

EERA YOUNG TALENT CONTEST – FINAL RANKING

The EERA Young Talent Contest International Final took place during the EERA- East European Rock Alliance Festival (31.10–01.11.2025, Arenele Romane, Bucharest) – alongside incredible performances by Lacrimosa & Haggard DE, Dirty Shirt RO, He'lenine Oči SK, Łydka Grubasa PL, Thy Catafalque HU and Harmasar MD!

The EERA Project celebrates European cultural diversity, creativity, and collaboration through music! EU♪♪ Its mission is to connect and support young and emerging rock artists from across Europe, promote cross-border artistic exchange, and offer emerging bands real opportunities to perform internationally.

EERA Young Talent Contest gathered **130 bands from 6 countries**, with around **90 officially entering the contest** after meeting the eligibility rules. After the online selection, **the best bands from each section** performed live at the **international final during EERA Festival!**

International Finalists:

PL **My Own Abyss** – Poland & Ukraine

CZ **Black Row** – Czech Republic & Slovakia

RO **The Voodoo Child** – Romania & Moldova

The finalists were chosen by the public and a **jury of 25 professionals** – musicians, journalists, and partners – and evaluated at the final by an **international jury of 13 members**:

- Dominika Martišek (HO Management, Helfest)
- Martin Mihalčin (He'lenine Oči, Helfest)
- Jakub Tirčo (He'lenine Oči, Ions)
- Laurențiu Străut (Wacken Metal Battle Romania)
- Doru Ionescu (TVR, Rock FM)
- Lenti Chiriac (Radio România, Heavy Metal Magazine)
- Alex Crăciun (Radio 7)
- Bogdan & Sorin (Metalfan Romania)
- Adrian Uritescu (LowBass5 Studio, Dirty Shirt)
- Sergio Ponti (Musora / Drumeo, Dirty Shirt)
- Mihai Tivadar (Dirty Shirt, Promusic Events)
- Nelu Brîndușan (Promusic Events, Maximum Rock)

Prizes worth over 10,000 € were offered thanks to **Creative Europe (cash prizes)** and **music equipment & software** from our amazing sponsors:

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After an intense final, the **results were unbelievable** – a **perfect tie!** Each band scored **26 points**. The second criterion (number of maximum points) decided the final ranking:

🏆 **1st place:** THE VOODOO CHILD (Romania) – 26 points, 6 maximum

🏆 **2nd place:** MY OWN ABYSS (Poland) – 26 points, 4 maximum

🏆 **3rd place:** BLACK ROW (Czech Republic) – 26 points, 3 maximum

🔥 **Congratulations to all three bands** – outstanding performances, professional shows, and great energy on stage!

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