

Europe: the Origins

- Since it was still a period of **Cold War**, cultural things weren't spreading so fast across the globe(also - **no internet**). Though movie and video clip tapes, and magazines were getting their way into **Europe** and are considered to be starting "factor" of **Breaking in Europe**.
- It is way harder to track down the very **beginning of the breaking culture** in Europe. TBH, it is easier to track it in Asia. However, it is known for a fact that **Germany**, **UK** and **France** were the first ones in the scene. At least first ones to be seen outside their scene.
- One of the first establish and **world-wide recognized breaking crews** in Europe is Flying Steps.
P.s. For those who have seen "**Flying Bach**" in **Vilnius**, that's the same crew.
- One of the "**GodFathers**" of breaking in Europe is **Bboy Storm**. He's considered to be one 1st European Breaking generation Bboys and attributed for a lot of impact and presence. From **teaching**, showcasing to organizing events and even moving breaking into "official art" and **performances**.

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- With the help of media, movies and even pop culture - **Breaking became a worldwide art form.**
- **BOTY**, aka **Battle Of The Year** is major yearly event for crews from all over the world. It started back in 1991s and continues to this day. This is one of the biggest events and now festivals of breaking culture.
- By 2000s there were major breaking crews **in all major places** of the World and even more solo “players” in the scene.
- Since **battles were essential part of the culture** and a way to establish a name, it was only natural that worldwide solo competition is bound to happen. The year 2004 it was and the name of the event - **RedBull BC One**. The event continues to this day and happens in a different major city worldwide every year.