

# Εὐρώπη

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## Ancient Greek

### Alternative forms

- Εὐρώπᾱ (Eurṓpā) – *Doric*
- Εὐρωπίᾱ (Eurōpīā) – *poetic*

### Etymology

Of uncertain origin, but either from:

- εὐρύς (*eurús*) + ὤψ (*ōps*), literally meaning "wide face" (as a description of the beauty of the mythical *Europa*) or "broad eye" (metaphorically meaning something like "as far as the eye can see")
- Semitic origin**; compare also *Ἀσία* (*Asía*):
  - Akkadian 𒌦𒍪𒌦𒍪 (*<sup>d</sup>UD.ŠU<sub>2</sub>A* /erebu, erbu/, "direction of the setting sun, occident, west")
  - Phoenician 𐤀𐤓𐤁 (*ʿrb* /ʿereb/, "evening")
  - Aramaic ܥܪܘܒܐ (*ʿrōbā*, "sunset, Sabbath eve")
  - Hebrew מַעֲרֹב (*maʿărōḇ*, "occident, west")
  - Classical Syriac ܡܥܪܒܐ (*maʿrəḇā*, "occident, west")
  - Arabic مَغْرِب (*ġarḇ*, "occident, west") and مَغْرُوب (*ġurūḇ*, "setting of the sun")

- From a separate Semitic root related to guarantees and exchanges, found in Arabic عَرَبُونَ (*‘arabūn*), Hebrew בְּנֵי-עֲרֻבָּה (ben-‘*aruboh*, “hostages”), Classical Syriac ܐܪܘܒܐ (*‘arubā*, “hostages”), stemming from mythology in which Europa is famously abducted; see the story of Cadmus, a figure also with Semitic associations, who seeks after his kidnapped sister.

## Pronunciation

- (5<sup>th</sup> BCE Attic) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /eu.rɔ̃ː.peː/
- (1<sup>st</sup> CE Egyptian) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /ew'ro.pe/
- (4<sup>th</sup> CE Koine) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /e'βro.pi/
- (10<sup>th</sup> CE Byzantine) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /e'vro.pi/
- (15<sup>th</sup> CE Constantinopolitan) IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /e'vro.pi/

## Proper noun

**Εὐρώπη** • (Eurṓpē) *f.* (genitive **Εὐρώπης**); *first declension*

- (Greek mythology) Europa, a Phoenician princess abducted to Crete by Zeus
- Europe, a continent

## Inflection

First declension of ἡ Εὐρώπη; τῆς Εὐρώπης (Attic)	
Case / #	Singular
<b>Nominative</b>	ἡ Εὐρώπη hē Eurṓpē
<b>Genitive</b>	τῆς Εὐρώπης tēs Eurṓpēs
<b>Dative</b>	τῇ Εὐρώπῃ tēi Eurṓpēi
<b>Accusative</b>	τὴν Εὐρώπην tēn Eurṓpēn
<b>Vocative</b>	Εὐρώπη Eurṓpē
<b>Notes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This table gives Attic inflectional endings. For declension in other dialects, see <u>Appendix:Ancient Greek dialectal declension</u>.</li> </ul>

The personal name rarely takes a definite article.

## Descendants

- Greek: Ευρώπη (Evrópi)
  - Albanian: Evropa, Evropë
  - Aromanian: Evropa
- Latin: Europa (see *there* for further descendants)
- Old Armenian: Եւրոպա (Ewropa), Եւրոպիա (Ewropia)

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