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The word meze derived from the Persian word 'maze' (taste, snack) and 'mazidan'(to taste). Today the word 'meze' is used on a vast geography from eastern Europe to North Africa and even all the way to Caucasus refering to small dishes of appetizers to be served along side anise flavored spirits (such as Rakı or Ouzo) or wine. When not accompanied by any alcoholic beverages they are served as starters as a part of any large scale meal. In Turkey mezes are served usually along side rakı the traditional Turkish alcoholic beverage in establishments called meyhane (another persian originated word which translates as wine-house)