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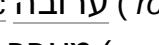
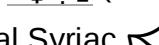
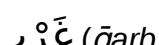
Ancient Greek

Alternative forms

- [Εύρωπā](#) (Eurōpā) – *Doric*
- [Εύρωπíā](#) (Eurōpíā) – *poetic*

Etymology

Of uncertain origin, but either from:

- [εὐρύς](#) (eurús) + [Ὥψ](#) (óps), literally meaning "wide face" (as a description of the beauty of the mythical [Ευρώπη](#)) or "broad eye" (metaphorically meaning something like "as far as the eye can see")
- Semitic origin; compare also [Ἀσία](#) (Asía):
 - Akkadian  (^dUD.ŠU₂.A /erebu, erbu/, "direction of the setting sun, occident, west")
 - Phoenician  ('rb /'ereb/, "evening")
 - Aramaic  (עָרֹבָה) (rōbā, "sunset, Sabbath eve")
 - Hebrew  (ma 'ārob, "occident, west")
 - Classical Syriac  (ma 'rəbā, "occident, west")
 - Arabic  (ḡarb, "occident, west") and  (ḡurūb, "setting of the sun")

- From a separate Semitic root related to guarantees and exchanges, found in Arabic عَرْبُون ('arabūn), Hebrew בֶן־עֲרָבָה (ben- 'āru**ba**, "hostages"), Classical Syriac ରୂବା ('aruba, "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

- (5th BCE Attic) IPA^(key): /eʊ.rɔ:.pε:/
- (1st CE Egyptian) IPA^(key): /ew'ro.pe/
- (4th CE Koine) IPA^(key): /e'βro.pi/
- (10th CE Byzantine) IPA^(key): /e'vro.pi/
- (15th CE Constantinopolitan) IPA^(key): /e'vro.pi/

Proper noun

Εύρωπη • (Eurōpē) f (genitive **Εύρωπης**); first declension

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

Inflection

First declension of <u>ἡ Εύρωπη</u> ; <u>τῆς Εύρωπης</u> (Attic)	
Case / #	Singular
Nominative	<u>ἡ Εύρωπη</u> hē Eurōpē
Genitive	<u>τῆς Εύρωπης</u> tēs Eurōpēs
Dative	<u>τῇ Εύρωπῃ</u> tēi Eurōpēi
Accusative	<u>τὴν Εύρωπην</u> tēn Eurōpēn
Vocative	Εύρωπη Eurōpē
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This table gives Attic inflectional endings. For declension in other dialects, see Appendix:Ancient Greek dialectal declension.

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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