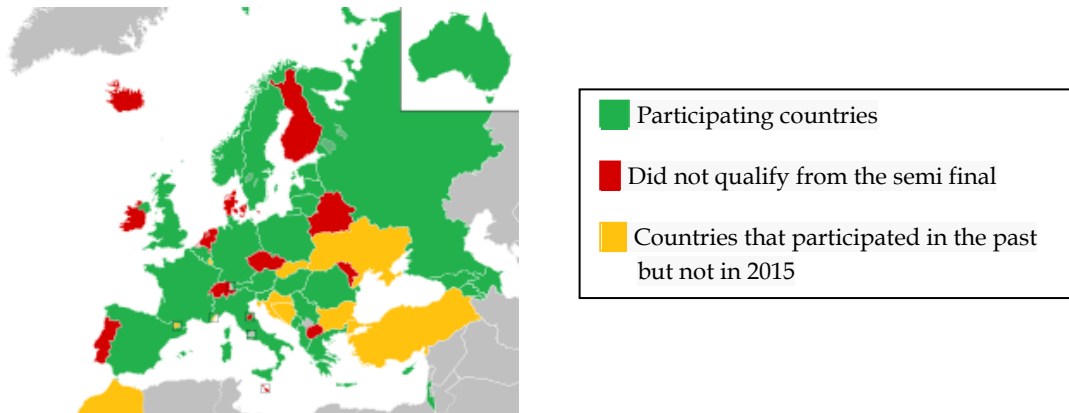


Eurovision 2015

The Eurovision Song Contest is an annual event organized by the European Broadcasting Union. It brings together the members of the Union as part of a musical competition, broadcast live and simultaneously by all participating broadcasters.

The first edition of the competition took place on 24th May 1956 in Lugano, Switzerland. Then seven founding countries competed for victory. Since then, the competition was held every year without interruption.

This year's we are the 60 edition of this concours. At present, the competition remains one of the oldest TV programs in the world and the largest ever organized musical contest. Its success has gone beyond the borders of the European continent and it has inspired many other musical competitions.



Map of participating countries

The official list of participants was unveiled 23th December 2014.

This list shows the participation of thirty-nine countries for this 60th edition. Also we can see that three countries have had their new appearances:

- Serbia
- Cyprus
- The Czech Republic

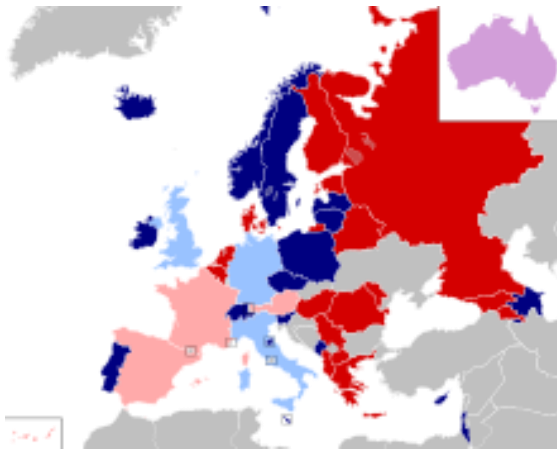
The participation of Greece was subject to much debate.

In 2013, Greece no longer had any broadcaster EBU member and an exemption for participation in the Eurovision could not be reallocated to the country.

It was not until the General Assembly of the EBU, on 4th and 5th December 2014 for a decision on whether or not the Greek group becomes a member of the European institution. Finally, the candidature has accepted, their participation is possible and so that in the coming years.

The countries were divided into two semi-finals 26th January 2015.

On the occasion of the 60th edition of the competition Australia was invited to come again for the Eurovision contest. It is the 40th participating country. But in order not to jeopardize the chances of other countries, the finalists of numbers are wearing 27.



- Countries in the first semi-final
- Countries also voting in the first semi-final
- Countries in the second semi-final
- Countries also voting in the second semi-final
- Country voting in both semi-finals (Australia)

Map for the Countries in the first and the second semi-final

During the 2015, we have seen the talents of each country with its well suited interpretations. For example, this year Greece competed with the singer "María Elena Kyriakou" with the song "One Last Breath". In the semifinals, she got 7th place and a score of 81 points. But in the final singer was ahead by several other singers. She finished in 19th spot on 26. All countries we deserve to win but only a country singer with her the chance to access this privilege.

This years, sweden won, even before the counting of votes, the 60th Eurovision song contest held Saturday, 23th May 2015 in Vienna, Austria. Zelmerlöw Mans, long struggle with Russian Polina Gagarina, won with the song Heroes. He won his victory with 365 points. In second place was Polina Gagarina from Russia with A Million Voices and scored 303 points. In third place was Il Volo from Italy with Grande Amore and scored 292 points.



Already one day after the Grand Final in Vienna, fans and the press are asking how they can get 2016 Tickets. Remain vigilant louse buy your tickets first!

