

# Eurovision Song Contest 2023

The **Eurovision Song Contest 2023** was the 67th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest. It took place in Liverpool, United Kingdom, after Ukraine, winner of the 2022 contest with the song "Stefania" by Kalush Orchestra, was unable to meet the demands of hosting the event due to security concerns caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Organised by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and host broadcaster the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) on behalf of the Public Broadcasting Company of Ukraine (UA:PBC), the contest was held at the Liverpool Arena, and consisted of two semi-finals on 9 and 11 May, and the final on 13 May 2023. The three live shows were presented by British singer Alesha Dixon, British actress Hannah Waddingham and Ukrainian singer Julia Sanina, with Irish television presenter Graham Norton joining for the final.

Thirty-seven countries participated in the contest, with Bulgaria, Montenegro and North Macedonia ceasing their participation, mainly due to the economic impact of the 2021–2023 global energy crisis.

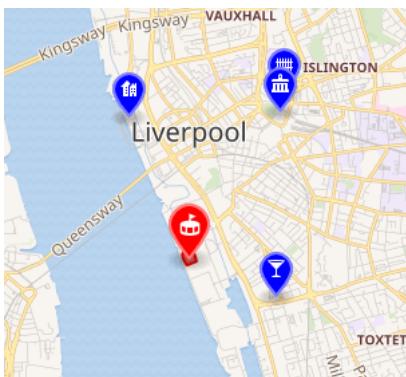
The winner was Sweden with the song "Tattoo", performed by Loreen and written by her along with Jimmy Thörnfeldt, Jimmy Jansson, Moa Carlebecker, Peter Boström and Thomas G:son. Finland, Israel, Italy and Norway rounded out the top five. Sweden won the combined vote and jury vote, coming first with juries and second to Finland in the televote. Loreen became the second performer to win the contest twice, after Johnny Logan; it was also the seventh win for Sweden, tying Ireland's record for the most victories in the contest.

The EBU reported that the contest had a television audience of 162 million viewers in 38 European markets, an increase of a million viewers from the previous edition. A total of 15.6 million viewers watched the contest online on YouTube and TikTok.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Location



Liverpool Arena, host venue of the 2023 contest



Location of host venue (red) and other contest-related sites and events (blue)

The 2023 contest was held in Liverpool, United Kingdom. It was the ninth time that the United Kingdom hosted the contest, having previously done so for winning in 1968, 1977, 1982, and 1998, and instead of the previous year's winner in 1960, 1963, 1972, and 1974.<sup>[2]</sup> The selected venue was the 11,000-seat Liverpool Arena, a multi-purpose indoor arena located in the ACC Liverpool complex.<sup>[3]</sup> The "Turquoise Carpet" event, where the contestants and their delegations were presented before accredited press and fans, took place outside the Walker Art Gallery on 7 May 2023, followed by the Opening Ceremony at St George's Hall.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

In conjunction with the contest, Liverpool held a cultural festival called "EuroFest", which featured collaborations between British and Ukrainian artists.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> The Pier Head was the location of the Eurovision Village, where a stage hosted performances by Ukrainian artists, local artists, current and previous Eurovision entrants, and other groups.<sup>[9]</sup> It also held screenings of the three live shows.<sup>[10][11][12]</sup> Entry to the Village was free of charge except during the final.<sup>[13][14][15]</sup> The EuroClub, which took place at Camp and Furnace, hosted the official after-parties and private performances by contest participants.<sup>[16][17]</sup>

## Host country selection

The 2022 contest was won by Ukraine with the song "Stefania" by Kalush Orchestra, which, according to Eurovision tradition, made Ukraine the presumptive host of the 2023 contest.<sup>[18][19]</sup> The country had hosted the contest twice before, in 2005 and 2017, both times in Kyiv. Between May and June 2022, the Ukrainian government and UA:PBC, the nation's public broadcaster, discussed hosting the contest with the EBU.<sup>[20]</sup> The chairman of UA:PBC, Mykola Chernotytskyi, Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, and other Ukrainian politicians expressed their willingness to host the event, and an organising committee was formed.<sup>[21][22][23][24][25]</sup>

Despite this, the EBU announced on 17 June 2022 that the Russian invasion of Ukraine meant that UA:PBC could not give the security and operations guarantees required to host the contest, and that the event could therefore not be held in Ukraine.<sup>[26]</sup> The EBU then entered discussions with the BBC, the 2022 runner-up, and on 25 July announced that the 2023 contest would be hosted in the United Kingdom.<sup>[27]</sup> It was the first time since 1980 that the contest was not hosted by the previous year's winning country.<sup>[28]</sup>

The decision not to host in Ukraine was initially met with disappointment. UA:PBC published a statement in which Chernotytskyi requested further talks with the EBU, and Oleh Psiuk of Kalush Orchestra published an open letter criticising the decision, co-signed by Ukraine's previous Eurovision winners, Ruslana and Jamala,

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### Dates

**Semi-final 1** 9 May 2023

**Semi-final 2** 11 May 2023

**Final** 13 May 2023

### Host

**Venue** Liverpool Arena  
Liverpool, United Kingdom

**Presenter(s)** Alesha Dixon  
Hannah Waddingham  
Julia Sanina  
Graham Norton (final)

**Directed by** Nikki Parsons  
Richard Valentine  
Ollie Bartlett

**Executive supervisor** Martin Österdahl

**Executive producer** Andrew Cartmell

**Host broadcaster** British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

**Website** eurovision.tv/event/liverpool-2023 (<http://eurovision.tv/event/liverpool-2023>)

### Participants

**Number of entries** 37

**Debuting countries** None

**Returning countries** None

**Non-returning countries** Bulgaria  
Montenegro  
North Macedonia

### Participation map



as well as Ukraine's minister of culture Oleksandr Tkachenko.<sup>[29][30][31]</sup> This stance was supported by Boris Johnson, who was the British prime minister at the time, Nadine Dorries, who was the British culture secretary at the time, the Polish broadcaster Telewizja Polska, and Poland's deputy prime minister and minister of culture Piotr Gliński.<sup>[32][33][34][35]</sup> The announcement on 25 July that the BBC would host the contest was supported by UA:PBC.<sup>[27]</sup>

## Host city bidding phase

The host city bidding process ran from 25 July to 7 October 2022, with candidates judged against a set of criteria to demonstrate that they could host an event on the scale of the Eurovision Song Contest.<sup>[36][37]</sup> During the first stage of the process, the BBC received expressions of interest from 20 UK cities and towns, seven of which were longlisted on 12 August 2022: Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, and Sheffield.<sup>[38]</sup> These cities had until 8 September to develop their bids in detail for evaluation by the BBC, which also conducted visits to the cities throughout the month.<sup>[39][40]</sup> On 27 September, Glasgow and Liverpool were announced to have made the shortlist,<sup>[41]</sup> and on 7 October, the EBU and the BBC announced Liverpool as the host city.<sup>[33][42]</sup>

### **Key:**

 Host city  Shortlisted  Longlisted  Submitted a bid

City/town	Venue	Notes	Ref.
Aberdeen^	The Event Complex Aberdeen	—	[43]
Belfast^	Odyssey Arena	—	[44][45]
Birmingham*	Resorts World Arena	Supported by Birmingham City Council	[46]
Brighton	—	Withdrew its proposal on 11 August 2022, citing lack of required infrastructure and venue	[47][48][49][50]
Bristol^	Bristol Arena	—	[51]
Cardiff	Millennium Stadium	Withdrew its proposal on 3 August 2022, citing unavailability of the proposed venue	[52][53]
Darlington^	The Darlington Arena	Proposal was dependent on the construction of a roof to cover the arena; supported by Darlington Borough Council and Tees Valley Combined Authority	[54][55]
Derry	—	Withdrew its proposal on 8 August 2022, citing lack of a suitable venue and supporting accommodation infrastructure	[56][57]
Edinburgh^	—	Supported by Edinburgh City Council	[58]
Glasgow ‡	The Hydro	Supported by Glasgow City Council	[59]
Leeds*	Leeds Arena	Supported by Leeds City Council	[60][59]
Liverpool †	Liverpool Arena	Supported by Liverpool City Council	[61][62][63][59][64]
London^	—	London met the criteria but was not shortlisted, as the BBC and the British government aimed to "move events and opportunities outside the capital".	[47][65][59]
Manchester*	Manchester Arena	Supported by Manchester City Council	[66][59]
Newcastle*	Newcastle Arena	Supported by Newcastle City Council	[67][68][59]
Nottingham	Nottingham Arena	Withdrew its proposal on 9 August 2022, citing the proposed venue's incapability to meet EBU requirements	[69][70]
Sheffield*	Sheffield Arena	Supported by Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	[71][72]
Sunderland	Stadium of Light	Withdrew its proposal on 10 August 2022, citing unavailability of the proposed venue	[73][74][75]
Wolverhampton	—	—	[44]



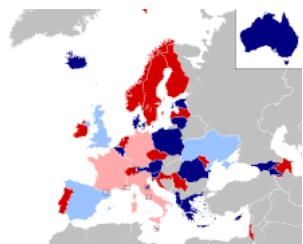
Location of host city Liverpool (in blue), finalist city Glasgow (in yellow), shortlisted cities (in green), other bidding cities (in red) and cities and towns that expressed interest but ultimately did not bid (in grey)

## Participating countries

On 20 October 2022, the EBU announced that 37 countries would participate in the 2023 contest – the lowest number of participating countries in a single edition since 2014 – with Bulgaria, Montenegro and North Macedonia opting not to participate for financial reasons.<sup>[76]</sup> This was also the first contest where the Czech Republic participated under its shortened English name of Czechia.<sup>[77][78]</sup>

Participants of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[76][79]</sup>

Country	Broadcaster	Artist	Song	Language	Songwriter(s)
Albania	RTSH	Albina and Familja Kelmendi	"Duje"	Albanian <sup>[a]</sup>	Enis Mullaj · Eriona Rushiti
Armenia	AMPTV	Brunette	"Future Lover"	English, Armenian	Brunette
Australia	SBS	Voyager	"Promise"	English	Alex Canon · Ashley Doodkote · Daniel Estrin · Scott Kay · Simone Dow
Austria	ORF	Teya and Selena	"Who the Hell Is Edgar?"	English <sup>[b]</sup>	Pele Loriano · Ronald Janeček · Selina Maria Edbauer · Teodora Špirić
Azerbaijan	iTV	TuralTurax	"Tell Me More"	English	Nihad Aliyev · Tunar Taghiyev · Tural Baghmanov · Turan Baghmanov
Belgium	VRT	Gustaph	"Because of You"	English	Gustaph · Jaouad Alloul
Croatia	HRT	Let 3	"Mama ŠČ!"	Croatian	Damir Martinović Mrle · Zoran Prodanović
Cyprus	CyBC	Andrew Lambrou	"Break a Broken Heart"	English	Jimmy Jansson · Jimmy "Joker" Thörnfeldt · Marcus Winther-John · Thomas Stengaard
Czech Republic	ČT	Vesna	"My Sister's Crown"	English, Ukrainian, Czech, Bulgarian	Adam Albrecht · Michal Jiráň · Patricie Kaňok · Šimon Martínek · Tanita Yankova · Kateryna Vatchenko
Denmark	DR	Reiley	"Breaking My Heart"	English	Bård Bonsaksen · Hilda Stenmalm · Rani Petersen · Sivert Hjeltnes Hagtvæt
Estonia	ERR	Alika	"Bridges"	English	Alika Milova · Wouter Hardy · Nina Sampermans
Finland	Yle	Kääriä	"Cha Cha Cha"	Finnish	Aleksi Nurmí · Johannes Naukkarinen · Jere Pöyhönen
France	France Télévisions	La Zarra	"Évidemment"	French	Banx & Ranx · Benny Adam · La Zarra
Georgia	GPB	Iru	"Echo"	English	George Kukhianiidze · Beni Kadagidze · Iru Khechanovi
Germany	NDR	Lord of the Lost	"Blood & Glitter"	English	Chris Harms · Rupert Keplinger · Anthony J. Brown · Pi Stoffers
Greece	ERT	Victor Vernicos	"What They Say"	English	Victor Vernicos Jørgensen
Iceland	RÚV	Diljá	"Power"	English	Diljá Pétursdóttir · Pálmi Ragnar Ásgeirsson
Ireland	RTÉ	Wild Youth	"We Are One"	English	Conor O'Donohoe · Edward Porter · Jörgen Elofsson
Israel	IPBC	Noa Kirel	"Unicorn"	English <sup>[c]</sup>	Doron Medalie · May Sfadia · Noa Kirel · Yinon Yahel
Italy	RAI	Marco Mengoni	"Due vite"	Italian	Davide Petrella · Davide Simonetta · Marco Mengoni
Latvia	LTV	Sudden Lights	"Aījā"	English <sup>[d]</sup>	Andrejs Reinis Zitmanis · Kārlis Matīss Zitmanis · Kārlis Vārtiņš · Mārtiņš Matīss Zemītis
Lithuania	LRT	Monika Linkytė	"Stay"	English <sup>[e]</sup>	Krists Indrišonoks · Monika Linkytė
Malta	PBS	The Busker	"Dance (Our Own Party)"	English	David Meilak · Jean Paul Borg · Matthew James Borg · Micheal Joe Cini · Sean Meachen
Moldova	TRM	Pasha Parfeni	"Soarele și luna"	Romanian	Andrei Vulpe · Cătălin Temciuc · Pasha Parfeni · Yuliana Parfeni
Netherlands	AVROTROS	Mia Nicolai and Dion Cooper	"Burning Daylight"	English	Dion Cuiper · Duncan de Moor · Jordan Garfield · Loek van der Grinten · Mia Nicolai
Norway	NRK	Alessandra	"Queen of Kings"	English <sup>[f]</sup>	Alessandra Mele · Henning Olerud · Linda Dale · Stanley Ferdinandez
Poland	TVP	Blanka	"Solo"	English	Bartłomiej Rzeczycki · Blanka Stajkow · Maciej Puchalski · Marcin Górecki · Mikołaj Trybulec · Maria Broberg · Julia Sundberg
Portugal	RTP	Mimicat	"Ai coração"	Portuguese	Luís Pereira · Marisa Mena
Romania	TVR	Theodor Andrei	"D.G.T. (Off and On)"	Romanian, English	Mikail Jahed · Theodor-Octavian Andrei · Luca De Mezzo · Luca Stefan Udăteanu



Red: Participating countries in the first semi-final  
 Pink: Pre-qualified for the final but also voting in the first semi-final  
 Dark Blue: Participating countries in the second semi-final  
 Light Blue: Pre-qualified for the final but also voting in the second semi-final

San Marino	<a href="#">SMRTV</a>	Piqued Jacks	"Like an Animal"	English	Andrea Lazzzeretti · Francesco Bini · Marco Sgaramella · Tommaso Oliveri
Serbia	<a href="#">RTS</a>	Luke Black	"Samo mi se spava" (Само ми се спава)	Serbian, English	Luke Black
Slovenia	<a href="#">RTVSLO</a>	Joker Out	"Carpe Diem"	Slovene	Bojan Cvjetićanin · Jan Peteh · Jure Maček · Kris Guštin · Nace Jordan
Spain	<a href="#">RTVE</a>	Blanca Paloma	"Eaea"	Spanish	Blanca Paloma · José Pablo Polo · Álvaro Tato
Sweden	<a href="#">SVT</a>	Loreen	"Tattoo"	English	Jimmy Jansson · Jimmy "Joker" Thörnfeldt · Loreen · Moa "Cazzi Opeia" Carlebecker · Peter Boström · Thomas G:son
Switzerland	<a href="#">SRG SSR</a>	Remo Forrer	"Watergun"	English	Argyle Singh · Ashley Hicklin · Mikolaj Trybulec
Ukraine	<a href="#">UA:PBC</a>	Tvorchi	"Heart of Steel"	English, Ukrainian	Andrii Hutsuliak · Jimoh Augustus Kehinde
United Kingdom	<a href="#">BBC</a>	Mae Muller	"I Wrote a Song"	English	Karen Poole · Mae Muller · Lewis Thompson

## Returning artists

The contest featured four representatives who previously performed as lead vocalists for the same country. Two of them competed in 2012: [Loreen](#) won that year's contest representing Sweden,<sup>[80]</sup> while [Pasha Parfeni](#) represented Moldova that year and later provided backing vocals for [Aliona Moon](#) in 2013.<sup>[81]</sup> Also returning as lead artists were [Marco Mengoni](#), who represented Italy in 2013,<sup>[82]</sup> and [Monika Linkytė](#), who represented Lithuania in 2015 alongside [Vaidas Baumila](#).<sup>[83]</sup> In addition, Belgium's [Gustaph](#) previously provided backing vocals for [Sennek](#) in 2018 and [Hooverphonic](#) in 2021,<sup>[84]</sup> and Georgia's [Iru](#) won the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2011 as a member of [Candy](#).<sup>[85]</sup>

## Production

The Eurovision Song Contest 2023 was produced by the British national broadcaster [British Broadcasting Corporation](#) (BBC). The Ukrainian public broadcaster [UA:PBC](#) worked with the BBC to develop and implement Ukrainian elements for the live shows, including theme artwork, background music, selection of presenters, and opening and interval acts.<sup>[86][87]</sup> The three shows were produced by BBC Studios Entertainment Productions and BBC Studios Music Productions, part of the BBC's commercial subsidiary [BBC Studios](#).<sup>[88]</sup>



Exterior of the Liverpool Arena during the Eurovision event weeks

The senior production team consisted of Martin Green as managing director, Rachel Ashdown as lead commissioner, Andrew Cartmell as executive producer, Lee Smithurst as head of show, Twan van de Nieuwenhuijzen as head of contest, and James O'Brien as executive in charge of production.<sup>[89]</sup> Additional production personnel included multi-camera directors Nikki Parsons, Richard Valentine and Ollie Bartlett, lead creative director Dan Shipton, music director Kojo Samuel, stage designer Julio Himede, head of sound Robert Edwards, and lighting designer Tim Routledge. The Ukrainian consultation team is led by Oksana Skybinska, Tetiana Semenova, and [Herman Nenov](#).<sup>[88]</sup> Background music for the shows was composed by Mykhailo Nekrasov.<sup>[90]</sup>

The budget was contributed to by [Liverpool City Council](#) and the [Liverpool City Region Combined Authority](#) (£2 million each), the [British government](#) (£10 million), and the BBC (£8 million to £17 million).<sup>[91][92]</sup> The full costs are expected to be published at a later date.<sup>[93]</sup>

## Visual design

On 7 October 2022, along with the host city announcement, the EBU revealed the generic logo for the 2023 contest.<sup>[94]</sup> The Eurovision heart, which typically has the flag of the host country placed in its centre, contains the [Ukrainian flag](#) for this year to reflect the country's win the previous year. The 'Song Contest' text is accompanied below by 'United Kingdom' and further down by 'Liverpool 2023'.<sup>[42]</sup>



The graphic design of the 2023 contest on display in Liverpool

The theme art and slogan for the contest, "United by Music", was unveiled on 31 January 2023.<sup>[95]</sup> Designed by London-based brand consultancy [Superunion](#) and Ukrainian production company [Starlight Media](#), the artwork was built around a string of two-dimensional hearts resembling an [electrocardiogram](#), representing response to rhythm and sound, while the colours were inspired by those of the Ukrainian and British flags. The typeface, Penny Lane, was inspired by 20th-century Liverpool street signs and the city's musical heritage.<sup>[96][97]</sup>



The stage in the arena

## Stage design

The stage design for the 2023 contest was revealed on 2 February 2023.<sup>[98]</sup> Designed by New York-based set designer Julio Himede, the design was based on "the principles of togetherness, celebration and community", taking inspiration from a wide [hug](#) and the "cultural aspects and similarities between Ukraine, the UK and specifically Liverpool". The stage is 450 square metres, with 220 square metres of independently rotating LED screens, over 700 LED floor tiles and more than 1500 metres of LED lights.<sup>[99]</sup> [King Charles III](#) and [Queen Camilla](#) (whose coronations were held the week before the contest) inaugurated the stage on 26 April, during an official visit to Liverpool.<sup>[100]</sup>



## Postcards

The "postcards" were 40-second video introductions shown on television whilst the stage is being prepared for the next entry. Filmed between February and April 2023 and directed by Tom Cook, with Carlo Massarella and Jane McGoldrick serving as executive producers, the postcards were based on the "United by Music" theme of the contest. Making use of 360° drone technology, each postcard began in a selected location in Ukraine, then one in the United Kingdom, before moving to the artist's country of origin, where the artist took part in an activity of their choice. The three locations appearing in each postcard were connected by a singular theme.<sup>[101]</sup> Each postcard was bookended with the "little planet effect", which symbolised the interconnections between people.<sup>[102]</sup> The postcards were produced by London-based production company Windfall Films and Ukrainian production company 23/32, with background music composed by Dmytro Shurov.<sup>[103][104]</sup> The following locations were used for each participating country:

Postcard locations

Country	Theme	Locations <sup>[105]</sup>		
		In Ukraine	In the United Kingdom	In the participating country
Albania	City parks	Sofiyivka Park, Uman	Sefton Park, Liverpool	Grand Park of Tirana
Armenia	Botanical gardens	Botanical garden, Lviv University	Eden Project, Cornwall	Yerevan Botanical Garden
Australia	Bridges	Glass Bridge, Kyiv	Clifton Suspension Bridge, Bristol	Matagarup Bridge, Perth
Austria	City halls	Lviv Town Hall	Sheffield Town Hall	Vienna City Hall
Azerbaijan	City squares	Maidan Nezalezhnosti, Kyiv	Centenary Square, Birmingham	Baku Boulevard
Belgium	Monuments	Independence Monument, Kyiv	Angel of the North, Gateshead	Atomium, Brussels
Croatia	Ports	Kyiv River Port	Whitby Harbour, North Yorkshire	Port of Rijeka
Cyprus	Beaches	Kyiv Sea beach	Brighton Beach, East Sussex	Akti Olympion Beach, Limassol
Czech Republic	Mazes	Green Maze, Zhytomyr	Peace Maze, Castlewellan	Yew Maze, Loučen Castle
Denmark	Opera houses	Lviv Theatre of Opera and Ballet	Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff	Copenhagen Opera House
Estonia	Towers	Vinnytsia water tower	Blackpool Tower, Lancashire	Tallinn TV Tower
Finland	Ferris wheels	Podil ferris wheel, Kyiv	Wheel of Liverpool	SkyWheel Helsinki
France	Palaces	Potocki Palace, Lviv	Hopetoun House, West Lothian	Palace of Fontainebleau, Seine-et-Marne
Georgia	Old towns	Old Town, Lviv	Port Sunlight, Merseyside	Old Town, Tbilisi
Germany	Canals	Rusanivka, Kyiv	Bridgewater Canal, Greater Manchester	Keerwiederfleet Canal, Hamburg
Greece	Ruins	Tarakaniv Fort, Rivne Oblast region	Dunluce Castle, County Antrim	Temple of Poseidon, Sounion
Iceland	Waterfalls	Maniava waterfall, Gorgany	Pistyll Rhaeadr, Powys	Kvernufoss, Skógar region
Ireland	Mountain roads	Mountain road in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast region	Military Road, Isle of Wight	Sally Gap, County Wicklow
Israel	Rock formations	Urytski rocks in the Skole Beskids mountain range	Stonehenge, Wiltshire	Masada, Judaean Desert
Italy	Velodromes	Kyiv Velodrome	Pump Track Wales, Rhayader	Circus Maximus, Rome
Latvia	Beach campsites	Ecospace pods, Kyiv Sea	Beach huts at Boscombe beach, Bournemouth	Melnsils, Talsi Municipality
Lithuania	Fortresses	Khotyn Fortress, Chernivtsi Oblast	Eilean Donan, Scottish Highlands	Trakai Island Castle
Malta	Buses	Lviv autobus	London red double-decker bus	Vintage bus in Mellieha
Moldova	Forests	Skole Beskids Forest, Lviv	Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire	Orhei National Park, Trebujeni
Netherlands	Colourful architecture	Comfort Town, Kyiv	Portmeirion, Gwynedd	Zaandam, North Holland
Norway	Libraries	Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine	Liverpool Central Library	Oslo Public Library
Poland	Universities	Chernivtsi University	Trinity College, Cambridge	Faculty of Physics, University of Warsaw
Portugal	Churches	St Sophia Cathedral, Kyiv	Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire	Church of Santa Engrácia, Lisbon
Romania	Statues	Taras Shevchenko statue, Lviv	The Beatles statue, Liverpool	A Carriage with Clowns sculpture, Bucharest
San Marino	Castles	Kamianets-Podilskyi Castle, Khmelnytskyi Oblast	Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex	Guaita, Monte Titano
Serbia	Art galleries	Park3020, Lviv region	Tate Liverpool	Museum of Contemporary Art, Belgrade
Slovenia	Rooftops	Tetris Hall rooftop, Kyiv	Goodness Gracious Roof Bar, Liverpool	Radio Slovenija rooftop, Ljubljana
Spain	Theatres	Amphitheater, Uzhhorod	Minack Theatre, Cornwall	Roman Theatre, Sagunto
Sweden	Islands	Anti-Circe Island, Uman	St Catherine's Island, Tenby	Enholmen, Gotland
Switzerland	Lakes	Lake Buchak, Cherkasy Oblast	Loch Ness, Scottish Highlands	Lake Zurich
Ukraine	Street murals	Street murals in Kyiv	Street murals in Belfast	Art-Zavod Platforma, Kyiv
United Kingdom	Rivers	Dnieper, Kyiv	River Mersey, Liverpool	River Thames, London

## Vocal rules

For the third year in a row, delegations had the option to use pre-recorded backing vocals, though each delegation could still use live backing singers—whether on or off stage—or a combination of live and recorded backing vocals. However, all lead vocals and lead dubs performing the melody of the song must still be live.<sup>[106]</sup> The contest's executive supervisor Martin Österdahl later stated that the use of pre-recorded backing vocals would continue to be permitted for the foreseeable future.<sup>[107]</sup>

## Presenters

British singer Alesha Dixon, British actress Hannah Waddingham, and Ukrainian singer Julia Sanina were announced as the presenters for the 2023 contest on 22 February 2023, and they hosted all three shows of the event; Irish television presenter Graham Norton joined them for the final.<sup>[108]</sup> Norton has served as the BBC's commentator for the contest since 2009, and previously co-hosted both editions of the Eurovision Dance Contest in 2007 and 2008, as well as Eurovision Song Contest's Greatest Hits in 2015.<sup>[109]</sup>

The "Turquoise Carpet" and Opening Ceremony events were hosted by Timur Miroshnychenko (who had co-hosted the 2017 contest) and Sam Quek, with Richie Anderson providing off-screen commentary.<sup>[110][111]</sup> Miroshnychenko also moderated the contest's press conferences, along with Jermaine Foster and Mariia Vynogradova.<sup>[112]</sup>



Presenters as they appeared in the final, from left to right: Alesha Dixon, Julia Sanina, Hannah Waddingham and Graham Norton

## Format

### Voting system and contest structure

On 22 November 2022, the EBU announced changes to the voting system for the 2023 contest.<sup>[113]</sup> The results of the semi-finals would be determined solely by televoting, as was the case between 2004 and 2007,<sup>[g]</sup> while the results of the final would be determined by a combination of national juries and televoting, as has been the case since the 2009 final. In the event that a country cannot deliver a televoting result in a semi-final, a backup jury result would be used instead.<sup>[114]</sup> In the final, in the event that a country cannot deliver a televoting result, an aggregated result calculated on the basis of countries with similar voting patterns would be used.<sup>[115]</sup> If a country's jury is disqualified, the televoting points from that country would be doubled and used as a substitute for that country's jury points in the final. The procedure of using calculated points would remain as a last resort in the event that a country cannot deliver a valid jury or televoting result.<sup>[116]</sup> Viewers from non-participating countries would also be able to vote in all shows, with their votes being aggregated and presented as one individual set of points under "Rest of the World". Those viewers would be able to cast votes via an online platform, which requires ownership of a credit or debit card for verification.<sup>[117]</sup>

On 8 May 2023, a change to the semi-final qualifiers announcement format was trialled during the first dress rehearsal of the first semi-final, where the acts would be on stage to anticipate the announcement of the finalists instead of sitting in the green room, similar to shows such as The X Factor,<sup>[118]</sup> but this format was dropped on the same day due to a negative response.<sup>[119][120]</sup>



Presenters Julia Sanina and Hannah Waddingham announcing the semi-final qualifiers. The contest's executive supervisor, Martin Österdahl, is seen in the background.

### Semi-final allocation draw

The draw to determine the participating countries' semi-finals took place on 31 January 2023 at 19:00 GMT (20:00 CET), at St George's Hall.<sup>[121]</sup> The thirty-one semi-finalists were divided over five pots, based on historical voting patterns as calculated by the contest's official televoting partner Digame.<sup>[122]</sup> The purpose of drawing from different pots was to reduce the chance of "bloc voting" and to increase suspense in the semi-finals.<sup>[123]</sup> The draw also determined which semi-final each of the six automatic qualifiers – the previous year's winning country Ukraine and "Big Five" countries France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom – would broadcast and vote in. The ceremony was hosted by AJ Odudu and Rylan, and included the passing of the host city insignia from Stefano Lo Russo, the mayor of previous host city Turin, to Joanne Anderson, the mayor of Liverpool. London-based production company ModestTV was commissioned to produce the broadcast of the ceremony.<sup>[124]</sup>



St George's Hall, host venue for the allocation draw of the 2023 contest

Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3	Pot 4	Pot 5
Albania	Australia	Armenia	Cyprus	Belgium
Austria	Denmark	Azerbaijan	Greece	Czech Republic
Croatia	Estonia	Georgia	Ireland	Moldova
Serbia	Finland	Israel	Malta	Netherlands
Slovenia	Iceland	Latvia	Portugal	Poland
Switzerland	Norway	Lithuania	San Marino	Romania
	Sweden			

### Contest overview

#### Semi-final 1

The first semi-final took place on 9 May 2023 at 20:00 BST (21:00 CEST).<sup>[3][125]</sup> Fifteen countries participated in this semi-final, with the running order published on 22 March 2023.<sup>[126]</sup> Finland won the most points, followed by Sweden, Israel, the Czech Republic, Moldova, Norway, Switzerland, Croatia, Portugal, and Serbia. The countries that failed to reach the final were Latvia, Ireland, the Netherlands, Azerbaijan, and Malta. All the countries competing in this semi-final were eligible to vote, plus France, Germany and Italy, as well as non-participating countries under an aggregated "Rest of the World" vote.<sup>[127]</sup>



Rita Ora performed as an interval act in the first semi-final.

This semi-final was opened by a dance sketch set to "Together in Electric Dreams", followed by co-presenter Julia Sanina performing "Mayak" with her husband and fellow The Hardkiss bandmate Valeriy Bebko,<sup>[128]</sup> while the interval featured Alyosha performing "Ordinary World" with Rebecca Ferguson, and Rita Ora performing a medley of "Ritual", "Anywhere", "I Will Never Let You Down" and "Praising You". The French, German, and Italian artists were then interviewed, and clips of their competing songs were played.<sup>[129][130][131]</sup>

## Qualifiers

Participants and results of the first semi-final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[132]</sup>

R/O	Country	Artist	Song	Points	Place
1	Norway	Alessandra	"Queen of Kings"	102	6
2	Malta	The Busker	"Dance (Our Own Party)"	3	15
3	Serbia	Luke Black	"Samo mi se spava"	37	10
4	Latvia	Sudden Lights	"Aijā"	34	11
5	Portugal	Mimicat	"Ai coração"	74	9
6	Ireland	Wild Youth	"We Are One"	10	12
7	Croatia	Let 3	"Mama ŠČ!"	76	8
8	Switzerland	Remo Forrer	"Watergun"	97	7
9	Israel	Noa Kirel	"Unicorn"	127	3
10	Moldova	Pasha Parfeni	"Soarele și luna"	109	5
11	Sweden	Loreen	"Tattoo"	135	2
12	Azerbaijan	TuralTuranX	"Tell Me More"	4	14
13	Czech Republic	Vesna	"My Sister's Crown"	110	4
14	Netherlands	Mia Nicolai and Dion Cooper	"Burning Daylight"	7	13
15	Finland	Käärija	"Cha Cha Cha"	177	1

## Semi-final 2

The second semi-final took place on 11 May 2023 at 20:00 BST (21:00 CEST).<sup>[3][125]</sup> Sixteen countries participated in this semi-final, with the running order published on 22 March 2023.<sup>[126]</sup> Australia won the most points, followed by Austria, Poland, Lithuania, Slovenia, Armenia, Cyprus, Belgium, Albania, and Estonia. The countries that failed to reach the final were Iceland, Georgia, Greece, Denmark, Romania, and San Marino. All the countries competing in this semi-final were eligible to vote, plus Spain, Ukraine and the United Kingdom, as well as non-participating countries under an aggregated "Rest of the World" vote.<sup>[127]</sup>

This semi-final featured a spoken word piece on the history of the contest by Luke Evans during a break between the competing performances,<sup>[5][133][134]</sup> while the interval featured "Music Unites Generations", a medley of well-known Ukrainian musical works performed by Mariya Yaremchuk, Otoy and Zlata Dziunka, and a dance sketch choreographed by Jason Gilkison and performed by three drag performers, Miss Demeanour, Miss Mercedes Bends, and Tomara Thomas, along with the Podilia dance ensemble.<sup>[135][136][137]</sup> The sketch, titled "Be Who You Wanna Be", was set to a medley of "Free Yourself", "Free Your Mind", "Free" and the 2018 Australian entry "We Got Love". The British, Spanish and Ukrainian artists were then interviewed, and clips of their competing songs were played.<sup>[138]</sup>



Mariya Yaremchuk and Zlata Dziunka performed as part of an interval act in the second semi-final.

## Qualifiers

Participants and results of the second semi-final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[139]</sup>

R/O	Country	Artist	Song	Points	Place
1	Denmark	Reiley	"Breaking My Heart"	6	14
2	Armenia	Brunette	"Future Lover"	99	6
3	Romania	Theodor Andrei	"D.G.T. (Off and On)"	0	15
4	Estonia	Alika	"Bridges"	74	10
5	Belgium	Gustaph	"Because of You"	90	8
6	Cyprus	Andrew Lambrou	"Break a Broken Heart"	94	7
7	Iceland	Diljá	"Power"	44	11
8	Greece	Victor Vernicos	"What They Say"	14	13
9	Poland	Blanka	"Solo"	124	3
10	Slovenia	Joker Out	"Carpe Diem"	103	5
11	Georgia	Iru	"Echo"	33	12
12	San Marino	Piqued Jacks	"Like an Animal"	0	16
13	Austria	Teya and Salena	"Who the Hell Is Edgar?"	137	2
14	Albania	Albina and Familja Kelmendi	"Duje"	83	9
15	Lithuania	Monika Linkytė	"Stay"	110	4
16	Australia	Voyager	"Promise"	149	1

## Final

The final took place on 13 May 2023 at 20:00 BST (21:00 CEST).<sup>[3][125]</sup> Twenty-six countries participated in the final, with the jury and televote of all thirty-seven participating countries, as well as non-participating countries under an aggregated "Rest of the World" online vote, eligible to vote. The running order for the final was published on 12 May 2023.<sup>[140]</sup> Sweden won with 583 points, also winning the jury vote. Finland came second with 526 points and won the televote, with Israel, Italy, Norway, Ukraine, Belgium, Estonia, Australia and the Czech Republic completing the top ten. Albania, Portugal, Serbia, the United Kingdom, and Germany occupied the bottom five positions.<sup>[141]</sup>

The final was opened by [Kalush Orchestra](#) performing their winning song "[Stefania](#)" and their latest single "[Changes](#)". Among those who appeared in the pre-recorded portion of the opening were Bolt Strings, [Andrew Lloyd Webber](#), [Joss Stone](#), [Ballet Black](#), [Ms Banks](#), and [Catherine, Princess of Wales](#).<sup>[142][143]</sup> This was followed by the flag parade, introducing all twenty-six finalists, accompanied by four former Ukrainian Eurovision entrants performing new spins on their competing songs mixed with British classics: [Go\\_A](#) with "[Shum](#)", [Jamala](#) with her winning song "[1944](#)", [Tina Karol](#) with "[Show Me Your Love](#)", and [Verka Serduchka](#) with "[Dancing Lasha Tumbai](#)". The interval acts included [Sam Ryder](#) performing his new single "[Mountain](#)" with [Queen's Roger Taylor](#),<sup>[144]</sup> and "[The Liverpool Songbook](#)", a homage to Liverpool's music heritage featuring six former Eurovision entrants singing their own version of songs from the host city: [Mahmood](#) with "[Imagine](#)", [Netta](#) with "[You Spin Me Round \(Like a Record\)](#)", [Daði Freyr](#) with "[Whole Again](#)", [Cornelia Jakobs](#) with "[I Turn to You](#)", [Sonia](#) with "[Better the Devil You Know](#)", and [Duncan Laurence](#), together with the aforementioned artists, the presenters, and [Ruslana](#) in a pre-recorded appearance at the [Golden Gate](#) in Kyiv, with "[You'll Never Walk Alone](#)". [ABBA's Björn Ulvaeus](#) also appeared in a short video skit on the recent commercial successes to come out of the contest.<sup>[145][146][147][148]</sup>



Duncan Laurence performed together with the guest artists and the presenters as part of an interval act in the final. Ruslana can be seen on the LED background, in a pre-recorded appearance from the Golden Gate in Kyiv.

Participants and results of the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[141]</sup>

R/O	Country	Artist	Song	Points	Place
1	Austria	Teya and Salena	"Who the Hell Is Edgar?"	120	15
2	Portugal	Mimicat	"Ai coração"	59	23
3	Switzerland	Remo Forrer	"Watergun"	92	20
4	Poland	Blanka	"Solo"	93	19
5	Serbia	Luke Black	"Samo mi se spava"	30	24
6	France	La Zarra	"Évidemment"	104	16
7	Cyprus	Andrew Lambrou	"Break a Broken Heart"	126	12
8	Spain	Blanca Paloma	"Eaea"	100	17
9	Sweden	Loreen	"Tattoo"	583	1
10	Albania	Albina and Familja Kelmendi	"Duje"	76	22
11	Italy	Marco Mengoni	"Due vite"	350	4
12	Estonia	Alika	"Bridges"	168	8
13	Finland	Käärija	"Cha Cha Cha"	526	2
14	Czech Republic	Vesna	"My Sister's Crown"	129	10
15	Australia	Voyager	"Promise"	151	9
16	Belgium	Gustaph	"Because of You"	182	7
17	Armenia	Brunette	"Future Lover"	122	14
18	Moldova	Pasha Parfeni	"Soarele și luna"	96	18
19	Ukraine	Tvorchi	"Heart of Steel"	243	6
20	Norway	Alessandra	"Queen of Kings"	268	5
21	Germany	Lord of the Lost	"Blood & Glitter"	18	26
22	Lithuania	Monika Linkytė	"Stay"	127	11
23	Israel	Noa Kirel	"Unicorn"	362	3
24	Slovenia	Joker Out	"Carpe Diem"	78	21
25	Croatia	Let 3	"Mama ŠĆ!"	123	13
26	United Kingdom	Mae Muller	"I Wrote a Song"	24	25

## Spokespersons

The spokespersons announced the 12-point score from their respective country's national jury in the following order.<sup>[149][150]</sup> Unlike in the editions from 2016 to 2022, in which the previous host country announced its points first, Ukraine was the first country to announce its jury points, followed by the previous host country, Italy. The current host country, the United Kingdom, announced its points last as usual.<sup>[151]</sup>

1. Ukraine – Zlata Ognevich
2. Italy – Kaze
3. Latvia – Jānis Pētersons
4. Netherlands – S10
5. Malta – Ryan Hili
6. Moldova – Doina Stimpovschi
7. Ireland – Niamh Kavanagh
8. San Marino – John Kennedy O'Connor
9. Azerbaijan – Narmin Salmanova
10. Austria – Philipp Hansa
11. France – Anggun
12. Finland – Bess
13. Belgium – Bart Cannaerts
14. Germany – Elton
15. Portugal – Maro
16. Croatia – Maja Ciglenečki
17. Estonia – Ragnar Klavan
18. Armenia – Maléna
19. Poland – Ida Nowakowska
20. Romania – Eda Marcus
21. Iceland – Einar Stefánsson
22. Serbia – Dragana Kosjerina
23. Cyprus – Loukas Hamatsos
24. Norway – Ben Adams
25. Switzerland – Chiara Dubey
26. Australia – Catherine Martin
27. Denmark – Tina Müller
28. Spain – Ruth Lorenzo
29. Israel – Ilanit
30. Sweden – Farah Abadi
31. Georgia – Archil Sulakvelidze
32. Czech Republic – Radka Rosická
33. Slovenia – Melani Mekicar
34. Greece – Fotis Sergoulopoulos
35. Albania – Andri Xhahu
36. Lithuania – Monika Liu
37. United Kingdom – Catherine Tate

## Detailed voting results

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### Semi-final 1

The ten qualifiers from the first semi-final were determined solely by televoting.<sup>[113]</sup> All fifteen countries competing in the first semi-final voted, alongside France, Germany and Italy, and the aggregated Rest of the World vote.<sup>[123]</sup> The ten qualifying countries were announced in no particular order, and the full results of how each country voted was published after the final had been held. Finland received the maximum score of 12 points from seven of the voting countries, with Israel receiving four sets of 12 points, Moldova, Portugal and Sweden receiving two sets of 12 points each, and Croatia and the Czech Republic each received one maximum score.<sup>[132]</sup>

#### Qualifiers

Detailed voting results of the first semi-final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[132]</sup>

Contestants		Total score	Televote																			
			Norway	Malta	Serbia	Latvia	Portugal	Ireland	Croatia	Switzerland	Israel	Moldova	Sweden	Azerbaijan	Czech Republic	Netherlands	Finland	France	Germany	Italy	Rest of the World	
Norway		102	10	5	4	3	2	6	3	10	8	10	2	10	5	10	1	3	10			
Malta		3								2										1		
Serbia		37	5					10	6		1	3	3		4	2		1	2			
Latvia		34		2		4	4				1		6	1	1	3	3	1		8		
Portugal		74	2	4	3			1	5	12	3	4	4		2	7	2	12	5	2	6	
Ireland		10	3	3		1	2		1													
Croatia		76	4		12	7		5		5	5	3	5		4	2	6		10	5	3	
Switzerland		97	8	6	1	3	5	7	2		4	7	8	7	5	8	8	6	8	4		
Israel		127	5	8	7	8	7	6	7	7		12	3	12	12	4	1	8	2	6	12	
Moldova		109	6	1	4	6	12	10	3	2	6		6	4	7	3	7	10	6	12	4	
Sweden		135	10	12	6	10	8	8	4	8	7	10		10	6	12	5	5	4	3	7	
Azerbaijan		4				2			1		1											
Czech Republic		110	7	2	8	5	6	3	8	4	8	5	7	5		6	12	4	7	8	5	
Netherlands		7	1				1					2	2	1								
Finland		177	12	7	10	12	10	12	12	10	12	6	12	8	8	10		7	12	7	10	

## Semi-final 2

The ten qualifiers from the second semi-final were determined solely by televoting,<sup>[113]</sup> with the exception of San Marino who were unable to provide a valid televote result and thus used the votes of their back-up jury. All sixteen countries competing in the second semi-final voted, alongside Spain, Ukraine and the United Kingdom, and the aggregated Rest of the World vote.<sup>[123]</sup> The ten qualifying countries were announced in no particular order, and the full results of how each country voted was published after the final had been held. Australia and Slovenia both received the maximum score of 12 points from three of the voting countries, with Albania, Armenia, Lithuania and Poland receiving two sets of 12 points each, and Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece and Iceland each receiving one maximum score.<sup>[139]</sup>

#### Qualifiers

Detailed voting results of the second semi-final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[139]</sup>

Contestants	Total score	Televote																		Rest of the World	
		Denmark	Armenia	Romania	Estonia	Belgium	Cyprus	Iceland	Greece	Poland	Slovenia	Georgia	San Marino	Austria	Albania	Lithuania	Australia	Spain	Ukraine	United Kingdom	
Denmark	6							6													
Armenia	99		6	3	<b>12</b>	10		8	5	1	<b>12</b>	4	4	8	1	2	10	3		10	
Romania	0																				
Estonia	74	1	6	5		2	3	3	3	2	5	2	10	3	2	10	4	1	8	2	2
Belgium	90	8	1		4		4	7	1	3	7	3	5	<b>12</b>	3	5	7	8	1	6	5
Cyprus	94	4	10	4	5	4		5	<b>12</b>	7	4	5	1	2	6	4	10	3	4	4	
Iceland	44	<b>12</b>			2	1					3	6	7	1	1	2	5			1	3
Greece	14		2				<b>12</b>														
Poland	124	7	8	3	8	7	6	10	5		8	8	2	7	7	<b>12</b>		4	<b>12</b>	10	
Slovenia	103	2	5	<b>12</b>	7	3	2	1	2	<b>12</b>		1		10	4	7	8	<b>12</b>	6	3	6
Georgia	33		<b>12</b>	2	1				7	1			3			3	1		2		1
San Marino	0																				
Austria	137	6	3	7	6	10	5	8	6	10	10	4	8		10	6	<b>12</b>	6	5	7	8
Albania	83	3	7	8		8	1	2	10	4	<b>12</b>				6			3	2		5
Lithuania	110	5		1	10	5	8	4		6	2	10	<b>12</b>	5	5		6	5	10	<b>12</b>	4
Australia	149	10	4	10	<b>12</b>	6	7	<b>12</b>	4	8	6	7	6	8	<b>12</b>	8		7	7	8	7

## Final

The results of the final were determined by televoting and jury voting in all thirty-seven participating countries, plus the Rest of the World aggregate public vote.<sup>[113]</sup> The announcement of the jury points was conducted by each country individually, with the country's spokesperson announcing their jury's favourite entry that received 12 points, with the remaining points shown on screen. Following the completion of the jury points announcement, the public points were announced as an aggregate by the contest hosts in ascending order starting from the country which received the fewest points from the jury.

In the jury vote, Sweden received the maximum score of 12 points from fifteen countries, with Italy and Israel receiving five sets of 12 points. Belgium received the maximum score from three countries, Australia and Finland were awarded two sets of 12 points each, and Austria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovenia and Ukraine were each being awarded one set of 12 points. In the public vote, Finland received the maximum score of 12 points from eighteen countries, followed by Israel and Ukraine which received four sets of 12 points each. Armenia, Italy and Moldova received two sets of maximum scores each, and Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Norway, Poland and Slovenia were each awarded one set of 12 points. The winning country Sweden failed to receive any maximum scores from the public vote.<sup>[141]</sup>

Split results<sup>[141]</sup>

Place	Combined		Jury		Televoting	
	Country	Points	Country	Points	Country	Points
1	Sweden	583	Sweden	340	Finland	376
2	Finland	526	Israel	177	Sweden	243
3	Israel	362	Italy	176	Norway	216
4	Italy	350	Finland	150	Ukraine	189
5	Norway	268	Estonia	146	Israel	185
6	Ukraine	243	Australia	130	Italy	174
7	Belgium	182	Belgium	127	Croatia	112
8	Estonia	168	Austria	104	Poland	81
9	Australia	151	Spain	95	Moldova	76
10	Czech Republic	129	Czech Republic	94	Albania	59
11	Lithuania	127	Lithuania	81	Cyprus	58
12	Cyprus	126	Armenia	69	Belgium	55
13	Croatia	123	Cyprus	68	Armenia	53
14	Armenia	122	Switzerland	61	France	50
15	Austria	120	Ukraine	54 <sup>[h]</sup>	Lithuania	46
16	France	104	France	54 <sup>[h]</sup>	Slovenia	45
17	Spain	100	Norway	52	Czech Republic	35
18	Moldova	96	Portugal	43	Switzerland	31
19	Poland	93	Slovenia	33	Estonia	22
20	Switzerland	92	Moldova	20	Australia	21
21	Slovenia	78	Albania	17	Serbia	16 <sup>[l]</sup>
22	Albania	76	United Kingdom	15	Austria	16 <sup>[l]</sup>
23	Portugal	59	Serbia	14	Portugal	16 <sup>[l]</sup>
24	Serbia	30	Poland	12	Germany	15
25	United Kingdom	24	Croatia	11	United Kingdom	9
26	Germany	18	Germany	3	Spain	5

Detailed jury voting results of the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2023<sup>[141]</sup>

Contestants	Total score	Jury vote score	Televoting score	Televote																							
				Ukraine	Italy	Latvia	Netherlands	Malta	Moldova	Ireland	San Marino	Azerbaijan	Austria	France	Finland	Belgium	Germany	Portugal	Croatia	Estonia	Armenia	Poland	Romania	Iceland	Serbia	Cyprus	Norway
Austria	120	104	16				4							2											3		
Portugal	59	43	16											5													
Switzerland	92	61	31	1								1	2		1		3			4	2				5		
Poland	93	12	81	12			2		4	8	1				4	4			3	5			7	2	6		
Serbia	30	14	16					2										7									
France	104	54	50					1							2	2			10		3	4	1		3	8	
Cyprus	126	68	58						3		5	6							8	4	1				2		
Spain	100	95	5													3											
<b>Sweden</b>	583	340	243	3	3	8	8	10	8	6	8	10	4	3		10	1	7	2	10	7	7	8	10	6	8	10
Albania	76	17	59		7			3					3			3	8		6								
Italy	350	176	174				3	12	5		7	4	8	7		7	10	6	8	2	3		7	1	2	6	7
Estonia	168	146	22			6	5								6												
Finland	526	150	376	10	6	12	12	8	7	12	12	8	12	6		12	12	10	10	12	6	10	10	12	12	7	12
Czech Republic	129	94	35	2	2	1			1			3			10			3			3			4			
Australia	151	130	21				1								8			6					3				
Belgium	182	127	55			10			3				2			2	1					6			4		
Armenia	122	69	53					2					12		6										4		
Moldova	96	20	76	6	12				4	3			8	3			8	1			12			1			
Ukraine	243	54	189	8	7		5	12	7	6	7	5	4		1	7	12		8	1	12	4	2		10	1	
Norway	268	52	216	7	10	3	7	7	6	5	4	2	7	1	12	8	5	4	5	7	4	8	5	8	5	5	
Germany	18	3	15									6		5						5		1					
Lithuania	127	81	46	4		10			10	2																	
Israel	362	177	185	1	5	5	6	6	10	1	10	12	1	10		5		5	4		12	5	6		7	12	3
Slovenia	78	33	45			2						5			7			12	1		2	2			8		
Croatia	123	11	112	8	4	4				2			10		4		6				6		5	10			
United Kingdom	24	15	9	5				4																			

## Other countries

Eligibility for potential participation in the Eurovision Song Contest requires a national broadcaster with active EBU membership that would be able to broadcast the contest via the Eurovision network. The EBU issued an invitation to participate in the contest to all active members. Associate member Australia did not need an invitation for the 2023 contest, as it had previously been granted permission to participate until at least this year.<sup>[152]</sup>

### Active EBU members

-  Bulgaria – On 7 September 2022, the management board of Bulgarian broadcaster BNT decided not to participate in 2023, citing an expected increase in participation fees.<sup>[153]</sup> Later, on 19 October 2022, BNT publicly confirmed to several Bulgarian news outlets that the country would not participate in 2023, citing financial constraints.<sup>[154][155]</sup>
-  Monaco – On 22 November 2021, it was reported that part of the Monégasque state budget had been reserved for participation in the 2023 contest.<sup>[156]</sup> However, the plans were delayed because the launch of Monaco's new public television channel, TVMonaco, was pushed back to 1 September 2023 instead of the initially outlined period of late 2022, putting the possibility of Monaco returning to the contest by 2024 at the earliest.<sup>[157][158]</sup> On 5 September 2022, Monaco Media Diffusion confirmed that the country would not return in 2023.<sup>[159]</sup> Monaco last took part in 2006.
-  Montenegro – On 13 October 2022, Montenegrin broadcaster RTCG confirmed that the country would not participate in 2023, citing financial constraints and a lack of interest from sponsors.<sup>[160][161]</sup> RTCG, however, still broadcast the contest.<sup>[162]</sup>
-  North Macedonia – On 14 October 2022, Macedonian broadcaster MRT confirmed that the country would not participate in 2023, citing financial constraints.<sup>[163]</sup> MRT, however, still broadcast the contest, with a view of returning in 2024.<sup>[164]</sup>

Active EBU member broadcasters in [Andorra](#), [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#), [Luxembourg](#) and [Slovakia](#) also confirmed non-participation prior to the announcement of the participants list by the EBU.<sup>[165][166][167][168]</sup>

## Associate EBU members

-  Kazakhstan – In October 2022, TV producer Zhan Mukanov stated that the Kazakh broadcaster [Khabar Agency](#) was in discussions with the EBU about potentially being invited to debut in 2023, stating that "there is every chance [for Kazakhstan] to enter the adult Eurovision next year" and that the country's participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2022 would have a "significant impact" on its chances of debuting.<sup>[169]</sup> However, the country did not appear on the final list of participants.<sup>[76]</sup>

## Broadcasts

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All participating broadcasters may choose to have on-site or remote commentators providing insight and voting information to their local audience. While they must broadcast at least the semi-final they are voting in and the final, most broadcasters air all three shows with different programming plans. In addition, some non-participating broadcasters air the contest. The European Broadcasting Union also provided international live streams with no commentary of both semi-finals and the final through their official [YouTube](#) and [TikTok](#) channels.<sup>[170][171]</sup> The table below details the broadcasting plans and commentators for the countries that aired the contest.

Technical issues occurred during the start of the first semi-final, causing most of the on-site commentators to lose connection to their broadcasters for around 15 minutes.<sup>[172]</sup>

Broadcasters and commentators in participating countries<sup>[76]</sup>

Country	Broadcaster	Channel(s)	Show(s)	Commentator(s)	Ref(s)
Albania	RTSH	RTSH 1, RTSH Muzikë, Radio Tirana	All shows	Andri Xhahu	[173]
Armenia	AMPTV	Armenia 1	All shows	Hrachuh Utmazyan and Hamlet Arakelyan	[174][175]
Australia	SBS	SBS	All shows	Myf Warhurst and Joel Creasey	[176][177][178]
Austria	ORF	ORF 1 FM4	All shows Final	Andi Knoll Jan Böhmermann and Olli Schulz	[179][180][181] [182][183]
Azerbaijan	iTV		All shows	Azer Suleymanli	[184]
Belgium	VRT	VRT 1	All shows	Peter Van de Veire	[185][186]
		Radio 2	Final		
Croatia	RTBF	Tipik	SF1		
		La Une	SF2/Final	Jean-Louis Lahaye and Maureen Louys	[187]
		VivaCité	All shows		
Cyprus	CyBC	RIK 1, RIK Sat	All shows	Melina Karageorgiou and Alexandros Taramountas	[191][192]
Czech Republic	ČT	ČT2	All shows	Jan Maxián	[193][194][195][196]
Denmark	DR	DR1	All shows	Nicolai Molbech	[197]
Estonia	ERR	ETV	All shows	Marko Reikop	
		ETV+		Aleksandr Hobotov and Julia Kalenda	[198][199]
		ETV2	Final	Sign language: Various interpreters	
Finland	Yle	Yle TV1	All shows	Mikko Silvennoinen	[200]
		Yle Radio Suomi	All shows	Sanna Pirkkalainen	
		Yle X3M		Eva Frantz and Johan Lindroos	[200][201][202][203]
		YleX	SF1/Final	Sini Laitinen	
		Yle Areena	All shows	Swedish: Eva Frantz and Johan Lindroos Inari Sámi: Heli Huovinen Northern Sámi: Aslak Paltto	
			SF1/Final	Russian: Levan Tvalvadze Ukrainian: Galyyna Sergeyeva	[200]
France	France Télévisions	Culturebox France 2	Semi-finals Final	Anggun and André Manoukian Laurence Boccolini and Stéphane Bern	[204][205][206]
Georgia	GPB	1TV	All shows	Nika Lobiladze	[207][208]
Germany	ARD/NDR	One	All shows	Peter Urban	[209][210][211][212]
		Das Erste	Final		
		Deutsche Welle	DW Deutsch, DW Deutsch+		[213][214]
Greece	ERT	ERT1 Deftero Programma	All shows	Maria Kozakou and Jenny Melita Dimitris Meidanis, Maria Kozakou and Jenny Melita	[215][216][217][218][219][220]
Iceland	RÚV	RÚV RÚV 2	All shows	Gísli Marteinn Baldursson Sign language: Various interpreters	[221][222]
Ireland	RTÉ	RTÉ One	SF1/Final	Marty Whelan	
		RTÉ2	SF2		
		RTÉ 2fm	SF1/Final	Neil Doherty and Zbyszek Zalinski	
Israel	IPBC	Kan 11, Kan Educational, Kan 88	Semi-finals	Asaf Liberman and Akiva Novick	
		Kan 11, Kan Tarbut, Kan B	Final	Asaf Liberman, Akiva Novick and Doron Medalie	[226][227][228]
		Kan 88		Kobi Menora and Sharon Kantor	
Italy	RAI	Rai 2	Semi-finals	Gabriele Corsi and Mara Maiorchi	
		Rai 1	Final		[229][230][231][232][233]
		Rai Radio 2	All shows	Mariolina Simone, Diletta Parlangueli and Saverio Raimondo	
Latvia	LTV	LTV1	All shows	Toms Grēviņš	
			Final	Lauris Reiniks	[234]
Lithuania	LRT	LRT televizija, LRT Radijas	All shows	Ramūnas Zilnys	[235]
Malta	PBS	TVM	All shows	No commentary	[236][237]
Moldova	TRM	Moldova 1, Radio Moldova, Radio	All shows	Ion Jalbă	[238]

		Moldova Muzical				
Netherlands	NPO/AVROTROS	NPO 1, BVN	All shows	Cornald Maas and Jan Smit	[239][240][241][242]	
		NPO Radio 2	Final	Wouter van der Goes and Frank van 't Hof		
Norway	NRK	NRK1	All shows	Marte Stokstad	[243][244][245]	
		NRK3, NRK P3	Final	Arian Engebø, Egil Skurdal, Adelina Ibishi and Nate Kahungu		
		NRK P1		Jon Marius Hyttebakk		
Poland	TVP	TVP1, TVP Polonia	All shows	Aleksander Sikora and Marek Sierocki	[246][247][248]	
Portugal	RTP	RTP1, RTP Internacional, RTP África	All shows <sup>[l]</sup>	José Carlos Malato and Nuno Galopim	[250][249][251][252]	
Romania	TVR	TVR 1, TVRi	All shows	Bogdan Stănescu and Kyrie Mendel	[253]	
San Marino	San Marino RTV	San Marino RTV, Radio San Marino	All shows	Lia Fiorio and Gigi Restivo	[254][255][256]	
Serbia	RTS	RTS 3	Semi-finals	Duška Vučinić <sup>[k]</sup>	[257][258][259][260][261]	
		RTS 1	Final			
		RTS Svet	All shows			
Slovenia	RTVSLO	TV SLO 2	Semi-finals	Andrej Hofer	[262][263][264][265][266][267]	
		TV SLO 1	Final			
		Radio Val 202, Radio Maribor	SF2	Maja Stepančič, Maruša Kerec, Neja Jerant and Uršula Zaletelj		
			Final	Maja Stepančič, Miha Šalehar and Uršula Zaletelj		
Spain	RTVE	La 2	SF1	Tony Aguilar and Julia Varela	[268][269][270][271]	
		La 1	SF2/Final			
		TVE Internacional	All shows	David Asensio, Imanol Durán, Irene Vaquero and Ángela Fernández		
		Radio Nacional	Final			
Sweden	SVT	SVT1	All shows	Edward af Sillén	[272][273][274]	
			Final	Måns Zelmerlöw		
Ukraine	UA:PBC	SRP 4	All shows	Carolina Norén	[275][276]	
Switzerland	SRG SSR	SRF zwei	Semi-finals	Sven Epiney	[277][278][279][280]	
		SRF 1	Final			
		RTS 2	Semi-finals	Jean-Marc Richard, Nicolas Tanner and Priscilla Formaz	[281][282]	
		RTS 1	Final			
		RSI La 2	Semi-finals	Ellis Cavallini and Gian-Andrea Costa	[283][284][285][286]	
		RSI La 1	Final			
United Kingdom	BBC	Suspilne Kultura	All shows	Timur Miroshnychenko	[287][288][289]	
		Radio Promin	Final	Oleksandra Franko and Oleksandr Barbelen		
United Kingdom	BBC	BBC One	Semi-finals	Scott Mills and Rylan	[110][290][291][5][292]	
			Final	Graham Norton and Mel Giedroyc		
		BBC iPlayer	All shows	Sign language: Various interpreters	[299][300][301][302]	
		BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio Merseyside	Semi-finals	Paddy O'Connell		
		BBC Radio 2	Final	Scott Mills and Rylan	[303][304][305]	
		BBC Radio Merseyside		Claire Sweeney and Paul Quinn		

Broadcasters and commentators in non-participating countries and dependencies

Country	Broadcaster	Channel(s)	Show(s)	Commentator(s)	Ref(s)
Chile	Canal 13		Final	Sergio Lagos and Rayén Araya	[293][294]
Faroe Islands	KVF	SvF	All shows	Faroese: Gunnar Nolsøe and Siri Súsonnudóttir Hansen Danish: Nicolai Molbech	[295][296][297][298]
Kosovo	RTK	RTK1	All shows	Albanian: Jeta Çitaku and Ylber Asllanaj	[299][300][301][302]
Montenegro	RTCG	TCVG 2	All shows	Dražen Bauković and Tijana Mišković	[303][304][305]
North Macedonia	MRT	MRT 1, MRT 2, Radio Skopje	All shows	Aleksandra Jovanovska and Eli Tanaskovska	[306][307][308]
Slovakia	RTVS	Rádio FM	Final	Daniel Baláž, Lucia Haverlík, Pavol Hubinák and Juraj Malíček	[309][310][311]
United States	NBC	Peacock	All shows	No commentary	[312][313]
			Final	Johnny Weir	

## Viewing figures

According to the EBU, in total 162 million people watched at least a minute of the television broadcasts, and 15.6 million people watched the online broadcasts. Votes were received from 144 countries, including the 37 competing countries.<sup>[1]</sup>

Estimated viewership by country (in millions)

Country	Semi-final 1		Semi-final 2		Final		Ref(s)
	Viewership	Average viewership	Viewership	Average viewership	Viewership	Average viewership	
Australia		0.247		0.308		0.48	[314][315][316][317][318]
Austria		0.306		0.568		1.079	[319][320][321]
Belgium		0.549 (VRT 1)		1.044 (VRT 1)	111	1.32 (VRT 1)	[319][322]
		0.09 (Tipik)		0.252 (La Une)		0.313 (La Une)	
Chile	No broadcast of the semi-finals					0.073	[318]
Croatia		0.941					[319]
Cyprus						0.14	[318]
Czech Republic		0.127		0.073		0.186	[319][320][318]
Denmark		0.38		0.479		0.372	[319][323]
Finland	1.8	1.264		0.469	2.8	1.7	[324][325][326]
France						3.482	[327]
Germany		0.59 (One)		0.62 (One)		0.51 (One)	[319][320][318][328][329]
						7.45 (Das Erste)	
Greece			1.67	0.689		1.081	[330]
Iceland		0.109		0.155		0.158	[331]
Ireland						0.371	[318]
Israel		0.735		0.287		0.981	[319][320][318]
Italy		1.824		1.702		4.906	[332][333][334][335][336]
Lithuania		0.273		0.431		0.488	[319][320][318]
Norway		0.604		0.438		1.076	[319][320][318][337]
Netherlands	4.724	2.124	3.012	1.131	4.909	1.846	[338][339][340]
Poland		0.959 (TVP1)		2.44 (TVP1)		3.069 (TVP1)	[341]
		0.156 (TVP Polonia)		0.223 (TVP Polonia)		0.427 (TVP Polonia)	
Portugal		0.878		0.361		1.082	[319][320][318][342]
Romania		0.065		0.104		0.117	[319][320][318]
Serbia	0.5	0.227		0.149	2	0.674	[343][344][319][318]
Slovenia		0.1		0.235	[m]	0.345	[319][320][318][345]
Spain		0.594		1.214		4.839	[319][320][318]
Sweden		1.309		0.783		2.324	[346][347]
Switzerland		0.277 (SRF zwei)		0.109 (SRF zwei)		0.474 (SRF 1)	[348][349][350]
Ukraine	0.203	0.09	0.259	0.134	0.584	0.27	[351]
United Kingdom	3.4	2.541		2.496	11	10.237 <sup>[352]</sup>	[353][354][355]
Total	162 (TV broadcasts)						[1]
	15.6 (online broadcasts)						

## Reception

Sweden's overall victory despite Finland's lead in the televoting proved to be controversial, particularly among the Finnish audience and supporters of the Finnish entrant Kääriäjä.<sup>[356][357][358]</sup> During the jury voting sequence, several occasions when Sweden scored 12 points were disrupted by chanting from Finland's supporters,<sup>[359]</sup> although the Swedish entrant Loreen, following her win, stated that she did not mind and furthermore appreciated their enthusiasm.<sup>[360][361]</sup> While the televote winner failed to win overall in three previous occasions, in 2015, 2016 and 2019, 2023 was exceptional in that Finland came 133 points ahead of Sweden in the televote, the largest gap to date for an entry that did not win, and received the full 12 points from 18 different countries in the televoting, while Sweden did not win 12 points from any.<sup>[356]</sup>

## Other awards

In addition to the main winner's trophy, the Marcel Bezençon Awards and the You're A Vision Award were contested during the Eurovision Song Contest 2023. The OGAE, "General Organisation of Eurovision Fans" voting poll also took place before the contest.

### Marcel Bezençon Awards

The [Marcel Bezençon Awards](#), organised since 2002 by Sweden's then-Head of Delegation and 1992 representative [Christer Björkman](#), and winner of the 1984 contest [Richard Herrey](#), honours songs in the contest's final.<sup>[362]</sup> The awards are divided into three categories: the Artistic Award, the Composers Award, and the Press Award.<sup>[363]</sup> The winners were revealed shortly before the Eurovision final on 13 May.<sup>[364]</sup>

Category	Country	Song	Performer(s)	Songwriter(s)
Artistic Award	Sweden	"Tattoo"	Loreen	Jimmy "Joker" Thörnfeldt, Jimmy Jansson, Lorine Talhaoui, Moa Carlebecker, Peter Boström, Thomas G:son
Press Award				
Composers Award	Italy	"Due vite"	Marco Mengoni	Marco Mengoni, Davide Petrella, Davide Simonetta

## OGAE

OGAE, an organisation of over forty Eurovision Song Contest fan clubs across Europe and beyond, conducts an annual voting poll first held in 2002 as the Marcel Bezençon Fan Award. After all votes were cast, the top-ranked entry in the 2023 poll was also the winner of the contest, "[Tattoo](#)" performed by [Loreen](#); the top five results are shown below.<sup>[365][366][367]</sup>

Country	Performer(s)	Song	OGAE result
Sweden	Loreen	"Tattoo"	423
Finland	Käärijä	"Cha Cha Cha"	394
France	La Zarra	"Évidemment"	302
Norway	Alessandra	"Queen of Kings"	263
Austria	Teya and Salena	"Who the Hell Is Edgar?"	228

## You're A Vision Award

The You're A Vision Award (a word play of "Eurovision"), established in 2022 by the fansite [Songfestival.be](#) following the cancellation of the [Barbara Dex Award](#) due to its associated negative connotations, aims to "celebrate the creativity and diversity that embody the Eurovision spirit", with the winner being the one with the most notable outfit. Finland's [Käärijä](#) won the 2023 award, with Croatia's [Let 3](#) and Belgium's [Gustaph](#) completing the top three.<sup>[368]</sup>

Place	Country	Performer(s)
1	Finland	Käärijä
2	Croatia	Let 3
3	Belgium	Gustaph

## Official album

[Eurovision Song Contest: Liverpool 2023](#) is the official compilation album of the contest. It was put together by the European Broadcasting Union and was released by Universal Music Group digitally on 14 April 2023, in CD format on 28 April 2023, and in vinyl format on 26 May 2023.<sup>[369][370][371]</sup> The album features all 37 entries.



Cover art of the official album

## Charts

Weekly chart performance for [Eurovision Song Contest: Liverpool 2023](#)

Chart (2023)	Peak position
Australian Albums (ARIA) <sup>[372]</sup>	15
Austrian Compilation Albums (Ö3 Austria) <sup>[373]</sup>	1
Belgian Compilation Albums (Ultratop 50 Flanders) <sup>[374]</sup>	1
Belgian Compilation Albums (Ultratop 50 Wallonia) <sup>[375]</sup>	1
Dutch Compilation Albums (Compilation Top 30) <sup>[376]</sup>	1
German Compilation Albums (Offizielle Top 100) <sup>[377]</sup>	2
Irish Compilation Albums (IRMA) <sup>[378]</sup>	1
Swedish Physical Albums (Sverigetopplistan) <sup>[379]</sup>	6
Swiss Albums (Schweizer Hitparade) <sup>[380]</sup>	1
UK Compilation Albums (OCC) <sup>[381]</sup>	1

## Notes

- a. Specifically [Gheg Albanian](#)
- b. Contains an expression in [Italian](#)
- c. Contains several phrases in [Hebrew](#)
- d. Contains two repeated phrases in [Latvian](#)
- e. Contains a repeated phrase in [Lithuanian](#)
- f. The introduction contains phrases in [Italian](#) and an expression in [Latin](#)

- g. 100% televoting for the semi-finals was also used in [2008](#) and [2009](#), with the exception that only nine countries qualified via televoting whilst the highest-ranked entry by the backup juries outside the top nine also qualified.
- h. Despite finishing with the same number of points as France and receiving points from the same amount of countries, Ukraine finished in fifteenth place in the jury voting due to receiving 12 points from a greater number of countries.
- i. Despite finishing with the same number of points, Serbia and Austria finished higher than Portugal in the televoting due to receiving points from a greater number of countries. Furthermore, despite receiving points from the same amount of countries and the same amount of 12, 10, 8 and 7 points, Serbia finished higher in the televoting than Austria due to receiving more 6 points.
- j. Second semi-final broadcast live on RTP Play and on tape-delay on [RTP1](#) and [RTP Internacional](#) at 21:43 WEST (20:43 UTC) and on [RTP África](#) at 02:45 WEST (01:45 UTC) on 12 May<sup>[249]</sup>
- k. Due to the aforementioned technical issues, Tijana Lukic commented from [Belgrade](#) during the first 15 minutes of the first semi-final.
- l. Peaked at 1.6 million
- m. Peaked at 0.444 million

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