

Contribution to
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»CHALLENGES AND EFFECTS OF CURRENT ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL CHANGES
ON THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF SENIOR PEOPLE«
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**“WORSENERD SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION OF PENSIONERS;
UNCERTAINTY AFTER THE RECENT NATURAL DISASTER”**

1. Slovenia in numbers

POPULATION: **2,117,674**

MIN 65 YEARS OLD: **21.3%**

PENSIONERS: **29.8% (MARCH 2023)**

AVERAGE RET. AGE: **WOMEN 60, MEN 62**

INSURED PERSONS: **989,370 (FEBRUARY 2023)**

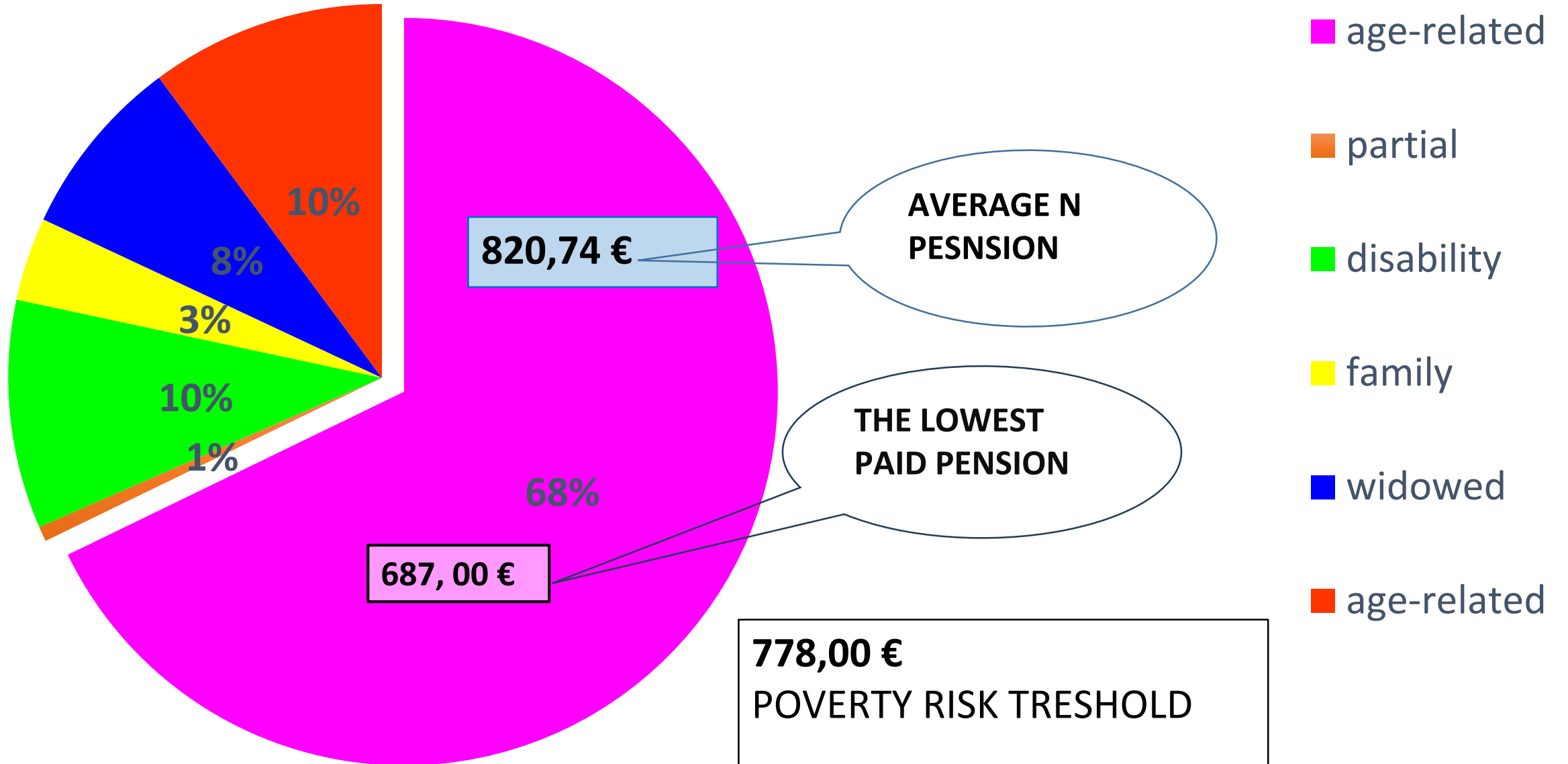
INSURED PERSONS : PENSIONERS IN 2022

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TYPES OF PENSIONS - MAY 23

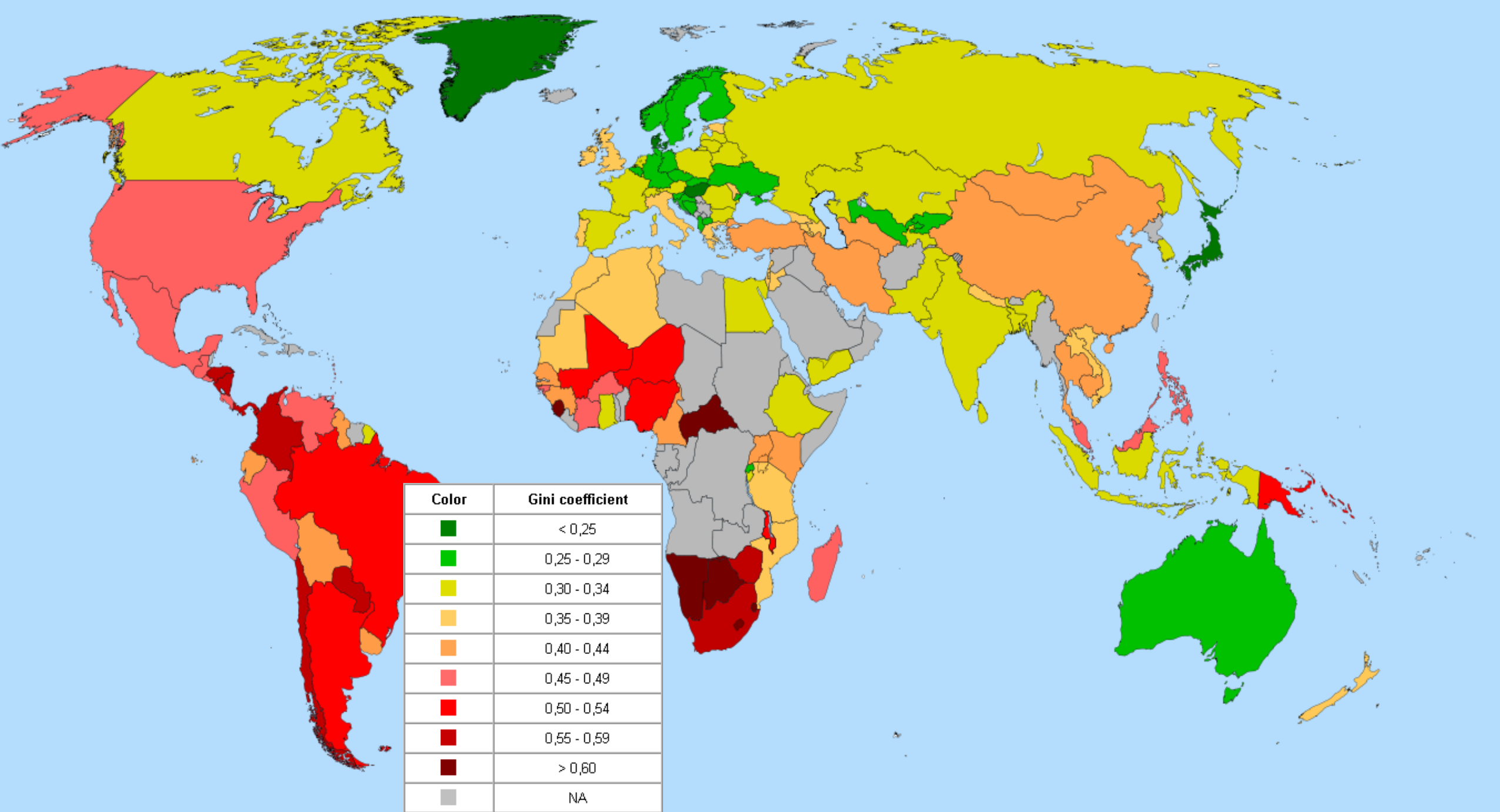


4. Some facts from Slovenia on the topic of today's conference (1)

- Inflation: 8% on average in 2022, 10.8% at the end of the year (according to official data)**
- Increase in prices of important living expenses and goods - more than 20%**
- Pension increase adjusted to only half of inflation (5.2% for 2022)**
- The government implements coordination arbitrarily, disregarding legal rules.**
- It alleviates the current problems with dearness and energy supplements, they do not serve as a basis for further adjustments and thus cripples the pension system.**

Some facts from Slovenia on the topic of today's conference (2)

- **Pensions are constantly lagging behind all incomes of the population.**
- **We have not yet eliminated poverty: total 12%, for older people 19%, for elderly women 24%**
- **Social differences are increasing. According to the Gini coefficient, we are among the lowest in the EU, but the trend is clear.**
- **With social benefits, we alleviate the situation of the most affected, but older persons have few options - a protective supplement for low pensions.**
- **Most of the benefits are intended for families, parenting, young people and various insurance coverage.**



For illustration, just an overview of the list of social rights:

- ☞ Subsidy rents,*
- ☞ Addition for a large family - is paid once a year.*
- ☞ Emergency cash assistance,*
- ☞ Cash social assistance,*
- ☞ Death benefits,*
- ☞ Funeral expenses,*
- ☞ Payment of social contributions (4 or more children) - insurance entitlement,*
- ☞ Part-time working hours - insurance entitlement,*
- ☞ Parental leave and benefits - insurance entitlement,*
- ☞ Partial payment for lost income - right from insurance,*
- ☞ Exemptions from payment of social security services - subsidy,*
- ☞ Personal assistance - service....*

7. Non-governmental organizations are monitoring the situation of older people

- through various programs,**
- some offer various forms of assistance.**

Involved are:

Red Cross, Association of Friends of Youth, Association of Friends of Youth Moste Polje, The MOZAIK Society, Association Kings of the Streets and ZDUS -Federation of Pensioners' Associations of Slovenia

Summary of common findings of non-governmental organizations

1. the material condition of older people is deteriorating.
2. the extent of poverty is increasing
3. increased number of older people, retired persons and even employees among applicants
4. deteriorating health condition
5. impaired mental health, especially young and older people
6. borrowing to cover expenses and accommodation

7. increased number of applications for payment of bills, food, energy...
8. almost half of the population living at home - 65 + - cannot cover the living costs
9. increase in various types of deprivation
10. social distress, especially in smaller and more remote places - without quality transport links (public transport), there are no post offices, banks, pharmacies and better stocked shops.
11. less money in the NGO and the same or greater needs

8. Some challenges in 2023 - so far

- The law on long-term care is still in process - personnel and financial resources are missing.
- **Prices in care institutions are rising; they cannot cover the costs** - increase between 20% and 60%.
- **This spring, the government hastily stopped the increase in maintenance fees in order not to hurt users even more (cancelled a few days ago).**
- **Queues waiting for admission to a medical examination, especially specialist.**
- **An extreme shortage of all types of care workers and medical specialists,** due to which a number of newly built nursing homes cannot be opened.

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9. After the natural disaster in August 2023

- **A natural disaster with large-scale floods and landslides physically devastated two-thirds of Slovenia.** Out of 212 municipalities, only 16 did not experience major destruction
- **10,000 to 15,000 households are affected;**
- **1,000 households are left with absolutely nothing.**
- **400 residential houses were immediately destroyed.**
- Bridges, roads, railway tracks, electrical and water installations, livestock feed, fields, pastures, whole farms, schools, cars, machines and materials, production and commercial facilities are destroyed... Landslides buried communications and settlements and continue to threaten.

**DAMAGE
ESTIMATED:
5 BILLION €**

- Victims are helped by: civil protection, firefighters, police, soldiers (also from neighbour and some EU countries – 10 so far) and many volunteers (32,000 registered). EU will participate in the rehabilitation process.
- Government is making changes in plans, priorities, the budget, necessary legislation, designs short-term and long-term measures, expert teams for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction...
It proposed an intervention law, which has already been adopted.
- It provided financial resources to NGOs for immediate assistance to individuals and families
- First measures for older persons implemented: some are offered the possibility of free accommodation in homes for seniors, others can receive financial assistance.

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BEFORE 4. 8. 23



AFTER 4. 8. 23



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EMPLOEES IN THE FIRM

**TECHICAL
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THE DAMAGE WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO REPAIR.

PEOPLE WILL NEED VARIOUS FORMS OF HELP FOR A LONG TIME.