

Call Topics

Proposals submitted to the Call must address at least one of the four following topics:

Topic 1: Enhance fertilizer efficiency and reduce fertilizer use
Topic 2: Increase European protein self-sufficiency
Topic 3: Mitigate GHG emissions in agricultural and food systems
Topic 4: Sustainable energy use and production in agri-food systems

Be aware that some funders will not fund all topics!!!
(see national/regional funding regulations und Call Documents)

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III. How to pre-register a proposal via the submission tool

application procedure

- The deadline for pre-registration is **July 20, 2023, 12:00 CEST**
- The following information need to be submitted
  - **Project data (title, acronym, duration, topic, area)**
  - **Project summary**
  - **Contact data of all partners (CV upload only mandatory at proposal submission deadline in September)**

(all relevant data for pre-registration are clearly marked by *)

No successful pre-registration -> no proposal submission

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III. How to pre-register a proposal via the submission tool
application procedure

- It is possible to add, delete or replace proposal partners after the pre-registration step.
- Consortia must include **at least three eligible partners requesting funding from at least three different FB member countries** who contribute funds to the Call at the pre-registration step.

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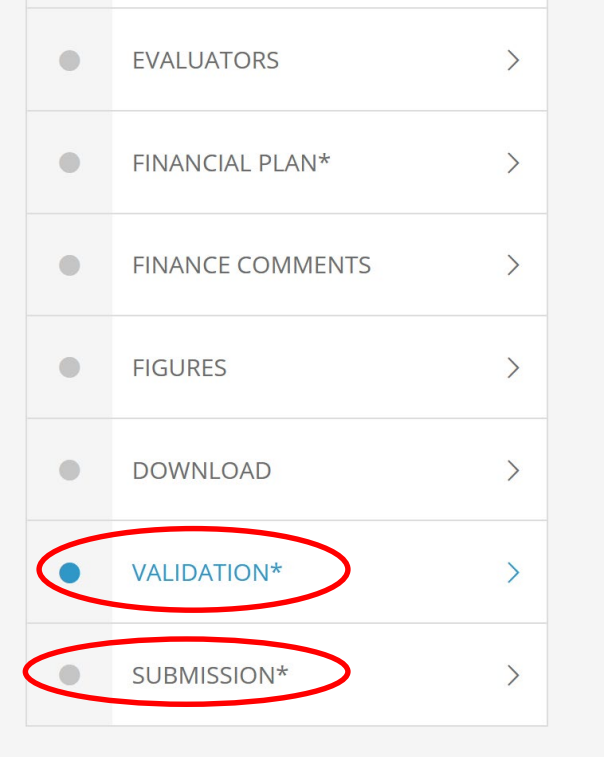

Clicking the „SUBMISSION“ button completes your Pre-registration of the proposal.

You can edit all information at anytime until the pre-registration deadline.
Re-submission will replace the last submitted version.

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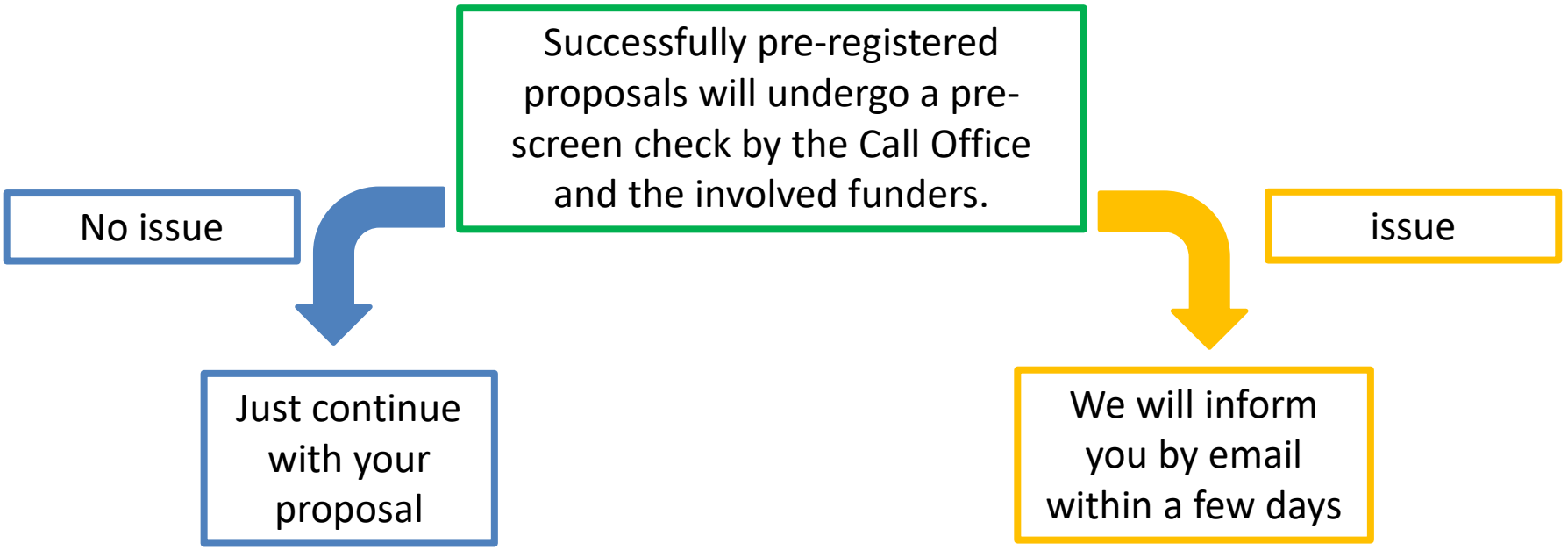
After Pre-registration:

- **The submission system may be unavailable for a couple of days.**
- **Proposals of coordinators who fail to pre-register their proposal will be locked and disqualified from further application steps.**



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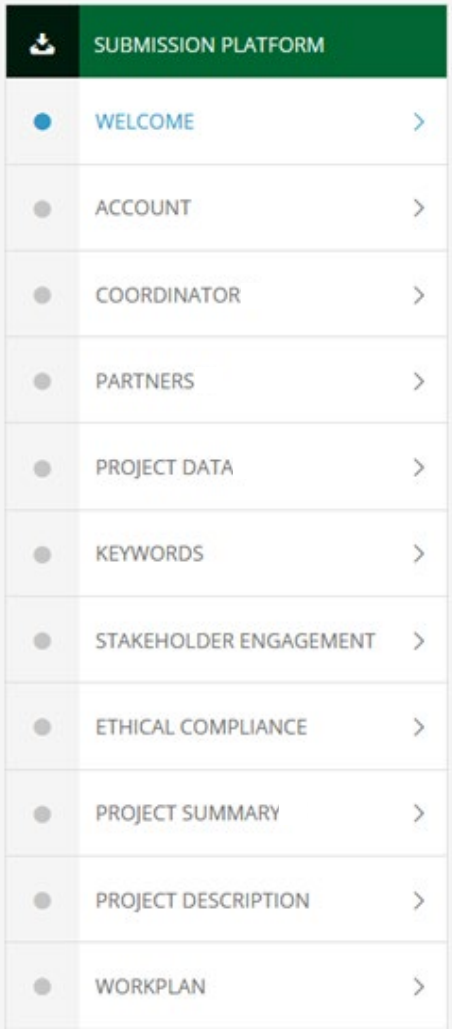


Upload CV as PDF, task description

Up to 5 keywords

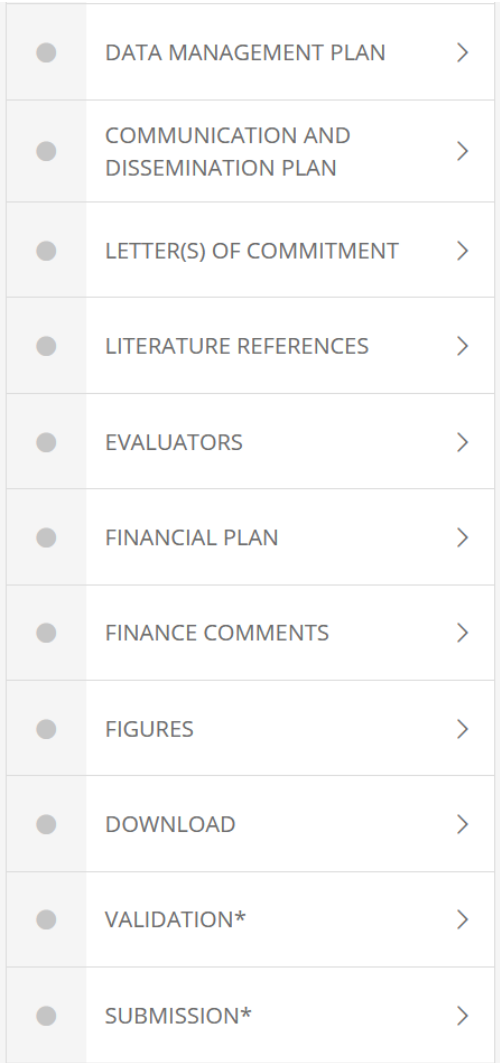
Up to 2.000 characters

Societal concerns or ethical issues?

Up to 4.000 characters

Up to 25.000 characters

Use template and upload as PDF (max. 12 pages)



Upload a PDF (max. 1 page)

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Use template and upload as PDF. (No other letter types)

Upload a PDF (max. 2 pages)

Contacting your NCP is highly recommended.

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Up to 6 figures allowed

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IV. How to submit a proposal via the submission tool

application procedure

Clicking the „SUBMISSION“ button completes proposal submission.
You and all your partners will receive a confirmation email.

You can edit all information at anytime until the submission deadline.
Re-submission will replace the last submitted version.

Recommendation from the Call Office:

Validate and submit a preliminary version of your proposal well in advance.
There might be technical issues that you do not want to experience 2 hours before the submission deadline.

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V. General eligibility criteria of proposals

- Proposals must be pre-registered
- Proposals must be completed by the submission deadline
- Proposals must be written in English
- Proposals must be complete and in accordance to the procedure and must be submitted via the online submission platform. Thus, full proposals must include a Data Management Plan (one page, PDF, see Annex D) and a Communication and Dissemination Plan (one page, PDF, see Annex G).
- Consortia must include **at least three eligible partners requesting funding from at least three different FB member countries** who contribute funds to the Call. There is no maximum number of partners. However, the FB highly recommends that applying consortia should not include more than ten partners requesting funding. **Applicants not seeking funding from any of the Funding Parties do not count towards the minimum of three partners.** They are welcome if the project will result in any case manageable and efficient.

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V. General eligibility criteria of proposals

- In order to achieve balanced partnerships the budget that can be requested by partners from one country is **maximum 70%** of the total requested budget. Some Funding Parties also have funding limits, please check the national/regional funding regulations.
- The same person cannot act as a coordinator for more than one proposal. Some agencies do not allow the same person in more than one proposal, please check national/regional funding regulations.
- Each applying consortium must be led by a project coordinator, who must be from an organisation eligible for funding from a Funding Party of this Call.
- The minimum project duration is 24 months and the maximum is 36 months (please check national/regional funding regulations for exceptions).
- Applicants must complete an ethics self-assessment as part of the application.

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V. General eligibility criteria of proposals

- Note that the inclusion of project partners that participate at their own expenses (not-eligible partner) is admitted ONLY with a letter of commitment (see Annex E). If the projects include these partners the **absence of the letter will result in the rejection of the entire proposal**.

Be careful with your project consortium composition and better ask the Call Office in case of any doubt!!!!!

If any rule is not fulfilled your project will be ineligible and excluded from further steps.

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VI. National/regional eligibility criteria

- read “National/regional funding regulations” under the Call Documents
- Which Topic can be funded (Not all Funders fund all Topics!)?
- Budget per project (Some Funders have budget limitations per project or per partner!)
- Who can apply for funding (research institutions, SMEs, differs from funder to funder)
- Whether submission of national application forms is required.
- Whether contacting the NCP before application is mandatory.

- Consult your National Contact Point!
- Make sure every Partner in your proposal contacts the National contact point!
- In case one partner of a project consortium is not eligible, the entire proposal may/will be rejected.

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VII. Evaluation of proposals

- Eligible proposals will be evaluated online by a minimum of three international experts per proposal.
- After all proposals are evaluated, the panel will meet and discuss each proposal.

- Evaluation criteria are:

1. Scientific excellence
2. Relevance and potential impact
3. Quality and efficiency of the Implementation

Subcriteria are listed in the Call Announcement

Equally weighted scores will be awarded to each proposal for each criterion from each evaluator.

The outcome of the evaluation is irrevocable.

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VII. Evaluation of proposals

- Each proposal will be rewarded with a final score.
- The final score will determine the position of the proposal on the final ranking list.
- The FB will use the ranking list to select proposals for recommendation of funding considering the budget available for each funder.
- The FB will try to fund as many high-quality projects as possible.

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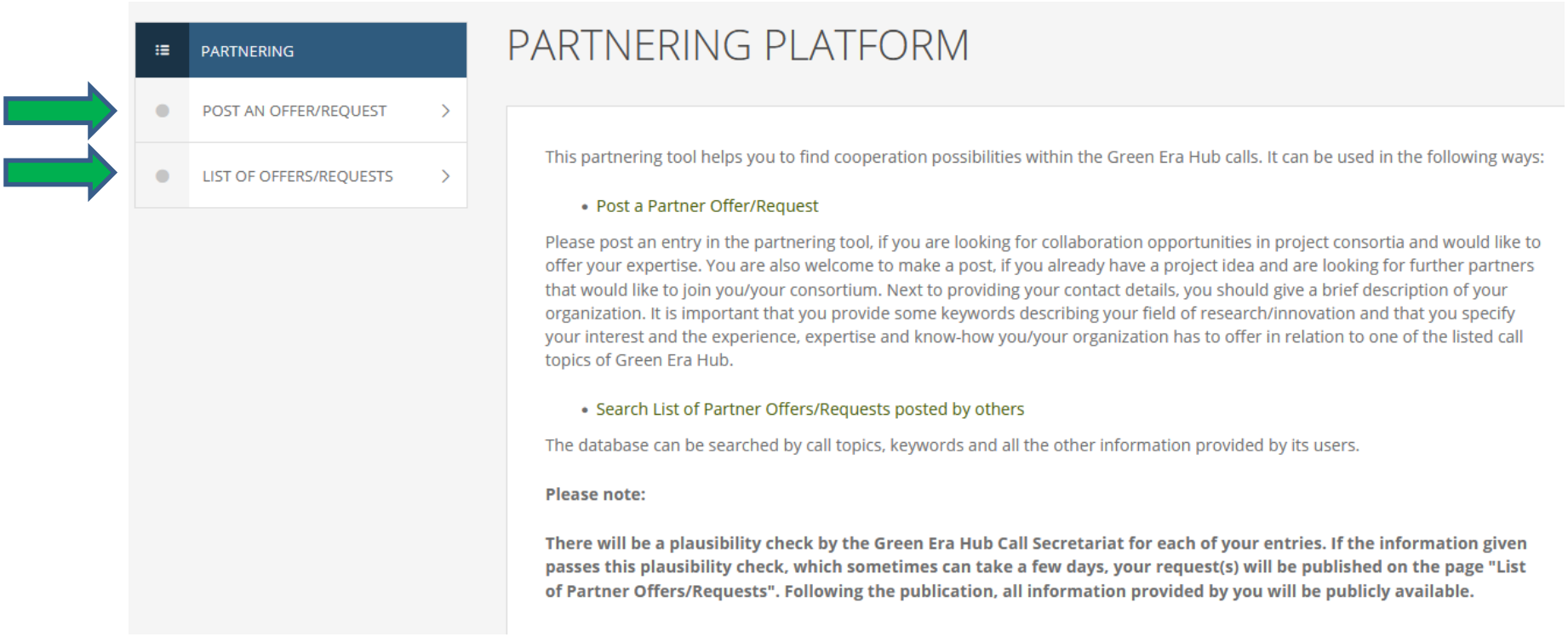

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Thank you!

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