

Eurovision Song Contest (May 19, 2026)

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What? The 70th edition of Eurovision, the major song contest where each European country (and a few guests) sends an artist to win. 🎤

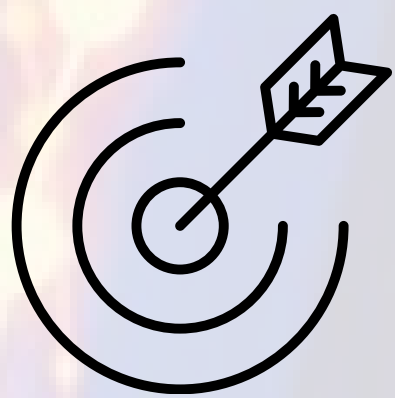
Who? Dara, a Bulgarian singer, who won with her song *Bangaranga*.

Where? In Vienna, the capital of Austria, in a large concert hall called the Wiener Stadthalle.

When? During the grand final, on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

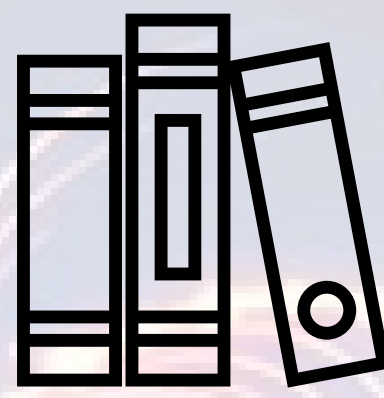
Why is it important? Because Eurovision is a major international competition, and this is the very first time in 70 years that Bulgaria has won Eurovision.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about Eurovision and the winning country, Bulgaria.**



OBJECTIVES

- Discover Eurovision, its history and how it works
- Understand the rules and voting system of the contest
- Analyze a musical performance and express a reasoned opinion
- Read and interpret data in a histogram
- Apply mathematical operations (difference, division, mean) to real data



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Culture and Society**
 - Geography of Europe
 - Cultures and Traditions
 - International Events
- **Mathematics**
 - Data Interpretation (Histogram)
 - Subtraction and Division
 - Average and Comparison of Quantities
- **English**
 - Reading and Comprehension
 - Writing
 - Justified Opinion



COMPETENCIES

- Research and interpretation of information
- Make connections between different pieces of information
- Solve mathematical problems
- Exercise critical thinking skills
- Produce a structured answer



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they have ever heard of Eurovision.
- Ask them which famous singers or groups they know.
- Discuss: Why do dozens of countries come together for a song contest?
- Show a short video of a Eurovision stage.
- Gather their hypotheses: How do they think the winning country is chosen?



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Everything You Need To Know About Eurovision.

Watching of an explanatory video, then answers to four multiple-choice questions.

Q1 — 3 minutes.

Q2 — Your own country.

Q3 — Six.

Q4 — A jury and the public.

STEP 2 — *Bangaranga*, the winning song. Viewing of DARA's winning performance, followed by evaluation and three opinion questions.

Q5 — Variable answer (personal rating from 0 to 5).

Q6 — Variable answer. E.g.: Yes, the performance reflects the title well. DARA moves a lot, the lights flash, and the music is fast: it creates an atmosphere of great joyful excitement, as the word "bangaranga" suggests.

Q7 — Variable answer. E.g.: I really liked Bangaranga. DARA's voice is powerful, and the rhythm makes you want to move. The costumes and lighting made the show impressive to watch.

STEP 3 — A Eurovision Record. Reading the histogram of the final results, then answers to four calculation questions.

Q8 — $516 - 343 = 173$ points.

Q9 — $(516 \div 2) + 21 = 279$ points → Finland.

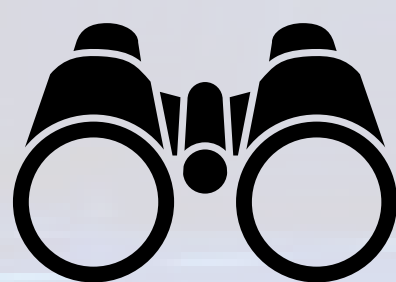
Q10 — Average = 291.2 points. Seven countries are below this average.

Q11 — 173 points (1st-2nd) versus 123 points (2nd-10th): the gap is larger.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them most (Bulgaria's surprise victory, the record margin, the diversity of the participating countries).
- Ask: Why does a song contest attract so many countries and viewers?



FURTHER EXPLORATION

What is the Eurovision Song Contest? BBC
www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/18173532



- **Bulgaria.** Population: approximately 6.5 million. Area: 110,944 km²
- Distance Sofia / Varna: 380 km
- Distance Varna / Plovdiv: 290 km. Distance Plovdiv / Sofia: 130 km
- Distance Sofia / Varna / Plovdiv / Sofia: 900 km
- The Black Sea.

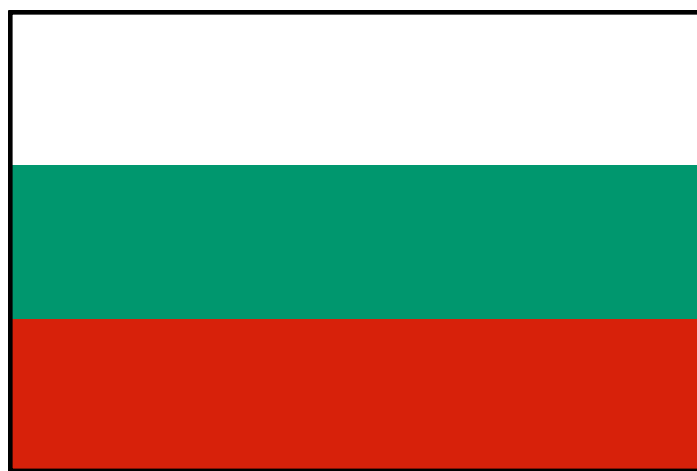
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Bulgaria, country of DARA

No one expected Bulgaria, and its singer Dara, to win the Eurovision Song Contest 2026!

This is a great opportunity to learn more about this country!



Go to Wikipedia and search for "Bulgaria". Then, complete the table about Bulgaria, and about your country.

	Bulgaria	Your country
capital	SOFIA	
population		
Area		

DARA was born in the city of Varna, the third most populous city in Bulgaria

Using the RULER tool in Google Earth, answer the following questions!

1. You are in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. You want to go to Varna. What is the distance between the two cities?
2. You then leave Varna and go to Plovdiv, the country's second most populous city. Then you return to Sofia. What is the total distance of the Sofia / Varna / Plovdiv route?
3. On the shore of which major sea is Varna located?