

SVT statement on the debate over Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest

Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest is generating debate and today a number of Swedish artists have called on the EBU to cancel Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest 2024.

It is the EBU's decision which public broadcasters may take part in the event, and as the host broadcaster, SVT follows the EBU's decisions.

The humanitarian suffering in this deeply complex conflict is devastating. Nobody can be left unmoved by the current situation in Gaza, or by the Hamas attack in Israel. We are also concerned about these developments. We understand and respect that groups of people wish to make their voices heard.

As the host broadcaster, SVT has an ongoing dialogue with the EBU about the challenges of producing Europe's largest TV-production in times of unrest.

We are humbled by the task and are working to ensure the project can be carried out in the best way possible, with the vision that music unites.