**Interesting facts about EUROVISION.**

1. It is 58 years old.
2. It is one of the most popular non-sports events in the world
3. Since its history 100 to 600 million people watched it every year.
4. It is held every year in May in different countries.
5. In the years 1956-1996 the results of the competition were told by voting of the qualified judges, who were from the participating countries. From 1997, in addition to the jury, the people from participating countries took part in voting. Thus, the rating of the programme rose very much.
6. The song must be 3 minutes long and it can be written in any language. Until 1999, it must have been written in the official language of the participating country.
7. In fact, the host is the country whose representative won the competition the previous year. Ireland was the first country to hold a contest 2 times year by year: in 1993 and 1994. Other countries refused to hold the competition for the second time because of money difficulties
8. The UK hosted the competition most of all – for eight times - in 1960, 1963, 1968, 1972, 1974, 1977, 1982 and 1998: 5 times after winning the competition, 3 times after the rejection of other countries. Ireland hosted the contest seven times: after its seven victories in 1970, 1981, 1987, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996. It is the only country to win and take the Eurovision Song Contest three times year by year.
9. We can say that the most fortunate country in "Eurovision" is the United Kingdom. Of course, Ireland became the winner more often (7 times against 5 wins in Britain), but 15 times the British got the second place, France and Luxembourg, as well as England, won five times, but they got the second place only three times.
10. Germany managed to win only in 2010.
11. In 2006 Finland at last celebrated the victory after 45 years of participation.
12. Ukraine won in its second participation in the competition in 2004.
13. Finally, Russia took part 12 times since 1994 and first won the competition in 2008.
14. According to the number of votes received by the winners, the all-time record (387 points) was set at Eurovision 2009 by Alexander Rybak, Norway.
15. The youngest winner of the Eurovision is Sandra Kim from Belgium, who was only 13 years old when she won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1986. According to current rules contestants must be over 16 years old. The youngest winner of the XXI century is a 19-year-old at the time German Lena Meyer-Landrut. The oldest contestant was Natalia Pugacheva of collective Buranovskie grandmothers (Russian). At the time of presentation she was 77 years old.
16. The largest number of 12-ball marks (18) is set by the representative of Sweden, Lorin, who performed the song Euphoria in 2012.

**Russia in the Eurovision Song Contest**The first performance - in 1994
The best result - 1, 2008
The worst result - 17, 1995

Russia took part in the Eurovision Song Contest 17 times. The debut took place in 1994, when Russia was represented by singer Masha Katz with "Eternal Wanderer". She sang under the pseudonym of Judith, and took the 9th place. The first place of Russia was in 2008 when Dima Bilan got 272 points with the song «Believe». The best performances were also in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2012, when the second-places were got by Alsou with the song «Solo», Dima Bilan with the song «Never Let You Go» and the group "Buranovskie grandmothers" with the song «Party for Everybody »and the third place by the group« Serebro »with the song« Song Number One ». In 2003, a group of «t.A.T.u.» was just three points away from the first place.

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| Year | Artist | Song of the Year | Language | Translation | Place | Points |
| **1)** | **2)** | [Вечный странник](http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%92%D0%B5%D1%87%D0%BD%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%81%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%BA)» | Russian | Eternal Wanderer | **3)** | 70 |
| 1995 | PhilipKirkorov | Колыбельная для вулкана | Russian | "Lullaby for the volcano"  | **4)** | 17 |
| 1997 | Alla Pugacheva | [Примадонна](http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9F%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B0%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B0_%28%D0%BF%D0%B5%D1%81%D0%BD%D1%8F%29)» | Russian | "Diva" | 15  | 33 |
| 2000 | **5)** | **6)** | English | Сама по себе | **7)** | 155 |
| 2001 | Mummy Troll | Lady Alpine Blue | English | Леди Синих Альп | 12  | 37 |
| 2002 | Prime Minister | Northern Girl» | English | Девушка с севера | 10  | 55 |
| 2003 | t.A.T.u. | [Не верь, не бойся, не проси](http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9D%D0%B5_%D0%B2%D0%B5%D1%80%D1%8C%2C_%D0%BD%D0%B5_%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%B9%D1%81%D1%8F%2C_%D0%BD%D0%B5_%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%B8_%28%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%29)» | Russian | Do not trust, do not be afraid, do not ask" | **8)** | 164 |
| 2004 | Julia Savicheva | «Believe Me» | English | Поверь мне | 11 | 67 |
| 2005 | Natalie Podolsky | «Nobody Hurt No One | English | Никто не причинит друг другу боль | 15  | 57 |
| 2006 | Dima Bilan | «Never Let You Go | English | Никогда не отпущу тебя | **9)** | 248 |
| 2007 | Serebro | «Song № 1" | English | Песня № 1 | **10)** | 207 |
| 2008 | **11)** | **12)** | English | **13)** | 1 | 272 |
| 2009 | Anastasia Prikhodko | [Мамо](http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B0%D0%BC%D0%BE)» | Russian, Ukrainian | Mom! | 11  | 91 |
| 2010 | Peter Nalitch | "Lost and Forgotten" | English | Потерян и забыт | 11  | 90 |
| 2011 | Alexey Vorobyov | "Get You | English, Russian | Завоевать тебя | 16  | 77 |
| 2012 | Buranovskiye Babushki | **14)** | Udmurt, English | Вечеринка для всех | **15)** | 259 |
| 2013 | Dina Garipova | «What If» | English | Что, если |  |  |

Bookmakers predict Dean Garipova to get the fourth place.