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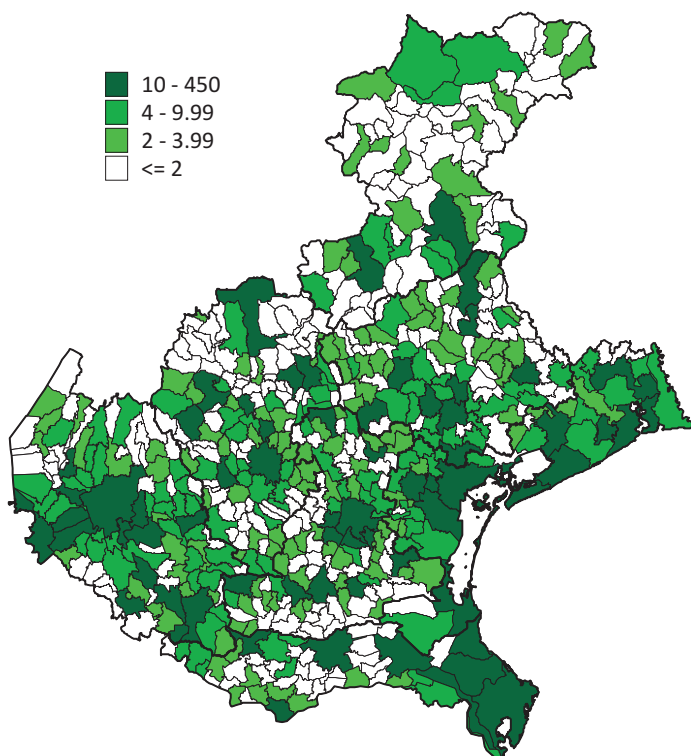
Cooperatives stand testimony to a real economy which stays firmly rooted in the area, generating jobs and social cohesion; they also sustain employment and promote a work culture based on risk-taking and responsibility. With this in mind, through Regional Government Decision DGR no. 4216 of 30th December 2008, in accordance with Art. 8 of Regional Law LR no. 17 of 18th November 2005, Regione del Veneto established the "Cooperation Development Centre". The aim of the Centre is to monitor the region's system of cooperatives in terms of quality and quantity; to bring together experiences in the field of cooperation on a national and European scale; to create guidelines for actions to promote, modernise and develop cooperation in Veneto; to identify areas of operational planning and interventions in the field of cooperation to propose to the Cooperation Council; and to create an up-to-date historical archive and documentation centre on cooperation. Regione del Veneto takes part in this organisation with its Chambers of Commerce and its regional representatives from Italy's national cooperative associations, which are recognised by the Ministry for Economic Development. This edition of

COOPERATIVES IN VENETO

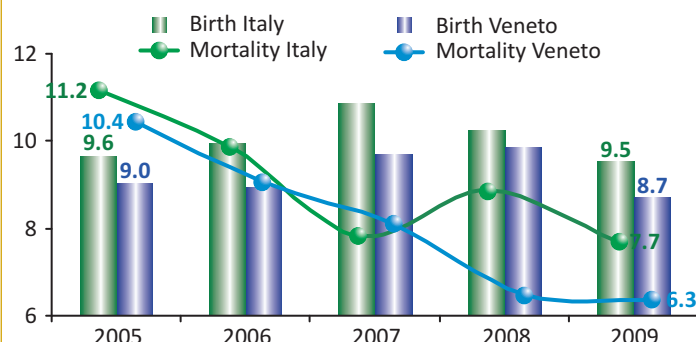
Statistics Flash provides a sneak preview of the initial results of a quantitative analysis of cooperation in Veneto. The results will be published in full in their own report. In 2009, cooperatives (1) in Veneto increased by around one hundred units, bringing the number of active cooperatives to almost 3,800. This figure makes up around 4.8% of the total number of cooperatives in Italy. Active cooperatives in Veneto comprise around 1% of total active businesses in the region and they continue to increase in number, although at a slightly slower rate than in the two previous years, with an annual increase of 3 percentage points (+1.5% nationally). At the end of last year there were 90 new cooperatives; this figure was obtained from the difference between the 331 enterprises added to the Business Register between January and December 2009 (start-up rate of 8.7%) and the 241 enterprises deleted from the Register during the same period (failure rate of 6.3%).

¹ Social cooperatives, small limited-liability cooperatives, limited-liability consortium cooperatives, cooperatives, limited-liability cooperatives, consortium cooperatives, European cooperatives

COOPERATIVES BY MUNICIPALITY - YEAR 2009



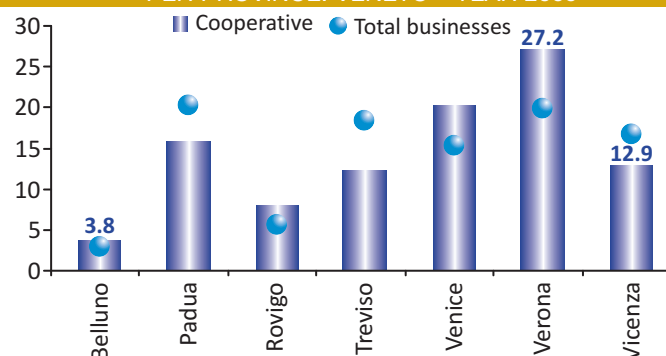
START-UP (*) AND FAILURE (**) RATES OF ACTIVE COOPERATIVES. VENETO AND ITALY - YEARS 2005-2009



(*) Ratio (%) of new enterprises registered to number of active businesses

(**) Ratio (%) of enterprises deleted from Register to number of active businesses

% SHARE OF COOPERATIVES AND OF TOTAL BUSINESSES PER PROVINCE. VENETO - YEAR 2009



Source: Veneto Region - Directorate Regional Statistical System on Istat - InfoCamere (including agriculture sector)

ALSO AVAILABLE:

- The numbers of Veneto - The statistics in your pocket
- Economic Outlook Economic Indicators Bulletin no. 19 - February 2011
- Statistical Report 2010: the files provincial

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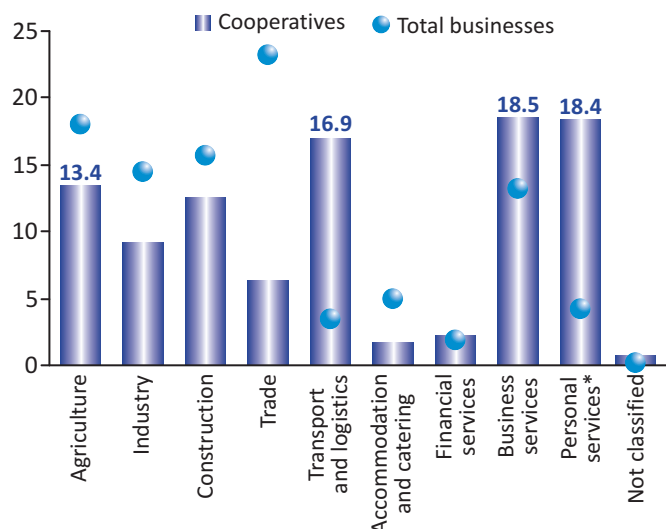
The provinces with the highest number of cooperatives are Verona (27.2%), Venezia (20.2%) and Padova (598 cooperatives making up around 16% of the regional total). Treviso and Vicenza have around 12% of Veneto's cooperatives, whereas in Rovigo there are just over 8%. In the province of Belluno, on the other hand, there are just over 100 cooperatives. Geographically, the share of cooperatives in the

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provinces of Verona, Venezia and Rovigo is higher than their share of total businesses (as can be seen in the graph on the previous page). The main sector covered by cooperatives in the region is business services, provided by 18.5% of Veneto cooperatives. The personal services sector also covers practically the same percentage, with 18.4%. This sector includes education, healthcare and the activities carried out by families

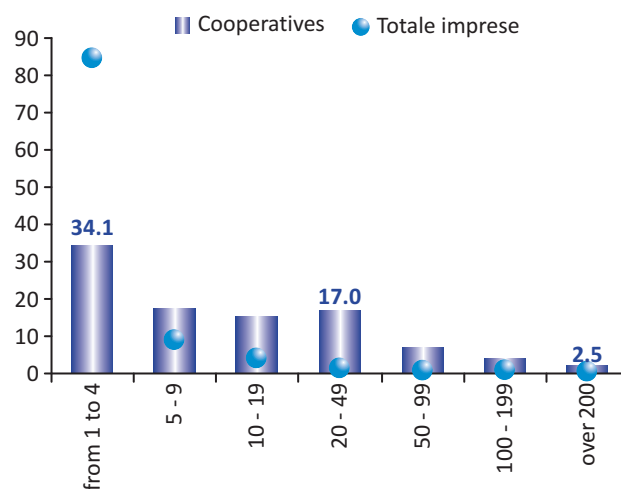
and cohabitators; cooperatives are more common in this sector than other types of businesses. Transport and logistics stands in third place as this sector makes up almost 17% of regional cooperatives. Financial services constitute only 2.3% of regional cooperatives, but they account for 15% of cooperative employees. More than half of cooperative employees belong to the transport-logistics and the personal services sectors. –The average size of cooperatives is significantly larger than the regional average for businesses, but this is also due to the organisational mechanisms governing cooperatives. As a matter of fact, the figure from 2008 shows a major difference in terms of size: on average the cooperatives have 33.8 employees, whereas for businesses overall, the average number of employees is 4.3. If we look at the distribution of cooperatives by number of employees, we can see that Veneto's system of cooperatives contains a large number of micro-enterprises, as over 50% of cooperatives have 9 or fewer employees (93% of all regional businesses). Around 34% of Veneto cooperatives have between 10 and 49 employees, while just 2.5%, mainly in the financial, logistics and social healthcare services sectors, have over 200 employees. Looking at the distribution of cooperatives by size of turnover shows that a high percentage - more than 50% - have an annual turnover of between 100,000 euro and 2 million euro, and around 2% have a turnover of over 20 million euro. The largest share of employees work for the enterprises of these two groups, as well as for enterprises with a turnover of up to 4 million euro.

% SHARE OF COOPERATIVES AND OF TOTAL BUSINESSES BY ECONOMIC CATEGORY. VENETO - YEAR 2009



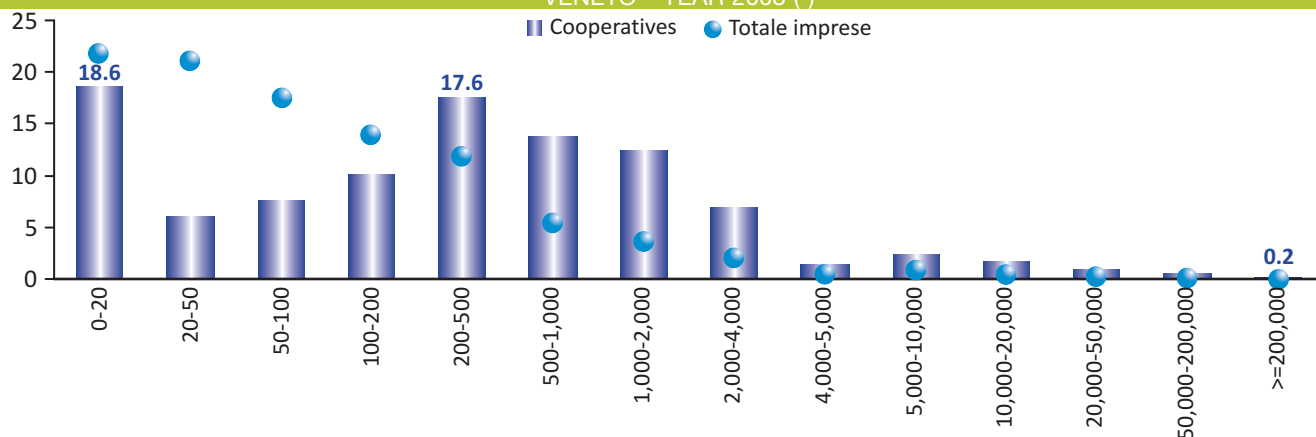
(*) Education, healthcare, activities carried out by families and cohabitators

% SHARE OF COOPERATIVES AND OF TOTAL BUSINESSES BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES. VENETO - YEAR 2008 (*)



(*) Excluding the agriculture sector

% SHARE OF COOPERATIVES AND OF TOTAL BUSINESSES BY TURNOVER (THOUSANDS OF EURO). VENETO - YEAR 2008 (*)



(*) Excluding the agriculture sector

Source: Veneto Region - Directorate of Regional Statistical System InfoCamere data, Istat and Asia 2008

In the following pages, we will analyse the “local units” of cooperatives in Veneto as opposed to those of businesses, i.e. every single place (agencies, establishments, depots, shops, offices, etc.) a cooperative carries out one or more economic activity. The following data come from Italy's Local Unit Register (ASIA); the register covers all industrial, commercial and services enterprises, excluding the

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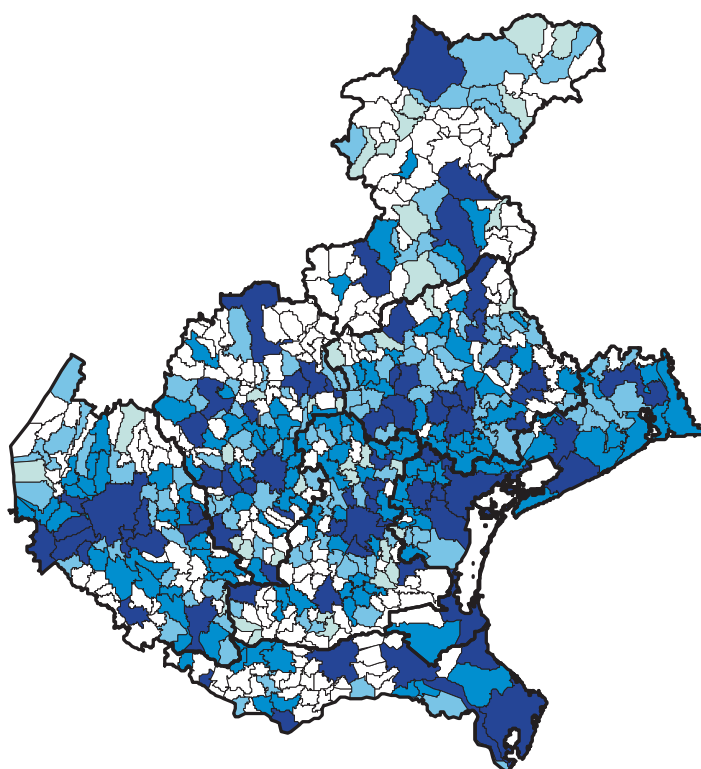
agriculture and public sectors. There are 5,315 cooperative local units in Veneto and they cover 1.2% of total active production units in the region, providing jobs for 95,128 employees, 5.3% of total employees in Veneto. These figures confirm that the average size of cooperative local units is higher than in Veneto businesses in general: one local unit of a cooperative employs an average of 18 employees, compared to the 4.1 employees in a local unit in Veneto on average. The largest average size of

cooperative local units is to be found in the transport (30 employees per local unit), personal services (26) and the manufacturing industry sectors (20).

An analysis of cooperative location shows that the central stretch of Veneto, as well as its coastal strip, are characterised by a dense and uninterrupted metropolitan distribution of production units, with the provincial capitals acting as central hubs. A look at local unit employees shows that there are different areas in which cooperatives play a particularly strong role: the capital municipalities and the other main production centres in Veneto claim the largest number of employees, such as, for example, the municipalities of San Bonifacio, San Martino Buon Albergo, San Giovanni Lupatoto, Schio, Bassano del Grappa, Castelfranco Veneto, Montebelluna and Scorzè, all of which have over 1000 people employed by cooperative local units. The areas with fewer cooperatives are mainly those in the mountain and piedmont areas (except for Asiago, Feltre, Belluno, Longarone and Cortina d'Ampezzo) and some municipalities in the lower half of the province of Padova and in inland Rovigo. On average in Veneto, out of every 1000 local units, 12 belong to cooperatives, and out of every 1000 local unit employees, 53 are employed by cooperatives. These data on regional averages merit a more indepth look as there are many differences within the region itself. Certain municipalities, which are not grouped together in any particular area, contain a higher share of cooperative enterprises compared to the regional average: Papozze, Porto Tolle, Stienta and Taglio di Po (Rovigo), Caerano di San Marco (Treviso), San Martino Buon Albergo (Verona) and Cesiomaggiore (Belluno) all stand out, as the share of cooperatives here makes up more than 200 employees per 1000 total workers.

LOCAL UNIT EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR COOPERATIVES BY MUNICIPALITY. VENETO - YEAR 2007 (*)

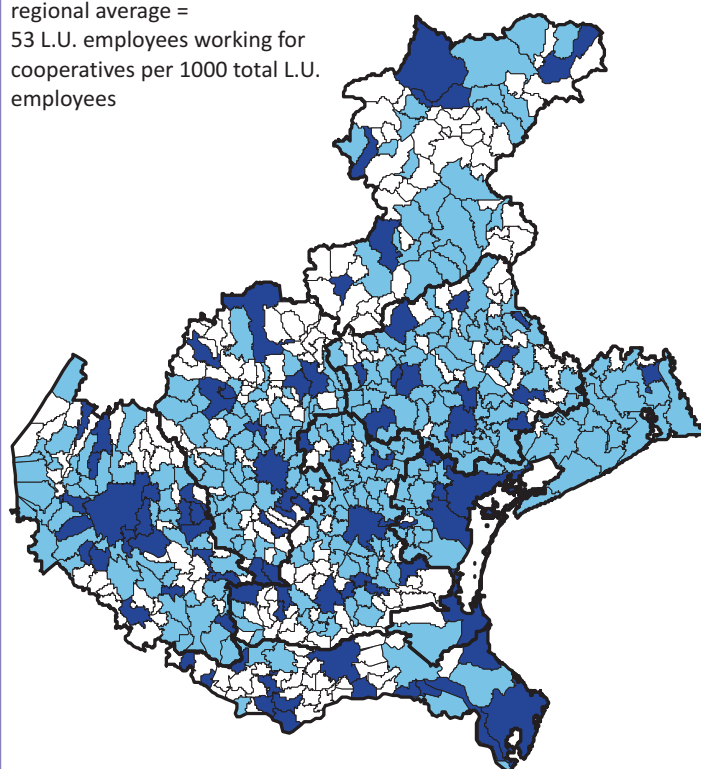
- ≥200 L.U. employees working for cooperatives
- ≥50 and <200 L.U. employees working for cooperatives
- ≥15 and <50 L.U. employees working for cooperatives
- <15 L.U. employees working for cooperatives
- no cooperative local units, or data cannot be disclosed



PERCENTAGE OF COOPERATIVES OUT OF TOTAL BUSINESSES (**) BY MUNICIPALITY. VENETO - YEAR 2007 (*)

- 53 or more L.U. employees working for cooperatives per 1000 total L.U. employees
- fewer than 53 L.U. employees working for cooperatives per 1000 total L.U. employees
- no cooperative local units, or data cannot be disclosed

regional average =
53 L.U. employees working for
cooperatives per 1000 total L.U.
employees



(*) Excluding the agriculture sector

(**) Local unit employees working for cooperatives per 1000 total local unit employees

Cooperatives are particularly common in certain production sectors that better suit this type of enterprise, probably because of their structure and organisation. Data on employees show that most cooperative local units in Veneto are in the personal services, transport and business services sectors; if we take into account the workforce employed by cooperatives in Veneto, the industrial and financial services sectors take on an important role as, although there are fewer of these enterprises, they are larger. Cooperatives in the education, healthcare and personal services sectors provide work for more than one quarter (25.5%) of local unit employees working for cooperatives. The highest concentration for this sector is to be found in the capital municipalities and in other important production centres in Veneto. For example certain municipalities of Verona, Padova and Vicenza have a large number of employees in healthcare services and

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other family services; the municipalities of Castelfranco Veneto and Montebelluna (Treviso) are also significant to this sector, whereas Taglio di Po (Rovigo) has a lot of employees involved in recreational, cultural and sporting activities.

The logistics and transport sector accounts for 20% of employees and is concentrated in the main stretch which crosses the region, passing through the provinces of Verona, Vicenza, Padova, Treviso and Venezia. Transport cooperatives are mainly present in those municipalities which provide most of the total employment in the sector.

PERSONAL SERVICES (*): LOCAL UNIT EMPLOYEES PER MUNICIPALITY. VENETO - YEAR 2007

Total local unit employees of personal services businesses

- more than 300 employees
- from 200 to 300 employees
- from 100 to 200 employees
- < 100 employees
- no local units of personal services businesses, or data cannot be disclosed

L.U. employees working for personal services cooperatives



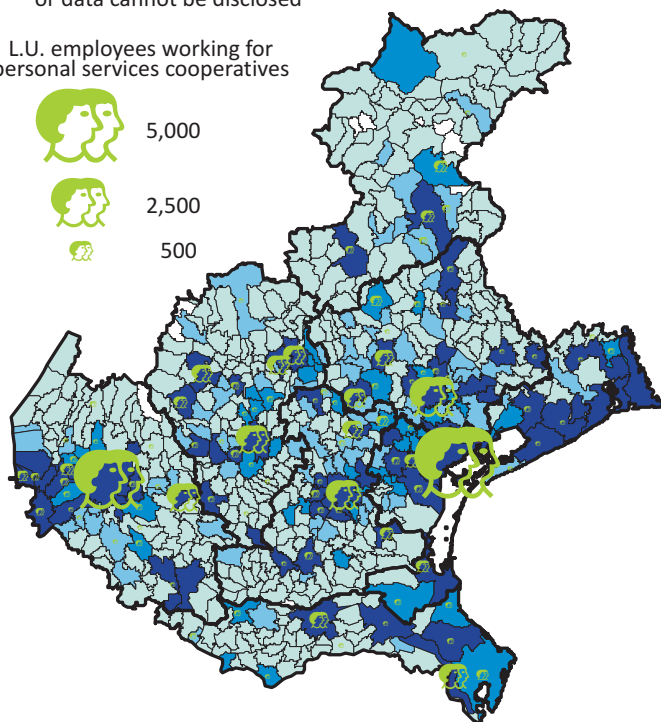
5,000



2,500



500



TRANSPORT: LOCAL UNIT EMPLOYEES PER MUNICIPALITY. VENETO - YEAR 2007

Total local unit employees of transport businesses

- more than 200 employees
- from 100 to 200 employees
- from 50 to 100 employees
- < 50 employees
- no local units of transport businesses, or data cannot be disclosed

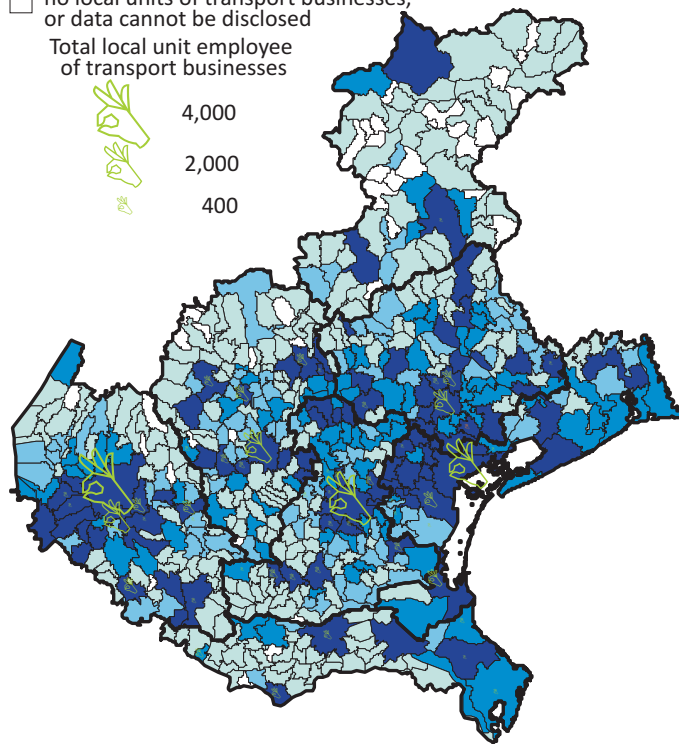
Total local unit employee of transport businesses



4,000

2,000

400



(*) Education, healthcare, activities carried out by families and cohabitators

Source: Veneto Region - Directorate Regional Statistical System on Istat data

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