

= Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2014 =

The Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2014 was the 12th annual Junior Eurovision Song Contest , and took place , for the first time , in Malta . This was the third time that the contest was hosted by the previous year 's winning country . Maltese national broadcaster PBS was the host broadcaster for the event . The final took place on 15 November 2014 and was in the Malta Shipbuilding in Marsa , near Valletta . Moira Delia , a Maltese television personality , hosted the show , marking the first time in Junior Eurovision history that there was only one presenter of the show .

A total of sixteen countries participated , with Italy , Montenegro and Slovenia making their débuts . The winner of the contest was Vincenzo Cantiello , who represented Italy with the song " Tu primo grande amore " . Bulgaria and Armenia finished in second and third place , respectively . This was Italy 's first victory in a Eurovision competition since the last edition of Jeux Sans Frontières in 1999 , and also marked the first time since the inaugural 2003 contest that a country had won in its débutante year .

= = Location = =

On 18 December 2013 , the Maltese national broadcaster Public Broadcasting Services ( PBS ) and the European Broadcasting Union ( EBU ) announced that the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2014 would take place in Malta . During the winner 's press conference , representatives of the Maltese broadcaster showed their desire to host the event , following the Maltese victory at the 2013 contest . Vladislav Yakovlev , the executive supervisor for the Junior Eurovision Song Contest , announced that there would be no host city for the contest , but that the island of Malta would be a host island instead . This was the first time Malta had hosted any of the Eurovision @-@ related events .

On 16 June 2014 , the EBU confirmed that the 2014 contest would be held at three large former shipbuilding sheds of Malta Shipbuilding . The middle shed would be the main audience area and stage , while the two side sheds would be used as audience entrances and exits , restrooms , and refreshment stalls . In total , there was capacity for 4 @,@ 000 ? 4 @,@ 500 people inside the buildings .

= = Format = =

= = = Graphic design = = =

On 9 May 2014 , Anton Attard , CEO of the host broadcaster , revealed the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2014 logo and slogan . The slogan was " # together " , while the logo was inspired by the Maltese cross . Each of its coloured segments represented a feature of Malta : Sand , Sea , Stone , Grass , Sky , Dusk and Sunset . The postcards included a theme of " extreme sports " , and were partially filmed at the SmartCity Malta complex .

The stage design was presented during the Heads of Delegations meeting held on 30 September 2014 . Gio 'Forma , a Milan @-@ based design company , was given the task of designing the stage for the 2014 contest . The stage used an origami @-@ like appearance , inspired by the triangle @-@ shaped 2014 Junior Eurovision logo . The venue itself was approximately 30 @,@ 000 m2 ( 320 @,@ 000 sq ft ) in size , and the production team moved in to the venue on 21 October .

= = = Host = = =

On 10 September 2014 , it was announced that Moira Delia would host the 2014 Contest . She is known in Malta for presenting editions of Malta Eurovision Song Contest , Malta 's national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest . She will be the first person to host the contest single @-@ handedly .

### === Running order ===

During the Heads of Delegations meeting in Malta on 30 September 2014 , the broadcaster PBS along with the production team sought permission to change the running order rule , which was to allow the artists to randomly select their position number ( a system used in 2013 ) . The agreed change was for the host country , Malta , to pick their position at random , followed by countries that were to open and close the show to be picked randomly . The remaining countries would then select at random whether they were to perform in the first or second half of the show . This draw took place during the opening ceremony , at the Verdala Palace on 9 November 2013 . A pre @-@ draw to decide the order in which countries would select their running order halves , took place on 7 November 2014 , hosted by Moira Delia , Vladislav Yakovlev , and Gaia Cauchi . PBS and the production team then decided the running order so that they could avoid similar entries performing consecutively . This method has been used in the senior contests since 2013 . The Executive Supervisor along with the Steering Group presented the finalised running order shortly after the opening ceremony .

### === Rehearsals ===

The national broadcaster , PBS , decided at the Heads of Delegations meeting on 30 September 2014 , that all participating countries would not have their rehearsals in running order ; allowing for school visits and personal trips of the participants to be carried out uninterruptedly , something which had not been done in previous years .

### === Voting ===

The voting system for 2014 was reverted to a system previously used in both the Junior and Senior contests prior to 2013 . Both the national juries and televoting awarded 1 to 8 points , 10 and then the maximum 12 points to their ten favourite songs . The way the votes were to be announced remained unchanged , the first seven points appeared on screen ; whilst spokespersons from each of the participating countries read out their top three points ( 8 , 10 , and 12 ) .

On 30 October 2014 , the EBU announced that a new online voting system would be introduced for the 2014 contest , to allow countries from around the world to vote for their favourite entry . The votes were not used in the official voting results , but the country who received the most online votes was presented with the new " Online Voting Winner " award , during the winners presentation conference after the show . In order to prevent vote @-@ rigging , the online results were published via the Junior Eurovision website , after the show has concluded . Due to the website crashing the online voting award was not awarded .

### === Participating countries ===

On 30 September 2014 , it was confirmed that sixteen countries would be taking part in the contest . Débutante countries included , Italy , Montenegro , and Slovenia . Four countries returned to the Junior Contest , including Croatia after a seven @-@ year absence , Cyprus who last took part in 2009 , Serbia and Bulgaria after a three and two year absences respectively .

### === Results ===

### === Scoreboard ===

Vincenzo Cantiello who represented Italy with the song " Tu primo grande amore " , was declared the winner after all the votes had been cast from all of the sixteen participating countries and the kids jury . Below is a full breakdown of how the votes were cast .

== 12 points ==

All countries were given 12 points at the start of voting . This was so no country got nul points .

Below is a summary of the split number one selection , by respectively each country 's jury and televoters in the Grand Final : San Marino and Slovenia voted only through juries .

== Other awards ==

== Press vote ==

At the press center during the contest , members of the press were allowed to vote for their favourite acts . Below is the top five overall results , after all the votes had been cast .

== Other countries ==

For a country to be eligible for potential participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest , it needs to be an active member of the European Broadcasting Union . It is unknown whether the EBU issue invitations of participation to all 56 active members like they do for the Eurovision Song Contest . Sixteen countries confirmed their participation in the 2014 contest . The following EBU active members announced their decisions as shown below .

== Active EBU Members ==

Austria ? On 17 July 2014 , the Austrian broadcaster Österreichischer Rundfunk ( ORF ) revealed that they would not be making their début at the 2014 Contest .

Azerbaijan ? On 30 September 2014 , it was revealed by the official list of participating countries that Azerbaijan were not participating at the contest in Malta .

Belgium ? The Flemish @-@ language children 's television channel , Ketnet ( owned and operated by the Vlaamse Radio- en Televisieomroep ( VRT ) ) has said that they are no longer interested in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest .

Czech Republic ? Česká televize ( ?T ) had said that they had not ruled out a participation in the contest . However , on 17 July 2014 they revealed they would not be making their début at the 2014 Contest .

Denmark ? Danish national broadcaster DR and commercial broadcaster TV 2 said that they had no plans to return to Junior Eurovision .

Finland ? A representative from the Swedish language broadcaster Yle Fem stated on 26 May 2014 that they would not be making a début at the 2014 contest . On 10 July , the Finnish language broadcaster Yleisradio ( Yle ) said that they wouldn 't participate either .

Germany ? The German broadcaster Norddeutscher Rundfunk ( NDR ) announced they would not début at the 2014 Contest as they believed the contest would not be a success under the German television marketing standards . However , they observed the 2014 Contest and may possibly début in the 2015 Contest .

Greece ? It was previously reported by Esc + Plus that Greece were going to participate in the 2014 Contest . However , on 7 July 2014 , the Greek broadcaster New Hellenic Radio , Internet and Television ( NERIT ) confirmed to the same web site that they would not be participating .

Hungary ? Despite being heavily rumoured to be planning a début for the 2014 Contest , on 9 July 2014 , the Hungarian broadcaster MTVA announced they would not be taking part in the contest .

Iceland ? Ríkisútvarpið ( RÚV ) , the Icelandic broadcaster , confirmed on 1 July 2014 , that they were not going to début in Junior Eurovision 2014 .

Ireland ? One of the Irish broadcasters , Raidió Teilifís Éireann ( RTÉ ) , announced in December 2013 that they do not have any interest in participating in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest ,

despite attending a steering group meeting . Another Irish broadcaster , TG4 , had shown interested in the contest but would require funding from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland ( BAI ) . However , the BAI rejected such funding requests from TG4 in May 2014 , so the network stated that they would not be making their début in Malta . However , they would be working harder to ascertain such funding with high hopes to participate in the 2015 Contest .

Latvia ? On 17 July 2014 , the Latvian broadcaster Latvijas Televīzija ( LTV ) revealed they were not be returning to the contest in 2014 .

Lithuania ? On 18 June 2014 , Lithuanian National Radio and Television ( LRT ) announced that they would not take part in the 2014 Contest in Malta .

Macedonia ? On 4 September 2014 , it was confirmed that Macedonia had withdrawn from the 2014 contest .

Moldova ? On 30 September 2014 , it was revealed by the official list of participating countries that Moldova were not participating at the contest in Malta .

Norway ? The Norwegian broadcaster , Norsk Rikskringkasting ( NRK ) , stated on 18 December 2013 that Norway won 't return in 2014 .

Poland ? The Polish broadcaster , Telewizja Polska ( TVP ) , had announced on 5 August 2014 that Poland won 't return to the contest in 2014 .

Portugal ? Despite initially confirming their participation in the contest on 28 July 2014 , the Portuguese broadcaster , Rádio e Televisão de Portugal ( RTP ) , announced on 4 September 2014 that Portugal would not return to the contest in 2014 .

Romania ? Bianca Dinescu , a representative of the Romanian broadcaster Romanian Television ( TVR ) , had stated in an interview that Romania were considering a return to the contest , after being absent since 2009 . However , on 2 August 2014 , it was confirmed that Romania were not returning in 2014 , but TVR said that they have high hopes to return in 2015 .

Spain ? During the Eurovision Song Contest 2014 in Copenhagen , the head of the Spanish delegation , Federico Llano said that Televisión Española ( TVE ) was not planning to participate in the 2014 Contest . If Spain were to return in the future , open castings and auditions would be held across the country .

Switzerland ? Radiotelevisione svizzera ( RSI ) the Swiss broadcaster have confirmed to Eurovoix that they were not returning in 2014 .

United Kingdom ? ITV ( Independent Television ) and the British Broadcasting Corporation ( BBC ) had announced that they would not bring back the United Kingdom in 2014 . Also both Channel 4 and the Welsh language broadcaster Sianel Pedwar Cymru ( S4C ) confirmed that they too would not bring the United Kingdom back to Junior Eurovision .

= = = Non @-@ active EBU Members = = =

In August 2014 , executive supervisor Yakolev said that he was investigating the possibility of allowing commercial networks , who are not members of the EBU , to field contestants .

Spain ? According to the Junior Eurovision official Twitter account , the European Broadcasting Union were negotiating with Spanish private TV channels to manage the return of Spain to the contest . On 28 September 2014 , it was announced that a decision about allowing private TV channels to take part hasn 't been taken in time for this edition .

= = International broadcasts and voting = =

The order in which each country announces their votes was in the order of performance . Details of the running order were published by the EBU after the ' Welcome Reception ' on 9 November 2014 . The spokespersons are shown below alongside each participating country . Gaia Cauchi announced the points from the ' Kids Jury.'

= = = Voting and spokespersons = = =

= = = Commentators = = =

Most countries sent commentators to Malta , while others commentated from their own country , in order to add insight to the participants and , where necessary , provision of voting information .

Participating countries

Non @-@ participating countries

The following non @-@ participating countries also sent commentators to Malta for radio and television broadcasts of the contest .

United States ? Ewan Spence ( KCGW ( Williams Life Radio ) ; and WXDR ( Delgado ? s Dolphin Radio ) )

= = Official album = =

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2014 : Malta , is a compilation album put together by the European Broadcasting Union , and was released by Universal Music Group on 3 November 2014 . The album features all the songs from the 2014 contest , along with karaoke versions .