



Public Broadcasting Services Limited

**Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection**  
**2021**  
**Regulations**

**July 2021**

## Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2021 - Regulations

### 1. The Song Contest

- a. The Junior Eurovision Song Contest (the "JESC") is an international coproduction by EBU Members which is carried out under the auspices of the European Broadcasting Union (the "EBU") as part of the television programme exchange known as Eurovision. The 2021 Junior Eurovision Song Contest will be held in Paris, France on the 19th December, 2021.

### 2. The National Selection Process

- a. Public Broadcasting Services Ltd. is hereby publishing a call for applications for artists aged between 9 and 14 years to submit original songs for a national selection process which will eventually lead to the participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021.

### 3. The ARTISTS

- a. All artists competing in the show should be aged between 9 and 14 years on the 19th Dec 2021
- b. Artists must be Maltese nationals.
- c. Each performance may consist of a maximum of six child artists.
- d. The lead singer(s) of the selected song (the "Lead Vocal(s)") shall perform only live on stage
- e. The eventual vocal support(s) for the Lead Vocal(s) of the selected song (the "Lead Dub(s)") shall perform only live, on stage or off-stage
- f. All other backing vocal(s) performing vocal harmonies (the "Backing Vocal") of the selected song may perform either live on or off stage and/or on backing track given that the song rules below are respected
- g. The applicants may not engage to compete for another country during the same year.
- h. The representative for Malta in the Junior Eurovision 2020 may not apply

### 4. The SONGS

- a. Applicants must submit **original songs**, including a full playback version (including voice) and also a backing track excluding the voice.
- b. The submitted compositions (lyrics and music) should not have been commercially and/or publicly performed in full or in part before the 1st of May 2021.
- c. The maximum duration of each song is three minutes and the minimum duration is 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
- d. The lyrics of the song may be written and performed in English/Maltese as the national official languages of Malta. If other languages are used, they have to be limited to a maximum of 40% of the full lyrics.
- e. It is recommended that children take part in the process of the writing and composing of the songs.
- f. Songs should reflect youth and be fun for the young artist(s) to perform. The songs should also be adapt for the right age of the lead singer(s).
- g. The composition can include a maximum of six vocals.
- h. The recorded backing track may contain back vocals together with a recording of the Lead Vocal if performing as backing vocal (if applicable). If the lead vocal is recorded as a part of the backing track to accompany the back vocals, this shall not exempt the Contestant(s) from performing live, i.e. on top of the backing track.
- i. The composer(s), author(s) and artist(s) must accept that PBS may request changes and amendments to the selected song, including but not limited to amendment to structure, lyrics, backing vocals and supporting artists

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### 5. The Selection Process

- a. **Preliminary Selection:** PBS Ltd. will nominate a professional jury wherein all the applicants will be heard and judged on the submitted full playback version. A total of 12 finalists will be selected. Whilst applicants can submit more than one song, only one submission per lead artist(s) can make it to the final twelve.
- b. **Finalists:** The twelve finalists will sing LIVE in front of a jury, during a live broadcast of MJESC. The voting will be equally shared between professional jury and televoting to determine the winner.
- c. PBS reserves the right to alter the selection process during its course, should circumstances prevail that hinder the continuation of the same process. Any such changes to the process will be made public.

### 6. The Voting Process

- a. **100% Jury – Preliminary Selection**
- b. **50% Jury + 50% Televoting - Winner's Selection**
  - i. **In the case of a tie, the singer with the highest marks given by the jury, will be determined as the winner.**
  - ii. **Only the scores obtained by the top three songs will be made public.**

### 7. The Winner

- a. The winner will be announced solely by PBS on its media.
- b. The winner shall represent Malta in the next JESC which will be held in France. This invitation will be offered to the next placed artist in case the winning artist, for any reason, is not able to **participate in the JESC.**
- c. Parents/Guardians are informed, that the winner will automatically be managed by PBS from the day of the announcement of the winner till the 19th December, 2021 (this date can be extended in the case of postponement of the JESC 2021 by the organizers) and it has to be declared that the child artist is free from any other management agreements. Furthermore, the child artist must abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated by PBS and EBU.
- d. Should the winning artist(s), without justification, interrupt his/her participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC 2021), he/she may be liable to lifetime exclusion from the contest and may be held liable for damages incurred by PBS as a result of his / her actions.
- e. A declaration of release of the winning song is required from the authors and composers who were involved in the process of writing and composing the winning song.

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### 8. The Submission Process

The online submissions must include the:

- a. The Participation Form (Annex A) which needs to be signed by both parents unless documentation is provided in case of a sole legal guardian.
- b. Minor Release Form
- c. Declaration by parents/guardians of the child artist
- d. Declaration by the Composer for the Song Release
- e. Declaration by the Author for the Song Release
- f. A full playback version of the participating song (including voice) together with a backing track including backing vocals (but excluding the main voice) both versions need to be submitted in WAV File & MP3 formats

### 9. Participation Fee

- a. There is €50 for participating in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2021  
**(Payment Details in Appendix 1)**
  - b. PBS shall finance the participation in the JESC, and the flight from Malta (and return) and accommodation, of the lead artist(s) and one parent/legal guardian. No further remuneration will be given.
10. All participating child artists bind themselves not to take part in talk shows, interviews or any other programmes dealing with their participation in this song selection, be it on television, on radio, on printed media or on the web. If necessary, PBS will take care to give equal publicity to the finalists.
  11. Each participant shall at all times respect the principle of solidarity and good faith. Public comments (by any means) and media posts (by any means) by either the artist, composer, author, a guardian, relative or any other affiliate to the participants with direct or indirect reference to the selection process or participation is not tolerable. Only social media posts authorized by PBS are permitted. A breach of this rule may result in any measure taken including disqualification.
  12. Any type of soliciting or potential influence on the contest staff or jury by either the artist, composer, author, a guardian, relative or any other affiliate to the participants will lead to immediate disqualification.
  13. PBS is to be informed of any medical condition which could affect the participating artist(s) performance in the JESC.
  14. PBS accepts no financial liability or obligation whatsoever to artists, authors or composers in connection with participation in this process or the eventual participation in the JESC.
  15. All decisions taken by PBS, in all stages are final, binding, non-contestable and non-appealable.
  16. All Participation Forms and any accompanying materials, are not returnable.

### Timeline:

26 July 2021	Publishing of Regulations
5 September 2021	Submissions' Deadline
19 September 2021	Announcement of 12 Finalist
Beginning October	Televoting/Online Voting Time window Footage of 12 Finalists, will be shown on TV & Social Media
9 October 2021	Live Show & Announcement of Winner on PBS Media
19 December 2021	Junior Eurovision Song Contest – France

## Application Form

### MALTA JUNIOR EUROVISION SELECTION 2021

Name and Surname of child artist: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number of child artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent / Guardian 1**

Name & Surname of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number of parent / guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent / Guardian 2**

Name & Surname of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Number of parent / guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Song Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tick where applicable:*

Original Song

Cover Version

Initials of parents / guardians:

## Declaration by parents/guardians of the child artist

**Declaration:**

I, the undersigned declare that I have read all Malta Junior Eurovision Selection 2021 regulations and agree to abide by all such regulations,

In my capacity as parent / legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I am hereby consenting to his / her participation in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2021.

I am also fully aware and giving the informed consent that the child artist will be interviewed, video graphed and photographed, and which information and material will be broadcast and published to the public domain under various means and forms.

I am also fully aware that I cannot withdraw this consent.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian 1

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian 2

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\*Documentation needs to be provided in case of a sole legal guardian.

## Declaration by Author for the Song Release Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2021

**Declaration:**

The undersigned author is hereby giving the release to *(name of child artist)*\_\_\_\_\_to participate in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021 with the song entitled

\_\_\_\_\_.

It is also being understood, that if the said song makes it through to be the winning song, the child artist may represent Malta with the same song in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021, which is being held in France, on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

The songwriter hereby authorizes the right to make copies of the lyrics, as well as translations thereof, for an unlimited time, into English and any other language of the JESC 2021 Participating Broadcasters, for possible dubbing or subtitling for the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing as well as making available free of charge at the show, for informational and promotional used by the EBU, by the Host Broadcaster and by the Participating Broadcasters (for commentary purposes and possibly for subtitling). In addition, the songwriter shall be required to authorize the reproduction of the lyrics for incorporation as an information sheet and/or booklet accompanying any compilation and/or for publishing on the Internet on the official website of the JESC including in connection with the Sales of Digital Releases.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name in Block Letters & Signature**  
**Author**

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Declaration by Composer for the Song Release Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2021

**Declaration:**

The undersigned composer is hereby giving the release to (*name of child artist*) \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021 with the song entitled

\_\_\_\_\_.

It is also being understood, that if the said song makes it through to be the winning song, the child artist may represent Malta with the same song in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021, which is being held in France, on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name in Block Letters & Signature**  
**Composer**

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_



## MINOR RELEASE FORM

### Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2021

I hereby give **Public Broadcasting Services Ltd.**, their licensees, successors, legal representatives, and assigns the absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use, reproduce, edit, exhibit, project, display, copyright, publish and/or resell photography images and/or moving pictures and/or videotaped images of me with or without my voice and further agree that any video and / or audio material derived from any audiovisual recording in which I participate may be broadcast and distributed without limitation through any means and I shall not receive any compensation for my participation.

I also agree to the use of my name, likeness, portrait or pictures, voice and biographical material about me for any reason.

I further agree that my participation in any video / audio material confers upon me no rights to use, ownership or copyright. I release **Public Broadcasting Services Ltd.**, its representatives, agents, and assigns from all liability which may arise from any and/or all claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation in the video / audio material.

It is understood that **Public Broadcasting Services Ltd.** is under no obligation to broadcast the above-identified video / audio material.

Agreed to and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 by:

Name & Surname of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No / ID Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Surname of Parents/Legal Guardian\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No / ID Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parents/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Documentation needs to be provided in case of a sole legal guardian.**

## Appendix 1

Payment can be submitted as follows: -

- At the PBS Reception Desk from Mon to Sat between 8:00am and 3:00pm
- Cheque payable to Public Broadcasting Services and sent by post.

**Address:-** 75, Creativity Hub, St Luke's Road, G'Mangia

- Bank Transfer

>> Bank of Valletta, Msida Seafront, Msida, Malta.  
A/c: 40014549562  
IBAN NO: MT95VALL22013000000040014549562  
BIC: VALLMTMT

>> H.S.B.C., The Strand, Gzira, Malta.  
A/C:085-033-405-001  
IBAN: MT67MMEB44853000000085033405001  
BIC: MMEBMTMT