

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region
Priority Area 1b: To improve mobility and Multimodality – road, rail and air links

S2: Towards Improved Mobility and Connectivity

Adriatic-Ionian Corridor: a corridor linking two macro-regions

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The Danube Region ...

EUSDR – Communication and Action Plan:

- 8 December 2010: adopted by the European Commission
- 24 June 2011: endorsed by the European Council!

EUSDR - 11 (12) Priority areas

PA 1: To improve Mobility and Multimodality

✓ PA 1a: inland waterways - Austria and Romania

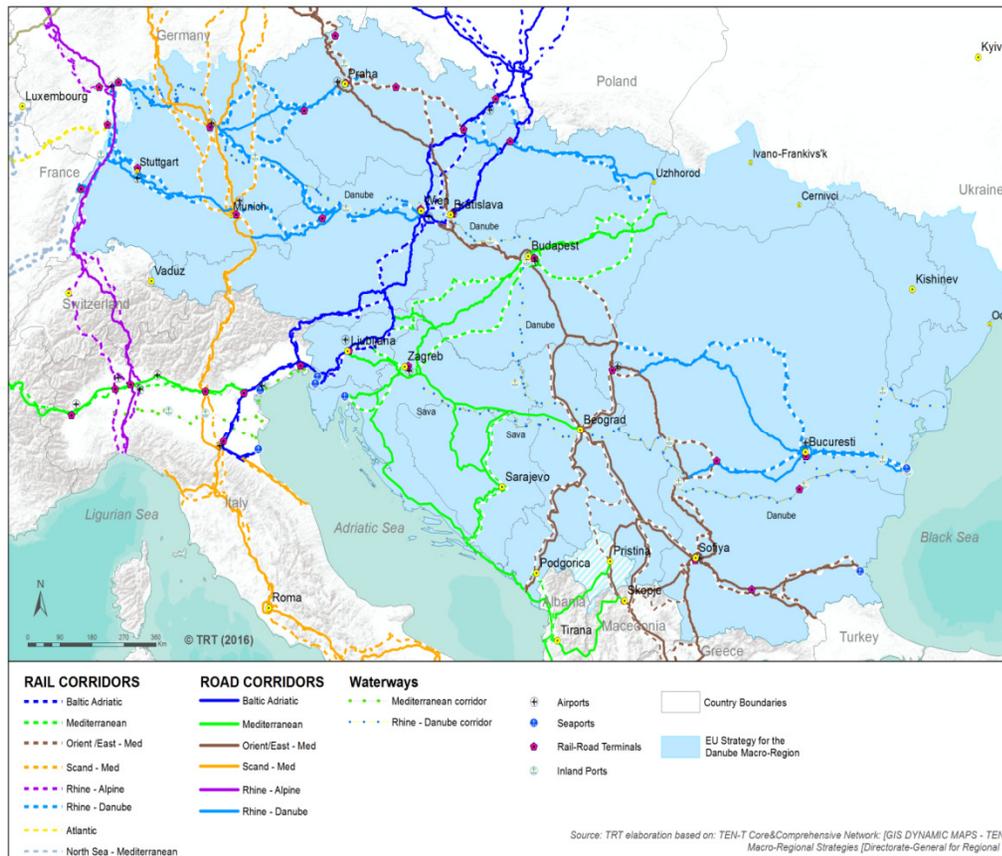
✓ PA 1b : rail, road and air links - Slovenia and Serbia



- **14 States:** Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Moldova, Ukraine
- **Population:** 115 million (EU28: 512, incl. UK 66 mio) **Area:** 1,092.591 km² (EU28: 4,475,757)

TEN-T CNC crossing the Danube macro-region

TEN-T (Reg. 1315/2013 on TEN-T and Reg. 1316/2013 on CEF) CNCs, including indicative extensions to the Western Balkans



1. Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor (FI, SE, DK, DE, AT, IT, MT) - Mr. Pat Cox (IE); Since 12 March 2014

2. Baltic-Adriatic Corridor (PL, SK, CZ, AT, SI, IT) - Mr Kurt Bodewig (DE); Since 12.3.2014 and Ms Anne Elisabeth Jensen (DK); Since 16 September 2018

3. Orient/East-Med Corridor (DE, CZ, SK, AT, HU, RO, BG, GR, CY) - Mr. Mathieu Grosch (BE); 1 July 2014

4. Mediterranean Corridor (ES, FR, IT, SI, HR, HU) - Mr L. J. Brinkhorst * (NL); Since 12.3.2014 until 16.9.2018, Ms Iveta Radičová (SK); Since 16 september 2018

5. Rhine-Danube Corridor (FR, DE, AT, CZ, SK, HU, HR, RO, BG) - Ms Karla Peijs * (NL); Since 12 March 2014

6. Rhine-Alpine Corridor (NL, BE, DE, FR, IT) - Mr Paweł Wojciechowski (PL); Since 27 May 2015

7. Atlantic Corridor (PT, ES, FR, DE) - Mr Carlo Secchi (IT); Since 12 March 2014

8. North Sea-Baltic Corridor (NL, BE, DE, PL, LT, LV, EE, FI) - Ms Catherine Trautmann (FR); Since 12 March 2014

9. North Sea-Mediterranean Corridor (IE, UK, FR, NL, BE, LU) - Mr Peter Balazs (HU); Since 12 March 2014

Roman roads and the Adriatic – Ionian coast



- Roman times?
- Medieval times?



Source Internet: ancient roman roads, Kamara bridge, Albania

„Jadranska Magistrala“ (Adriatic Highway)



Single carriageway road
(width 8,5m, asphalt pavement 7m):

- Planned before 1955;
- Constructed from 1955 – 1970
- Length 1006 km (Trieste/Koper – Pula – Rijeka – Zadar – Split – Ploče – Dubrovnik – Ulcinj)



The Adriatic – Ionian Initiative (AII)



- established at the Summit on Development and Security on the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, Ancona 19th/20th May 2000 (attended by the Heads of States and Governments of Italy, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece and Slovenia).
- **Today, eight Members:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia



One of main initiatives/activities:

- **Adriatic-Ionian motorway (from Trieste to Kalamata)**
- The AII approved a "Declaration on the Support of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic Ionian Basin" (5th May 2010, Ancona).

EU Strategy for the Adriatic – Ionian Region (EUSAIR)



- The EUSAIR covers **eight countries**:
 - four EU Member States (Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia) and
 - four non-EU countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia).
- the EU Commission adopted the „**EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region**“ (EUSAIR) on the 17 June 2014 (COM(2014) 357 final)
- it was **endorsed** by the European Council on the **24 October 2014**.
- Implementation is ongoing!
- **Transport** under TSG2: Transport & Energy
- **Nine (9) TSG meeting** held so far, last one on **14th – 15th November 2018** in Belgrade

Adriatic - Ionian transport corridor



AI corridor connects seven countries along the eastern shore of the Adriatic and Ionian Sea:

- **Italy (Trieste)**
- **Slovenia**
- **Croatia**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Montenegro**
- **Albania**
- **Greece (Kalamata)**

Length: about 1540 km

Adriatic – Ionian motorway - **Italy**



The Adriatic–Ionian motorway starts at Trieste,

Lengths: 5 km

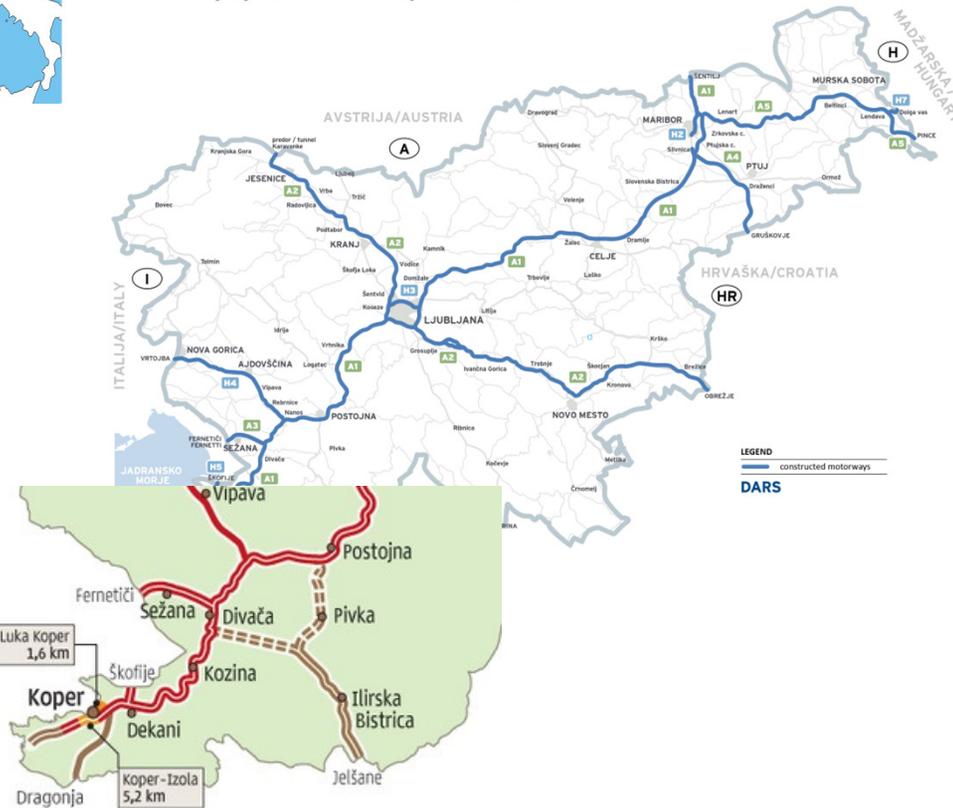
the already existing feeder road RA 13 to the Slovenian border is used.

The RA 13 is connected to the Slovenian A3 highway.

Adriatic – Ionian motorway - Slovenia



Motorway system in the Republic of Slovenia



The Slovenian section:

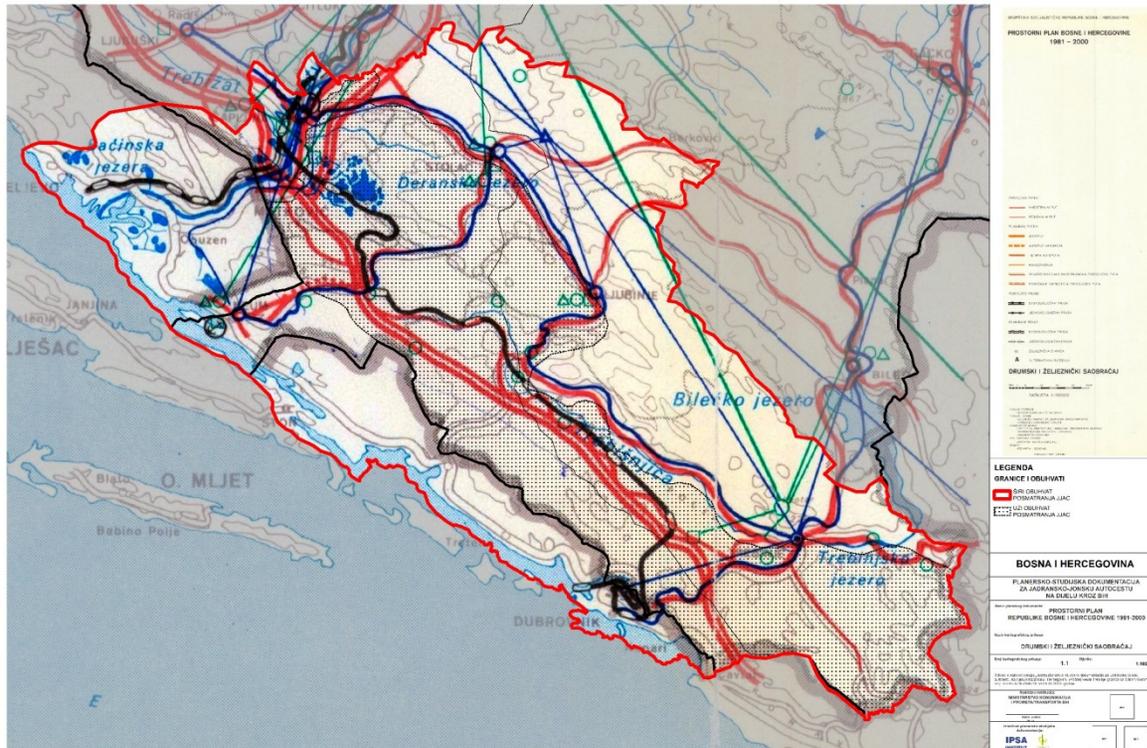
- starts with **A3 motorway** from the Italian border at **Sežana**, to the interconnection with the **A1 motorway** (Koper – Ljubljana) to **Postojna** (completed 35 km).
- **The further route (35 km)under consideration** (i.e. section Postojna – Jelšane / Croatian border, to be connected with the Croatian A7 highway.)
- At present: national road is used.

Adriatic – Ionian road – Croatia



Road	Stretch	Distance	Status
A7	border Slovenia / Rupa - Matulji (Rijeka) - Križišće	42 km	Completed
A7	Križišće - Žuta Lokva	49 km	Planned
A1	Žuta Lokva - Zadar - Split - Nova Sela (Ploče)	360 km	Completed
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Adriatic – Ionian road – Bosnia & Herzegovina



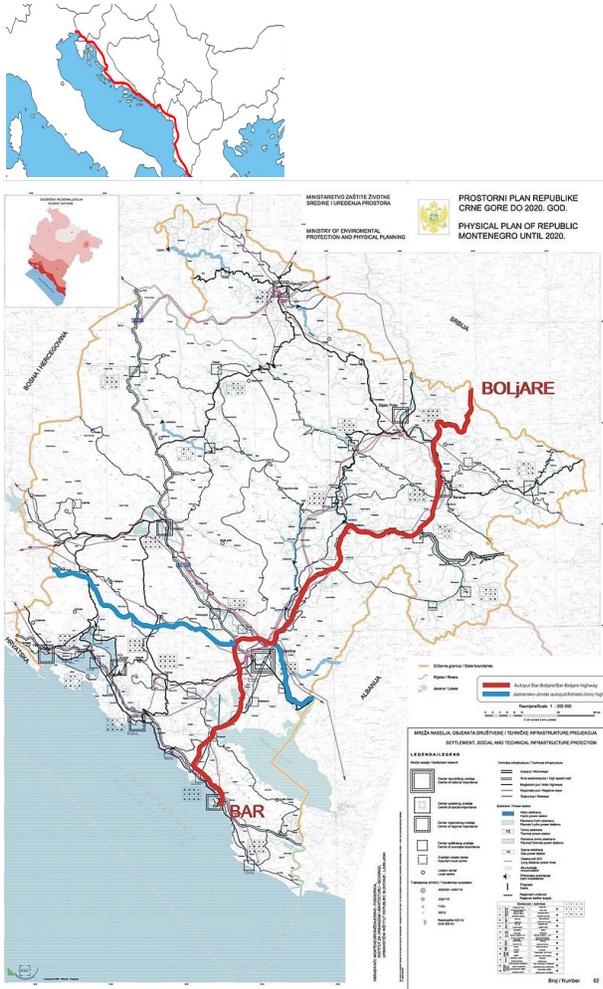
Activities:

The „first package“:
 Planning-Study
 Documentation for
 Adriatic-Ionian Motorway
 in Bosnia and
 Herzegovina

Principal orientation of a
 route: Počitelj-Neum-
 Trebinje- Nudo/border
 with Montenegro

Lengths: cca 130 kms

Adriatic – Ionian Corridor - Montenegro

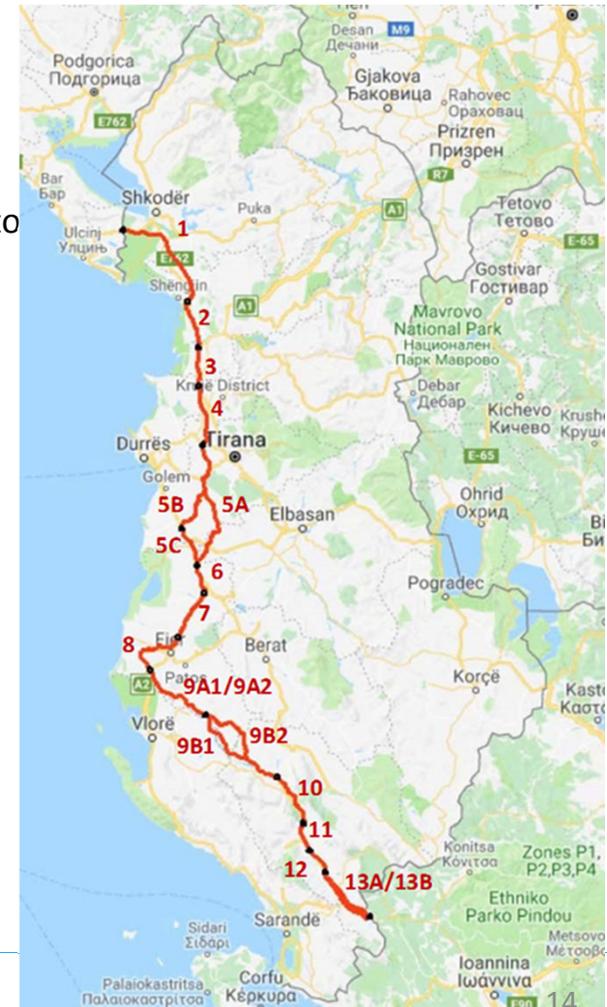


- The **Spatial Plan of Montenegro**, route of the Adriatic – Ionian motorway:
 - ✓ Nudo (border with Bosnia and Herzegovina) - Grahovo - Čevo - (Podgorica) Mareza - (Podgorica) Smokovac - Dinoša - Božaj (Border with Albania)
- **Two options still under consideration!**
 - the option of motorway crossing southern Bosnia and Herzegovina near Trebinje.
 - A parallel expressway along the coast connected directly to Croatian road network at Debeli Brijeg (not built to full motorway standard)
- Approximate length of motorway **through Montenegro is 100 km** (10 km between Mareza and Smokovac is shared with Belgrade–Bar motorway)
- **concrete activities on building Adriatic – Ionian motorway in Montenegro are yet to begin.**

Adriatic – Ionian motorway - Albania

Length: 315 km

Stretch	Distance	Status
Montenegro border / Hani i Hotit - Shkodër	ca. 31 km	completed as a single carriageway (superstradë)
Shkodër (Shkoder Bypass)- Milot	ca. 50 km	completed as a single carriageway , Lezhë-Milot planned to be widened to dual carriageway,
Milot - Fushë-Kruja	ca. 22 km	completed as a dual carriageway (motorway)
Fushë-Kruja - Vora	ca. 13 km	completed as a single carriageway
Vora - Durrës	ca. 18 km	completed as a dual carriageway (motorway)
Durrës - Rrogozhina	ca. 33 km	completed as a dual carriageway (motorway)
Rrogozhina - Mbrostar	ca. 42 km	completed as a dual carriageway (motorway)
Mbrostar - Levan (Fier Bypass)	ca. 12 km	under construction
Levan - Tepelena	ca. 69 km	completed as a single carriageway
Tepelena - Kakavija / Greece border	ca. 58 km	completed as a single carriageway



Adriatic – Ionian motorway - Greece

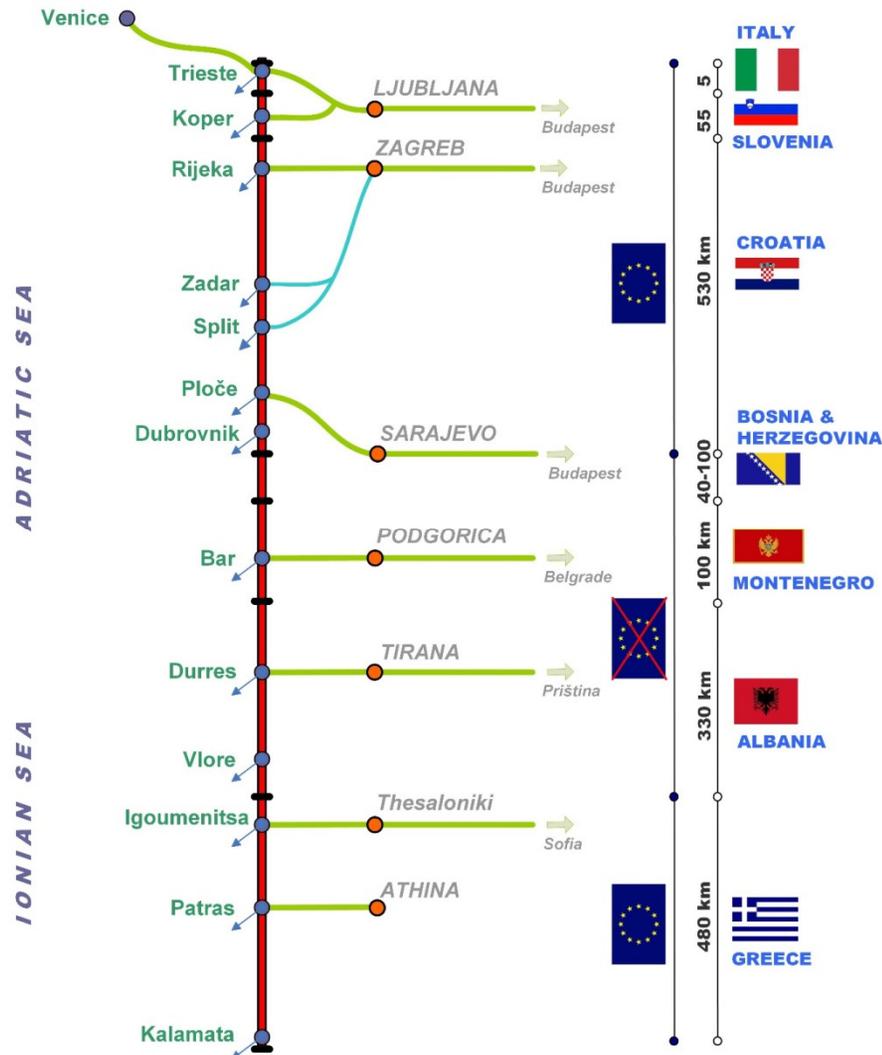


Υπόμνημα - Legend

Δίκτυο / Network
 — Υφιστάμενο / Existent
 — Υπό κατασκευή / Under construction
 — Σχεδιαζόμενο / Planned

- All corridor in Greece: **480 kms**
- **60 km that a missing:** a section planned to be upgraded to a motorway, the road GR-5 from **the Albanian Border at Kakavia up to Ioannina,**
- the A5 motorway (Ionia Odos) - Antirrio, crosses the Corinthian Gulf via the Rio-Antirrio bridge - Rio – Pyrgos (motorway is under construction) - Pyrgos to Kalo Nero (delayed due to environmental concerns about the Kaiafas Lake) - Tsakona road (a branch of the GR-9) leads to the intersection with the A7 motorway, near the city of Kalamata.

Adriatic - Ionian multimodal corridor?



Other modes:

- railway network TEN-T:** there is no continuous railway line that would follow the coastal line along the eastern Adriatic and Ionian coast
- maritime transport** ferry lines along the coast
- Regional airports** along the Adriatic and Ionian coast are many
- pipeline** - route may be used for gas route from the Caspian region

What future for the Adriatic – Ionian Corridor?

- **New motorways** have been built in the corridor in Italy, partially in Slovenia, Croatia and Greece, others under progress or planning .
- **TEN-T** and the Adriatic-Ionian corridor:
 - ✓ development of infrastructure projects in the Adriatic - Ionian corridor will depend on EU transport policies, in particular the TEN-T
 - ✓ European Commission's document (2014): greater part of the Adriatic-Ionian transport corridor was tentatively marked as a part of the Mediterranean Corridor formal procedure for the acceptance of the corridor modifications has not been undertaken
- Can along a corridor be development all transport modes and infrastructure: road, rail, waterborne, air?
- Would Feasibility study for the Adriatic-Ionian Railway Line make sense?
- Length: about 1540 km

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Thank you very much!

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