

# Why San Marino's televote exposes the percentages of votes to Israel

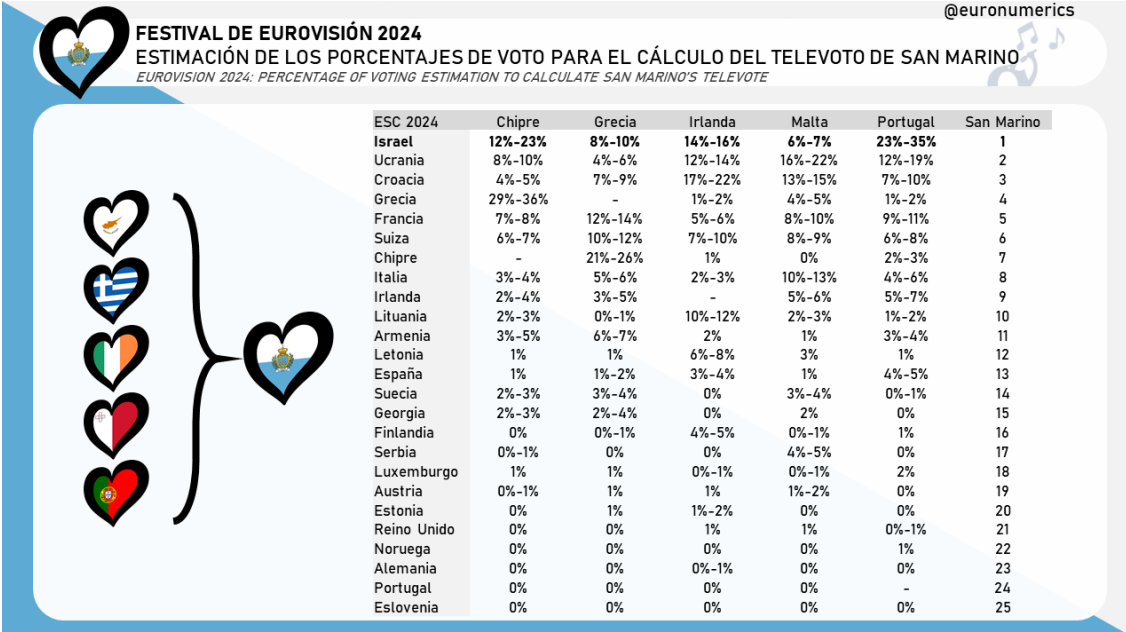
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In this research, we used San Marino's televote calculation to obtain the voting percentages for Israel in various countries. The numbers reveal an anomalous increase in votes in Western countries, highlighting Israeli influence. In 2024, in Portugal, it reached 35% of the total votes cast.

## THE CALCULATION OF SAN MARINO'S TELEVOTE

San Marino is such a small country that its televote is not very representative. Therefore, the organization acknowledged that it calculates its televote based on that of other like-minded countries, according to ESC Insight. These like-minded countries appear to be those that share a pot with San Marino in the semi-final draw. And rankings are not used; instead, the number of calls and SMS messages is used.

Based on these assumptions, we simulated the percentage of votes that would have been used to calculate San Marino's televote. The table below shows the estimated vote percentages (within confidence intervals) for the countries that shared a ballot with San Marino in 2024 (Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Malta, and Portugal).



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ESC 2024	Chipre	Grecia	Irlanda	Malta	Portugal	San Marino
Israel	12%-23%	8%-10%	14%-16%	6%-7%	23%-35%	1
Ucrania	8%-10%	4%-6%	12%-14%	16%-22%	12%-19%	2
Croacia	4%-5%	7%-9%	17%-22%	13%-15%	7%-10%	3
Grecia	29%-36%	-	1%-2%	4%-5%	1%-2%	4
Francia	7%-8%	12%-14%	5%-6%	8%-10%	9%-11%	5
Suiza	6%-7%	10%-12%	7%-10%	8%-9%	6%-8%	6
Chipre	-	21%-26%	1%	0%	2%-3%	7
Italia	3%-4%	5%-6%	2%-3%	10%-13%	4%-6%	8
Irlanda	2%-4%	3%-5%	-	5%-6%	5%-7%	9
Lituania	2%-3%	0%-1%	10%-12%	2%-3%	1%-2%	10
Armenia	3%-5%	6%-7%	2%	1%	3%-4%	11
Letonia	1%	1%	6%-8%	3%	1%	12
España	1%	1%-2%	3%-4%	1%	4%-5%	13
Suecia	2%-3%	3%-4%	0%	3%-4%	0%-1%	14
Georgia	2%-3%	2%-4%	0%	2%	0%	15
Finlandia	0%	0%-1%	4%-5%	0%-1%	1%	16
Serbia	0%-1%	0%	0%	4%-5%	0%	17
Luxemburgo	1%	1%	0%-1%	0%-1%	2%	18
Austria	0%-1%	1%	1%	1%-2%	0%	19
Estonia	0%	1%	1%-2%	0%	0%	20
Reino Unido	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%-1%	21
Noruega	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	22
Alemania	0%	0%	0%-1%	0%	0%	23
Portugal	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	24
Eslovenia	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25

The estimated percentage of votes from Portugal for Israel would range between 23% and 35%. We can assume that, due to its proximity, Spain would obtain a similar result, which coincides with what was reported by The New York Times. That is, between one in four and one in three Portuguese votes would have gone to Israel.

Although many things may catch our attention, two aspects stand out. First, although Portugal is a major voter for Ukraine (represented that year by Alyona Alyona and Jerry Heil, Teresa & Maria), Israel managed to come out far ahead: 12-19% for Ukraine and 23-35% for Israel. Second, Cyprus's great historical love for Greece ranged between 29-36%, very similar to Portugal's range for Israel.

### WE'VE COMPILED THE TELEVOTING PERCENTAGES FOR ISRAEL

The following table summarizes the percentages of votes for Israel between 2023 and 2026. Only the countries that were in the same draw as San Marino in the semi-finals each year are included. Remember that the scandal began in 2024, hence the red dividing line.

	2023	2024	2025	2026
Grecia	11-15%	8-10%	8-10%	4-6%
Chipre	30-38%	12-23%	5-7%	3-5%
Malta	5-7%	6-7%	6-9%	7-10%
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>3-5%</b>	<b>23-35%</b>	<b>17-28%</b>	-
Irlanda	3-5%	14-16%	13-20%	-
Letonia	-	-	-	6-8%
Lituania	-	-	-	1-2%

Let's distinguish three groups of countries:

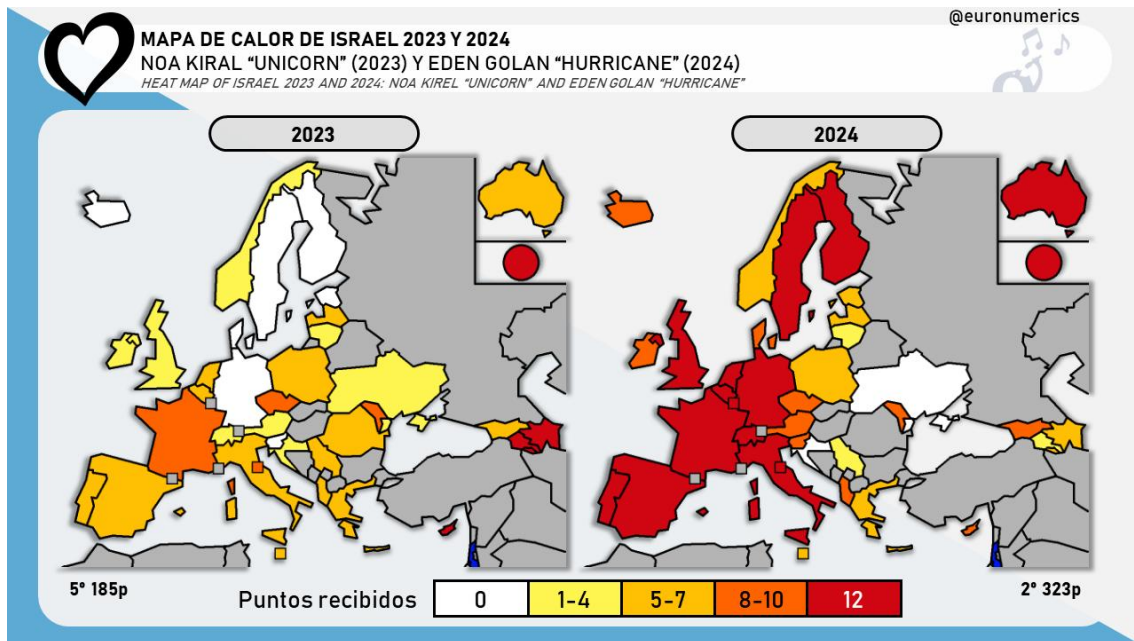
In Ireland and Portugal, Western countries, Israel's percentages increased dramatically from 2023 to 2024. In Malta, the percentages remained fairly constant throughout the period.

In Greece and Cyprus, there was a decrease from 2023 to 2024, although Israel remained in 4th and 2nd place, respectively. This suggests that their vote percentages are organic (people voted for Israel when it was popular) and are not as inflated as in the Western countries.

Latvia and Lithuania are two very similar countries in their voting patterns. Although they voted for Israel relatively little in 2026, it is noteworthy that Latvia (6-8%) voted for it much more than Lithuania (1-2%).

### TO LEARN MORE... THE CROSS-CUTTING AND IRREGULAR DISTRIBUTION OF POINTS FOR ISRAEL

The following image shows two heat maps representing the points received by Israel in the televote. The one on the left shows the 2023 data, before the controversy; and the one on the right shows the 2024 data. The warmer the color, the more points received.



The map on the left, before the controversy, shows cross-cutting distribution. That is, Israel obtained points more or less evenly, something also seen in its 2018 victory. This consistency is a characteristic of countries that achieve high rankings.

However, the map on the right does not show cross-cutting distribution. Its points came primarily from Western countries and less from Eastern countries (which were its traditional voting bloc). The map can practically be split in two. This pattern has been repeated in subsequent years, revealing anomalous and improper behavior at Eurovision.

I know this analysis may not add anything new and may be late, but rigor takes time. The fight against those who damage the Festival will be long, and here are our small contributions to exposing the cheaters. To what extent is it legitimate for the San Marino televote to be pre-arranged? Why is the organization resisting providing a more detailed televote? Silence implies consent.