MEN'S EHF EURO 2020 GUIDE

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9 - 26 January

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A — RESULTS — GRAZ

date	time	teams	
9/1	18:15	BLR v SRB	
	20:30	CRO v MNE	
11/1	16:00	CRO v BLR	
	18:15	MNE v SRB	
13/1	18:15	MNE v BLR	
	20:30	SRB v CRO	

GROUP B — RESULTS — VIENNA

date	time	teams	
10/1	18:15	CZE v AUT	
	20:30	MKD v UKR	
12/1	16:00	CZE v MKD	
	18:15	AUT v UKR	
14/1	18:15	AUT v MKD	
	20:30	UKR v CZE	

GROUP A — FINAL TABLE — GRAZ

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
1						
2						
3						
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GROUP B — FINAL TABLE — VIENNA

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
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GROUP C — RESULTS — TRONDHEIM

date	time	teams	
9/1	18:15	GER v NED	
	20:30	ESP v LAT	
11/1	16:00	LAT v NED	
	18:15	ESP v GER	
13/1	18:15	LAT v GER	
	20:30	NED v ESP	

GROUP D — RESULTS — TRONDHEIM

date	time	teams	
10/1	18:15	FRA v POR	
	20:30	NOR v BIH	
12/1	16:00	POR v BIH	
	18:15	FRA v NOR	
14/1	18:15	BIH v FRA	
	20:30	POR v NOR	

GROUP C — FINAL TABLE — TRONDHEIM

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
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GROUP D — FINAL TABLE — TRONDHEIM

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
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GROUP E — RESULTS — MALMÖ

date	time	teams	
11/1	16:00	HUN v RUS	
	18:15	DEN v ISL	
13/1	18:15	ISL v RUS	
	20:30	DEN v HUN	
15/1	18:15	ISL v HUN	
	20:30	RUS v DEN	

GROUP F — RESULTS — GOTHENBURG

date	time	teams	
10/1	18:15	SLO v POL	
	20:30	SWE v SUI	
12/1	16:00	SUI v POL	
	18:15	SWE v SLO	
14/1	18:15	SUI v SLO	
	20:30	POL v SWE	

GROUP E — FINAL TABLE — MALMÖ

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
1						
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GROUP F — FINAL TABLE — GOTHENBURG

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
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4						

MAIN ROUND

1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F
2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F

GROUP I — RESULTS — VIENNA

date	time*	teams
16/1		1C v 2B
		2A v 2C
		1A v 1B
18/1		1C v 1B
		1A v 2C
		2A v 2B
20/1		1A v 2B
		2A v 1C
		1B v 2C
22/1		1A v 1C
		2A v 1B
		2B v 2C

GROUP II — RESULTS — MALMÖ

date	time*	teams
17/1		1F v 2E
		2D v 2F
		1D v 1E
19/1		1F v 1E
		1D v 2F
		2D v 2E
21/1		1D v 2E
		2D v 1F
		1E v 2F
22/1		1D v 1F
		2D v 1E
		2E v 2F

GROUP I — FINAL TABLE — VIENNA

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
1						
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GROUP II — FINAL TABLE — MALMÖ

	W	D	L	Goals	Diff	Pts
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FINAL WEEKEND

SEMI-FINALS — STOCKHOLM

date	time			
24/1	18:00		v	
	20:30		v	

PLACEMENT MATCH 5/6 — STOCKHOLM

date	time			
25/1	16:00		v	

PLACEMENT MATCH 3/4 — STOCKHOLM

date	time			
25/1	18:30		v	

FINAL — STOCKHOLM

date	time			
26/1	16:30		v	

RANKING

1	13
2	14
3	15
4	16
5	17
6	18
7	19
8	20
9	21
10	22
11	23
12	24

*The basic schedule for the main round is: 16:00, 18:15 and 20:30 (matches to be assigned accordingly). The match times for 19/1 are 14:00, 16:15 and 18:30. The EHF reserves the right to change the playing schedule and match order on the respective playing days due to TV-transmission requirements.

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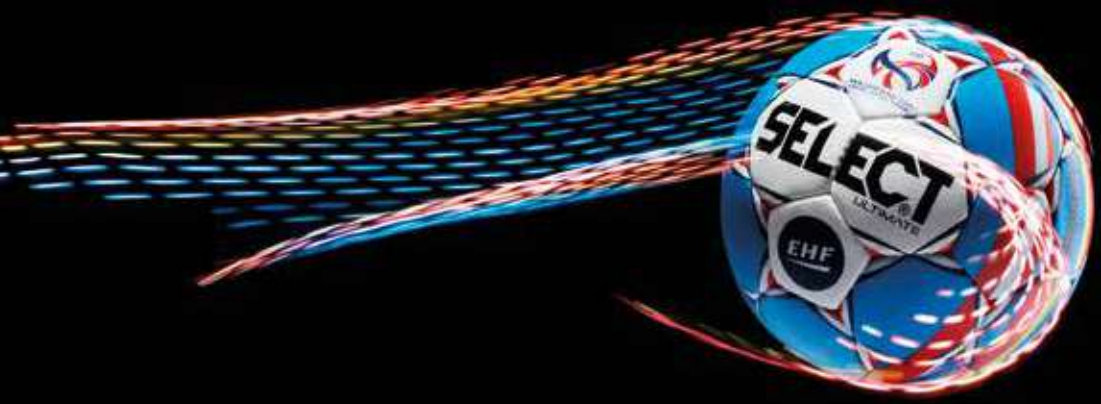

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GRAZ – GROUP A

Competition venue

Stadthalle Graz
Messeplatz 1, 8010 Graz
Capacity: 5,500

Transport

Airport: Graz Airport
Train station: Graz Central Station
Public transport: www.holding-graz.at/graz-linien.html

Media hotel

Best Western Plus Amedia
Conrad-Von-Hötzendorf-Strasse 96, 8010 Graz
Distance to competition venue: 5 mins walk
Distance to airport: 11 mins by car
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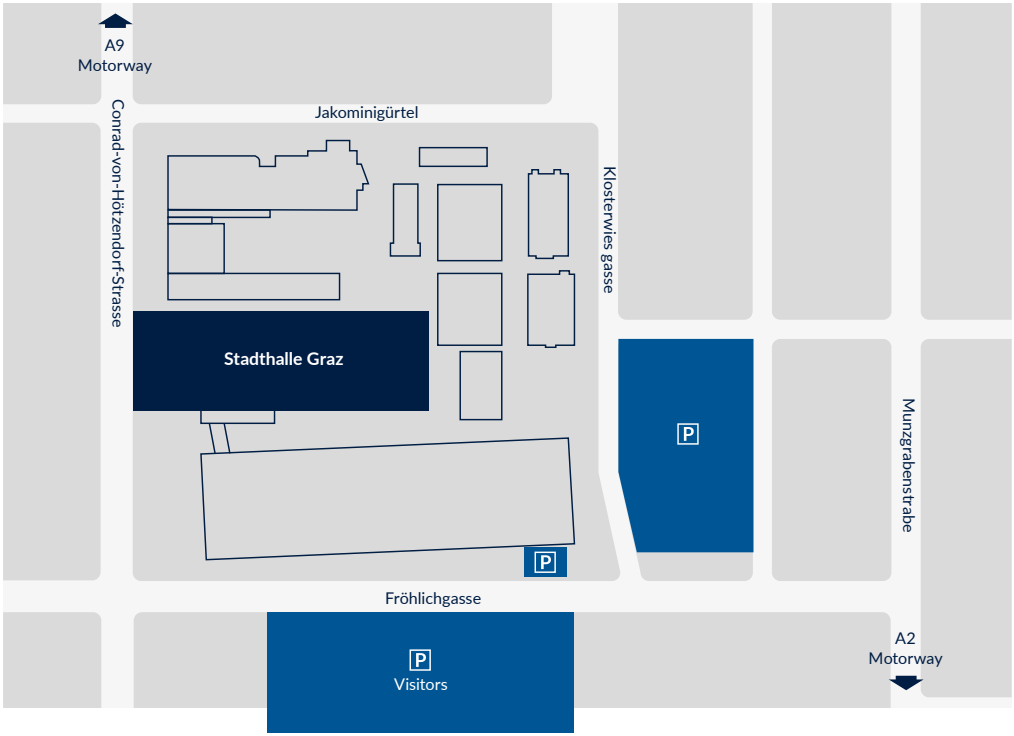

GRAZ – GROUP A

Media centre & press conference room

1. Media centre - workstations
2. Press conference
3. Media office/LOC office
4. Welcome desk / Info point
5. Media catering
6. Camera platform

GRAZ – GROUP A

Accreditation Centre

Day	Date	Open	Closed
Tuesday	7 January	10:00	18:00
Wednesday	8 January	10:00	22:00
Thursday	9 January	10:00	22:00
Friday	10 January	12:00	16:00
Saturday	11 January	12:00	20:00
Sunday	12 January	12:00	16:00
Monday	13 January	12:00	22:00

Media Centre

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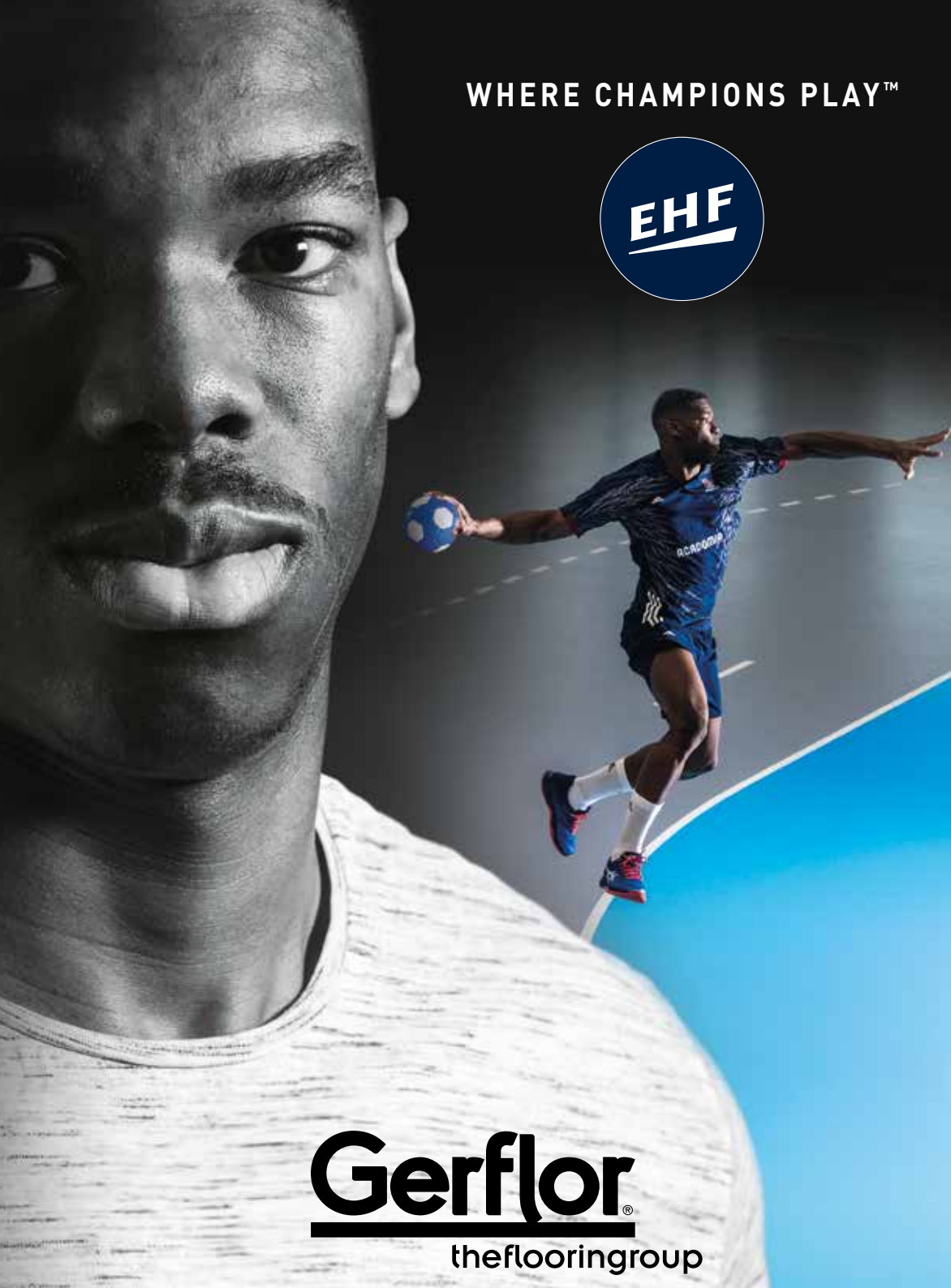
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VIENNA – GROUP B

Competition venue

Wiener Stadthalle
Roland-Rainer-Platz 1, 1150 Vienna
Capacity: 10,000

Transport

Airport: Vienna Airport
Train station: Vienna Central Station
Public transport: www.wienerlinien.at/eportal3

Media hotel

Fleming's Conference Hotel
Neubaugürtel 26-28, 1070 Vienna
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Distance to airport: 30 mins by car
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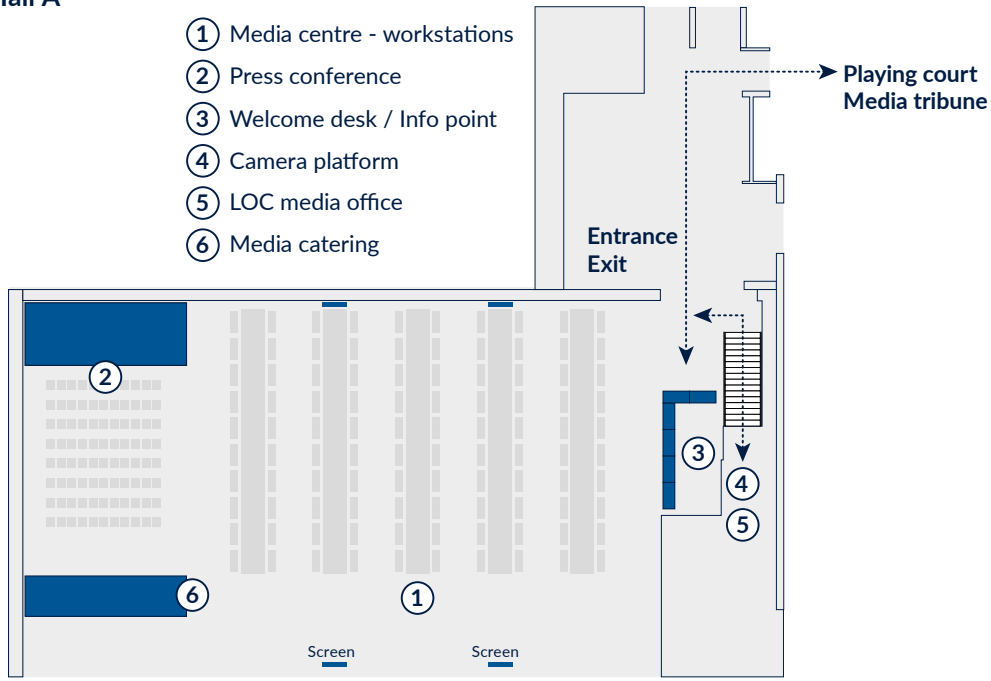
VIENNA – GROUP B

Media centre & press conference room

Hall A



VIENNA – GROUP B

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Competition venue

Trondheim Spektrum
Klostergata 90, 7030 Trondheim
Capacity: 9,000

Transport

Airport:	Trondheim Airport
Train station:	Trondheim Central Station
Public transport:	www.atb.no/en/

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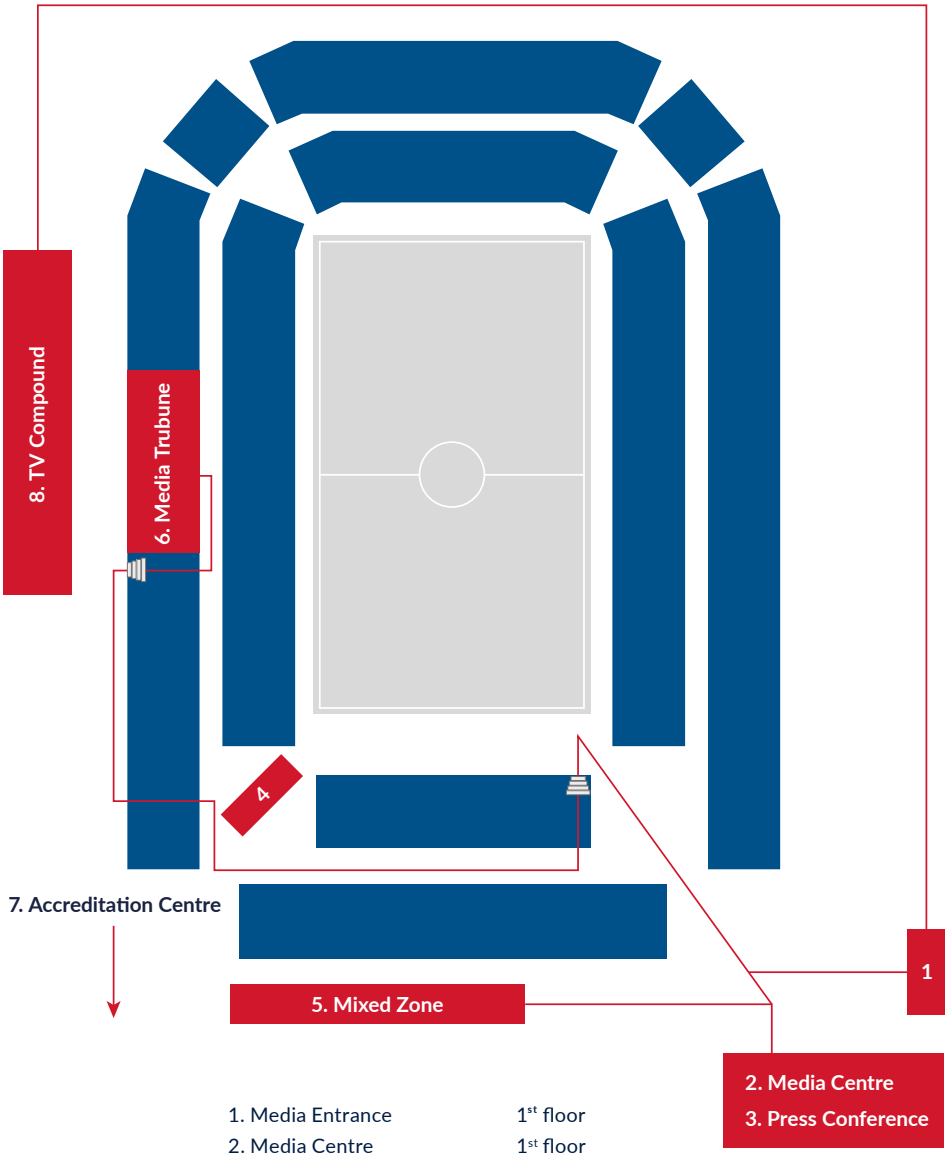

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2. Media Centre	1st floor
3. Press Conference	1st floor
4. Flash Zone	1st floor
5. Mixed Zone	1st floor
6. Media Tribune	3rd floor
7. Accreditation Centre	2nd floor
8. TV Compound	Outside

TRONDHEIM – GROUP C/D

Accreditation Centre

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Monday	6 January	14:00	20:00
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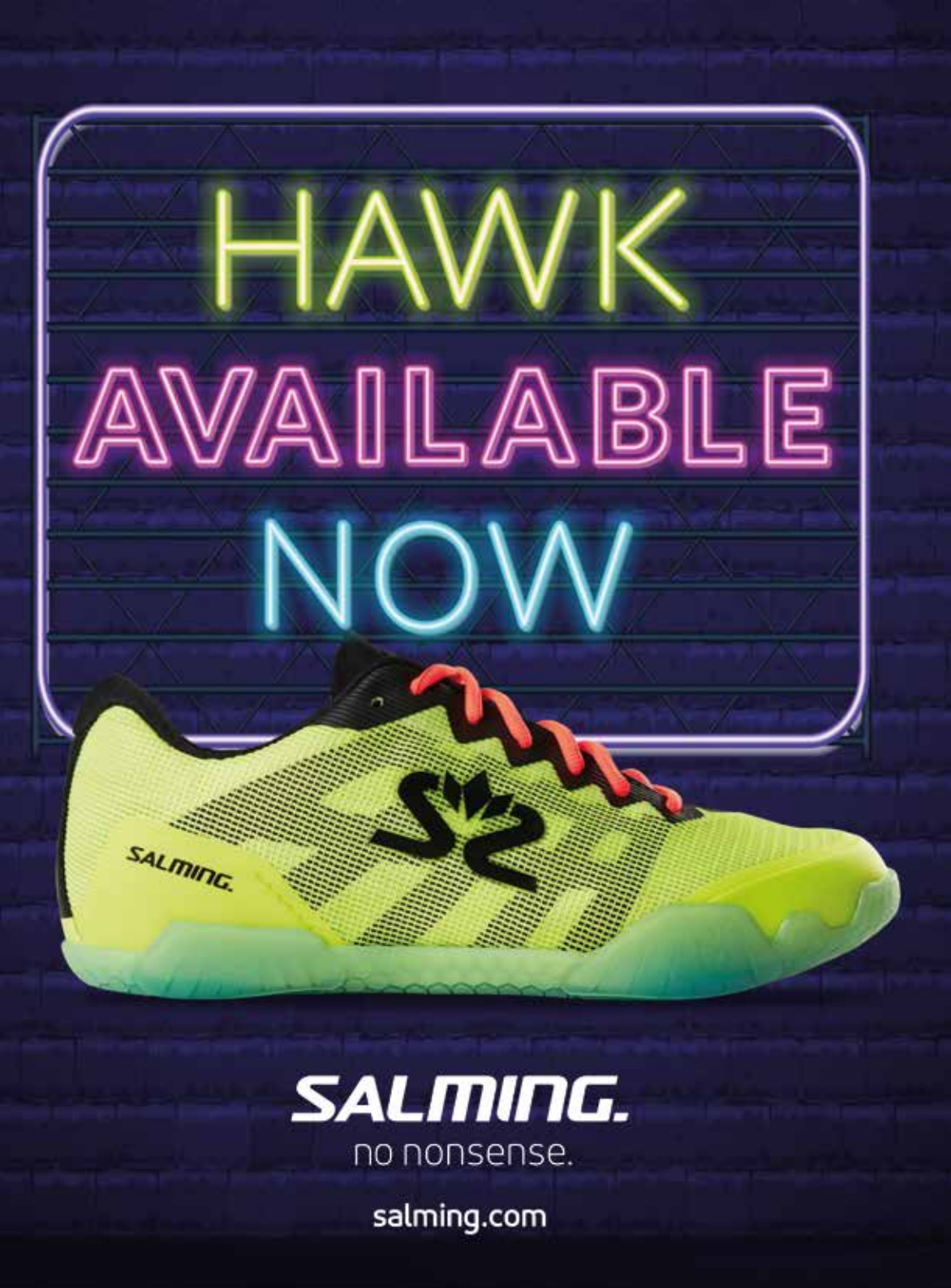
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MALMÖ – GROUP E

Competition venue

Malmö Arena
Hyllie stationstorg 2, 215 32 Malmö
Capacity: 12,600

Transport

Airports:	Malmö-Sturup Airport
	Copenhagen Airport
Train station:	Malmö central train station
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Distance to competition venue: 15 mins by car
Distance to airport:
Malmö Airport: 30 mins by car
Copenhagen Airport: 30 mins by car
Distance to train station:
Malmö Central Station: 7 mins by car
Copenhagen Airport Train Station: 30 mins by train

Best Western Arena
Hyllie Boulevard 12, 215 32 Malmö
Distance to competition venue: 5 mins walk
Distance to airport:
Malmö Airport: 20 mins by car
Copenhagen Airport: 25 mins by car
Distance to train station:
Malmö Central Station: 15 mins by car
Copenhagen Airport Train Station: 20 mins by train

Quality Hotel View
Hyllie Boulevard 12, 215 32 Malmö
Distance to competition venue: 3 mins walk
Distance to airport:
Malmö Airport: 25 mins by car
Copenhagen Airport: 25 mins by car
Distance to train station:
Malmö Central Station: 15 mins by car
Copenhagen Airport Train Station: 15 mins by train

MALMÖ – GROUP E

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Competition venue

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Capacity: 12,000

Transport

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Distance to airport: 20 mins by car
Distance to train station: 10 mins by car

Scandic Rubinen
Kungsportsavenyen 24, 400 14 Gothenburg
Distance to competition venue: 12 mins walk
Distance to airport: 20 mins by car
Distance to train station: 7 mins by car

Hotel Liseberg Heden
Sten Sturegatan 1, 411 39 Gothenburg
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Distance to airport: 20 mins by car
Distance to train station: 5 mins by car

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Competition venue

Tele 2 Arena
Arenaslingan 14, 121 77 Johanneshov
Capacity: 22,000

Transport

Airports:	Stockholm Arlanda Airport
	Stockholm Skavsta Airport
	Stockholm Bromma Airport
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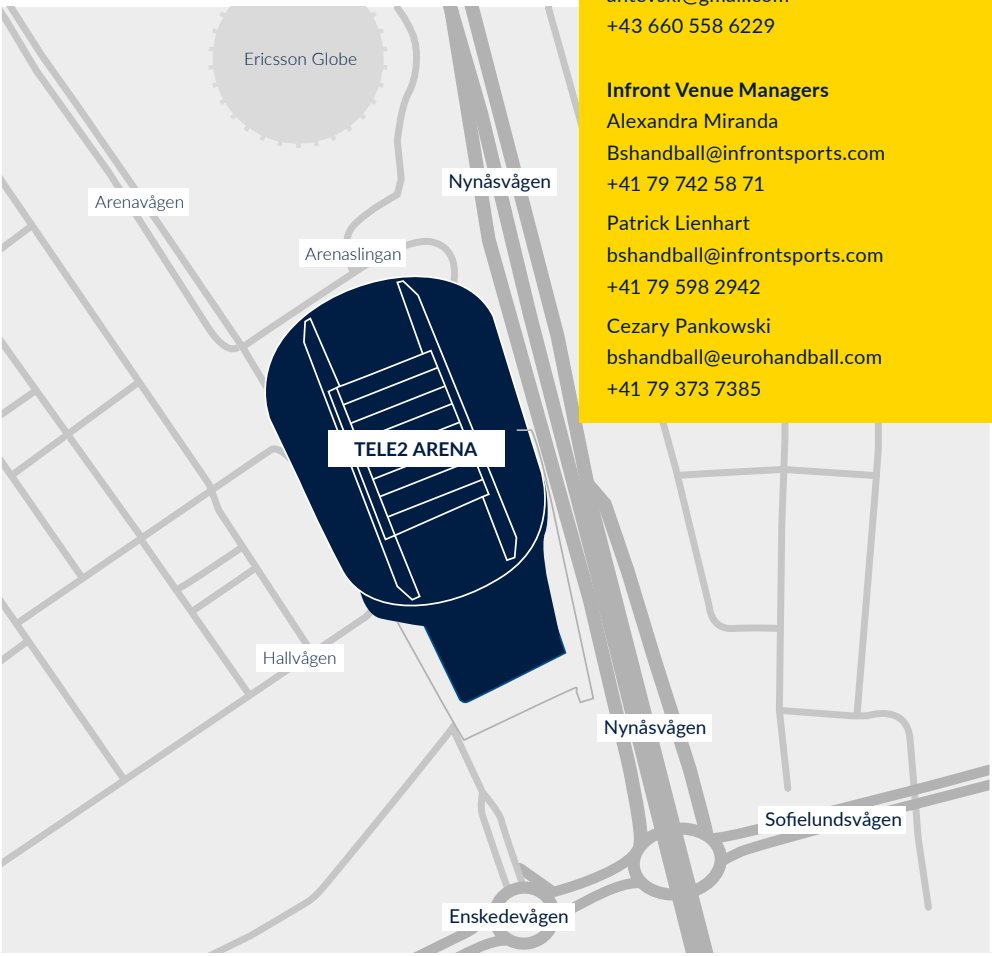

STOCKHOLM

Media hotels

Park Inn by Radisson

Midskeppsgatan 6, 120 66 Stockholm

Distance to competition venue:
18 mins with public transport

Distance to airport:

Stockholm Arlanda Airport: 40 mins by car

Stockholm Skavsta Airport: 1:10 hrs by car

Stockholm Bromma Airport: 20 mins by car

Distance to train station: 12 mins by car

Quality Hotel Globen

Arenaslingan 7, 121 77 Johanneshov

Distance to competition venue:
3 mins walk

Distance to airport:

Stockholm Arlanda Airport: 40 mins by car

Stockholm Skavsta Airport: 1:10 hrs by car

Stockholm Bromma Airport: 20 mins by car

Distance to train station: 10 mins by car

Scandic Malmen

Götgatan 49-51, 116 21 Stockholm

Distance to competition venue:
14 mins by public transport

Distance to airport:

Stockholm Arlanda Airport: 40 mins by car

Stockholm Skavsta Airport: 1:15 hrs by car

Stockholm Bromma Airport: 25 mins by car

Distance to train station: 12 mins by car

Motel L- Älvsjö

Götalandsvägen 209, 125 44 Älvsjö

Distance to competition venue:
30 mins by public transport

Distance to airport:

Stockholm Arlanda Airport: 45 mins by car

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Stockholm Bromma Airport: 25 mins by car

Distance to train station: 12 mins by car

Distance to train station: 10 min by car

STOCKHOLM

Accreditation Centre

Day	Date	Open	Closed
Tuesday	21 January	14:00	20:00
Wednesday	22 January	09:00	18:00
Thursday	23 January	09:00	22:00
Friday	24 January	09:00	22:30
Saturday	25 January	10:00	21:00
Sunday	26 January	10:00	19:00

Media Centre

Day	Date	Open	Closed
Wednesday	22 January	15:00	20:00
Thursday	23 January	12:00	21:00
Friday	24 January	8:30	00:00
Saturday	25 January	8:30	21:30
Sunday	26 January	8:00	21:00

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EHF EURO MEDIA TIMETABLE

Date	Event	Time	Location
8 January	Media calls (groups A, C)	TBC	TBC
9 January	Media calls (groups B, D, F)	TBC	TBC
9 January	Photographer briefing (groups A, C)	17:15	Media centre, Graz, Media centre, Trondheim
10 January	Media calls (group E)	TBC	TBC
10 January	Photographer briefing (groups B, D, F)	17:15	Media centre, Vienna, Media centre, Trondheim, Media centre, Gothenburg
11 January	Photographer briefing (group E)	15:00	Media centre, Malmö
15 January	M20 EHF EURO draw + Media call, main round (group I)	12:30	Press conference room, Vienna
16 January	Media call, main round (group II)	TBC	TBC
16 January	Photographer briefing (group I)	15:00	Media centre, Vienna
17 January	Photographer briefing (group II)	15:00	Media centre, Malmö
23 January	Semi-final press conference	16:00	Press conference room, Tele 2 Arena, Stockholm
24 January	Media call, teams playing 5/6 placement match	TBC	TBC
24 January	Photographers briefing	17:00	Media centre, Stockholm
25 January	Media call with the finalists	11:00	Sky Bar, Hotel Continental, Stockholm
25 January	Closing press conference	14:30	Press conference room, Tele 2 Arena, Stockholm
25 January	Presentation future EHF EUROs	15:00	Press conference room, Tele 2 Arena, Stockholm
25 January	EHF EURO 2020 Media get-together	21:30	EHF EURO 2020 fan zone
26 January	Media handball tournament	08:30	Tele 2 Arena, Stockholm
26 January	Photographer briefing (final)	15:30	Media centre, Stockholm

MEDIA SERVICES

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation centre opens one day before the first match and you can collect your accreditation there. If you have indicated another venue on the accreditation platform than the one you will actually collect it at, it will not be a problem. See exact dates and opening hours in competition venues (p. 9-31).

Please note: you may only collect your accreditation for the final weekend in Stockholm from 21 January at 14:00.

TRANSPORT

A media shuttle operates between the media hotels and the competition venues in Graz, Vienna and Trondheim on match days and non-match days. It is reserved only for media staying at the media hotel. Courtesy cars are available for the media in Sweden. More information on the media transport will be available in the media centre at the respective venues.

Transportation is also available between the preliminary and the main round venues and main round venues and the final weekend venue:

14/1 Trondheim-Vienna (Charter flight; time tbd)

15/1 Gothenburg-Malmö (Train; time tbd)

23/1 Malmö-Stockholm (Train; time tbd)

23/1 Vienna-Stockholm (Charter flight; 11:00)

CATERING

Each media centre offers hot meals available for purchase. Media representatives can buy meal vouchers at the Info desk at the media centre in each venue. Additionally, the media centre offers a snacking table for free with hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and light snacks.

TECHNOLOGY

Media Wi-Fi is available in all media areas: connection information is available at the media welcome desk at the media centre.

Cable connections are available at the press and photo positions of the media centres as well as in the media tribune. Should you have any issue with the internet connection, the LOC media team can help you.

LIVE STREAMING

All matches will be available live and on-demand via the EHF's official OTT platform, ehfTV.com, with geo-blocking applying in selected countries.

LIVE TICKER

All matches will be available on the EHF EURO's live ticker with up-to-the-second updates. The service can be accessed via the official website ehf-euro.com

STATISTICS

The official line-ups, half-time statistics and final statistics after each match will be provided for all media representatives. All important statistics will also be available at the media centre. Statistics will also be distributed to the media seats, photographer positions and TV studios.

ONLINE COVERAGE

Full coverage will be provided on the official website at ehf-euro.com in English as well as on the event's social media channels. Official hashtags are #ehfeuro2020 and #dreamwinremember.

MEDIA OPERATIONS

MEDIA CENTRE

The media centre is the central working space for media at the venues. It is open on match days as well as on non-match days.

It is composed of the info desk and the work room for both press and photographers.

The info desk is located at the media centre, where you can find all the information you need on information boards as well as stats and match information. The LOC media team is at your disposal to help you with:

- Media Guide distribution
- Press kit collection
- Photo bib collection
- Documents printing on demand

Several online tools are available:

- EHF online media platform (communications, stats, flash quotes, etc.): bit.ly/ehfmediaportal
- Shared training calendar: contains days, times and venues for teams trainings, updated in real time – link available at the info desk
- Shared media activities calendar: media activities organised by the organising committee and the teams are indicated and updated in real time – link available at the info desk

All the matches taking place at the other venues, on match days as well as on non-match days will be broadcast at the media centre. One computer is available at the media centre, free to use.

Please note that media cannot book or reserve a position in the media centre.

PRESS CONFERENCE

The press conference starts 15 mins after the end of the match, apart from the final and bronze medal match: it will start 15 mins after the end of the medal ceremony.

The press conference is in English and goes as follows:

- Introduction words by the moderator
- Coach winning team, coach losing team, player winning team, player losing team
- Questions in English
- Closing of the official part of the press conference with a few words from the moderator
- Open questions in each team's language

Interviews have to take place in the mixed zone post-match or during the press conference, not after. If the media representatives want to record interviews after the press conference, they need to go back to the mixed zone. Non-right holders are not allowed to conduct interviews in the mixed zone.

MEDIA TRIBUNE

A media tribune seating plan per match may be implemented and information can then be found at the info desk. The LOC media team can help you find your seat.

Please note that media cannot book a position in the media tribune.

Match information and statistics are distributed at half-time; they are also available before and after the match at the info desk.

MEDIA OPERATIONS

MIXED ZONE

The mixed zone is a mandatory post-match procedure for teams which they must go through immediately after the final whistle, even though they have no obligation to speak to the media. If a player is asked to go to a TV studio, he will do so before going through the mixed zone.

The mixed zone is accessible to all media except photographers and non-right holders. It is possible to interview the teams, but please note that only TV rights holders (RH accredited) have the right to film. This is valid for any kind of filming (camera, mobile phone, tablets, DSLRs).

The placing order in the mixed zone is as follows:

- TV (RH1, RH2)
- Radio
- Written press
- RH3

TRAINING SESSIONS AT / OUTSIDE COMPETITION VENUES

Team trainings can be held at the competition venue or in training halls outside the competition venue. Please refer to the shared calendar (information at the info desk).

- Training at the competition venue is open to media for the first 10 minutes.
- The team decides if the rest remains open to the media or not. If not, the media must vacate and go to the media centre (according to opening hours).
- TV studios are allowed to continue working in the arena and to film provided they do not directly film the training.
- Training outside the competition venue are not open to the media unless decided otherwise by the team. There is no organising committee transportation arranged to the training halls for the media.

NON-RIGHTS HOLDERS

Non-rights holders do not have the right to film/record audio in the competition venue, apart from the press conference. Any infringement to that rule will be handled by Infront and the EHF. The only cameras allowed to film are marked with a sticker provided only by Infront.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

PRELIMINARY ROUND & MAIN ROUND

The teams themselves will organise a minimum of one media call, and one of these must be open to international media.

For the main round, teams themselves will organise a minimum of one media call, and one of these must be open to international media. Detailed information will be provided.

FINAL WEEKEND IN STOCKHOLM

23 January – 16:00-17:00

Semi-finals press conference, with head coach and one player from each semi-final team

24 January – TBC

Teams playing placement match 5/6 need to organise a media call open to international media

25 January

11:00-12:00 – Media call with the finalists

14:30-15:30 – Closing press conference with a presentation of the next EHF EURO events

21:30 Media get-together offered by the EHF and the organising committee for the accredited journalists

26 January – 8:30-10:30

Media handball tournament

These media activities are in the shared media activities calendar (information at the info desk).

PHOTO OPERATIONS

Photographers have photo positions behind the goals. Lockable lockers where they can leave their equipment can be found in the media centre. They have access to the media Wi-Fi and cabled connections.

PHOTO BRIEFING

A photo briefing will take place at each venue, held by the LOC Media Manager team and the EHF Media Supervisor, explaining the general photo operations rules as well as the venue-specific rules. It is mandatory to attend.

BIB

In order to photograph you have to wear your photo bib at all times, as well as your accreditation. You can collect your photo bib at the info desk at the media centre with an ID or your press card and a deposit. You can pick up this document and the deposit when you return your bib.

Kindly note that if you change venues during the competition, you have to return your bib as you leave the venue and pick-up a new bib upon arrival at the next venue.

It is forbidden to wear team or country outfits and we kindly ask you to wear an outfit as neutral as possible.

PHOTO POSITIONS

Photo positions are located behind the goals. You must wear your accreditation and your bib to be able to access them.

Photographers are requested to take their places in the photo positions ahead of the start of each game.

It is mandatory to remain seated during a match and it is forbidden to enter the field of play. Changing sides is only possible at half-time and it is forbidden to cross the field of play to do so: the adequate routing will be presented at the photo briefing.

If needed, a photo positions plan may be implemented. Please note that photographers cannot book or reserve a photo position.

MIXED ZONE AND PRESS CONFERENCE

Photographers are not allowed to access the mixed zone.

Photographing the press conference is allowed, however only if using the camera platform and provided there is enough space and it does not trouble the cameras in place.

LOCKER

If you would like a locker, you may register at the info desk at the media centre: a key will be given to you, which we kindly ask you to return before you leave.

MEDAL CEREMONY

The teams, which have won gold and silver respectively, will be awarded directly after the final. The team, which has won bronze and the fourth placed will be awarded after the bronze medal match on 25 January 2020.

The All-star Team will be announced via a video clip in the arena, on the website and all social media channels at the final weekend. Awards will be handed over to the players in course of the best player award ceremony after the final.

The best player award procedure will take place directly after both bronze and gold medal matches.

GENERAL INFO FOR THE BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

The eventual bronze medallists are granted with some minutes of celebration time before the procedures start.

The regular best player award procedure will take place directly afterwards.

Teams are then asked to leave the playing court for the final preparation of the medal ceremony.

Rundown

-03:00	End of bronze medal match + best player award
00:00	Start of closing ceremony; set-up of podium on court, performance /artist show
+05:00	Start of the medal ceremony. Moderator enters court and summarises the days of the EHF EURO
+06:00	Introduction of award presenters
+07:00	Presentation of 4th ranked team
+08:00	4th ranked team to enter the court and goes to the podium
+09:00	Awarding of commemorative medals for the 4th ranked team; after the awarding the 4th ranked team stands on the left side next to the podium
+12:00	Presentation of the bronze medallists
+13:00	Bronze medallists enter the podium
+14:00	Awarding of the 3rd ranked team with bronze medals and the trophy for the third place
+17:00	EHF EURO Anthem

MEDAL CEREMONY

GENERAL INFO FOR THE FINAL

The eventual gold medallists are granted with some minutes of celebration time before the procedures start. The regular best player award procedure and All-star Team awards will take place directly afterwards. Teams are then asked to leave the playing court for the final preparation of the medal ceremony.

Rundown

-03:00	End of final + best player award + All-star Team awarding
00:00	Start of closing ceremony; set-up of podium on court, performance /artist show
+05:00	Start of the medal ceremony. Moderator enters court and summarises the days of the EHF EURO
+06:00	Introduction of award presenters
+07:00	Presentation of silver medallists
+08:00	Silver medallists enter the court and go to the podium
+09:00	Awarding of silver medallists
+12:00	Presentation of the European champions
+13:00	European champions enter the podium
+14:00	Awarding of the European champions with gold medals and the championship plate
+17:00	Winners' anthem & hoisting of flags
+18:00	Closing words by the moderator and flag handing over ceremony

REFEREES

In August 2019, the EHF released the names of the 23 referee pairs set to officiate at the Men's EHF EURO 2020. Thanks to the expansion of the final tournament event from 16 to 24 teams from 2020 more match officials than ever before will be required.

Also, the fact that the event will be played with six preliminary rounds and across three nations - Sweden, Austria and Norway – has meant the need for a new approach to officiating and to the deployment of both referees and delegates.

In a new development and as part of the EHF's new officiating programme introduced from 1 July 2019, referee nominations have been made in-house by the federation's newly-created Referee Operations Unit.

New EHF EURO officiating system explained

Preliminary round in Sweden, Austria and Norway

18 pairs of referees have been nominated for the 36 matches of the preliminary round.

Following the completion of the preliminary round, the number of referees and delegates will be reduced.

11 referee pairs and eight delegates will leave the championship at this stage.

Main round in Sweden and Austria

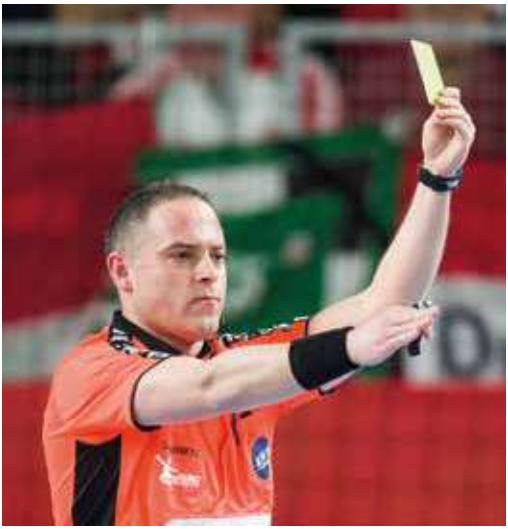
The main round will be played with 12 referee pairs and 10 delegates.

As a replacement for those referees having left the championship, additional referee pairs will join the championship at this stage for the first time (five pairs).

Final weekend in Stockholm, Sweden

Five pairs of referees will be nominated for the final weekend. The remaining seven referee pairs will return home after the main round.

10 delegates (coming from the main round) will be in action in Stockholm in order to cover the five matches over the final weekend.



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Preliminary Round

Radojko
Brkic
AUT

Andrei
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Dalibor
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CRO

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SVK

Preliminary and Main Round

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Horacek
CZE

Jiri
Novotny
CZE

Vaidas
Mazeika
LTU

Mindaugas
Gatelis
LTU

Slave
Nikolov
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Gjorgji
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Ivan
Pavicevic
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Milos
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Ricardo
Fonseca
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Arthur
Brunner
SUI

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Main Round

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Gubica
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Boris
Milosevic
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Martin
Gjeding
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Mads
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LEGAL PROCEDURES

Presentation

At an EHF EURO, the administration of justice is in the hands of two bodies, i.e. the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury.

The Disciplinary Commission constitutes the body of first instance, which decisions can be appealed to the Jury acting as a body in second instance. Both instances together may also be referred to as the ad hoc bodies.

Both ad hoc bodies are composed by members of the Court of Handball and Court of Appeal acting as ad hoc bodies.

Composition

To rule upon a case, each commission is composed of a Chairman and 2 members. The members are nominated by the Chairman on a case by case basis to ensure the independence of the body. For example, if a case arises from a match between Sweden and Poland, members of the Disciplinary Commission from these two national federations will not be part of the deciding panel.

Competence

The ad hoc bodies are competent to settle protests filed in by participating teams, cases relating to regulations infringements and disciplinary situations such as direct disqualifications.

Handling

Regardless the nature of the situation, proceedings are handled following an express procedure to comply with the need of quickness and effectiveness inherent to an EHF EURO. For example, to ensure the balance of the competition, decisions relating to a direct disqualification are rendered before the next match of the concerned player and team.

Composition of bodies

FIRST INSTANCE – DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
Panos Antoniou
CoH Member - nominated by chairperson
CoH Member - nominated by chairperson
Sophia Touiker – EHF Legal Management

SECOND INSTANCE – JURY
Markus Plazer
CoA Member – nominated by chairperson
CoA Member – nominated by chairperson
Sophia Touiker – EHF Legal Management

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GROUP A

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- CROATIA
- BELARUS
- MONTENEGRO
- SERBIA

CROATIA

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP A

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO
- 2008, 2010
- 1994, 2012, 2016

Olympic Games
- 1996, 2004
- 2012

World Championships
- 2003
- 1995, 2005, 2009
- 2013

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TEAM PROFILE

The Croatian team heading for the EHF EURO 2020 will be aiming to improve on their fifth place finish at the last European Championships, which they hosted back in 2018.

Missing out on the semi-finals was a significant disappointment for Lino Cervar's team, especially for one of Europe's most successful teams on the international stage.

Croatia may have won two Olympic titles and one World Championship in the past but the EHF EURO crown continues to elude them. However, they have twice won the silver medals, finishing runners-up in Norway in 2008 and repeating the feat two years later in Austria.

They have also three bronze medals to their name, the last of which came in Poland in 2016. That performance four years ago was one of the surprises of the tournament as the Croatians stunned the host nation by winning 37:23 in the main round.

Cervar, who is now in his second spell as the national coach, has a talented squad at his disposal as he aims to bring EHF EURO gold to Croatia for the first time. A team with goalscorer Luka Cindric and Domagoj Duvnjak in it will also be tough to beat – making them one of the favourites to win a medal.

QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Croatia	6	5	1	0	174:148	26	11
Switzerland	6	3	0	3	180:167	13	6
Serbia	6	2	2	2	168:165	3	6
Belgium	6	0	1	5	144:186	-42	1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GRAZ Stadthalle Graz	9 January	20:30	**Croatia** v Montenegro
	11 January	16:00	**Croatia** v Belarus
	13 January	20:30	Serbia v **Croatia**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	214:166	+48	13:3	1st Group 4
1994	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	165:161	+4	8:6	3rd Place
1996	Qualification	6	5	0	1	161:137	+24	10:2	1st Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	154:151	+3	8:4	5th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	166:145	+21	8:4	1st Group 1
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	145:150	-5	5:7	8th Place
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	146:139	+7	7:5	6th Place
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	71:56	+15	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	70:89	–19	0:6	16th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	62:52	+10	3:1	Won vs. BLR
2004	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	222:221	+1	10:6	4th Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	229:228	+1	10:6	4th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	212:203	+9	11:5	Runner-up
2010	Qualification	8	7	0	1	252:180	+72	14:2	1st Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	207:194	+13	13:3	Runner-up
2012	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	168:137	+31	12:0	1st Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	216:201	+15	11:5	3rd Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	161:135	+26	10:2	1st Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	229:206	+23	10:6	4th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	191:148	+43	10:2	1st Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	250:219	+31	10:6	3rd Place
2018	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	204:187	+17	10:4	5th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	174:148	+26	11:1	1st Group 2
Total Qualification		56	46	3	7	1620:1304	+316	95:17	
Total EHF EURO		91	53	7	31	2449:2349	+100	113:69	

Marin Sego
goalkeeper

- one of the most experienced players in the Croatian team, but did not play for the national team between 2011 and 2018
- has played more than 40 matches for the Croatian national team
- won silver at the EHF EURO 2010 in Austria
- started his career at Izvidjac Ljubuski (BIH), currently plays for Montpellier (FRA)
- won CL with Kielce in 2016

EURO: S 2010
EC trophies: CL 2016

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David Mandic
left wing

- this will be his first EHF EURO event
- first time joined national team mid 2017, his first big event were 2018 Mediterranean Games where Croatia won gold medal
- part of the team at the 2019 World Championship
- efficient in attack, also possesses great defensive skills
- started his career in Izvidjac Ljubuski (BIH), currently plays for PPD Zagreb (CRO)

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Domagoj Duvnjak
centre back

- team captain
- All-Star Team member at the EHF EURO 2014 in Denmark and WCh 2013 and 2017
- has more than 200 caps for Croatia
- usually plays as centre back, but can also play left back when needed
- named IHF World Handball Player of the Year in 2013, also four times best Croatian handball player
- plays for THW Kiel (GER) since 2014

EURO: S 2008, S 2010, B 2012, B 2016; OG: B 2012;
WCh: S 2009, B 2013 EC trophies: CL 2013, EHF Cup 2019

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Luka Cindric
centre back

- made his national team debut in 2014 and has more than 60 caps for Croatia
- scored 25 goals at the EHF EURO 2018
- was a talented football player in his youth, but chose to pursue a career in handball
- joined Barça for four seasons in the summer of 2019, coming from Kielce
- won CL with Vardar in 2017
- best Croatian handball player in 2017 and 2018

EURO: B 2016
EC trophies: CL 2017

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Zeljko Musa

line player

- made his debut for Croatia in the EHF EURO 2010 qualifier against Finland
- has three WCh and EHF EURO medals in total
- a defence specialist, finished third with Kielce at the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in 2013
- has played for six different clubs, but has been at Magdeburg (GER) since 2015
- finished in second and third place at the EHF Cup Finals 2017 and 2018

EURO: S 2010, B 2012; WCh: B 2013

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Luka Stepancic

right back

- joined the national team in 2013
- his first EHF EURO event was in Poland in 2016
- scored 25 goals at the EHF EURO 2018
- has bronze medal with Croatia from World Championship
- left Paris Saint-Germain in the summer of 2019 and moved to Szeged
- has only played for three clubs in his career: Zagreb, PSG and now Szeged

WCh: B 2013

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Zlatko Horvat

right wing

- made national team debut in 2006 and is one of the most experienced players in the squad
- has won six medals with Croatia, three of them at the EHF EURO
- has more than 170 appearances in the Croatian jersey
- counter-attack specialist, also an important part of the defence
- has played for Zagreb from the beginning of his career, and has featured in 16 CL campaigns

EURO: S 2008, B 2012, B 2016; OG: B 2012;
WCh: S 2009, B 2013

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Lino Cervar

coach

- most successful coach of the Croatian men's national team, winning OG gold in 2004 and WCh gold in 2003
- in 2016 became head coach of the North Macedonian national team only to return to Croatia for the EHF EURO 2018
- formerly head coach of PPD Zagreb (CRO)

EURO: S 2008, S 2010; OG: G 2004;
WCh: G 2003, S 2005, S 2009 (all as coach)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Igor Vori	54	2004-2014, 2018
Ivan Cupic	48	2006-2018
Zlatko Horvat	47	2006-2008, 2012-2018
Mirko Alilovic	45	2008-2018
Ivano Balic	41	2002-2012

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Ivan Cupic	159	2006-2018
Ivano Balic	151	2002-2012
Manuel Strlek	139	2010-2018
Zlatko Horvat	131	2006-2008, 2012-2018
Blazenko Lackovic	121	2004-2012

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	37:23 (15:10) vs. Poland @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Biggest defeat:	14:29 (8:12) vs. Russia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Longest winning run:	4 matches (12.06.1994 – 26.05.1996)
	4 matches (29.01.2012 – 17.01.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (19.01.2010 – 30.01.2010)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (03.06.1998 - 21.01.2000)
	4 matches (29.01.2000 – 27.01.2002)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (27.01.2000 - 27.01.2002)
Current run:	W1 (26.01.2018)
Most goals:	37 vs. Iceland 37:28W @ Katowice POL, 19.01.2016
	37 vs. Poland 37:23W @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Sweden 31:35L @ Split CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Sweden 31:35L @ Split CRO, 16.01.2018
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Russia 14:29L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Spain 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998
	18 vs. Ukraine 26:18W @ Rijeka CRO, 25.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Spain 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

CRO v MNE Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
23.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	CRO-MNE	ECh – MR-Group I	34:26 (13:12)
15.01.2014 København/Sjælland DEN	MNE-CRO	ECh – Group D	22:27 (12:13)
09.06.2018 Osijek CRO	CRO-MNE	WCh-Play-off	32:19 (17:10)
14.06.2018 Podgorica MNE	MNE-CRO	WCh-Play-off	32:31 (18:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	3	124	0	1	99
EURO matches	2	2	61	0	0	48

CRO v BLR Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
21.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	CRO-BLR	WCh – Last 16	33:24 (21:9)
13.01.2014 København/Sjælland DEN	CRO-BLR	ECh – Group D	33:22 (16:11)
15.01.2016 Katowice POL	CRO-BLR	ECh – Group B	27:21 (15:15)
16.01.2017 Rouen FRA	CRO-BLR	WCh – Group C	31:25 (18:15)
18.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	CRO-BLR	ECh – MR-Group I	25:23 (15:12)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	12	10	348	2	0	288
EURO matches	4	4	114	0	0	87

SRB v CRO Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
27.01.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-CRO	ECh – Semi-final	26:22 (13:14)
31.07.2012 London GBR	SRB-CRO	OG – Group B	23:31 (9:13)
12.01.2018 Split CRO	CRO-SRB	ECh – Group A	32:22 (14:9)
11.04.2019 Beograd SRB	SRB-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	25:25 (13:13)
14.04.2019 Zadar CRO	CRO-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	27:23 (17:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	6	1	143	2	3	161
EURO matches	2	1	48	0	1	54

BELARUS

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP A

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TEAM PROFILE

For the fourth time in succession, the men's national team of Belarus will line-up with the European handball elite at an EHF EURO.

This year's competition follows in the footsteps of their participation at the 2014, 2016 and 2018 appearances – all of which have come under the leadership of coach Iouri Chevtsov.

Belarus' first appearance at an EHF EURO saw them finish eighth in Portugal in 1994 – which remains their best-ever finish to date. It was not for another 14 years before they would qualify again, when reaching the EHF EURO 2008 in Norway where they finished in 15th place.

However, with Chevtsov at the helm, the Belarusians have reached the main round in their last three EHF EURO appearances, finishing in 12th in Denmark in 2014, 10th in Poland in 2016 before finishing 10th again last time out at the EHF EURO in Croatia two years ago.

The performance in Croatia were helped by captain Barys Pukhouski and the experienced centre back was assisted by youngsters including goalkeeper Viachaslau Saldatsenka, left back Uladzislau Kulesh, pivot Artsem Karalek and left wing Andrei Yurinok, who top scored for Belarus at EHF EURO 2018.

The last three players named were all aged 21 at the last EHF EURO and they are sure to have learned from that experience – and that could be vital to Belarus' chances this time around.

QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Czech Republic	6	4	0	2	161:150	11	8
Belarus	6	4	0	2	182:146	36	8
Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	4	0	2	160:153	7	8
Finland	6	0	0	6	131:185	-54	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GRAZ Stadthalle Graz	9 January	18:15	**Belarus** v Serbia
	11 January	16:00	Croatia v **Belarus**
	13 January	18:15	Montenegro v **Belarus**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	234:186	+48	11:5	2nd Group 4
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	45:43	+2	2:2	Won vs. AUT
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	154:167	-13	4:8	8th Place
1996	Qualification	6	2	0	4	142:146	-4	4:8	3rd Group 3
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	116:99	+17	6:2	2nd Group B
2000	Qualification	6	6	0	0	174:128	+46	12:0	1st Group 7
2000	Play-off	2	0	1	1	44:52	-8	1:3	Lost vs. UKR
2002	Qualification	6	4	0	2	175:136	+39	8:4	1st Group 1
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:56	-6	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2004	Qualification	6	4	0	2	167:155	+12	8:4	2nd Group 2
2004	Play-off	2	0	1	1	52:62	–10	1:3	Lost vs. CRO
2006	Qualification	6	3	1	2	190:163	+27	7:5	2nd Group 1
2006	Play-off	2	0	0	2	55:67	–12	0:4	Lost vs. ISL
2008	Qualification	3	3	0	0	100:74	+26	6:0	1st Group 1
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	61:54	+7	2:2	Won vs. SUI
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	83:101	–18	0:6	15th Place
2010	Qualification	8	4	0	4	253:233	+20	8:8	3rd Group 5
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	181:203	–22	4:8	3rd Group 7
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	189:180	+9	9:3	2nd Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	166:195	-29	2:10	12th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	2	2	158:167	-9	6:6	2nd Group 2
2016	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	167:189	-22	4:8	10th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	177:152	+25	8:4	1st Group 2
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	155:172	-17	4:8	10th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	182:146	+36	8:4	2nd Group 5
Total Qualification		95	52	9	34	2745:2502	+243	113:77	
Total EHF EURO		27	7	0	20	725:824	-99	14:40	

Viachaslau Saldatsenka

goalkeeper

- at both EHF EURO 2016 and 2018, he was among the top 10 goalkeepers with a save percentage of 34% and 35% respectively
- joined Romanian club Bacau in the summer of 2019
- born in Orsha, he started his career at SKA Minsk
- had spells at Germany's HBW Balingen-Weilstetten as well as Romania's HC Odorheiu Secuiesc and HC Dobrogea Sud

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Andrei Yurynok

left wing

- best scorer of Belarus at EHF EURO 2018 with 24 goals
- named the best young left wing of the world in 2017/18
- born in Brest, but started career in Minsk (Vityaz, SKA) before joining HC Meshkov Brest in 2016
- was a line player in his youth, but then coaches successfully put him on the left wing

Uladzislau Kulesh

left back

- played for Belarus at EHF EURO 2016 and 2018
- one of the tallest players in Belarusian handball at a height of 206 cm
- started career at SKA Minsk and moved to PGE Vive Kielce in 2018
- comes from a handball family, as his father, mother and sister have all played handball

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Barys Pukhouski

centre back

- all-time top scorer of Belarus national team with more than 750 goals
- sixth best scorer of the EHF EURO 2016 with 37 goals
- one of the key players at Motor Zaporozhye, where he has been playing since 2015
- also played for SKA Minsk, Dinamo Minsk and Hungary's Csurgo in the past

EC trophies: CC 2013

Artsem Karalek

line player

- the 23-year-old is one of the biggest talents of Belarusian handball
- made his debut in the national team in May 2015 and took part in EHF EURO 2016 and 2018 as well as WCh 2017
- born in Grodno, he started his career at the local side Kronon before moving to SKA Minsk in 2014
- joined Saint-Raphael Var (FRA) in 2016, and then moved to PGE Vive Kielce (POL) in 2018

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Siarhei Shylovich

right back

- one of the veterans of the national team, having made his debut in 2007
- is among all-time top five players in terms of both appearances and goals for Belarus
- in the summer of 2019, moved to SKA Minsk from HC Meshkov Brest
- also played for two more Minsk-based teams, Dinamo and Arkatron, as well as Poland's Pogon Szczecin

EC trophies: CC 2013

Mikita Vailupau

right wing

- made his debut in the national team in 2015, but is yet to play at a major tournament
- moved from SKA Minsk to HC Meshkov Brest in the summer of 2019
- dreams of playing for Paris Saint-Germain in the future
- his hobby is painting, and he draws pictures in the style of abstract expressionism in his free time

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Iouri Chevtsov

coach

- has been coaching the Belarus national team since 2009
- under him, Belarus have improved a lot and started to regularly qualify for EHF EURO and WCh
- previously worked at German clubs TBM Lemgo, TUSEM Essen and Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- as a player in the 1980s won many titles with SKA Minsk and USSR national team

OG: G 1988; WCh: G 1982 (as player)
EC trophies: IHF Champions Cup 1987, 1989, 1990, CWC 1983, 1988 (as player), EHF Cup 2005 (as coach)

BELARUS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Maxim Babichev	19	2008, 2014-2018
Maksim Baranau	18	2014-2018
Barys Pukhouski	18	2008, 2014-2018
Aliaksandr Tsitou	18	2008, 2014-2018
Siarhei Shylovich	16	2014-2018

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Barys Pukhouski	98	2008, 2014-2018
Siarhei Rutenka	59	2014-2016
Siarhei Shylovich	55	2014-2018
Ivan Brouka	44	2008, 2014-2016
Andrei Yurynok	41	2016-2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	33:24 (14:9) vs. Romania @ Almada POR, 05.06.1994
Biggest defeat:	22:33 (11:16) vs. Croatia @ København/Sjælland DEN, 13.01.2014
	23:34 (5:20) vs. France @ Kraków POL, 21.01.2016
Longest winning run:	2 matches (27.01.2016 – 12.01.2018)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (27.01.2016 – 12.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (07.06.1994 – 15.01.2014)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (07.06.1994 – 15.01.2014)
Current run:	W1 (24.01.2018)
Most goals:	39 vs. Iceland 39:38W @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. France 30:39L @ Aarhus DEN, 21.01.2014
	39 vs. Russia 33:39L @ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	77 vs. Iceland 39:38W @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Fewest goals:	20 vs. Sweden 20:29L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	23 vs. Germany 24:23W @ Almada POR, 03.06.1994
	23 vs. Montenegro 29:23W @ København/Sjælland DEN, 17.01.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	47 vs. Germany 24:23W @ Almada POR, 03.06.1994

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

BLR v SRB Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
14.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	BLR-SRB	WCh – Group C	28:34 (13:20)
06.11.2016 Niš SRB	SRB-BLR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	27:36 (13:20)
18.06.2017 Minsk BLR	BLR-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	27:27 (13:10)
24.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	SRB-BLR	ECh – MR-Group I	27:32 (11:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	2	123	1	1	115
EURO matches	1	1	32	0	0	27

CRO v BLR Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
21.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	CRO-BLR	WCh – Last 16	33:24 (21:9)
13.01.2014 København/Sjælland DEN	CRO-BLR	ECh – Group D	33:22 (16:11)
15.01.2016 Katowice POL	CRO-BLR	ECh – Group B	27:21 (15:15)
16.01.2017 Rouen FRA	CRO-BLR	WCh – Group C	31:25 (18:15)
18.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	CRO-BLR	ECh – MR-Group I	25:23 (15:12)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	12	10	348	2	0	288
EURO matches	4	4	114	0	0	87

MNE v BLR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
17.01.2014 København/Sjælland DEN	BLR-MNE	ECh – Group D	29:23 (13:13)
08.06.2014 Podgorica MNE	MNE-BLR	WCh-Play-off	28:27 (10:14)
15.06.2014 Minsk BLR	BLR-MNE	WCh-Play-off	30:24 (16:9)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	3	1	75	0	2	86
EURO matches	1	0	23	0	1	29

MONTENEGRO

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP A

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TEAM PROFILE

After successive 16th place finishes at the last three EHF EURO events, Montenegro will be hoping to advance to the main round for the first time since their debut appearance at EHF EURO 2008.

This year, Zoran Raganovic, who took over as head coach in August 2018, will aiming to mastermind Montenegrin success after a fine qualification campaign that saw his team beat the reigning Olympic and World champions Denmark in Podgorica.

That famous victory was a far cry from their opening qualification match that saw Montenegro held to a 24:24 draw with the Faroe Islands, but their win over the Danes sent out a message to the rest of Europe that Raganovic's team will be no pushovers come 2020.

The Montenegrin squad has plenty of quality throughout to mount a challenge for a place in main round but it is the last line of defence where they are blessed most. Goalkeeper Nebojsa Simic has become a key component to the national team and the MT Melsungen stopper is widely regarded as one of the best keepers in Europe.

If Simic can help keep out the goals then maybe Montenegro eyes will be smiling all the way to the main round.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Denmark	6	5	0	1	197:153	44	10
Montenegro	6	3	1	2	157:163	-6	7
Ukraine	6	3	0	3	161:159	2	6
Faroe Islands	6	0	1	5	131:171	-40	1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GRAZ Stadthalle Graz	9 January	20:30	Croatia v **Montenegro**
	11 January	18:15	**Montenegro** v Serbia
	13 January	18:15	**Montenegro** v Belarus

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
2008	Qualification	6	5	1	0	200:171	+29	11:1	1st Group 4
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	63:55	+8	4:0	Won vs. POR
2008	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	152:192	–40	1:11	12th Place
2010	Qualification	8	4	0	4	229:240	–11	8:8	3rd Group 1
2012	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	161:196	–35	2:10	3rd Group 4
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	160:160	0	8:4	2nd Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	66:84	-18	0:6	16th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	146:152	-6	7:5	3rd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	76:90	-14	0:6	16th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	3	1	158:168	-10	7:5	2nd Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	66:89	–23	0:6	16th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	157:163	-6	7:5	2nd Group 8
Total Qualification		46	24	6	16	1274:1305	-31	54:38	
Total EHF EURO		15	0	1	14	360:455	-95	1:29	

Nebojsa Simic
goalkeeper

- hero of the EHF EURO 2020 qualification, recording 20 saves and scoring one goal against Denmark to win 32:31
- began playing handball at a local club in his hometown of Bar
- made his name in the Swedish league, joining H43 Lund at 19
- also played for Malmö (SWE) and Kristianstad (SWE), before joining Bundesliga side MT Melsungen (GER) in 2017

Milos Vujovic
left wing

- scored 11 goals in EHF EURO 2020 qualification against the Faroe Islands, despite injuring his right ankle
- made his national team debut in 2010
- signature traits are speed, efficiency and endurance, as well as defending in transition
- his older cousin Mirko is also a professional handball player
- scored 61 goals last year in the EHF Cup for Grundfos Tatabanya (HUN)

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Stevan Vujovic
left back

- is filling the shoes of absent sharpshooter Vuko Borozan at the EHF EURO
- has represented clubs from nine different countries so far in his career
- currently playing for Ukrainian club HC Motor Zaporozhye
- his wife Sanja plays handball for Buducnost and the Serbian national team

Vasko Sevaljevic
centre back

- team captain and one of the most experienced players
- plays both left and centre back
- scored a memorable winning goal against Sweden in 2012, which brought Montenegro their first and only WCh berth to date
- first professional experience was with Lovcen
- scored 53 goals for Dinamo Minsk in CL 2012/13
- currently playing his fifth season in France, signing for Istres, after previously representing Toulouse and Tremblay

Nemanja Grbovic

line player

- the long-serving line player is an integral part of the national team
- known for his bravery, spirit and well-rounded skillset at both ends of the court
- has played for Lovcen and Buducnost in Montenegro as well as Vardar (MKD) and Radnicki (SRB)
- spent three seasons in the Hungarian league, playing for Cegledi before joining Romania's Steaua Bucuresti in 2018

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Vladan Lipovina

right back

- made national team debut in 2014
- the first-choice right back in a talented line-up
- played for eight clubs in six seasons, since leaving boyhood club Lovcen
- joined Balingen-Weilstetten (GER) in 2019, after representing clubs including Metalurg, Wetzlar and Rhein-Neckar Löwen

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Marko Lasica

right wing

- considers playing for Montenegro his biggest success
- uncles Dejan and Goran Lasica were also handball players, who influenced his career path
- began playing professionally at boyhood club Sutjeska
- won EHF Cup in 2014 with MOL-Pick Szeged
- three-time Montenegrin league champion with Buducnost

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

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Zoran Roganovic

coach

- took over the helm of the national team in 2018 from Dragan Djukic
- former Montenegro national team player
- all-time best scorer of the Swedish league
- spent 15 years playing in Sweden, becoming a household name before retiring at the age of 41
- began coaching career at former club Lugi HF, before taking over Eskilstuna Gulf

MONTENEGRO

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Rade Mijatovic	13	2008, 2014-2018
Mirko Milasevic	12	2008, 2014-2016
Nemanja Grbovic	9	2014-2018
Vasko Sevaljevic	9	2014-2018
Milos Vujovic	9	2014-2018

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Vasko Sevaljevic	38	2014-2018
Alen Muratovic	33	2008
Drasko Mrvaljevic	28	2008
Petar Kapisoda	21	2008
Nemanja Grbovic	19	2014-2018
Vladan Lipovina	19	2014-2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	N/A
Biggest defeat:	23:39 (13:19) vs. Poland @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Longest winning run:	N/A
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (17.01.2008)
Longest losing run:	14 matches (18.01.2008 – 17.01.2018)
Longest run without win:	15 matches (17.01.2008 – 17.01.2018)
Current run:	L14 (18.01.2008 – 17.01.2018)
Most goals:	29 vs. Slovenia 29:31L @ Stavanger, 22.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Poland 23:39L @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	62 vs. Poland 23:39L @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Germany 19:23L @ Zagreb CRO, 13.01.2018
	19 vs. Slovenia 19:28L @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	25 vs. Russia 25:25D @ Drammen NOR, 17.01.2008
Fewest goals both teams:	47 vs. Slovenia 19:28L @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

CRO v MNE Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
23.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	CRO-MNE	ECh – MR-Group I	34:26 (13:12)
15.01.2014 København/Sjælland DEN	MNE-CRO	ECh – Group D	22:27 (12:13)
09.06.2018 Osijek CRO	CRO-MNE	WCh-Play-off	32:19 (17:10)
14.06.2018 Podgorica MNE	MNE-CRO	WCh-Play-off	32:31 (18:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	3	124	0	1	99
EURO matches	2	2	61	0	0	48

MNE v SRB Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
29.10.2014 Beograd SRB	SRB-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:21 (10:9)
10.06.2015 Bar MNE	MNE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	23:23 (11:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	0	44	1	1	48
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

MNE v BLR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
17.01.2014 København/Sjælland DEN	BLR-MNE	ECh – Group D	29:23 (13:13)
08.06.2014 Podgorica MNE	MNE-BLR	WCh-Play-off	28:27 (10:14)
15.06.2014 Minsk BLR	BLR-MNE	WCh-Play-off	30:24 (16:9)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	3	1	75	0	2	86
EURO matches	1	0	23	0	1	29

SERBIA

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP A

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

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TEAM PROFILE

The Eagles qualified for their sixth successive EHF EURO as a result of being one of the best third-place finishers in qualifying which at one point looked in serious jeopardy.

The team failed to win any of their first four matches during the qualification campaign but two wins from their final two matches, against Belgium and Switzerland, proved enough for the 2012 silver medallists.

That performance in what was only their second European Championship as an independent nation remains the greatest achievement of men's handball in Serbia and after a series of frustrating performances in the three tournaments since, Nenad Perunicic's team are hoping to reach the main round at EHF EURO 2020.

Two years ago at EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia the team finished 12th, making the main round but losing all five of their matches in a group that included Sweden and France, the eventual silver and bronze medallists.

However this year, with team captain Nemanja Ilic fresh from a loan spell with Barca Lassa, the Serbia squad will be hoping to emulate their 2012 performance when they take begin EHF EURO 2020 in the preliminary round against Croatia, Belarus and Montenegro.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Croatia	6	5	1	0	174:148	26	11
Switzerland	6	3	0	3	180:167	13	6
Serbia	6	2	2	2	168:165	3	6
Belgium	6	0	1	5	144:186	-42	1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GRAZ Stadthalle Graz	9 January	18:15	Belarus v **Serbia**
	11 January	18:15	Montenegro v **Serbia**
	13 January	20:30	**Serbia** v Croatia

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
2008	Qualification	6	4	1	1	220:164	+56	9:3	1st Group 2
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	70:71	-1	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2010	Qualification	10	7	1	2	351:272	+79	15:5	2nd Group 2
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	83:94	–11	1:5	13th Place
2012	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	176:168	+8	10:6	Runner-up
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	171:162	+9	9:3	1st Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	73:77	-4	2:4	13th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	153:152	+1	8:4	2nd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	81:92	-11	1:5	15th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	175:173	+2	8:4	2nd Group 2
2018	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	160:191	–31	2:10	12th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	2	2	2	168:165	+3	6:6	3rd Group 2
Total Qualification		42	24	9	9	1308:1159	+149	57:27	
Total EHF EURO		23	6	4	13	573:622	-49	16:30	

Vladimir Cupara

goalkeeper

- playing in his second EHF EURO
- sharing playing time with another highly talented shot-stopper, Dejan Milosavljev
- made debut for Serbia in 2016
- started professional career at boyhood club Red Star Belgrade, as one of the most talented players of his generation
- after three productive seasons at Ademar Leon he joined Kielce, and later Veszprém

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Nemanja Ilic

left wing

- team captain and a leader of the new generation of Serbian players
- has the most appearances for the national team, having made his debut in 2013
- younger brother Vanja is also a professional handball player, and an occasional Serbia national team member
- began his professional career at Partizan, before joining Toulouse in 2013
- spent 2018/19 on loan at Barça

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Nemanja Obradovic

left back

- will share playing time with several talented players in the left back position
- playing his second EHF EURO, having made his debut in 2018
- can also cover the centre back position, having started his career as playmaker
- has represented Metaloplastika, Valence, Metalurg, Wisla Plock and Meshkov Brest in the space of five years
- his most productive season was 2016/17, when he scored 52 goals for Metalurg

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Lazar Kukic

centre back

- made national team debut in 2017
- trusted as first-choice playmaker, despite lack of experience and young age
- considered among the most talented players in this position
- voted player of the season at La Rioja and nominated as the best ASOBAL League playmaker in 2017/18
- represented Serbia at WCh 2019

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Mijajlo Marsenic

line player

- completes the core of the team, along with close friends Nemanja Zelenovic, Nemanja Ilic and Bogdan Radivojevic
- made national team debut at WCh 2013
- rose to prominence at Partizan Belgrade, alongside Serbia teammates Bogdan Radivojevic and Nemanja Ilic
- began his career as a promising left back, before switching to line player
- won CL with HC Vardar (MKD) in 2017

EC trophies: CL 2017

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Nemanja Zelenovic

right back

- among the most experienced players in the team
- playing at his fourth EHF EURO
- made Serbia debut at WCh 2013
- started his career at Red Star Belgrade, where he played alongside, and was coached by, current Serbia coach Nenad Perunicic
- his career took him from Polish sides Celje and Wisla Plock, to Bundesliga outfits Magdeburg and Frisch Auf Göppingen

Bogdan Radivojevic

right wing

- has said: "I would trade everything I ever won, for a EURO medal with Serbia"
- became first choice right wing for Serbia, following a string of impressive performances in the CL
- named as CL Player of the Month in September 2019 after joining MOL-Pick Szeged (HUN)
- won CL with Flensburg in 2014
- two of his younger brothers also play handball

EC trophies: CL 2014

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Nenad Perunicic

coach

- legendary left back scored 521 goals in 141 appearances for the national team
- took over Serbia national team in 2018 to breed new generation of players
- two-time CL winner with Bidasoa (1995) and Magdeburg (2002) as a player
- won bronze at the WCh 1999
- began his coaching career at Red Star Belgrade, where he retired as player in 2009
- came back from retirement for a brief stint as player/coach for Red Star in 2015

WCh: B 1999 (as player)
EC trophies: CL 1995, 2002, CWC 1998 (as player)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Petar Nenadic	20	2010-2018
Zarko Sesum	20	2010-2012, 2016-2018
Bojan Beljanski	17	2012, 2016-2018
Ivan Nikcevic	17	2010-2016
Darko Stanic	17	2010-2016

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Petar Nenadic	64	2010-2018
Zarko Sesum	59	2010-2012, 2016-2018
Momir Ilic	56	2010-2014
Ivan Nikcevic	50	2010-2016
Marko Vujin	40	2012-2014, 2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	22:18 (11:7) vs. Poland @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012
	26:22 (13:14) vs. Croatia @ Beograd SRB, 27.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	26:36 (16:19) vs. France @ Kraków POL, 17.01.2016
	22:32 (9:14) vs. Croatia @ Split CRO, 12.01.2018
Longest winning run:	2 matches (15.01.2012 – 17.01.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (15.01.2012 – 23.01.2012)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (15.01.2014 – 17.01.2016)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (15.01.2014 – 14.01.2018)
Current run:	L3 (18.01.2018 – 24.01.2018)
Most goals:	31 vs. Austria 31:37L @ Linz AUT, 23.01.2010
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. France 30:39L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	69 vs. France 30:39L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Fewest goals:	19 vs. FYR Macedonia 19:22L @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012
	19 vs. Denmark 19:21L @ Beograd SRB, 29.01.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Poland 22:18W @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Poland 20:19W @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

BLR v SRB Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
14.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	BLR-SRB	WCh – Group C	28:34 (13:20)
06.11.2016 Niš SRB	SRB-BLR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	27:36 (13:20)
18.06.2017 Minsk BLR	BLR-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	27:27 (13:10)
24.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	SRB-BLR	ECh – MR-Group I	27:32 (11:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	2	123	1	1	115
EURO matches	1	1	32	0	0	27

MNE v SRB Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
29.10.2014 Beograd SRB	SRB-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:21 (10:9)
10.06.2015 Bar MNE	MNE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	23:23 (11:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	0	44	1	1	48
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

SRB v CRO Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
27.01.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-CRO	ECh – Semi-final	26:22 (13:14)
31.07.2012 London GBR	SRB-CRO	OG – Group B	23:31 (9:13)
12.01.2018 Split CRO	CRO-SRB	ECh – Group A	32:22 (14:9)
11.04.2019 Beograd SRB	SRB-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	25:25 (13:13)
14.04.2019 Zadar CRO	CRO-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	27:23 (17:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	6	1	143	2	3	161
EURO matches	2	1	48	0	1	54

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PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP B

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TEAM PROFILE

The Czech Republic head into their 10th appearance at the EHF EURO hoping to build on their sixth place finish in 2018, which equalled their best result back in 1996.

The class of 2020 are led by joint coaches Jan Filip and Daniel Kubeš, both former valuable players for the Czech national team. The duo, who took over in 2014 will be hoping to build on their EHF EURO performance in Croatia two years ago.

Before the Czech Republic became independent in 1993, the Czechoslovakia national team won five World Championship medals between 1954 and 1967 and won silver at the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

Since independence, the national team has appeared in nine EHF EUROs and six times at the World Championships. Their best result at this international level came in 2015 when the Czechs won the President's Cup at the World Championships in Qatar.

Their ticket to EHF EURO 2020 was rubber-stamped thanks to a solid performance in qualification that saw them top group 5, winning four of their six matches.

The Czechs will be aiming to continue that form throughout EHF EURO 2020 as they try to better their previous effort two years ago.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Czech Republic	6	4	0	2	161:150	11	8
Belarus	6	4	0	2	182:146	36	8
Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	4	0	2	160:153	7	8
Finland	6	0	0	6	131:185	-54	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
VIENNA **Stadthalle Wien**	10 January	18:15	**Czech Rep.** v Austria
	12 January	16:00	**Czech Rep.** v North Macedonia
	14 January	20:30	Ukraine v **Czech Rep.**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	6	4	0	2	152:105	+47	8:4	2nd Group 7
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	38:38	0	2:2	Lost vs. SLO
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	169:134	+35	9:3	1st Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	155:152	+3	6:6	6th Place
1998	Qualification	6	2	2	2	141:146	-5	6:6	2nd Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	166:170	-4	2:10	10th Place
2000	Qualification	6	3	0	3	159:148	+11	6:6	2nd Group 7
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	47:43	+4	2:2	Won vs. FIN
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	180:205	–25	6:8	8th Place
2004	Play-off	2	2	0	0	56:40	+16	4:0	Won vs. BIH
2004	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	177:202	–25	3:9	11th Place
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	52:59	-7	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	64:56	+8	4:0	Won vs. LAT
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	88:97	-9	0:6	14th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	255:221	+34	12:4	2nd Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	8th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	178:147	+31	8:4	2nd Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	77:84	-7	2:4	14th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	156:144	+12	8:4	1st Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	73:87	-14	1:5	15th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	163:185	-22	5:7	3rd Group 6
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	161:161	0	6:6	2nd Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	173:186	–13	7:7	6th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	161:150	+11	8:4	1st Group 5
Total Qualification		72	43	4	25	1952:1777	+175	90:54	
Total EHF EURO		47	14	4	29	1264:1363	-99	32:62	

Martin Galia
goalkeeper

- the oldest and most experienced player in the Czech squad, the test match against Switzerland at the end of October 2019 was his 200th international match
- started his career at Banik Karvina, before joining Redbergslids (SWE) and then moving to Germany, where he played for Göppingen, Lemgo and Großwallstadt from 2004 until 2013
- in the 2005/06 season he was statistically the best Bundesliga goalkeeper with 508 saves.
- played for Swiss club St. Gallen between 2013-2016, before joining Gornik Zabrze (POL)
- his brother Michael Galia also played professional handball as a goalkeeper

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2010

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Jakub Hrstka
left wing

- played his 100th international match in the EHF EURO qualifier against Finland in June
- like right wing Tomas Cip started his career in his home town of Zubří
- played for Slovak champions Tatran Presov from 2011 to 2019
- joined German side Dessau-Roslau before the start of the current season
- counter-attack specialist

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Roman Becvar
left back

- succeeds EHF EURO 2018 top scorer Ondrej Zdrahala in this position.
- at a club level, usually plays in the centre back position
- has played for German clubs since 2013 - first Rostock, then Leipzig and Dresden, now Nettelstedt
- faces his national team coach in the second German division

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Tomas Babak
centre back

- one of three Czech internationals in the Bergischer HC (GER) squad, alongside goalkeeper Tomas Mrkva and line player Leos Petrovsky
- was named as the best talent of the Czech league in 2012 and MVP of the Czech league in 2013
- steered his home club Ronal Jicin to their first Czech league trophy in 2013, before he joined Swiss side Otmar St. Gallen
- transferred to Bergischer in 2016
- made his national team debut in 2013, but was not part of the Czech team at the EHF EURO 2018

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Leos Petrovsky
line player

- played for Frydek-Mistek, before joining former Czech champions Plzen in 2012
- moved to Polish side Azoty-Pulawy from 2015 to 2017, then joined his current club, Bergischer HC in Germany
- the 2015 WCh in Qatar was his first major event

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Stanislav Kasparek
right back

- with 33 goals, he was the second-best Czech scorer at the EHF EURO 2018
- moved abroad at the age of 19, when he transferred to Hungarian side Balatonfüred
- plays for CL participant MOL-Pick Szeged since 2018
- 202cm tall, but light for a shooter at 86 kg
- started his career at HC Zubří

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Tomas Cip
right wing

- was the fourth-best Czech scorer at the EHF EURO 2018 with 21 goals
- plays for Romanian side Baia Mare since this season
- previously spent eight years at Slovakian club Tatran Presov
- started his career at Zubří, where he became a Czech international in 2009
- the Czech expert in counter-attacks

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Daniel Kubes
coach

- coaches both the Czech national team and TV Emsdetten (GER) since 2014
- shares the job on the Czech bench with former national teammate Jan Filip
- a sixth-place finish at the EHF EURO 2018 was his biggest success as a coach
- as a player was a pure defence specialist
- played 140 times for the Czech national team

EC trophies: CL 2012, EHF Cup 2008, 2010 (as player)

CZECH REPUBLIC

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Martin Galia	32	2002-2004, 2008-2012, 2018
Jan Filip	31	1998, 2002-2004, 2008-2012
Filip Jicha	25	2002-2004, 2010-2014
Karel Nocar	23	2002-2004, 2008-2012
Daniel Kubes	19	2004, 2008-2014
Jan Stehlik	19	2010-2014, 2018

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Jan Filip	182	1998, 2002-2004, 2008-2012
Filip Jicha	131	2002-2004, 2010-2014
Karel Nocar	64	2002-2004, 2008-2012
Ondrej Zdrahala	59	2010, 2018
Pavel Horak	52	2008, 2012-2014, 2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	38:18 (16:12) vs. FYR Macedonia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Biggest defeat:	15:32 (9:16) vs. Spain @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Longest winning run:	2 matches (24.05.1996 – 25.05.1996)
	2 matches (22.01.2010 – 24.01.2010)
	2 matches (15.01.2018 – 17.01.2018)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (24.05.1996 – 25.05.1996)
	2 matches (22.01.2010 – 24.01.2010)
	2 matches (28.01.2010 – 15.01.2012)
	2 matches (15.01.2018 – 17.01.2018)
	2 matches (23.01.2018 – 24.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (29.05.1996 – 03.06.1998)
	6 matches (29.01.2004 – 20.01.2010)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (29.05.1996 – 03.06.1998)
	6 matches (29.01.2004 – 20.01.2010)
	6 matches (17.01.2012 – 13.01.2018)
Current run:	L1 (26.01.2018)
Most goals:	38 vs. FYR Macedonia 38:18W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Lithuania 36:38L aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Most goals both teams:	74 vs. Lithuania 36:38L aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Spain 15:32L @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. FYR Macedonia 38:18W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Fewest goals both teams:	41 vs. Sweden 17:24L @ Ciudad Real ESP, 29.05.1996
	41 vs. France 20:21L @ Wiener Neustadt AUT, 20.01.2010
	41 vs. Germany 19:22L @ Varaždin CRO, 19.01.2018

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

CZE v AUT Match

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
12.01.2014 Herning DEN	CZE-AUT	ECh – Group A	20:30 (9:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	1	0	20	0	1	30
EURO matches	1	0	20	0	1	30

CZE v MKD Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
11.06.2016 Zlín CZE	CZE-MKD	WCh-Play-off	28:22 (14:10)
15.06.2016 Skopje MKD	MKD-CZE	WCh-Play-off	34:27 (19:11)
05.11.2016 Plzeň CZE	CZE-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	35:28 (18:12)
18.06.2017 Skopje MKD	MKD-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	33:20 (16:10)
23.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	MKD-CZE	ECh – MR-Group II	24:25 (13:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	14	6	407	3	5	373
EURO matches	4	2	108	1	1	93

UKR v CZE Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
27.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	UKR-CZE	ECh – Group A	27:30 (12:16)
03.05.2017 Sumy UKR	UKR-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	26:23 (14:12)
06.05.2017 Zlín CZE	CZE-UKR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	32:25 (14:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	3	1	78	0	2	85
EURO matches	1	0	27	0	1	30

NORTH MACEDONIA

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP B

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TEAM PROFILE

Making their fifth successive appearance at the EHF EURO finals, North Macedonia will be looking to emulate their fifth place finish achieved at EHF EURO 2012.

A 10th place finish in 2014 was then followed since with back-to-back 11th places, so for what will be their sixth appearance at an EHF EURO, the Macedonians are out to better their record when they take to the court in 2020.

Since Spanish coach Raul Gonzalez left, the team have been led by Danilo Brestovac, who took over in March 2019. The Macedonian guided the side to two victories in the qualification phase that ultimately led to the team booking their place at the finals. A 24:24 draw with Iceland was followed by victories over Turkey and Greece which were enough for the side to finish top of Group 3 ahead of Iceland.

With a passionate and expectant fanbase demanding a strong performance in 2020, Brestovac can take comfort in the knowledge that he has a squad of players to pick from who are playing in some of the biggest leagues and competitions in European handball. Among them are Kiril Lazarov (HBC Nantes), goalkeeper Borko Ristovski (SL Benfica), line player Stojanche Stoilov (HC Vardar) and left wing Dejan Manaskov (Telekom Veszprém).

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
North Macedonia	6	4	1	1	168:160	8	9
Iceland	6	3	2	1	185:151	34	8
Turkey	6	2	0	4	148:167	-19	4
Greece	6	1	1	4	145:168	-23	3

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
VIENNA **Stadthalle Wien**	10 January	20:30	**North Macedonia** v Ukraine
	12 January	16:00	Czech Rep. v **North Macedonia**
	14 January	18:15	Austria v **North Macedonia**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	110:95	+15	6:2	1st Group A
1996	Qualification	6	2	1	3	147:162	–15	5:7	3rd Group 2
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	121:104	+17	6:2	1st Group B
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	181:181	0	6:6	2nd Group 1
1998	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	130:174	–44	1:11	12th Place
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	55:61	-6	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	48:52	-4	2:2	Lost vs. ISR
2004	Qualification	6	4	0	2	202:179	+23	8:4	2nd Group 5
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	62:64	-2	2:2	Lost vs. HUN
2006	Qualification	6	4	1	1	204:166	+38	9:3	1st Group 2
2006	Play-off	2	0	0	2	54:68	–14	0:4	Lost vs. HUN
2008	Qualification	6	4	1	1	185:179	+6	9:3	2nd Group 2
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	60:66	-6	0:4	Lost vs. SLO
2010	Qualification	8	4	1	3	231:223	+8	9:7	3rd Group 3
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	162:155	+7	7:5	2nd Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	185:175	+10	9:5	5th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	142:150	-8	6:6	2nd Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	141:167	-26	3:9	10th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	161:154	+7	7:5	2nd Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	6	0	2	4	157:176	-19	2:10	11th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	174:158	+16	7:5	1st Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	143:164	-21	5:7	11th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	168:160	+8	9:3	1st Group 3
Total Qualification		86	46	8	32	2467:2377	+90	100:72	
Total EHF EURO		31	7	6	18	756:856	-100	20:42	

Borko Ristovski

goalkeeper

- a vital part of the Macedonian national team with more than 100 matches in the national jersey
- had a high save percentage at the EHF EURO 2012 in Serbia when Macedonia finished fifth
- has won the national championship of North Macedonia, Spain, Germany and the Super Cup of Portugal
- joined Benfica in 2018 after playing for 10 different clubs during his career

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Dejan Manaskov

left wing

- son of Macedonian handball legend Pepi Manaskov and also one of the key players of the national team
- fifth place at the EHF EURO 2012 in Serbia is his best achievement
- played in the CL for Macedonian rivals Vardar and Metalurg
- his international club portfolio includes HSG Wetzlar, Rhein-Neckar Löwen and from 2017 Telekom Veszprém

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Filip Taleski

left back

- considered one of the biggest talents in Macedonian handball and was part of all Macedonian youth selections before his senior debut
- his debut for the Macedonian national team came in 2014 in the WCh 2015 play-off against Greece
- made his professional debut for Metalurg at the age of 17
- played for Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2017-19 and in 2019 joined HBW Balingen-Weilstetten

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Filip Kuzmanovski

left back

- made his senior national team debut at the EHF EURO 2016
- was part of the Macedonian national team during the EHF EURO 2018 as well as the 2019 WCh
- started his career in Pelister Bitola and moved in Metalurg in 2015 where he scored 11 goals in his debut CL season (2015/16)
- played in the Challenge Cup with his first club, Pelister Bitola
- before joining Magdeburg in 2019, spent one season at Eurofarm Rabotnik

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Stojanche Stoilov

line player

- first choice for the line player position in the Macedonian national team
- excelled at the EHF EURO 2012 where his team finished fifth
- joined Vardar in 2010 from local rivals Metalurg, after a brief spell with Odorheiu Secuiesc
- as team captain led Vardar to two trophies in the CL, in 2017 and 2019

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019

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Kiril Lazarov

right back

- team captain and powerful back court shooter as well as penalty specialist
- joined the Macedonian national team in 1999 and has more than 200 international matches to his name
- most successful scorer at a single EHF EURO (61 goals - 2012) and at WCh (92 - 2009)
- has scored over 1,000 goals in the CL, two-time top scorer (2005/06 and 2007/08)
- joined Nantes in 2017 after stints with Pelister, Zagreb, Veszprém, Atletico de Madrid and Barça

EC trophies: CL 2015

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Martin Popovski

right wing

- joined Macedonian national team in 2017
- won two CL titles with Vardar in 2017 and 2019
- as a child first trained in football and started handball at the age of 13
- in 2019 joined RK Prolet

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019

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Danilo Brestovac

coach

- appointed as head coach of the Macedonian national team in March 2019 and has a contract valid until 2020
- previously assistant coach to Ivica Obrvan for the Macedonian national team
- former head coach of the Macedonian U20 and U18 youth national teams
- previously head coach for Red Boys Differdange (LUX) and Metalurg (MKD)

NORTH MACEDONIA

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Ace Jonovski	25	2012-2018
Dejan Manaskov	25	2012-2018
Filip Mirkulovski	25	2012-2018
Borko Ristovski	25	2012-2018
Stojanche Stoilov	25	2012-2018

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Kiril Lazarov	160	2012-2018
Dejan Manaskov	83	2012-2018
Stojanche Stoilov	71	2012-2018
Filip Mirkulovski	60	2012-2018
Goce Georgievski	39	2014-2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	27:21 (12:12) vs. Czech Republic @ Niš SRB, 19.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	18:38 (12:16) vs. Czech Republic @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Longest winning run:	3 matches (23.01.2012 – 27.01.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (23.01.2012 – 27.01.2012) 3 matches (13.01.2018 – 17.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (18.01.2014 – 17.01.2016)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (18.01.2014 – 27.01.2016)
Current run:	L3 (21.01.2018 – 24.01.2018)
Most goals:	32 vs. Denmark 32:33L @ Beograd SRB, 21.01.2012
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Czech Republic 18:38L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Most goals both teams:	65 vs. Denmark 32:33L @ Beograd SRB, 21.01.2012
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Czech Republic 18:38L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Serbia 22:19W @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	41 vs. Serbia 22:19W @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

MKD v UKR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
02.10.1996 Bitola MKD	MKD-UKR	WCh-Qual. – Group 2	13:13 (7:6)
06.10.1996 Kyiv UKR	UKR-MKD	WCh-Qual. – Group 2	25:19 (11:6)
02.11.2016 Skopje MKD	MKD-UKR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	27:21 (13:10)
15.06.2017 Sumy UKR	UKR-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	27:27 (14:18)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	1	86	2	1	86
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

CZE v MKD Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
11.06.2016 Zlín CZE	CZE-MKD	WCh-Play-off	28:22 (14:10)
15.06.2016 Skopje MKD	MKD-CZE	WCh-Play-off	34:27 (19:11)
05.11.2016 Plzeň CZE	CZE-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	35:28 (18:12)
18.06.2017 Skopje MKD	MKD-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	33:20 (16:10)
23.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	MKD-CZE	ECh – MR-Group II	24:25 (13:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	14	6	407	3	5	373
EURO matches	4	2	108	1	1	93

AUT v MKD Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
09.06.2012 Skopje MKD	MKD-AUT	WCh-Play-off	26:21 (16:10)
16.06.2012 Wien AUT	AUT-MKD	WCh-Play-off	30:27 (13:14)
16.01.2014 Herning DEN	MKD-AUT	ECh – Group A	22:21 (12:10)
23.01.2015 Doha QAT	MKD-AUT	WCh – Group B	36:31 (16:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	1	103	0	3	111
EURO matches	1	0	21	0	1	22

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PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP B

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

World Championships

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TEAM PROFILE

Co-hosts Austria go into EHF EURO 2020 aiming to build on what has been one of the most successful decades in the history of the Austrian Handball Federation.

The Austrians' performance at their home EHF EURO 2010 was the catalyst, as it started three successful EURO and World Cup qualifying campaigns. The ninth place finish achieved 10 years ago gave Austria the confidence to go on and qualify for the 2014 and 2018 events.

While several key players, such as Viktor Szilagyi, Konrad Wilczynski, Vitas Ziura and Roland Schlinger, ended their careers, the Austrian Handball Federation successfully formed a powerful, young team – one that is now led by captain Nikola Bilyk. In Aleš Pajovic they have a head coach who knows Austria inside-out, having played and coached at domestic level in the past.

The current squad has a healthy mix of youth and experience, with a wide selection of talent who are plying their trade in some of the strongest handball leagues of Europe. Domestically Austria's top flight league remains home to numerous up-and-coming and experienced players further highlighting the positive state of Austrian handball.

Now, with a home crowd behind them at EHF EURO 2020, the Austrian team will want to write the next positive chapter in the recent history.

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QUALIFICATION

Directly qualified as hosts.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
VIENNA **Stadthalle Wien**	10 January	18:15	Czech Rep. v **Austria**
	12 January	18:15	**Austria** v Ukraine
	14 January	18:15	**Austria** v North Macedonia

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	4	1	3	164:157	+7	9:7	2nd Group 3
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	43:45	-2	2:2	Lost vs. BLR
1996	Qualification	6	1	1	4	133:150	–17	3:9	4th Group 1
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:129	+12	7:5	2nd Group D
2000	Qualification	6	3	1	2	153:142	+11	7:5	2nd Group 2
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	44:57	–13	0:4	Lost vs. ESP
2002	Qualification	6	2	1	3	151:173	–22	5:7	3rd Group 1
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	182:136	+46	10:2	2nd Group 4
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	49:60	–11	2:2	Lost vs. POL
2006	Qualification	6	5	0	1	184:165	+19	10:2	1st Group 5
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	49:50	-1	2:2	Lost vs. SVK
2008	Qualification	6	3	0	3	183:178	+5	6:6	3rd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	184:187	-3	5:7	9th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	165:170	-5	7:5	3rd Group 5
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	185:173	+12	8:4	2nd Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	159:160	-1	4:8	11th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	148:161	-13	4:8	3rd Group 7
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	176:186	-10	6:6	2nd Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:99	-19	0:6	15th Place
Total Qualification		82	40	8	34	2150:2132	+18	88:76	
Total EHF EURO		15	4	1	10	423:446	-23	9:21	

Thomas Bauer

goalkeeper

- a handball globetrotter, who has played for 10 clubs in five different countries (Austria, Germany, France, Norway, Portugal)
- currently plays for CL participant FC Porto, with whom he qualified for the EHF Cup Finals 2019 in Kiel
- will play his third EHF EURO having previously participated in 2014 and 2018
- played his 150th international match in October
- his wife Laura is a handball professional and played almost 150 times for Austria.
- his major hobby is being a DJ

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Sebastian Frimmel

left wing

- made his debut in the men's national team in March 2014 at the age of 18
- has played 54 times for Austria already despite still being only 23
- awarded best newcomer to the Austrian league in 2014
- left his home club Westwien in 2018 to join Swiss champions and CL participants Kadetten Schaffhausen
- could share the left wing position with Raul Santos, depending on the form of the Leipzig player, who has several injuries

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Nikola Bilyk

left back

- born in Tunis, when his father Serhij was goalkeeper of the Esperance club; they later played together at Vienna's Fivers club
- was the youngest player at the WCh 2015 in Qatar at the age of 18
- was named MVP, top scorer and best centre back at the M20 EHF EURO 2014 in Austria
- had offers from both Barça and THW Kiel after the WCh 2015 but joined Kiel
- at the age of 23, has already scored more than 270 goals for the national team

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

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Jakob Jochmann

centre back

- shares the position with Gerald Zeiner, who was injured for most of the EHF EURO preparation
- made his international debut only in April 2019
- will be the Austrian player at the EHF EURO with the lowest number of international matches
- started his professional career at WAT Fünfhaus in Vienna at the age of 18, joined Westwien in 2014 and plays for Krems since 2017
- scored 99 goals in the last season of the Austrian league

Fabian Posch

line player

- the successor of legendary line player Patrick Fölser (now Austria team manager)
- made his national debut in 2007 and played his 100th match in October 2019
- has never played abroad; currently plays for Krems, having previously spent time at Westwien, Ferlach, Schwaz and Bregenz
- has scored at least 142 goals in the last three seasons of the Austrian league, topped by 172 goals in 2017/18

Janko Bozovic

right back

- played for 14 different clubs in the last 14 years - in 10 different countries
- after playing in the CL and the EHF Cup with Meshkov Brest, Sporting Lisboa and Metalurg Skopje, he now plays for German side VfL Gummersbach
- only a few goals shy of his 400th goal for the national team
- his mother Stanka Bozovic was one of the stars at Hypo Niederösterreich

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Robert Weber

right wing

- longest-standing member of the Austrian team having made his debut in 2004
- has played 176 international matches
- started his career at Alpla Hard, where his brother Thomas also played for many years
- joined German club Balingen-Weilstetten in 2008, moved to SC Magdeburg in 2009, and now plays for Nordhorn-Lingen since this season
- in November 2018 scored his 2,000th goal in Germany's Bundesliga
- was Bundesliga top scorer in the 2014/15 season with 271 goals

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Ales Pajovic

coach

- appointed in March 2019 as successor of Icelander Patrekur Johannesson
- had his first job as a coach at Austrian club Graz until June 2019
- played for several top clubs including Ciudad Real, THW Kiel and SC Magdeburg
- played 181 matches for the Slovenian national team
- was a master of defence in his active career

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EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009 (as player)

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EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Thomas Bauer	15	2010, 2014, 2018
Robert Weber	15	2010, 2014, 2018
Vytautas Ziura	15	2010, 2014, 2018
Nikola Marinovic	12	2010, 2014
Roland Schlinger	12	2010, 2014
Viktor Szilagyi	12	2010, 2014
Markus Wagesreiter	12	2010, 2014
Konrad Wilczynski	12	2010, 2014

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Viktor Szilagyi	59	2010, 2014
Robert Weber	60	2010, 2014, 2018
Roland Schlinger	48	2010, 2014
Konrad Wilczynski	43	2010, 2014
Vytautas Ziura	26	2010, 2014, 2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	30:20 (14:9) vs. Czech Republic @ Herning DEN, 12.01.2014
Biggest defeat:	28:39 (14:18) vs. Norway @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Longest winning run:	2 matches (28.01.2010 – 12.01.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (21.01.2010 – 23.01.2010) 2 matches (28.01.2010 – 12.01.2014)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (14.01.2014 – 20.01.2014)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (14.01.2014 – 20.01.2014)
Current run:	L3 (12.01.2018 – 16.01.2018)
Most goals:	37 vs. Iceland 37:37D @ Linz AUT, 21.01.2010 37 vs. Serbia 37:31W @ Linz AUT, 23.01.2010
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Norway 28:39L @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	74 vs. Iceland 37:37D @ Linz AUT, 21.01.2010
Fewest goals:	21 vs. FYR Macedonia 21:22L @ Herning DEN, 16.01.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	20 vs. Czech Republic 30:20W @ Herning DEN, 12.01.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	43 vs. FYR Macedonia 21:22L @ Herning DEN, 16.01.2014

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

CZE v AUT Match

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
12.01.2014 Herning DEN	CZE-AUT	ECh – Group A	20:30 (9:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	1	0	20	0	1	30
EURO matches	1	0	20	0	1	30

AUT v UKR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
16.01.2008 Traun AUT	AUT-UKR	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	24:39 (12:20)
20.01.2008 Zaporozhye UKR	UKR-AUT	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	25:31 (9:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	1	55	0	1	64
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

AUT v MKD Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
09.06.2012 Skopje MKD	MKD-AUT	WCh-Play-off	26:21 (16:10)
16.06.2012 Wien AUT	AUT-MKD	WCh-Play-off	30:27 (13:14)
16.01.2014 Herning DEN	MKD-AUT	ECh – Group A	22:21 (12:10)
23.01.2015 Doha QAT	MKD-AUT	WCh – Group B	36:31 (16:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	1	103	0	3	111
EURO matches	1	0	21	0	1	22

UKRAINE

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP B

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TEAM PROFILE

Despite being responsible for producing some of the greatest handball talent in the history of the sport, Ukraine's national team is still waiting for its major success on the European scene.

Olympic gold medallists from 1976 Serhiy Kushniryuk, Yuriy Lahutyn, Mykola Tomyn, Oleksandr Rezanov and Mykhaylo Ishchenko, 1992 Olympic champion Serhiy Bebeshko, EHF EURO 2000 top scorer Oleg Velyky and seven-time EHF Champions League winner Andriy Xepkin are just some of the high-profile names to have been developed in the Ukraine.

Bebeshko is now in charge of the national team, and their solid performances in qualification meant Ukraine will be making their first appearance at a EHF EURO event for the first time in 10 years. Not since a 16th place finish at EHF EURO 2010 have the Ukrainians graced the competition and hopes will be high of a good performance when they begin the competition in Vienna.

The Ukrainian's booked their spot at this year's event as one of the best third-place finishers, down in no small part thanks to two vital victories over the Faroe Islands.

After a decade away from being in the spotlight, Ukraine will be determined to ensure they make the most of their time back in the big time with the hope it is not another 10 years before they are back again.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Denmark	6	5	0	1	197:153	44	10
Montenegro	6	3	1	2	157:163	-6	7
Ukraine	6	3	0	3	161:159	2	6
Faroe Islands	6	0	1	5	131:171	-40	1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
VIENNA **Stadthalle Wien**	10 January	20:30	North Macedonia v **Ukraine**
	12 January	18:15	Austria v **Ukraine**
	14 January	20:30	**Ukraine** v Czech Rep.

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	4	1	3	165:156	+9	9:7	3rd Group 1
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	2	0	4	120:130	–10	4:8	3rd Group F
2000	Qualification	6	5	0	1	170:101	+69	10:2	1st Group 3
2000	Play-off	2	1	1	0	52:44	+8	3:1	Won vs. BLR
2000	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	129:146	–17	1:11	12th Place
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	46:36	+10	2:2	Won vs. LTU
2002	EHF EURO	7	2	0	5	176:189	–13	4:10	11th Place
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	139:104	+35	10:2	1st Group 6
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	48:39	+9	3:1	Won vs. ISR
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	74:85	–11	0:6	15th Place
2006	Qualification	6	5	1	0	184:158	+26	11:1	1st Group 3
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	47:47	0	2:2	Won vs. GRE
2006	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	163:193	-30	2:10	12th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	48:63	–15	2:2	Lost vs. SVK
2010	Qualification	8	5	0	3	205:192	+13	10:6	2nd Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	87:96	-9	0:6	16th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	143:182	–39	2:10	4th Group 3
2014	Qualification 1	3	3	0	0	94:70	+24	6:0	1st Group A
2014	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	137:168	–31	2:10	4th Group 5
2016	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	148:188	–40	0:12	4th Group 5
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	152:168	–16	5:7	4th Group 4
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	161:159	+2	6:6	3rd Group 8
Total Qualification		83	41	5	37	2059:2005	+54	87:79	
Total EHF EURO		25	3	1	21	629:709	-80	7:43	

Genadiy Komok

goalkeeper

- captain of the national team, he played an important role during the qualification for EHF EURO 2020
- currently playing his fifth season at Motor Zaporozhye
- born in Zaporozhye, he started his career at local rivals ZTR
- also had a spell at St. Petersburg in 2011/12

@komokgesha

Zakhar Denysov

left wing

- all-rounder with experience of playing in many different positions in his youth
- plays for Motor Zaporozhye since 2014
- raised in Yuzhny and played for the local team Portovik before moving to Motor
- was also a talented football player as a teenager, but focused on handball

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Vladislav Ostroushko

left back

- a member of the national team since 2009, he took part in EHF EURO 2010
- plays for North Macedonia's HC Eurofarm Rabotnik since 2018
- has played for almost a dozen clubs in eight countries (Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Hungary, Romania, Switzerland, Poland and North Macedonia) during his career
- four-time Ukrainian champion (three times with ZTR and one time with Motor), Belarusian champion with Dinamo Minsk

@ostroushko_vlad

Stanislav Zhukov

centre back/left back

- normally a left back at his club, he is often used as a playmaker by Sergej Bebeshko
- returned to Motor Zaporozhye in the summer of 2019 after earlier stint in 2012-17
- played last two seasons at Bundesliga side Gummersbach, left after club's relegation
- also had spells at Budyvelnyk and ZNTU-ZAS early in his career

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Dmytro Doroshchuk

line player

- participated in EHF EURO 2010 and is ready to come back at this level after ten years
- plays for Motor Zaporozhye since 2014
- previously also played for ZTR Zaporozhye, Portovik Yuzhny and Dinamo Minsk
- his childhood idol was Andrei Xepkin, a famous Soviet line player who later also played for Spain

@doroshchuk_dima

Sergiy Onufrienko

right back

- one of the best Ukrainian players in the last decade, he took part in the EHF EURO 2010
- quit national team in 2015, but returned two years later
- became champion of Belarus, Ukraine, France and Qatar in different years of his club career
- joined the French club Chartres MHB 28 in 2018

Artem Kozakevych

right wing

- has become a regular player in the national team in recent years
- moved to Motor Zaporozhye from Portovik Yuzhny in 2014
- the fast left-handed winger has already become a five-time national champion with Motor
- in 2012, he won a silver medal with Ukraine at the Beach Handball WCh

@kozakevych_20

Sergej Bebeshko

coach

- was appointed national coach in 2018
- led Ukraine to their first EHF EURO since 2010
- spent much of his playing career in Spain, and later started coaching there
- was at the helm of Motor Zaporozhye as well as Belarusian clubs Dinamo Minsk and HC Meshkov Brest

OG: G 1992 (as player)

UKRAINE

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Andrii Natalyuk	25	2000-2006, 2010
Yuriy Petrenko	25	2000-2006, 2010
Vitaly Nat	24	2000-2006, 2010
Sergiy Bilyk	18	2002-2006, 2010
Ruslan Prudius	18	2000-2002, 2006

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Yuriy Kostetskiy	99	2002-2006
Oleg Velykyy	66*	2000-2002
Yuriy Petrenko	65	2000-2006, 2010
Sergiy Shel'menko	55*	2002-2006
Vitaliy Nat	51	2000-2006, 2010

Oleg Velykyy scored also 2 goals for Germany (2008)
Sergiy Shel'menko scored also 40 goals for Russia (2012-2016)

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	30:23 (13:13) vs. Poland @ Göteborg SWE, 26.01.2002
	37:30 (21:14) vs. Switzerland @ St. Gallen SUI, 29.01.2006
Biggest defeat:	22:36 (13:15) vs. Germany @ Basel SUI, 31.01.2006
Longest winning run:	1 match (26.01.2002)
	1 match (02.02.2002)
	1 match (29.01.2006)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (21.01.2000)
	1 match (26.01.2002)
	1 match (02.02.2002)
	1 match (29.01.2006)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (22.01.2000 – 25.01.2002)
	6 matches (31.01.2006 – 23.01.2010)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (21.01.2000 – 25.01.2002)
Current run:	L6 (31.01.2006 – 23.01.2010)
Most goals:	37 vs. Switzerland 37:30W @ St. Gallen SUI, 29.01.2006
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Russia 33:37L @ Graz AUT, 19.01.2010
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Russia 33:37L @ Graz AUT, 19.01.2010
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Norway 16:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Norway 16:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Norway 16:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

MKD v UKR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
02.10.1996 Bitola MKD	MKD-UKR	WCh-Qual. – Group 2	13:13 (7:6)
06.10.1996 Kyiv UKR	UKR-MKD	WCh-Qual. – Group 2	25:19 (11:6)
02.11.2016 Skopje MKD	MKD-UKR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	27:21 (13:10)
15.06.2017 Sumy UKR	UKR-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	27:27 (14:18)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	1	86	2	1	86
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

AUT v UKR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
16.01.2008 Traun AUT	AUT-UKR	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	24:39 (12:20)
20.01.2008 Zaporozhye UKR	UKR-AUT	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	25:31 (9:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	1	55	0	1	64
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

UKR v CZE Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
27.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	UKR-CZE	ECh – Group A	27:30 (12:16)
03.05.2017 Sumy UKR	UKR-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	26:23 (14:12)
06.05.2017 Zlín CZE	CZE-UKR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	32:25 (14:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	3	1	78	0	2	85
EURO matches	1	0	27	0	1	30

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- SPAIN
- GERMANY
- LATVIA
- NETHERLANDS

SPAIN

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP C

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

- 2018
- 1996, 1998, 2006, 2016
- 2000, 2014

Olympic Games

- 1996, 2000, 2008

World Championships

- 2005, 2013
- 2011

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TEAM PROFILE

No country in the history of the EHF EURO has won more medals than Spain's seven and that statistic alone means Jordi Ribera's side will start EHF EURO 2020 as one of the hot favourites to take the gold medal.

The reigning champions, following their success in Croatia two years ago, will be aiming to become the first nation to successfully defend their title since Sweden in 2002. With a talented squad at his disposal, Spain certainly have a big chance.

Their gold medal at EHF EURO 2018 ended a 24-year wait for European Championship glory after a number of near misses in previous editions of the tournament. Previously Spain had been the bridesmaids, finishing runners-up no less than four times. No nation has won more silver medals than the Spaniards.

After finishing fourth in 2012, third in 2014 and second in 2016, Ribera's side made no mistake in Croatia last time out, earning automatically qualification for 2020 and this year hopes will be high of regaining the title once more.

With the likes of Alex Dujshebaev, the winner of the VELUX EHF Champions League with HC Vardar of North Macedonia and Ferrán Solé, who was named Best Right Wing at the last EHF EURO, expectation on reaching the final weekend in Stockholm will be high.

QUALIFICATION

Directly qualified as winners of the EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM **Spektrum**	9 January	20:30	**Spain** v Latvia
	11 January	18:15	**Spain** v Germany
	13 January	20:30	Netherlands v **Spain**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	7	1	0	235:141	+94	15:1	1st Group 6
1994	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	142:126	+16	8:4	5th Place
1996	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:162	+11	10:4	Runner-up
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	162:137	+25	7:5	2nd Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	187:150	+37	11:9	Runner-up
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	57:44	+13	4:0	Won vs. AUT
2000	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:166	+7	10:4	3rd Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	186:173	+13	9:5	7th Place
2004	Play-off	2	2	0	0	68:54	+14	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	166:170	-4	4:8	10th Place
2006	Play-off	2	1	1	0	58:48	+10	3:1	Won vs. LTU
2006	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	255:231	+24	13:3	Runner-up
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	180:169	+11	6:6	9th Place
2010	Qualification	8	7	0	1	247:189	+58	14:2	1st Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	213:192	+21	9:5	6th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	174:125	+49	8:4	2nd Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	224:213	+11	11:5	4th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	179:115	+64	12:0	1st Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	239:218	+21	12:4	3rd Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:132	+52	10:2	1st Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	209:207	+2	11:5	Runner-up
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	202:130	+72	12:0	1st Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	225:189	+36	12:4	Winner
Total Qualification		52	43	3	6	1566:1115	+451	89:15	
Total EHF EURO		93	60	6	27	2572:2366	+206	126:60	

Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

goalkeeper

- has represented Spain in all age categories; made senior debut November 2012 at 21 years of age
- missed EHF EURO 2018 final and semi-finals in Croatia due to a knee injury
- shares the goalkeeper position with his friend Rodrigo Corrales
- joined Barça's youth team aged 17, went on loan to Granollers and Toulouse before rejoining Barça's first team to replace Arpad Sterbik in 2014

EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014
EC Trophies: CL 2011, 2015

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Aitor Arino

left wing

- called up to replace injured Angel Fernandez at the EHF EURO 2018
- represented Spain in all youth teams
- started handball when he was seven years old at school in Barcelona, and he has been donning the Barça shirt since 2004
- used to play centre back as well
- his father, Sergi, was also a handball player, playing for Granollers and Barça in the 1980s

EURO: G 2018; WCh: G 2013
EC trophies: CL 2015

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Joan Canellas

left back

- made his senior national team debut in October 2008
- top scorer at EHF EURO 2014 with 50 goals
- started his career at Granollers before playing for Barça, Ciudad Real and Atletico de Madrid in Spain; Hamburg and Kiel in Germany; and Vardar, where he won the CL in 2017
- joined MOL-Pick Szeged in 2018
- his younger brother Marc is also a professional handball player for Kristianstad and the national team

EURO: G 2018, S2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013, B 2011
EC trophies: CL 2017

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Raul Entrerrios

centre back

- Spanish national team captain since 2014, when he succeeded his brother Alberto; also deputy captain of Barça behind Victor Tomas
- MVP of the EHF EURO 2016
- has the most international experience of the current squad with 257 appearances for Spain
- will retire at the end of this season but plans to continue working with his current club, Barça
- has played his entire career in the ASOBAL league, for Ademar Leon, Valladolid and Barça

EURO: G 2018, S 2006, 2016, B 2014; OG: B 2008;
WCh: G 2005, B 2011
EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015; CWC 2005, 2009

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Gedeon Guardiola

line player

- national team debut was in 2011
- has a key role in defence
- has played for Rhein-Neckar Löwen since 2012, having arrived with his twin brother Isaias, who is now playing for German club TBV Lemgo
- played at Logrono and San Antonio before he joined Löwen
- practised karate in his younger days

EURO: G 2018, S 2016, B 2014; WCh: G 2013
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

@GedeonGuardiola
@gede30

Alex Dujshebaev

right back

- best right back at the last EHF EURO, in Croatia 2018
- made senior national debut in a friendly game against Egypt in 2014 and featured in the WCh 2015 squad
- son of PGE Vive Kielce coach Talant Dujshebaev and brother of fellow Kielce player Daniel Dujshebaev
- joined Kielce at the beginning of the 2017/18 season
- top scorer in last CL season with 99 goals; the first Spaniard to be the CL top scorer

EURO: G 2018
EC trophies: CL 2017

@AlexDujshebaev
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Ferran Sole

right wing

- elected best right wing at EHF EURO 2018, his first appearance at this level
- top scorer for Spain at the EHF EURO 2018 with 36 goals
- named best right wing at the WCh 2019
- played for the U18 and U20 youth national teams, but only made senior debut in 2016 at the age of 24
- joined French club Toulouse in 2016 from Granollers; will join PSG in June 2020
- in 2016, with Granollers, he was EHF Cup top scorer with 70 goals

EURO: G 2018

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Jordi Ribera

coach

- Spanish national coach since September 2016 when he replaced Manolo Cadenas
- first big tournament was WCh 2017 in France, when Spain finished fifth
- EHF EURO 2018 gold was Spain's first-ever European gold
- formerly coached the Argentinian national team between 2004 and 2005, and the Brazilian team between 2005-2008 and 2012-2016
- also coached two ASOBAL teams: Bidasoa Irun (2003-2004) and Ademar León (2007-11)

EURO: G 2018 (as coach)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	51	2004, 2008-2018
Alberto Entrerrios Rodriguez	44	2000-2012
Julen Aguinagalde Akizu	40	2008-2018
Jose Javier Hombrados Ibañez	40	1996, 2002-2012
Eduardo Gurbindo	39	2010-2018
Viran Morros de Argila	39	2010-2018
Iker Romero Fernandez	39	2002-2012

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Alberto Entrerrios Rodriguez	146	2000-2012
Iker Romero Fernandez	143	2002-2012
Rafael Guijosa Castillo	132	1996-2002
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	122	2004, 2008-2018
Juan Antonio Garcia Lorenzana	120	2004-2012

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:15 (16:9) vs. Czech Republic @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Biggest defeat:	21:29 (13:16) vs. France @ Ciudad Real ESP, 29.05.1996
	23:31 (13:17) vs. France @ Zürich SUI, 05.02.2006
Longest winning run:	6 matches (28.01.2006 – 04.02.2006)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (26.01.2006 – 04.02.2006)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (07.06.1994 – 08.06.1994)
	2 matches (28.01.2004 – 29.01.2004)
	2 matches (05.02.2006 – 17.01.2008)
	2 matches (22.01.2008 – 23.01.2008)
	2 matches (27.01.2012 – 29.01.2012)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (28.01.2004 – 26.01.2006)
Current run:	W3 (24.01.2018 – 28.01.2018)
Most goals:	40 vs. Slovenia 40:32W @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Russia 30:36L @ Celje SLO, 28.01.2004
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Slovenia 39:33W @ Basel SUI, 02.02.2006
	72 vs. Slovenia 40:32W @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Fewest goals:	17 vs. Germany 17:24L @ Kraków POL, 31.01.2016
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Czech Republic 32:15W @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Croatia 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

ESP v LAT Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
17.06.1993 Castellón de la Plana ESP	ESP-LAT	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	33:12 (14:7)
16.10.1993 Bauska LAT	LAT-ESP	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	22:29 (8:13)
30.05.2004 Rīga LAT	LAT-ESP	WCh-Play-off	23:36 (12:19)
05.06.2004 Logroño ESP	ESP-LAT	WCh-Play-off	34:24 (20:7)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	4	132	0	0	81
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

ESP v GER Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
03.05.2015 León ESP	ESP-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	26:20 (11:8)
16.01.2016 Wrocław POL	ESP-GER	ECh – Group C	32:29 (18:15)
31.01.2016 Kraków POL	GER-ESP	ECh – Final	24:17 (10:6)
24.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	GER-ESP	ECh – MR-Group II	27:31 (13:14)
23.01.2019 Köln GER	GER-ESP	WCh – MR-Group I	31:30 (17:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	24	16	641	2	6	585
EURO matches	9	6	240	1	2	219

NED v ESP Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
21.02.1976 Valladolid ESP	ESP-NED	OG-Qual. – Group 7	24:16 (10:7)
25.02.1977 Innsbruck AUT	ESP-NED	B-WCh – Group D	25:16 (10:7)
24.02.1979 Zaragoza ESP	ESP-NED	B-WCh – Group C	19:14 (10:7)
22.03.2009 Rotterdam NED	NED-ESP	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	26:35 (12:16)
21.06.2009 Pontevedra ESP	ESP-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	32:29 (19:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	6	0	113	0	6	150
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

GERMANY

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP C

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

- 2004, 2016
- 2002
- 1998

Olympic Games

- 1980*
- 1984, 2004
- 2016

World Championships

- 1938, 1978, 2007
- 1954, 1970*, 1974*, 2003
- 1958, 1978*, 1986*

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TEAM PROFILE

After just missing out on another World Championship medal on home soil in January 2019, finishing in fourth position, the 2004 and 2016 EHF EURO champions Germany are hoping for some new silverware at the EHF EURO 2020.

Christian Prokop's side had been the only of 32 teams in the EHF EURO 2020 qualification to finish with a 100 per cent record with six wins from six matches. Courtesy of their fourth position at the last WCh they secured a ticket for the Olympic qualification tournament.

After the end of their hopes at the 2018 EHF EURO in Croatia, where the German side missed out on a place in the semi-finals and finished ninth, the personnel in the squad has not changed much. However, fresh talent has found its way into Prokop's plans, including top talents like Franz Semper, who had already been part of the 2019 World Championship squad.

After long-term injury breaks, left back Julius Kühn hopes to be ready for the EHF EURO 2020 as the two-time winners eye a third European title to their trophy cabinet.

With world-class options and VELUX EHF Champions League regulars available to Prokop all over the court, German fans are expecting their side to mount a serious challenge for a third European crown.

QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Germany	6	6	0	0	190:119	71	12
Poland	6	2	1	3	152:139	13	5
Israel	6	2	0	4	148:178	-30	4
Kosovo	6	1	1	4	118:172	-54	3

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM Spektrum	9 January	18:15	**Germany** v Netherlands
	11 January	18:15	Spain v **Germany**
	13 January	18:15	Latvia v **Germany**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	7	0	1	183:118	+65	14:2	1st Group 5
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	135:131	+4	5:7	9th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	139:123	+16	7:5	2nd Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	131:135	-4	3:9	8th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	144:123	+21	9:3	1st Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	177:159	+18	10:4	3rd Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	56:41	+15	4:0	Won vs. POL
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	129:136	-7	4:8	9th Place
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	52:45	+7	4:0	Won vs. SVK
2002	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	201:188	+13	11:5	Runners-up
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	244:208	+36	13:3	Winners
2006	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	223:193	+30	11:3	5th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	224:224	0	8:8	4th Place
2010	Qualification	8	8	0	0	300:191	+109	16:0	1st Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	157:165	-8	4:8	10th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	192:150	+42	9:3	1st Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	156:156	0	5:7	7th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	170:151	+19	6:6	3rd Group 2
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	172:145	+27	10:2	2nd Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	223:200	+23	14:2	Winners
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	173:137	+36	12:0	1st Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	156:145	+11	6:6	9th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	190:119	+71	12:0	1st Group 1
Total Qualification		62	50	3	9	1771:1343	+428	103:21	
Total EHF EURO		82	41	12	29	2156:2040	+116	94:70	

Andreas Wolff
goalkeeper

- was the German hero at the EHF EURO 2016, saving more than 50% of all shots in the final against Spain
- was named best goalkeeper at the EHF EURO 2016
- was German handball player of the year in 2015 and 2016
- started his career at Wetzlar, then transferred to THW Kiel in 2016
- joined Polish side PGE Vive Kielce in 2019 and is the club's team captain
- parallel to handball he studies international management

EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

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Uwe Gensheimer
left wing

- the team captain of the German team
- apart from three years at Paris Saint-Germain between 2016 and 2019, he has only played for his home club Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- was top scorer of the CL three times (2010/11, 2016/17 and 2017/18)
- is the top scorer of the current German team with 869 goals from 174 international matches
- missed EHF EURO 2016 due to an injury
- made his national debut in 2005

OG: B 2016
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

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Julius Kühn
left back

- recently made his national team comeback after a one-year injury break
- missed the 2019 WCh on home ground after tearing his Achilles tendon in an EHF EURO qualifier in Kosovo in November 2018
- replaced injured Christian Dissinger during the main round of the EHF EURO 2016 and was a key to the eventual victory
- played for Essen and Gummersbach, before joining his current club MT Melsungen
- played his first international match for Germany in September 2014

EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016

@juliusk5

Fabian Wiede
centre back

- usually plays in the right back position, as he is left handed, but is now playmaker due to several injuries in this position
- shares the centre back position with his Füchse teammate Paul Drux
- was discovered by Füchse Berlin at the age of 16, since then plays for the same club
- played his first major tournament at the EHF EURO 2016
- was the only German All-star Team player at the 2019 WCh

EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2015, 2018

Patrick Wiencek

line player

- named German handball player of the year in 2019
- forms the line player quartet with Hendrik Pekeler, Jannik Kohlbacher and Johannes Golla
- joined THW Kiel in 2012 and recently extended his contract until 2023; one of three THW captains, previously played for TUSEM Essen and VfL Gummersbach
- missed the successful EHF EURO 2016 due to a torn cruciate ligament
- highly important for the German defence, but also plays in attack
- away from handball he is a trained plant engineer and an avid DIY enthusiast

OG: B 2016
EC trophies: CWC 2011; EHF Cup 2019

@patrickwiencek

Kai Häfner

right back

- was late replacement for Steffen Weinhold during the EHF EURO 2016, arriving at the end of the main round
- scored 15 goals in three matches during the EHF EURO 2016, including the winning strike against Norway in extra time of the semi-final
- played for Balingen and Göppingen before his star rose at Hannover, joined MT Melsungen in summer 2019
- can also play in the centre back position

EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2011

Tobias Reichmann

right wing

- shares the position with Patrick Groetzki
- All-star Team right wing and second best scorer at the EHF EURO 2016
- after three years at PGE Vive Kielce in Poland he returned to Germany in 2017, joining MT Melsungen
- previously played twice for THW Kiel and in-between for HSG Wetzlar
- famous for his counter-attacks
- the only player in 2016, who became both EHF EURO champion and CL winner

EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016
EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012, 2016

@tobiasreichmann

Christian Prokop

coach

- ended his career as a player at the age of 25 due to a knee injury
- coached some Bundesliga first-division teams before his star rose as coach of SC DHfK Leipzig
- was awarded best German coach of the 2015/16 season
- succeeded Dagur Sigurdsson in spring 2017 and contract expires in 2022
- EHF EURO 2020 is his third major tournament as German head coach
- his handball philosophy is based on a strong defence and a quick transition into attack

GERMANY

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Klaus-Dieter Petersen	41	1994-2004
Henning Fritz	38	1996-2008
Pascal Hens	36	2002-2008, 2012
Daniel Stephan	36	1994-2004
Christian Schwarzer	34	1994-1998, 2002-2004
Volker Zerbe	34	1994-1996, 2000-2004

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Florian Kehrmann	139	2000-2008
Daniel Stephan	133	1994-2004
Stefan Kretzschmar	131	1994-2002
Pascal Hens	115	2002-2008, 2012
Christian Schwarzer	108	1994-1998, 2002-2004

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	36:22 (15:13) vs. Ukraine @ Basel SUI, 31.01.2006
Biggest defeat:	26:36 (9:18) vs. France @ Lillehammer NOR, 27.01.2008
Longest winning run:	8 matches (18.01.2016 – 13.01.2018)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (18.01.2016 – 19.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (26.01.2008 – 19.01.2010)
	3 matches (23.01.2012 – 16.01.2016)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (21.01.2000 – 27.01.2000)
Current run:	L2 (21.01.2018 – 24.01.2018)
Most goals:	41 vs. Poland 41:32W @ Koper SLO, 24.01.2004
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. France 26:36L @ Lillehammer NOR, 27.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Poland 41:32W @ Koper SLO, 24.01.2004
Fewest goals:	15 vs. France 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. France 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	30 vs. France 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

GER v NED Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
01.03.1961 Berlin FRG	GER-NED	WCh – Group B	33:7 (11:3)
18.06.1993 Sittard NED	NED-GER	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	17:18 (8:7)
20.06.1993 Solingen GER	GER-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	18:12 (10:3)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	3	3	69	0	0	36
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

ESP v GER Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
03.05.2015 León ESP	ESP-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	26:20 (11:8)
16.01.2016 Wrocław POL	ESP-GER	ECh – Group C	32:29 (18:15)
31.01.2016 Kraków POL	GER-ESP	ECh – Final	24:17 (10:6)
24.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	GER-ESP	ECh – MR-Group II	27:31 (13:14)
23.01.2019 Köln GER	GER-ESP	WCh – MR-Group I	31:30 (17:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	24	16	641	2	6	585
EURO matches	9	6	240	1	2	219

LAT v GER Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
31.10.2010 Dobele LAT	LAT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	18:36 (8:17)
12.06.2011 Trier GER	GER-LAT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	32:22 (17:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	0	40	0	2	68
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

LATVIA

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TEAM PROFILE

A qualification campaign that saw four victories from six matches secured Latvia their first ever appearance at a major handball finals tournament.

Their EHF EURO debut will be the most important competition in the history of Latvian handball and while they face stiff opposition Armands Uščins's side will be out to spring a surprise.

Latvians can take heart from the terrific performance in qualifiyng which included a run of four wins in a row with one over Slovenia a particular highlight.

Their appearance this year comes after a number of near-misses for a team making solid progress on court.

The heartache of failing to qualify for the 2017 World Championships by the narrowest of margins – Belarus took the ticket on away goals after the two nations had tied their play-off matches 52:52 on aggregate – has been a source of inspiration.

With one of Europe's most recognisable and feared players in Dainis Kristopans among their squad, there's no reason why Latvia cannot continue their upward momentum at EHF EURO 2020.

Kristopans lifted the VELUX EHF Champions League last season and was named Europe's best player in June 2019 and a player of his calibre could prove to be the difference.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Slovenia	6	5	0	1	171:143	28	10
Latvia	6	4	0	2	150:143	7	8
Netherlands	6	3	0	3	167:159	8	6
Estonia	6	0	0	6	142:185	-43	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM **Spektrum**	9 January	20:30	Spain v **Latvia**
	11 January	16:00	**Latvia** v Netherlands
	13 January	18:15	**Latvia** v Germany

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	2	0	6	179:230	–51	4:12	4th Group 6
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	1	0	5	113:139	–26	2:10	4th Group F
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	1	3	2	148:148	0	5:7	3rd Group A
2000	Qualification	6	2	0	4	119:131	–12	4:8	4th Group 6
2004	Qualification	6	3	0	3	164:178	–14	6:6	3rd Group 5
2006	Qualification	6	2	0	4	165:171	-6	4:8	3rd Group 5
2008	Qualification	6	4	0	2	187:167	+20	8:4	2nd Group 3
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	56:64	-8	0:4	Lost vs. CZE
2010	Qualification	8	3	0	5	227:249	–22	6:10	4th Group 6
2012	Qualification 1	3	2	0	1	82:79	+3	4:2	1st Group B
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	140:187	–47	0:12	4th Group 5
2014	Qualification 1	3	1	2	0	83:57	+26	4:2	2nd Group D
2014	Qualification 2	6	1	1	4	150:164	–14	3:9	4th Group 4
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	133:182	–49	4:8	3rd Group 3
2018	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	129:182	–53	0:12	4th Group 1
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	150:143	+7	8:4	2nd Group 4
Total Qualification		90	28	6	56	2225:2471	-246	62:118	

Arturs Kugis

goalkeeper

- played an important role during the EHF EURO 2020 qualification matches
- his performance for Latvia earned him a surprising move from Grosswalstadt to Vardar
- started career at Dobele, but at 19, moved to Germany where he played many years in the Bundesliga second and third divisions
- made his CL debut in the current season

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Nils Kreicbergs

left back

- one of the best Latvian players of the new generation
- in 2019, moved to Cocks and made his CL debut with the Finnish club
- before that, spent most of his career at his home team Dobele
- also had a brief spell with Germany's SV Beckdorf in 2017

@nilskreicbergs

Aivis Jurdzs

left back

- one of the national team veterans and key players
- started his career at ASK Riga
- in 2009, moved to Germany where he played for Hannover, Eisenach and Leipzig
- after 10 years abroad, moved back to Latvia in 2019 and signed with Dobele

Maris Versakovs

centre back

- with 32 goals, he was Latvia's joint top scorer in the EHF EURO qualification (alongside Dainis Kristopans)
- started career at ASK Riga, but then played 12 years in German clubs
- in 2019, returned to his homeland and signed a contract with Dobele
- the all-rounder can also perform as left back

Ingars Dude

line player

- the 32-year-old is captain of the national team
- he has played for the French club Limoges since 2016, and is team captain there
- started his career at ASK Riga before moving abroad in 2009

Dainis Kristopans

right back

- a key player for Latvia in the last decade
- scored 13 goals in the qualifier against Slovenia, as a 25:24 win sealed Latvia's spot at EHF EURO 2020
- born in a small Latvian town, Ludza, and started his career at local club Latgols
- played for Tatran Presov, Meshkov Brest and Al-Rayyan in Qatar before joining HC Vardar in 2017, in the summer of 2020 he will transfer to PSG
- at 215 cm, he is one of the tallest players in European handball

EC trophies: CL 2019

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Janis Pavlovics

right wing

- one of the most experienced players in the national team
- like many of his Latvian teammates, started career at ASK Riga
- between 2016 and 2019, spent three seasons at Latvia's Latgols
- in 2019, returned to Norway and joined Sandefjord after previous spell at Runar

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Armands Uscins

coach

- led Latvia to their first ever major tournament, EHF EURO 2020
- has coached the national team since November 2017
- as a line player, he played for ASK Riga and Germany's Dessau-Rosslauer HV as well as for Latvia's national team
- lives in Germany only 25 kilometres away from German national team coach Christian Prokop
- his son has German citizenship and plays for the German U18 team

LATVIA

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
N/A	N/A	N/A

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
N/A	N/A	N/A

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	N/A
Biggest defeat:	N/A
Longest winning run:	N/A
Longest unbeaten run:	N/A
Longest losing run:	N/A
Longest run without win:	N/A
Current run:	N/A
Most goals:	N/A
Most goals opponent:	N/A
Most goals both teams:	N/A
Fewest goals:	N/A
Fewest goals opponent:	N/A
Fewest goals both teams:	N/A

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

ESP v LAT Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
17.06.1993 Castellón de la Plana ESP	ESP-LAT	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	33:12 (14:7)
16.10.1993 Bauska LAT	LAT-ESP	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	22:29 (8:13)
30.05.2004 Rīga LAT	LAT-ESP	WCh-Play-off	23:36 (12:19)
05.06.2004 Logroño ESP	ESP-LAT	WCh-Play-off	34:24 (20:7)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	4	132	0	0	81
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

LAT v NED Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
03.05.2017 Valmiera LAT	LAT-NED	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	27:29 (13:15)
07.05.2017 Emmen NED	NED-LAT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	25:24 (13:14)
28.10.2018 Valmiera LAT	LAT-NED	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	29:25 (17:11)
16.06.2019 Almere NED	NED-LAT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:21 (13:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	4	1	101	0	3	104
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

LAT v GER Matches

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31.10.2010 Dobele LAT	LAT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	18:36 (8:17)
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TEAM PROFILE

It will be a historic moment for Dutch handball when the Netherlands' national team first take to the court for the first time at EHF EURO 2020.

Never before have the men's team qualified for the European Championship finals but that will all change when Erlinger Richardsson's side throw off against Germany on 9 January.

Qualification was a huge achievement for Richardsson's team – not only was it the first time the Dutch had qualified for a EHF EURO but it was the first time since the 1961 World Championships that the Netherlands had a men's team appear at a major tournament.

The Netherlands take their place among the European elite thanks to a qualification campaign that saw them finish as one of four best third-placed teams. Three wins from six games was enough to book their place in the finals, with a nail-biting 25:21 win over Latvia in their final match ultimately proving decisive.

Icelandic coach Richardsson, who took over in 2017, has assembled a squad with a balanced blend of youth and experience. With a talented and enthusiastic team representing their country at their first finals, you can be sure that those players pulling on the famous orange jersey will be making the most of this historic occasion in Dutch handball.

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EHF EURO RECORD

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1994	Qualification	8	3	1	4	154:163	-9	7:9	3rd Group 5
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	2	1	1	97:95	+2	5:3	2nd Group A
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	0	1	5	130:164	–34	1:11	4th Group D
2000	Qualification	6	1	1	4	93:132	–39	3:9	4th Group 3
2002	Qualification	6	4	1	1	160:127	+33	9:3	2nd Group 5
2002	Play-off	2	0	0	2	45:54	-9	0:4	Lost vs. POR
2004	Qualification	6	1	0	5	129:153	–24	2:10	4th Group 6
2006	Qualification	3	1	0	2	82:89	-7	2:4	3rd Group 4
2008	Qualification	6	3	1	2	186:186	0	7:5	2nd Group 4
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	47:72	–25	0:4	Lost vs. POL
2010	Qualification	8	3	2	3	215:190	+25	8:8	3rd Group 7
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	155:202	–47	1:11	4th Group 6
2014	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	150:181	–31	2:10	3rd Group 5
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	155:174	–19	4:8	3rd Group 1
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	155:179	–24	4:8	3rd Group 1
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	167:159	+8	6:6	3rd Group 4
Total Qualification		87	26	9	52	2120:2320	-200	61:113	

Gerrie Eijlers
goalkeeper

- the Dutch squad's most experienced player at age 39, made national team debut in 1998
- his crucial saves helped Netherlands beat Latvia 25:21 in a decisive qualifier
- shares playing time with Bart Ravensbergen from Bundesliga side HSG Nordhorn-Lingen
- returned to his first club, HV Volendam, in 2017 after a 14-year stint in Germany playing for clubs like TUSEM Essen, SC Magdeburg and GWD Minden
- reached EHF Cup quarter-final (2013) and semi-final (2012) with Magdeburg

@Gerrieeijlers

Jeffrey Boomhouwer
left wing

- a regular in the Dutch national team for many years
- made team debut three days after his 21st birthday in away match against Ukraine in June 2009
- left Dutch side Aalsmeer in 2010 and moved to Germany, playing for TV Emsdetten, MT Melsungen and, since 2018, Bergischer HC
- has European Cup experience with Aalsmeer and Melsungen, reaching EHF Cup quarter-finals twice with the German club

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Fabian van Olphen
left back

- highly experienced 38-year-old, coming out of international retirement after Netherlands qualified for EHF EURO 2020, has scored more than 300 goals for the 'Oranje'
- at age 20, joined Emsdetten in Germany in 2001 but could not settle and returned to Dutch club Quintus after one month
- started new adventure abroad two years later and has played in Germany ever since
- joined TBV Lemgo in 2017 after over 10 years with SC Magdeburg, where he had won the EHF Cup 10 years earlier

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2007

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Ephrahim Jerry
centre back

- highly driven playmaker who also does well in left back position
- was regular in all Dutch youth selections until senior national team debut in December 2016
- moved abroad in summer of 2017 at age 21, joining Sporting NeLo in Belgium
- has a medical degree from Maastricht University
- his younger brother Odirin plays in the Dutch national U19 team

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Toon Leenders

line player

- the 202cm tall line player made his national team debut in June 2006
- gained European Cup experience with Dutch side Bevo in EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup before moving abroad in 2009
- played in German Bundesliga in 2012/13 season with TUSEM Essen
- joined HSG Nordhorn-Lingen for third time in 2017 - and returned to Bundesliga in 2019 - after earlier stints between 2009-2012 and 2014-2015

@toonleenders

Kay Smits

right back

- at age 22, already an important pillar of national team
- earned first cap at age 19, in a match against Poland in June 2016
- brother Jorn and sister Inger also play for Dutch national team, just like their father Gino Smits did from 1989-1992
- reached EHF Cup group phase and played CL qualification with Dutch side OCI-Lions
- joined TTH Holstebro in 2018, and reached EHF Cup Finals in first season with Danish side, scoring 34 goals

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Alec Smit

right wing

- gifted right wing who came through all Dutch national youth ranks
- named 'Talent of the Year' by Dutch handball federation in 2019
- was only 16 when playing for OCI Lions in EHF Cup group phase, and 17 at time of national team debut in December 2016
- moved to HSG Nordhorn-Lingen in Germany in summer of 2017, helped club earn promotion to Bundesliga in 2018/19

Erlingur Richardsson

coach

- Richardsson is an Icelandic former line player who replaced Joop Fiege as head coach in October 2017
- he guided Netherlands to their first ever EHF EURO participation
- previously coached Iceland's national team, Westwien in Austria and Füchse Berlin in Germany
- led Füchse to two straight Super Globe triumphs (2015, 2016) but left club midway through the 2016/17 season
- spent entire playing career in Iceland, mostly with IB Vestmannaeyja

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EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
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EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

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EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

LAT v NED Matches

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All matches	4	1	101	0	3	104
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

NED v ESP Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
21.02.1976 Valladolid ESP	ESP-NED	OG-Qual. – Group 7	24:16 (10:7)
25.02.1977 Innsbruck AUT	ESP-NED	B-WCh – Group D	25:16 (10:7)
24.02.1979 Zaragoza ESP	ESP-NED	B-WCh – Group C	19:14 (10:7)
22.03.2009 Rotterdam NED	NED-ESP	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	26:35 (12:16)
21.06.2009 Pontevedra ESP	ESP-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	32:29 (19:11)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	6	0	113	0	6	150
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO
- 2006, 2010, 2014
- 2008, 2018

Olympic Games
- 2008, 2012
- 2016
- 1992

World Championships
- 1995, 2001, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017
- 1993
- 1997, 2003, 2005, 2019

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TEAM PROFILE

With a skilled generation of players nicknamed "Les Experts", the France national team is considered one of the most talented in handball history.

The three-time EHF EURO winners go into this European Championship aiming to regain the title they last captured in 2014.

In recent years the French fans have been blessed with success. In 2017, France became the first nation to win six world titles adding to their three EHF EURO trophies and two Olympic gold medals.

As well as the trophies, France have also claimed silver medals at the 2016 Olympic Games and the World Championship 1993, as well as bronze at the 1992 Olympics, the World Championships 1997, 2003, 2005 and 2019, and the EHF EURO 2008 and 2018. They are the first and so-far only men's team to have held all three major international titles at once (2008-2010).

Young players such as Nedim Remili, Ludovic Fabregas and Melvyn Richardson, have shown they have the potential to become world-class athletes and help the team renew itself following the retirement of long-time, key stalwarts Thierry Omeyer and Daniel Narcisse.

With coaching duo Didier Dinart and Guillaume Gille at the helm, the French squad have stayed in contention for major titles. Their last EHF EURO performance saw them take bronze in Croatia two years ago and all eyes will be on the French to better that result this time around.

QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
France	6	5	0	1	204:147	57	10
Portugal	6	4	1	1	154:143	11	9
Lithuania	6	1	1	4	142:182	-40	3
Romania	6	1	0	5	129:157	-28	2

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM Spektrum	10 January	18:15	**France** v Portugal
	12 January	18:15	**France** v Norway
	14 January	18:15	Bosnia & Herzegovina v **France**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	185:157	+28	13:3	2nd Group 5
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	51:42	+9	2:2	Won vs. POL
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	148:148	0	5:7	6th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	0	3	139:132	+7	6:6	2nd Group 3
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	154:141	+13	8:4	7th Place
1998	Qualification	6	5	1	0	158:124	+34	11:1	1st Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	140:153	–13	5:7	7th Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	41:33	+8	4:0	Won vs. ROU
2000	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	173:164	+9	9:5	4th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	2	2	180:167	+13	8:6	6th Place
2004	Play-off	2	2	0	0	53:36	+17	4:0	Won vs. GRE
2004	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	189:182	+7	7:7	6th Place
2006	Play-off	2	2	0	0	63:37	+26	4:0	Won vs. ISR
2006	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	243:192	+51	14:2	Winner
2008	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	231:207	+24	12:4	3rd Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	251:192	+59	12:4	1st Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	2	0	225:196	+29	14:2	Winner
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	156:163	-7	5:7	11th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	177:134	+43	12:0	1st Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	259:227	+32	14:2	Winner
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	201:145	+56	12:0	1st Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	210:182	+28	10:4	5th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	191:169	+22	10:2	1st Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	244:212	+32	14:2	3rd Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	204:147	+57	10:2	1st Group 6
Total Qualification		60	49	2	9	1714:1348	+366	100:20	
Total EHF EURO		92	58	9	25	2552:2334	+218	125:59	

Vincent Gerard

goalkeeper

- was elected best goalkeeper of the EHF EURO 2018 and the 2017 WCh
- with 19 saves, he gave his best performance with France against Sweden at the EHF EURO 2018
- the EHF EURO 2020 will be the fourth of his career
- former player for Dunkerque, Istres and Montpellier, signed for PSG in summer of 2019

EURO: G 2014, B 2018; OG: S 2016;
WCh: G 2017, B 2019 EC trophies: CL 2018

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Michael Guigou

left wing

- started his international career in 2002
- only missed one EHF EURO since 2004, in 2008, due to a leg injury
- despite always being a key asset for France, Guigou has never been elected best left winger of an EHF EURO
- with 276 games played, he is among the top five players for France
- left Montpellier after 20 seasons last summer to join Nimes

EHF EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2018; OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016; WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2005, 2019 EC trophies: CL 2003, 2018

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Romain Lagarde

left back

- his first major competition with France was the EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia
- during this competition, he scored three goals in under 13 minutes during the semi-final against Spain
- left Nantes this summer to join Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- Didier Dinart likes to also use him in the centre-back position

EHF EURO: B 2018; WCh: B 2019

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Nikola Karabatic

centre back

- jointly the best scorer of the EHF EURO 2008 alongside Croatia's Ivano Balic and Denmark's Lars Christiansen with 44 goals
- one of the two players (with Ivano Balic) to have been elected twice MVP of an EHF EURO, in 2008 and 2014
- was also elected best left back of the 2004 edition
- can win his fourth EHF EURO to join five Swedish players who sit on top of the records list

EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008; OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016; WCh: 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, B 2003, 2005, 2019; EC trophies: CL: 2003, 2007, 2015

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Ludovic Fabregas

line player

- his first major competition with France was at the EHF EURO 2016
- at only 23, has now become one of the world's best line players
- played for Montpellier until 2018 before moving to Barcelona
- youth world champion in mountain biking before turning to handball aged 15

WCh: G 2017, B 2019; OS: S 2016
EC trophies: CL 2018

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Dika Mem

right back

- played his first EHF EURO in 2018 and scored 22 goals
- made his national team debut in 2016
- joined Barça the same year, where he has become a key player
- despite only being 22, has already proven his maturity on multiple occasions

EURO: B 2018; WCh: G 2017, B 2019

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Valentin Porte

right wing

- shone for France during the EHF EURO 2014 when he scored seven and nine goals during the semi-final and the final respectively
- has played three EHF EUROs so far, the 2020 edition could be his fourth
- Porte started his career on the wing position but turned into a back court player after making his French debut

EURO: G 2014, B 2018; OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017
EC trophies: CL 2018

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Didier Dinart

coach

- played seven EHF EUROs as a player, won gold twice
- despite the trophies, he never was elected in the All-star Team of any competition
- took the reins of the French national team shortly before the 2017 WCh
- his first coaching experience at an EHF EURO ended with a bronze medal, in 2018

EURO: G 2006, 2010, B 2012 (as player), B 2018 (as coach); OG: G 2008, 2012 (as player); WCh: G 2001, 2009, 2011, B 2003, 2005 (as player), G 2017, B 2019 (as coach)

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EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Nikola Karabatic	60	2004-2018
Didier Dinart	57	1998-2012
Jerôme Fernandez	53	1998, 2002-2014
Luc Abalo	52	2006-2018
Daniel Narcisse	51	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Thierry Omeyer	51	2000-2016

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Nikola Karabatic	256	2004-2018
Luc Abalo	177	2006-2018
Jerôme Fernandez	172	1998, 2002-2014
Daniel Narcisse	163	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Bertrand Gille	142	2000-2012

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	36:21 (19:10) vs. Slovenia @ Västerås SWE, 31.01.2002
Biggest defeat:	23:30 (11:13) vs. Germany @ Meran-Merano ITA, 03.06.1998
	23:30 (10:16) vs. Russia @ Zagreb CRO, 29.01.2000
	22:29 (12:11) vs. Croatia @ Novi Sad SRB, 24.01.2012
Longest winning run:	11 matches (29.01.2006 – 23.01.2008)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (29.01.2006 – 23.01.2008)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (28.01.2004 – 01.02.2004)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (27.01.2000 – 25.01.2002)
Current run:	W1 (28.01.2018)
Most goals:	41 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals opponent:	32 vs. Czech Republic 31:32L @ Ljubljana SLO, 28.01.2004
	32 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	30 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

FRA v POR Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
31.01.2001 Albertville FRA	FRA-POR	WCh – Last 16	23:18 (10:10)
19.03.2009 Póvoa de Varzim POR	POR-FRA	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	24:31 (12:18)
17.06.2009 Nice FRA	FRA-POR	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	36:23 (22:10)
11.04.2019 Guimarães POR	POR-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:27 (17:13)
14.04.2019 Strasbourg FRA	FRA-POR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:24 (16:15)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	9	8	215	0	1	172
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

FRA v NOR Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
15.01.2017 Nantes FRA	FRA-NOR	WCh – Group A	31:28 (16:12)
29.01.2017 Paris FRA	FRA-NOR	WCh – Final	33:26 (18:17)
03.05.2017 Oslo NOR	NOR-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	35:30 (12:11)
06.05.2017 Clermont-Ferrand FRA	FRA-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	28:24 (13:10)
12.01.2018 Poreč CRO	FRA-NOR	ECh – Group B	32:31 (15:17)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	19	12	472	1	6	444
EURO matches	3	2	80	0	1	81

BIH v FRA Matches

No previous encounters.

NORWAY

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP D

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

World Championships

2 2017, 2019

TEAM PROFILE

Qualifying as one of the three hosts, Norway go into EHF EURO 2020 aiming to build on their last two European Championship results that have been a result of the excellent development in handball in recent history.

When Norway hosted the EHF EURO back in 2008 the team recorded their best finish to date, sixth, but it was their performance at EHF EURO 2016 that got European handball talking about the national team again.

That year, the Norwegians, under the stewardship of Christian Berge, made it all the way to the semi-finals, beating highly fancied Poland and France en-route to the last four. Sadly the dream of gold was ended by Germany in extra time but the young side took confidence from that performance and in the 2017 World Championships that followed, Berge's side finished runners-up to hosts France.

Although the team posted a seventh place finish at EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia, Norway repeated their World Championship success in 2019 with yet another silver medal, losing to Denmark in the final.

As one of the hosts this time around and with the buzz of another World Championship still fresh in their minds, expectation will be high of a similar result on their home court this year.

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QUALIFICATION

Directly qualified as hosts.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM Spektrum	10 January	20:30	**Norway** v Bosnia & Herzegovina
	12 January	18:15	France v **Norway**
	14 January	20:30	Portugal v **Norway**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	183:164	+19	10:6	3rd Group 2
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	155:88	+67	10:2	2nd Group C
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	136:157	–21	4:8	3rd Group 4
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	53:38	+15	4:0	Won vs. ITA
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	133:144	-11	3:9	8th Place
2002	Play-off	2	0	1	1	52:56	-4	1:3	Lost vs. POL
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	191:138	+53	10:2	1st Group 2
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	48:50	-2	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2006	Play-off	2	1	1	0	63:50	+13	3:1	Won vs. BIH
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	178:177	+1	4:8	11th Place
2008	EHF EURO	7	3	2	2	196:185	+11	8:6	6th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	2	1	266:226	+40	12:4	2nd Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	169:164	+5	6:6	7th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:152	+32	10:2	1st Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	80:87	-7	2:4	13th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	185:154	+31	8:4	2nd Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	77:84	-7	1:5	14th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	182:152	+30	10:2	2nd Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	235:232	+3	9:7	4th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	196:163	+33	8:4	2nd Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	191:172	+19	8:4	7th Place
Total Qualification		66	44	4	18	1894:1588	+306	92:40	
Total EHF EURO		45	18	5	22	1259:1245	+14	41:49	

Torbjørn Bergerud

goalkeeper

- forms a strong goalkeeper trio with Espen Christensen and Kristian Sæverås
- at 197cm in height he is a very tall goalkeeper with a typically upright Scandinavian style, good at reading the shooters
- apart from Drammen HK, where he started his career, he has played in Sweden and Denmark before joining Flensburg in 2018

WCh: S 2017, 2019

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Magnus Jøndal

left wing

- a classic wing, efficient and creative in established attacking play, fast and effective on counter attacks
- has played his two highest scoring matches against Sweden, scoring 11 goals in both matches and both in 2019
- after representing Follo HK and OIF Arendal in his homeland, he moved to Denmark's GOG before joining his current club SG Flensburg-Handewitt in 2018
- All-star Team member as Best left wing of WCh 2019

WCh: S 2017, 2019

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Gøran Johannessen

left back

- can play in centre back as well as left back
- a tall and flexible back court player who is particularly good at changing pace
- was haunted by several injuries in the past two seasons, but is now back to full fitness
- after starting his career at Viking HK in his homeland, he developed into a top player at GOG in Denmark for two years before joining his current club, SG Flensburg-Handewitt, in 2018

WCh: S 2017, 2019

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Sander Sagosen

centre back

- already at the age of 24, he is considered to be among the best playmakers in the world
- can play in left back almost as well as the playmaker position
- was ruled out for parts of the autumn season with a muscle injury
- in the All-star Team at the EHF EURO 2016 & 2018 as well as at the 2017 & 2019 WCh
- started his career for Norwegian club Haslum HK, developed into a world star at Denmark's Aalborg Handbold, before joining Paris Saint-Germain in 2017
- will be moving to THW Kiel next season

WCh: S 2017, 2019

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Bjarte Myrhol

line player

- physically strong and uncompromising line player, equally good at both ends of the court
- mainly used in the attack in the national team
- at the age of 37, still a key player for Norway as well as for his club, Skjern Handbold in Denmark
- has been national champion in Norway, Hungary and Denmark during his long career
- recovered from testicular cancer in 2011

WCh: S 2017, 2019
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008, 2013

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Magnus Rød

right back

- the current number one among the impressive number of options at national coach Christian Berge's disposal in this position
- makes use of his 204cm height to launch an impressive arsenal of shots but is also good at breaking through the opponents' defence, while he is also a highly reliable defender
- at only 22 years old, he still has plenty of potential for further development
- started his career at Oslo club Bækkelaget SK, and joined his current club, SG Flensburg-Handewitt, in 2017

WCh: S 2017, 2019

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Kristian Bjørnsen

right wing

- a tall, experienced and efficient wing
- has been first choice on the right wing in the national team for numerous years
- was nominated for the All-star Team at the 2017 WCh in France
- started his career at FyllingenBergen in his homeland and represented IFK Kristianstad (SWE) before joining his current club, HSG Wetzlar, in the German Bundesliga in 2016
- his younger sister, Line, has also had a handball career at top level

WCh: S 2017, 2019

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Christian Berge

coach

- national coach since 2014
- was a playmaker for SG Flensburg-Handewitt, Aarhus Handbold and Elverum Handball as well as in the Norwegian national team
- coached Norwegian record champions Elverum before taking over the national team
- recovered from lymphoma twice during his career as a player
- suffers from tinnitus, which often forces him to wear ear protection during matches
- loves to go hunting but he would never dream of killing an animal

WCh: S 2017, 2019 (all as coach)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Bjarte Myrhol	37	2006-2018
Ole Erevik	33	2006-2016
Borge Lund	25	2006-2014
Havard Tvedten	24	2006-2014
Kristian Kjelling	22	2006-2010, 2014

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Havard Tvedten	98	2006-2014
Kristian Kjelling	94	2006-2010, 2014
Bjarte Myrhol	91	2006-2018
Kristian Bjornsen	84	2014-2018
Kjetil Strand	81	2006-2010

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:21 (15:10) vs. Russia @ Drammen NOR, 18.01.2008
	39:28 (17:14) vs. Austria @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Biggest defeat:	24:31 (11:15) vs. Croatia @ Kraków POL, 31.01.2016
Longest winning run:	4 matches (02.02.2006 – 20.01.2008)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (02.02.2006 – 22.01.2008)
	5 matches (17.01.2016 – 27.01.2016)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (18.01.2012 – 14.01.2014)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (18.01.2012 – 15.01.2016)
Current run:	W1 (24.01.2018)
Most goals:	39 vs. Austria 39:28W @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Sweden 34:36L aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Sweden 34:36L aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals opponent:	16 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

NOR v BIH Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
11.06.2005 Drammen NOR	NOR-BIH	ECh-Play-off	36:23 (21:5)
19.06.2005 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-NOR	ECh-Play-off	27:27 (12:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	1	63	1	0	50
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

FRA v NOR Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
15.01.2017 Nantes FRA	FRA-NOR	WCh – Group A	31:28 (16:12)
29.01.2017 Paris FRA	FRA-NOR	WCh – Final	33:26 (18:17)
03.05.2017 Oslo NOR	NOR-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	35:30 (12:11)
06.05.2017 Clermont-Ferrand FRA	FRA-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	28:24 (13:10)
12.01.2018 Poreč CRO	FRA-NOR	ECh – Group B	32:31 (15:17)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	19	12	472	1	6	444
EURO matches	3	2	80	0	1	81

POR v NOR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
15.11.1978 Zürich SUI	POR-NOR	C-WCh – Place 1-6	20:16 (10:8)
29.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	NOR-POR	ECh – Place 7/8	27:30 (10:14, 23:23)
14.06.2003 Stavanger NOR	NOR-POR	ECh-Play-off	23:19 (9:9)
21.06.2003 Caminha POR	POR-NOR	ECh-Play-off	31:25 (18:11)
29.01.2006 Bern SUI	POR-NOR	ECh – Group D	27:37 (12:17)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	5	3	127	0	2	128
EURO matches	2	1	57	0	1	64

PORTUGAL

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP D

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TEAM PROFILE

It has been 14 long years since Portugal last qualified for an EHF EURO event but their qualification for this year's event was worth the wait.

Paulo Pereira's side got off to a flying start in their quest to qualify for EHF EURO 2020 with three successive victories, including a memorable 33:27 win over France in Guimarães. Although they would lose the return game in Strasbourg, the Portuguese were never in danger of missing out on qualification, which was sealed by winning in Romania.

It was EHF EURO 2006 that the Portuguese were last seen at the finals, when they finished 15th, but hopes are high that the team's success is a turning point for handball in the country.

Last season brought tremendous achievements not just for the national team but for Portuguese clubs at domestic level, with a host of players plying their trade at the very top level of handball across Europe. This season's VELUX EHF Champions League sees two of the nation's biggest clubs, Porto Sofarma and Sporting CP, competing for Europe's top club prize, further highlighting the recent success of the sport in Portugal.

After waiting so long to appear at an EHF EURO, you can be sure Portugal will be out to make the most of their appearance in this year's event.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
France	6	5	0	1	204:147	57	10
Portugal	6	4	1	1	154:143	11	9
Lithuania	6	1	1	4	142:182	-40	3
Romania	6	1	0	5	129:157	-28	2

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM Spektrum	10 January	18:15	France v **Portugal**
	12 January	16:00	**Portugal** v Bosnia & Herzegovina
	14 January	20:30	**Portugal** v Norway

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	EHF EURO	6	0	0	6	117:154	–37	0:12	12th Place
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	4	0	2	117:105	+12	8:4	2nd Group F
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	151:163	–12	4:8	4th Group 1
2000	Qualification	6	4	0	2	133:120	+13	8:4	1st Group 6
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	52:51	+1	2:2	Won vs. YUG
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	153:160	–7	6:6	7th Place
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	54:45	+9	4:0	Won vs. NED
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	173:174	-1	6:8	9th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:48	+2	2:2	Won vs. NOR
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	91:101	–10	1:5	14th Place
2006	Qualification	4	2	1	1	113:106	+7	5:3	2nd Group 6
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	59:52	+7	2:2	Won vs. CZE
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:96	–16	0:6	15th Place
2008	Qualification	4	3	0	1	115:94	+21	6:2	1st Group 6
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	55:63	-8	0:4	Lost vs. MNE
2010	Qualification	8	5	0	3	234:229	+5	10:6	3rd Group 6
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	164:165	-1	5:7	3rd Group 3
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	147:166	–19	5:7	3rd Group 1
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	183:176	+7	4:8	3rd Group 5
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	148:165	–17	5:7	3rd Group 5
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	154:143	+11	9:3	2nd Group 6
Total Qualification		74	37	5	32	1929:1891	+38	79:69	
Total EHF EURO		25	6	1	18	614:685	-71	13:37	

Alfredo Quintana
goalkeeper

- born in Havana, Cuba, Quintana made his debut for Portugal against Tunisia in 2014
- he has represented Portugal on 45 occasions
- won several Portuguese titles, all of them at FC Porto
- he is a decisive and very confident player

@quintanaporto1

Diogo Branquinho
left wing

- after several years at ABC, he joined FC Porto in 2017
- at 24 years old he has already won all domestic competitions
- very strong in counterattack, Branquinho has scored 66 goals in 29 games for his national team
- he made his debut for Portugal against Germany in 2016

@diogobranquinho_

Gilberto Duarte
left back

- a very complete player with a great attitude
- has scored 286 goals in 92 games for Portugal
- won seven Portuguese championship titles with FC Porto
- moved to Polish side Orlen Wisla Plock in 2017, spent the 2018/19 season with Barça, and joined Montpellier in 2019
- made his debut for Portugal in 2011 against Austria

@gilbs5

Rui Silva
centre back

- after several years at Sporting CP, he is now a key player for FC Porto since 2015
- has scored 102 goals in 67 games for Portugal
- scored 29 goals for FC Porto during the 2018/19 EHF Cup season, in which they finished third

@ruiisilva14

Daymaro Salina

line player

- he made his debut for Portugal against Qatar in 2016
- won several Portuguese titles, all of them at FC Porto
- has scored 53 goals in total for Portugal and is a defensive machine

@daymarosalina

Joao Ferraz

right back

- after four years at Wetzlar, he moved to Swiss club HSC Suhr Aarau in November 2019
- he made his debut for Portugal in 2011
- he has scored 122 goals in 66 games for his national team
- previously played for Madeira and FC Porto

@ferraz9

Antonio Areia

right wing

- arrived at FC Porto in 2015 from SL Benfica
- he is a true expert from seven metres and scored more than 80 goals for Portugal
- won two Portuguese Championships and debuted for the national team against Romania in 2014

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Paulo Pereira

coach

- Pereira has been Portugal head coach since July 2016
- led Portugal to their first EHF EURO appearance since 2006
- after joining CSM Bucharest in 2018, coached the men's team to their first Challenge Cup title last season

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2019 (as coach)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Carlos Resende	22	1994, 2000-2004
Eduardo Coelho	19	2000-2006
Carlos Galambas	19	1994, 2000-2006
Rui Rocha	18	1994, 2000-2004
Ricardo Costa	16	2000-2006
Filipe Cruz	16	1994, 2000-2002

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Carlos Resende	108	1994, 2000-2004
Eduardo Coelho	80	2000-2006
Ricardo Costa	59	2000-2006
Rui Rocha	50	1994, 2000-2004
Filipe Cruz	44	1994, 2000-2002

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	26:15 (12:6) vs. Israel @ Helsingborg SWE, 25.01.2002
Biggest defeat:	21:38 (11:18) vs. Romania @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Longest winning run:	2 matches (21.01.2000 – 22.01.2000)
	2 matches (29.01.2000 – 25.01.2002)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (21.01.2000 – 22.01.2000)
	2 matches (29.01.2000 – 25.01.2002)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (03.06.1994 – 10.06.1994)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (03.06.1994 – 10.06.1994)
	6 matches (24.01.2004 – 29.01.2006)
Current run:	L3 (26.01.2006 – 29.01.2006)
Most goals:	32 vs. Denmark 32:36L @ Ljubljana SLO, 22.01.2004
	32 vs. Croatia 32:32D @ Ljubljana SLO, 25.01.2004
	32 vs. Russia 32:35L @ Bern SUI, 27.01.2006
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Romania 21:38L @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. Denmark 32:36L @ Ljubljana SLO, 22.01.2004
Fewest goals:	17 vs. Denmark 17:24L @ Porto POR, 03.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Israel 26:15W @ Helsingborg SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	37 vs. Hungary 18:19L @ Porto POR, 05.06.1994

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

FRA v POR Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
31.01.2001 Albertville FRA	FRA-POR	WCh – Last 16	23:18 (10:10)
19.03.2009 Póvoa de Varzim POR	POR-FRA	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	24:31 (12:18)
17.06.2009 Nice FRA	FRA-POR	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	36:23 (22:10)
11.04.2019 Guimarães POR	POR-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:27 (17:13)
14.04.2019 Strasbourg FRA	FRA-POR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:24 (16:15)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	9	8	215	0	1	172
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

POR v BIH Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
03.11.2013 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-POR	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	31:29 (13:14)
12.01.2014 Mafra POR	POR-BIH	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	27:26 (14:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	1	56	0	1	57
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

POR v NOR Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
15.11.1978 Zürich SUI	POR-NOR	C-WCh – Place 1-6	20:16 (10:8)
29.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	NOR-POR	ECh – Place 7/8	27:30 (10:14, 23:23)
14.06.2003 Stavanger NOR	NOR-POR	ECh-Play-off	23:19 (9:9)
21.06.2003 Caminha POR	POR-NOR	ECh-Play-off	31:25 (18:11)
29.01.2006 Bern SUI	POR-NOR	ECh – Group D	27:37 (12:17)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	5	3	127	0	2	128
EURO matches	2	1	57	0	1	64

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PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP D

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TEAM PROFILE

It will be a proud moment for the players of Bosnia and Herzegovina when they take to the court for the first time at EHF EURO 2020 when the country makes their debut at the European Championships.

Bosnia and Herzegovina qualified for their first ever EHF EURO finals as one of the four highest ranked third-place teams, having won four of their six matches in Group 5.

Their participation at EHF EURO 2020 will only be the second time the nation has qualified for a major tournament, the last coming back at the World Championships in 2015. That year, in Qatar, they exited at the preliminary round stage, winning just one of their five matches.

Under national team coach Bilal Suman, himself a former Bosnia and Herzegovina international, hopes are high that the nation can meet the high expectations of their passionate fanbase.

Having taken over the reins in August 2016, Suman has already showed his expertise in guiding his country to the World Championship finals – now the question is can he make Bosnia and Herzegovina's first appearance at the European Championships one to remember?

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Czech Republic	6	4	0	2	161:150	11	8
Belarus	6	4	0	2	182:146	36	8
Bosnia & Herzegovina	6	4	0	2	160:153	7	8
Finland	6	0	0	6	131:185	-54	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
TRONDHEIM Spektrum	10 January	18:15	France v Portugal
	12 January	18:15	France v Norway
	14 January	18:15	Bosnia & Herzegovina v France

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:131	+10	7:5	2nd Group D
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	2	2	2	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Group D
2000	Qualification	6	1	0	5	124:161	–37	2:10	4th Group 7
2002	Qualification	6	4	0	2	150:138	+12	8:4	2nd Group 3
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	33:46	–13	2:2	Lost vs. DEN
2004	Qualification	6	4	1	1	126:114	+12	9:3	2nd Group 6
2004	Play-off	2	0	0	2	40:56	–16	0:4	Lost vs. CZE
2006	Qualification	6	3	2	1	196:176	+20	8:4	2nd Group 2
2006	Play-off	2	0	1	1	50:63	–13	1:3	Lost vs. NOR
2008	Qualification	4	2	0	2	143:121	+22	4:4	2nd Group 7
2010	Qualification	10	6	1	3	298:278	+20	13:7	3rd Group 2
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	134:159	–25	1:11	4th Group 1
2014	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	143:175	–32	1:11	4th Group 7
2016	Play-off	2	2	0	0	55:45	+10	4:0	Won vs. GRE
2016	Qualification 2	6	1	2	3	136:140	-4	4:8	3rd Group 2
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	160:162	-2	4:8	3rd Group 3
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	160:153	+7	8:4	3rd Group 5
Total Qualification		88	35	12	41	2236:2262	-26	82:94	

Benjamin Buric
goalkeeper

- his twin brother Senjamin also plays for the Bosnian national team (as line player)
- played for four clubs with twin brother Senjamin – Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac and Gorenje
- made his name domestically with Borac, before joining Gorenje and later Wetzlar and Flensburg
- selected in Handball Bundesliga team of the season for 2016/17
- won Bundesliga with Flensburg in 2018/19

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Alen Ovcina
left wing

- made Bosnia and Herzegovina debut in 2014
- quickly established himself as first-choice left wing, scoring 53 goals in 21 matches for the national team over the course of one year
- has played for Sloboda Tuzla, RK Gracanica, RK Konjuh, Bosna Sarajevo, RK Vogosca, Al-Shamal, Antalya and Vojvodina
- began professional career at boyhood club Sloboda Tuzla

Nikola Prce
left back

- among the oldest players at the EHF EURO, aged 39
- the national team captain has played over 100 matches and is the all-time third-best scorer for Bosnia and Herzegovina
- has played for 16 clubs so far, including Zagreb, Ademar Leon and MOL-Pick Szeged
- his wife, Nikolina Kovacic, is a Croatian volleyball national team player
- has said: “I intend to play handball as long as my health allows me to”.
- won EHF Cup with MOL-Pick Szeged in 2014

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

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Ivan Karacic
centre back

- key playmaker for the Bosnian national team
- has CL experience with his former clubs Kadetten Schaffhausen, Meshkov Brest and Baia Mare
- national champion with his former teams in Bosnia, Belarus and Romania
- his younger brother Igor Karacic plays for the Croatian national team, and younger brother Goran is a professional football goalkeeper in Bosnia

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Senjamin Buric
line player

- twin brother Benjamin also plays for the Bosnian nationalteam (as goalkeeper)
- played in four clubs with twin brother Benjamin – Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac and Gorenje
- Senjamin is 1cm taller than his brother
- has considerable CL experience, playing for Zagreb, Gorenje and Nantes
- reached VELUX EHF FINAL4 final with Nantes in 2018

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Marko Panic
right back

- made professional debut for Borac Banja Luka in 2006, where he spent five successful seasons
- made Bosnia and Herzegovina debut in 2010, aged 19, and has since become a key member of the national team
- ambidextrous, possessing rare ability to shoot equally well with both his left and right hands
- joined Azoty Pulawy in 2017, following five seasons at the French side Chambery, and moved to Meshkov Brest in 2019

@pana_8

Ibrahim Haseljic
right wing

- the promising right wing became first choice due to his impressive performance in the EHF EURO 2020 qualifications
- came to Gorenje in 2016 as a relatively unknown youngster, but made his name in Slovenia and SEHA league, as well as the EHF Cup
- already playing his fourth season at Gorenje, having signed for three more years last winter

@ibrahimhaseljic

Bilal Suman
coach

- took over the Bosnian national team in 2016, after nine previous coaches ended tenures with mixed success
- a former Bosnia and Herzegovina national team right wing
- well-known name in Denmark, having spent 10 seasons at KIF Kolding
- had coaching experience at former club KIF Kolding
- his nickname is 'left-handed Billy'

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EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
N/A	N/A	N/A

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
N/A	N/A	N/A

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	N/A
Biggest defeat:	N/A
Longest winning run:	N/A
Longest unbeaten run:	N/A
Longest losing run:	N/A
Longest run without win:	N/A
Current run:	N/A
Most goals:	N/A
Most goals opponent:	N/A
Most goals both teams:	N/A
Fewest goals:	N/A
Fewest goals opponent:	N/A
Fewest goals both teams:	N/A

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

NOR v BIH Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
11.06.2005 Drammen NOR	NOR-BIH	ECh-Play-off	36:23 (21:5)
19.06.2005 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-NOR	ECh-Play-off	27:27 (12:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	1	63	1	0	50
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

POR v BIH Matches

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
03.11.2013 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-POR	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	31:29 (13:14)
12.01.2014 Mafra POR	POR-BIH	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	27:26 (14:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	2	1	56	0	1	57
EURO matches	0	0	0	0	0	0

BIH v FRA Matches

No previous encounters.

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PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP E

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

- 2008, 2012
- 2014
- 2002, 2004, 2006

Olympic Games

- 2016

World Championships

- 2019
- 1967, 2011, 2013
- 2007

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TEAM PROFILE

The Danish men's national team began their journey to becoming a world class team when winning three successive EHF EURO bronze medals in 2002, 2004 and 2006.

Another bronze medal followed in 2007 – this time at the World Championships – but a year later the Danes clinched their first EHF EURO gold medal and the title in 2008 in Norway.

Four years later, Danish fans were celebrating again when they won the European title for the second time, beating Croatia in the 2012 final in Serbia.

When it was time for Denmark to host the event for the first time, in 2014, the team went into the tournament as hosts and one of the favourites for gold. However, they were defeated by France in the final and had to settle for silver.

Revenge for that defeat came just two years later when the Danes beat the French in an epic Olympic final in Rio – but France then denied the Danish a medal at EHF EURO 2018, securing a win in the bronze medal match.

The unbeaten run of nine home games in 2019 carried them to their first ever World Championship trophy and then towards qualification for EHF EURO 2020. Nikolaj Jacobsen's team are now seeking another gold medal with the chance of being able to hold Olympic, World and European titles simultaneously – a feat only achieved in the past by France.

QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Denmark	6	5	0	1	197:153	44	10
Montenegro	6	3	1	2	157:163	-6	7
Ukraine	6	3	0	3	161:159	2	6
Faroe Islands	6	0	1	5	131:171	-40	1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
MALMÖ **Malmö Arena**	11 January	18:15	**Denmark** v Iceland
	13 January	20:30	**Denmark** v Hungary
	15 January	20:30	Russia v **Denmark**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	230:140	+90	13:3	1st Group 1
1994	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	150:152	-2	7:7	4th Place
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	145:137	+8	9:3	1st Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	0	0	6	132:158	–26	0:12	12th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	133:134	-1	7:5	3rd Group 5
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	63:48	+15	4:0	Won vs. GEO
2000	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	143:153	–10	4:8	12th Place
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	46:33	+13	2:2	Won vs. BIH
2002	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	212:189	+23	13:3	3rd Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	240:206	+34	12:4	3rd Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	253:233	+20	11:5	3rd Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	233:193	+40	14:2	Winner
2010	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	198:184	+14	10:4	5th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	207:176	+31	10:2	1st Group 7
2012	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	216:201	+15	12:4	Winner
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	247:222	+25	14:2	Runner-up
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	181:144	+37	12:0	1st Group 2
2016	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	195:180	+15	9:5	6th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	194:135	+59	11:1	1st Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	235:215	+20	10:6	4th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:153	+44	10:2	1st Group 8
Total Qualification		48	37	4	7	1396:1100	+296	78:18	
Total EHF EURO		89	56	4	29	2454:2286	+168	116:62	

Niklas Landin

goalkeeper

- has been the natural first choice in the Danish goal ever since Kasper Hvidt ended his national team career in 2010
- developed as a goalkeeper in the Danish talent factory at GOG
- being impaired in the left ear has not stopped him from becoming one of the best goalkeepers in the world
- currently playing for reigning EHF Cup champions THW Kiel

EURO: G 2012, S 2014; OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013 EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013, 2019

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Magnus Landin

left wing

- younger brother of goalkeeper and team captain Niklas Landin
- won Youth WCh in 2013, had debut in senior national team in 2015, before turning 20
- played first major tournament at WCh 2017 in France, won world title two years later
- 197 cm tall wing, who uses his height to create shooting angles from the wing, also good on fast breaks and penalties
- also strong in defence, where he is an excellent left back
- plays with brother Niklas for THW Kiel since 2018, winning EHF Cup in his first season

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019
WCh: G 2019

@MagnusLandin
@magnuslandin

Mikkel Hansen

left back

- awarded IHF World Player of the Year in 2011, 2012 and 2018
- highest-scoring player of the 2019 WCh and named MVP
- son of former Denmark international Flemming Hansen who also played left back
- was sidelined for a large part of the autumn due to concussion
- started playing handball for Helsingør IF, who his father also represented; developed at GOG; has played for FC Barcelona, AG Copenhagen and since 2012 Paris Saint-Germain

EURO: G 2012, S 2014; OG: G 2016;
WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013

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Rasmus Lauge

centre back

- made his debut for Denmark in 2010, but did not become a regular in the starting line up until Thomas Mogensen ended his national team career after the EHF EURO 2014
- an intelligent and inventive playmaker with a good shot and fine skills for breaking through the defence
- can play left back as well
- one of the few players who have played at both THW Kiel and SG Flensburg-Handewitt, currently plays for Veszprém

EURO: G 2012, S 2014; OG: G 2016;
WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013

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Henrik Toft Hansen

line player

- the second-oldest in an impressive handball dynasty, with his two brothers and his two sisters also playing handball at top level
- just as good in the central defence as he is on the line in the attack
- represented four Danish clubs and later North German sides HSV Hamburg and SG Flensburg-Handewitt before joining his current club, Paris Saint-Germain, in 2018
- suffered concussion this autumn

EURO: G 2012; OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, S 2013
EC trophies: CL 2013

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Niclas Kirkelokke

right back

- missed the 2019 WCh due to a knee injury
- an effective shooter from distance and good at breakthroughs as well; also a solid and uncompromising back
- gained his first handball experience at GOG before joining Rhein-Neckar Löwen this season
- the only player in the Danish starting line-up who does not currently play in the CL

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Lasse Svan

right wing

- has gradually overtaken Hans Lindberg as first choice in the position for Denmark
- a fast and technically skilled wing, good on fast breaks and with a huge variety of shots from his wing position
- did not start playing handball until the age of 17
- developed at GOG, currently playing his 12th season at reigning German champions SG Flensburg-Handewitt

EURO: G 2012, S 2014; OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, S 2011, 2013 EC trophies: CL 2014, CWC 2012

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Nikolaj Jacobsen

coach

- national coach since February 2017 and succeeded Icelander Gudmundur Gudmundsson
- acted as national coach and head coach at Rhein-Neckar Löwen during his first 18 months in the job
- was an elegant and effective left wing with Denmark as well as in several Danish and German top clubs as a player
- with 15 goals, he still possesses the record for most goals scored in a single match in the Danish national team

WCh: G 2019 (as coach)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Michael V. Knudsen	53	2000-2010, 2014
Lars Christiansen	52	1996, 2000-2012
Lars Troels Jørgensen	45	2000-2010
Hans Lindberg	45	2008-2018
Kasper Hvidt	44	2000-2010

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Mikkel Hansen	194	2010-2018
Lars Christiansen	188	1996, 2000-2012
Michael V. Knudsen	170	2000-2010, 2014
Hans Lindberg	129	2008-2018
Joachim R. Boldsen	102	2000-2008

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	34:20 (18:9) vs. Switzerland @ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
Biggest defeat:	20:29 (8:14) vs. Russia @ Porto POR, 11.06.1994
	32:41 (16:23) vs. France @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Longest winning run:	12 matches (21.01.2012 – 24.01.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	12 matches (21.01.2012 – 24.01.2014)
Longest losing run:	11 matches (11.06.1994 – 23.01.2000)
Longest run without win:	11 matches (11.06.1994 – 23.01.2000)
Current run:	L2 (26.01.2018 – 28.01.2018)
Most goals:	36 vs. Portugal 36:32W @ Ljubljana SLO, 22.01.2004
	36 vs. Russia 36:31W @ Celje, 27.01.2004
	36 vs. Poland 36:26W @ Stavanger NOR, 23.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	41 vs. France 32:41L @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. France 32:41L @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Sweden 16:22L @ Porto POR, 05.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	17 vs. Portugal 24:17W @ Porto POR, 03.06.1994
	17 vs. Ukraine 21:17W @ Göteborg SWE, 30.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Germany 17:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 29.01.2000

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

DEN v ISL Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
16.08.2008 Beijing CHN	DEN-ISL	OG – Group B	32:32 (18:17)
23.01.2010 Linz AUT	DEN-ISL	ECh – Group B	22:27 (13:15)
16.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	ISL-DEN	WCh – Group B	28:36 (13:16)
22.01.2014 Herning DEN	DEN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group 1	32:23 (17:13)
26.01.2015 Doha QAT	ISL-DEN	WCh – Last 16	25:30 (10:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	21	13	511	3	5	471
EURO matches	5	3	137	1	1	124

DEN v HUN Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
22.01.2017 Albertville FRA	HUN-DEN	WCh – Last 16	27:25 (13:12)
04.05.2017 Budapest HUN	HUN-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	25:25 (14:11)
07.05.2017 Aarhus DEN	DEN-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	35:27 (18:17)
13.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	DEN-HUN	ECh – Group D	32:25 (14:12)
19.01.2019 Herning DEN	DEN-HUN	WCh – MR-Group II	25:22 (15:10)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	20	11	493	3	6	465
EURO matches	5	5	142	0	0	115

RUS v DEN Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
09.03.2011 Chekhov RUS	RUS-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	31:27 (16:13)
12.03.2011 Horsens DEN	DEN-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	36:29 (18:14)
13.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	RUS-DEN	WCh – Group B	27:31 (13:14)
22.01.2015 Doha QAT	RUS-DEN	WCh – Group D	28:31 (8:16)
16.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	DEN-RUS	ECh – Group D	31:25 (13:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	17	6	473	1	10	487
EURO matches	8	2	221	1	5	238

HUNGARY

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP E

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

World Championships

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TEAM PROFILE

For the 12th time in the history of the EHF EURO, Hungary will line up against Europe's elite with the nation's expectation this time firmly fixed on securing a place in the main round.

Two years ago at EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia, the Hungarians were eliminated after the preliminary round stage after losing all three of their Group D fixtures, eventually finishing in 14th place.

However, an undefeated qualification campaign saw Hungary win five and draw one of their six matches against Russia, Italy and Slovakia giving their fans cause for optimism ahead of the 2020 finals.

Even without László Nagy on court, who finished his career last summer, the expectation at EHF EURO 2020 is a spot in the main round under head coach István Gulyás. The former international and Veszprém trainer is assisted by Spanish handball legend Chema Rodriguez and Nagy, who is also the vice president of the Hungarian Handball Federation.

It has been 12 years since the Hungarians finished sixth at an EHF EURO event – their best ever finish at a European Championships – and Gulyás and his team will be eager to make history when they take to the court this year.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Hungary	6	5	1	0	161:135	26	11
Russia	6	4	1	1	158:132	26	9
Italy	6	2	0	4	146:172	-26	4
Slovakia	6	0	0	6	129:155	-26	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
MALMÖ **Malmö Arena**	11 January	16:00	**Hungary** v Russia
	13 January	20:30	Denmark v **Hungary**
	15 January	18:15	Iceland v **Hungary**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	6	0	2	182:142	+40	12:4	1st Group 2
1994	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	128:131	-3	6:6	7th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	156:149	+7	7:5	2nd Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	144:158	–14	3:9	10th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	147:138	+9	9:3	1st Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	145:154	-9	6:6	6th Place
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	52:59	-7	0:4	Lost vs. SLO
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	46:46	0	2:2	Lost vs. SUI
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	64:62	+2	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	164:169	-5	6:6	9th Place
2006	Qualification	6	6	0	0	229:154	+75	12:0	1st Group 1
2006	Play-off	2	2	0	0	68:54	+14	4:0	Won vs. MKD
2006	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	84:89	-5	2:4	13th Place
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	59:53	+6	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	176:173	+3	7:5	8th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	241:179	+62	12:4	2nd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	80:96	–16	1:5	14th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	171:130	+41	12:0	1st Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	6	1	3	2	156:161	-5	5:7	8th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	161:153	+8	7:5	2nd Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	159:165	-6	4:8	8th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	178:151	+27	12:0	1st Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	142:166	-24	2:10	12th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	174:156	+18	9:3	2nd Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	77:92	-15	0:6	14th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	161:135	+26	11:1	1st Group 7
Total Qualification		74	55	5	14	2089:1761	+328	115:33	
Total EHF EURO		57	16	10	31	1455:1554	-99	42:72	

Roland Mikler

goalkeeper

- made his national team debut in 2004
- began his professional career with Dunaferr and reached the semi-final of the EHF Cup with the club as a teenager in 2003
- joined Pick Szeged in 2010, transferred to Veszprém in 2014, and moved back to Szeged for the current season
- reached the VELUX EHF FINAL4 three times with Veszprém

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

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Richard Bodo

left back

- has played for MOL-Pick Szeged since 2016 after leaving Tatabánya KC
- named best male handball player in Hungary in 2018
- main pillar both in defence and in attack thanks to his 203cm height and powerful shots

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Patrik Ligetvari

left back

- won silver at Men's 18 EHF EURO in 2014
- joined Veszprém in 2012
- loaned to Balatonfüred between 2014-2016, Spanish club Ademar León last season, and La Rioja this season
- made his senior national debut in 2016 and represented Hungary at the EHF EURO in 2018 and WCh in 2019

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Mate Lekai

centre back

- debuted in the national team at the age of 21 against Tunisia in 2009
- returned to Hungarian team Veszprém in 2014 after twoseasons at Slovenian side Celje
- began his career at domestic side PLER
- named Hungarian handball player of the year in 2017

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Bence Banhidi

line player

- started playing handball at age 14, as a back court player at his local club Györ
- named junior handball player of the year in Hungary in 2015, a year after his debut in the national team at age 18
- the EHF EURO 2016 was his first major international tournament as a senior
- has played for Szeged since 2016

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Zsolt Balogh

right back

- debuted in the national team in 2008
- joined Szeged in 2012, winning the EHF Cup in 2014 and became the top scorer in the club's history in the CL
- moved to Hungarian side Tatabánya at the start of the current season

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014

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Peter Hornyak

right wing

- debuted in the national team in 2015 and played in the last two EHF EUROs
- also represented Hungary at the WCh 2019
- joined Grundfos Tatabánya KC in 2019
- the 24-year-old began his career in 2011 at Balatonfüred for two seasons, before spending two years at TUSEM Essen and Csurgói KK and then returning to Balatonfüred

Istvan Gulyas

coach

- named as national team head coach in July 2019
- as a player spent much of his career with Veszprém, winning multiple national titles
- began his coaching career at UHK Krems in Austria in 2006

HUNGARY

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Gergö Ivancsik	36	2004-2016
Gabor Csaszar	31	2004-2014, 2018
Ferenc Ilyes	29	2004-2014
Szabolcs Zubai	26	2006-2016
Timuzsin Schuch	24	2010-2018

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Gergö Ivancsik	103	2004-2016
Gabor Csaszar	100	2004-2014, 2018
Istvan Pasztor	100	1994-1998, 2004
Laszlo Nagy	80	2004-2008, 2016
Ferenc Ilyes	61	2004-2014

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	29:20 (14:7) vs. FYR Macedonia @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998
Biggest defeat:	21:33 (10:16) vs. Russia @ Ciudad Real ESP, 25.05.1996
Longest winning run:	2 matches (05.06.1994 – 07.06.1994)
	2 matches (03.06.1998 – 04.06.1998)
	2 matches (22.01.2004 – 23.01.2004)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (22.01.2004 – 25.01.2004)
	3 matches (16.01.2012 – 20.01.2012)
	3 matches (14.01.2014 – 18.01.2014)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (18.01.2016 – 17.01.2018)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (18.01.2016 – 17.01.2018)
Current run:	L8 (18.01.2016 – 17.01.2018)
Most goals:	35 vs. Iceland 35:31W @ Sursee SUI, 29.01.2006
	35 vs. Spain 35:28W @ Bergen NOR, 17.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Iceland 28:36L @ Trondheim NOR, 23.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Iceland 35:31W @ Sursee SUI, 29.01.2006
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Sweden 14:22L @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016
Fewest goals opponent:	17 vs. Slovenia 21:17W @ Sevilla ESP, 28.05.1996
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Sweden 14:22L @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

HUN v RUS Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
30.04.2015 Chekhov RUS	RUS-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	23:27 (8:15)
02.05.2015 Veszprém HUN	HUN-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	29:25 (15:11)
18.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	RUS-HUN	ECh – Group D	27:26 (14:10)
11.04.2019 Astrakhan RUS	RUS-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	19:25 (10:15)
14.04.2019 Érd HUN	HUN-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	23:23 (11:15)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	15	3	367	2	10	399
EURO matches	4	0	98	1	3	114

DEN v HUN Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
22.01.2017 Albertville FRA	HUN-DEN	WCh – Last 16	27:25 (13:12)
04.05.2017 Budapest HUN	HUN-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	25:25 (14:11)
07.05.2017 Aarhus DEN	DEN-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	35:27 (18:17)
13.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	DEN-HUN	ECh – Group D	32:25 (14:12)
19.01.2019 Herning DEN	DEN-HUN	WCh – MR-Group II	25:22 (15:10)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	20	11	493	3	6	465
EURO matches	5	5	142	0	0	115

ISL v HUN Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
23.01.2008 Trondheim NOR	HUN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group II	28:36 (16:16)
14.01.2011 Norrköping SWE	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group B	32:26 (14:11)
22.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	HUN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group 2	21:27 (10:14)
08.08.2012 London GBR	ISL-HUN	OG – Quarter-final	33:34 (12:16, 27:27, 30:30)
14.01.2014 Aalborg DEN	HUN-ISL	ECh – Group B	27:27 (16:15)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	18	7	427	1	10	441
EURO matches	5	2	150	1	2	143

ICELAND

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP E

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

2010

Olympic Games

2008

TEAM PROFILE

With a mix of youth and experience, Iceland go into EHF EURO 2020 aiming to end a run of back-to-back 13th place finishes at their last two European Championships.

With a talented squad at his disposal, legendary coach Guðmundur Guðmundsson will be hoping that this new generation of players can restore Iceland's reputation that saw them become one of handball's most feared nations between 2002 and 2014.

The success of Icelandic handball began when they narrowly missed out a medal, finishing fourth at EHF EURO 2002 in Sweden – and since then the island nation has only failed to qualify for a major tournament once – the World Championship in 2009.

The golden era of handball in Iceland saw the national team win silver at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and take bronze at the EHF EURO 2010 in Austria.

But while the generation of players that brought such success have grown older, the next group of players have begun to come through, and qualification for EHF EURO 2020 was achieved by finishing runners-up in Group 3.

It will be Iceland's 12th appearance at an EHF EURO event and fans of Strákarnir okkar (Our Boys) would be more than happy for a repeat of their fifth place finish achieved at EHF EURO 2014 when they take on Europe in 2020.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
North Macedonia	6	4	1	1	168:160	8	9
Iceland	6	3	2	1	185:151	34	8
Turkey	6	2	0	4	148:167	-19	4
Greece	6	1	1	4	145:168	-23	3

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
MALMÖ **Malmö Arena**	11 January	18:15	Denmark v **Iceland**
	13 January	18:15	**Iceland** v Russia
	15 January	18:15	**Iceland** v Hungary

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	200:173	+27	11:5	3rd Group 4
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	131:131	0	8:4	3rd Group 4
1998	Qualification	6	2	1	3	157:158	-1	5:7	3rd Group 2
2000	Qualification	4	3	0	1	128:76	+52	6:2	1st Group 4
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	61:55	+6	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	147:162	–15	2:10	11th Place
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	56:50	+6	2:2	Won vs. BLR
2002	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	221:209	+12	10:6	4th Place
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	87:96	-9	1:5	13th Place
2006	Play-off	2	2	0	0	67:55	+12	4:0	Won vs. BLR
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	190:191	-1	5:7	7th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	71:70	+1	2:2	Won vs. SRB
2008	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	157:172	–15	4:8	11th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	3	0	264:212	+52	13:3	1st Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	8	4	3	1	249:240	+9	11:5	3rd Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	188:178	+10	8:4	2nd Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	177:178	-1	5:7	10th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:176	+21	10:2	1st Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	199:199	0	9:5	5th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	191:137	+54	9:3	1st Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	92:101	-9	2:4	13th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	163:163	0	6:6	3rd Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	74:82	-8	2:4	13th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	185:151	+34	8:4	2nd Group 3
Total Qualification		70	43	8	19	2059:1785	+274	94:46	
Total EHF EURO		56	21	9	26	1593:1630	-37	51:61	

Agust Eli Björgvinsson
goalkeeper

- has established himself as Iceland's first-choice goalkeeper and will compete at his second EHF EURO after his debut in Croatia in 2018
- grandfather Birgir Bjornsson was in the national team during Iceland's first ever WCh appearance in East-Germany in 1958 and was later the national team's coach
- in his second season with Swedish club Sävehof and won the domestic league title in 2018/19

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Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson
left wing

- since Iceland's first appearance at an EHF EURO in Croatia in 2000, Sigurdsson has not missed a single EHF EURO tournament
- injured during the 2019 WCh, the first major tournament he has missed since 1999
- turned 40 in August and joined Paris Saint-Germain in summer 2019
- broke the world record for most goals scored in international men's handball in 2018 when he scored goal number 1,798 in his 343rd game with Iceland, overtaking Peter Kovacs' 1,797 goals for Hungary

EURO: B 2010; OG: S 2008
EC trophies: CL 2015; EHF Cup 2005

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Aron Palmarsson
left back

- will be competing at his 11th major tournament with Iceland and his sixth EHF EURO
- has been Iceland's leading left back for a decade but plays as a centre back for his club Barça
- holds record of eight VELUX EHF FINAL4 participations with THW Kiel, Telekom Veszprém and Barça
- named as All-star Team left back at London 2012 Olympic Games and VELUX EHF FINAL4 MVP 2014

EURO: B 2010
EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012

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Elvar Orn Jonsson
centre back

- will compete at his first EHF EURO after making his major tournament debut at the 2019 WCh
- made his senior debut in June 2018 and has established himself as Iceland's leading centre back over the past few months
- caught the headlines in April this year after his last-second goal which earned Iceland a point against North Macedonia in Skopje during the EHF EURO 2020 qualifiers
- was the MVP during the 2018/19 play-offs in Iceland's domestic league where he won the title with his boyhood club, Selfoss
- joined Danish club Skjern in the summer and is now playing his first season as a professional

Arnar Freyr Arnarsson

line player

- made his EHF EURO debut in 2018
- represented Iceland at the WCh in 2017 and 2019
- has established himself as the leading line player and defender in Iceland's aim to decrease changes between offence and defence
- left Sweden's IFK Kristianstad after three seasons last summer and joined GOG in Denmark

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Teitur Orn Einarsson

right back

- will compete at his first EHF EURO after his major tournament debut at the 2019 WCh when he was a last-minute addition to the roster
- the top scorer of the 2017 Men's Junior WCh with 66 goals from seven games
- the top scorer of Iceland's domestic league during the 2017/18 season with 160 goals in 22 games
- in his second season as a professional with IFK Kristianstad in Sweden

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Arnor Thor Gunnarsson

right wing

- made his debut for Iceland in 2013 and will compete at his fourth EHF EURO in 2020
- was Iceland's top scorer during the 2020 EHF EURO Qualification with 34 goals
- the older brother of Aron Einar Gunnarsson, captain of Iceland's national football team
- the brothers both wear jersey number 17 in the national teams, representing the house number of their grandparents in the town of Isafjordur in Iceland

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Gudmundur Gudmundsson

coach

- in his third coaching stint with Iceland after having previously been the national coach between 2001-04 and 2008-12; returned in February 2018 on a three-year contract
- coach of the Danish national team 2014-17 and led his team to the gold medal at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- coach of the Bahrain national team 2017/18, winning silver at the Asian Championships
- as a club coach, his biggest success is winning the EHF Cup with German side Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2013, where he was in charge between 2010 and 2014

EURO: B 2010; OG: G 2016, S 2008
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013 (all as coach)

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	52	2000-2018
Asgeir Orn Hallgrimsson	38	2004-2018
Robert Gunnarsson	37	2004-2016
Vignir Svarvarsson	36	2006-2016
Snorri Steinn Gudjonsson	33	2004-2010, 2014-2016
Ólafur Stefánsson	33	2000-2010

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	270	2000-2018
Ólafur Stefánsson	183	2000-2010
Snorri Steinn Gudjonsson	144	2004-2010, 2014-2016
Robert Gunnarsson	106	2004-2016
Arnor Atlason	89	2006, 2010-2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	33:22 (15:9) vs. Switzerland @ Skövde SWE, 27.01.2002
Biggest defeat:	22:33 (12:14) vs. Sweden @ Stockholm SWE, 02.02.2002
Longest winning run:	2 matches (26.01.2002 – 27.01.2002)
	2 matches (30.01.2002 – 31.01.2002)
	2 matches (26.01.2010 – 28.01.2010)
	2 matches (18.01.2014 – 20.01.2014)
	2 matches (24.01.2014 – 15.01.2016)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (29.01.2000 – 31.01.2002)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (21.01.2000 – 27.01.2000)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (21.01.2000 – 27.01.2000)
	5 matches (02.02.2002 – 25.01.2004)
Current run:	L2 (14.01.2018 – 16.01.2018)
Most goals:	38 vs. Russia 38:30W @ Wien AUT, 26.01.2010
	38 vs. Belarus 38:39L @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Belarus 38:39L @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Most goals both teams:	77 vs. Belarus 38:39L @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Sweden 19:24L @ Trondheim NOR, 17.01.2008
Fewest goals opponent:	21 vs. Hungary 27:21W @ Novi Sad SRB, 22.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	43 vs. Sweden 19:24L @ Trondheim NOR, 17.01.2008

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

DEN v ISL Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
16.08.2008 Beijing CHN	DEN-ISL	OG – Group B	32:32 (18:17)
23.01.2010 Linz AUT	DEN-ISL	ECh – Group B	22:27 (13:15)
16.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	ISL-DEN	WCh – Group B	28:36 (13:16)
22.01.2014 Herning DEN	DEN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group 1	32:23 (17:13)
26.01.2015 Doha QAT	ISL-DEN	WCh – Last 16	25:30 (10:16)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	21	13	511	3	5	471
EURO matches	5	3	137	1	1	124

ISL v RUS Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
31.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	ISL-RUS	ECh – MR-Group II	34:32 (17:15)
01.02.2007 Hamburg GER	RUS-ISL	WCh – Place 5-8	28:25 (16:14)
10.08.2008 Beijing CHN	RUS-ISL	OG – Group B	31:33 (16:19)
26.01.2010 Wien AUT	RUS-ISL	ECh – MR-Group I	30:38 (10:19)
12.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	ISL-RUS	WCh – Group B	25:30 (13:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	13	4	322	0	9	361
EURO matches	3	2	95	0	1	87

ISL v HUN Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
23.01.2008 Trondheim NOR	HUN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group II	28:36 (16:16)
14.01.2011 Norrköping SWE	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group B	32:26 (14:11)
22.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	HUN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group 2	21:27 (10:14)
08.08.2012 London GBR	ISL-HUN	OG – Quarter-final	33:34 (12:16, 27:27, 30:30)
14.01.2014 Aalborg DEN	HUN-ISL	ECh – Group B	27:27 (16:15)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	18	7	427	1	10	441
EURO matches	5	2	150	1	2	143

RUSSIA

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP E

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

- 1996
- 1994, 2000

Olympic Games

- 2000
- 2004

World Championships

- 1993, 1997
- 1999

TEAM PROFILE

After a period of disappointment, Russia are hoping that EHF EURO 2020 can bring back the kind of successes the national team regularly enjoyed in the past.

However, their failure to qualify for EHF EURO 2018 and their 14th place finish at the World Championships in 2019 has been quickly forgotten following a fine qualification campaign that saw them win four of their six matches to earn their place at this year's event.

Head coach Eduard Koksharov, who starred as a player and won the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, is tasked with bringing the glory days back to Russian handball. In their first four European Championships, Russia won gold once (1996), silver twice (1994, 2000) and finished fourth once (1998).

The national team's record, which also includes two World Championship titles – won in 1993 and 1997 – reads well overall but it is their performances in recent years that has frustrated the Russians.

Their omission from EHF EURO 2018 was the first time in the tournament's history that Russia were not present at the finals but their performances in qualifying for EHF EURO 2020 suggest that the good times could return to a nation where expectation was always high.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Hungary	6	5	1	0	161:135	26	11
Russia	6	4	1	1	158:132	26	9
Italy	6	2	0	4	146:172	-26	4
Slovakia	6	0	0	6	129:155	-26	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
MALMÖ **Malmö Arena**	11 January	16:00	Hungary v **Russia**
	13 January	18:15	Iceland v **Russia**
	15 January	20:30	**Russia** v Denmark

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	6	6	0	0	169:101	+68	12:0	1st Group 7
1994	EHF EURO	7	6	0	1	172:148	+24	12:2	Runners-up
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	148:120	+28	8:4	1st Group 4
1996	EHF EURO	7	6	1	0	172:141	+31	13:1	Winners
1998	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	179:167	+12	7:7	4th Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	62:47	+15	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2000	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	189:175	+14	10:4	Runners-up
2002	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	197:172	+25	11:3	5th Place
2004	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	206:190	+16	11:3	5th Place
2006	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	208:204	+4	8:6	6th Place
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	74:88	–14	1:5	13th Place
2010	Qualification	10	9	0	1	339:249	+90	18:2	1st Group 2
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	177:194	–17	2:10	12th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	202:185	+17	10:2	2nd Group 7
2012	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	82:89	-7	1:5	15th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	178:167	+11	6:6	3rd Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	168:179	-11	4:8	9th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	174:168	+6	8:4	2nd Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	160:161	-1	5:7	9th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	1	3	2	149:160	–11	5:7	3rd Group 6
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	158:132	+26	9:3	2nd Group 7
Total Qualification		54	38	4	12	1579:1329	+250	80:28	
Total EHF EURO		73	39	7	27	1984:1908	+76	85:61	

Viktor Kireev

goalkeeper

- played his first EHF EURO in Poland in 2016
- arrived at Motor Zaporozhye in the summer of 2016
- born in Volgograd and started his career at the local club Kaustik
- in 2014 moved to St. Petersburg and was awarded the best goalkeeper of the Russian Superleague in the 2015/16 season

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Timur Dibirov

left wing

- in the current squad, he is the best scorer of Russia team
- in 2013 he joined Vardar as only the second club in his career, has won the CL twice with them, in 2017 and 2019
- also reached VELUX EHF FINAL4 with Chekhovskie Medvedi
- fast-break specialist and also key in defence
- married to Irina Dibirova (nee Poltoratskaya), who steered Vardar's women's team to the CL final in 2017 as coach

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019; CWC 2006

@timurdibirov31

Aleksander Shkurinskiy

left back

- a member of Russia's national team since 2015, he is yet to make his debut at EHF EURO
- moved to Meshkov Brest in 2017 and soon became one of the key players at the Belarusian club
- started his career at SKIF Krasnodar
- went to a school of music in his childhood, but then focused on handball

@alex_shkurinskiy

Dmitrii Zhitnikov

centre back

- played for Russia at EHF EURO 2014 and 2016
- comes from Krasnodar, where his first coach in the local school was his father
- a talented player at age 16, he was invited to Chekhov where he played five seasons in the reserve team before enjoying his breakthrough
- joined Szeged in the summer of 2017 after two seasons with Plock

Gleb Kalarash

line player

- with the national team, he took part in EHF EURO 2016 and WCh 2017 and 2019
- plays for Vardar since 2018
- in the past, had spells at St. Petersburg and Motor Zaporozhye as well as SC Magdeburg
- son of former USSR and Russian national player Vladislav Kalarash

EC trophies: CL 2019

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Dmitrii Kiselev

right back

- played at the WCh in 2017 and 2019, but is yet to make his debut at EHF EURO
- moved to Chekhovskie Medvedi from CL winners Vardar in the summer of 2019
- won the CL in his only season spent at Vardar in Skopje
- born in the Voronezh region, played only for St. Petersburg before 2018/19 season

EC trophies: CL 2019

Daniil Shishkarev

right wing

- Russia's captain has played more than 100 matches for the national team
- participated in EHF EURO 2016 as well as the WCh in 2015, 2017 and 2019
- plays for Vardar since 2014 and won the CL with the Skopje-based club twice
- started his career at Zarja Kaspija Astrakhan and then played four seasons at Chekhovskie Medvedi

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019

Eduard Koksharov

coach

- was appointed Russia's national coach in 2017
- also has a job at Vardar - since 2016 as sports director, and since October 2019 as head coach
- as a player he captained Russia's national team and won a number of titles with them
- all-time top scorer of national team with 1,110 goals
- part of the CL-winning team of Celje in the 2003/04 season

EURO: S 2000; OG: G 2000, B 2004; WCh: G 1997, S 1999 (as player) EC trophies: CL 2004 (as player)

RUSSIA

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Andrey Lavrov	42	1994-2004
Serguei Pogorelov	37	1996-2004, 2008
Eduard Koksharov	36	1998-2008, 2012
Viatcheslav Gorpinshin	35	1994,1998-2004
Alexey Rastvortsev	33	2002-2012

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Eduard Koksharov	176	1998-2008, 2012
Alexey Rastvortsev	124	2002-2012
Mikhail Chipurin	98	2004-2012, 2016
Vitaly Ivanov	86	2002-2012
Konstantin Igropulo	84	2008-2014

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	29:14 (12:08) vs. Croatia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Biggest defeat:	21:34 (09:18) vs. Sweden @ Porto POR, 12.06.1994
Longest winning run:	6 matches (03.06.1994 – 11.06.1994) 6 matches (30.01.2002 – 25.01.2004)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (24.05.1996 – 03.06.1998)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (21.01.2010 – 28.01.2010)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (21.01.2010 – 13.01.2014)
Current run:	L2 (24.01.2016 – 27.01.2016)
Most goals:	39 vs. Belarus 39:33W @ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Iceland 30:38L @ Wien AUT, 26.01.2010
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Belarus 39:33W @ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
Fewest goals:	18 vs. France 18:17W @ Almada POR, 08.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	14 vs. Croatia 29:14W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. France 18:17W @ Almada POR, 08.06.1994

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

HUN v RUS Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
30.04.2015 Chekhov RUS	RUS-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	23:27 (8:15)
02.05.2015 Veszprém HUN	HUN-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	29:25 (15:11)
18.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	RUS-HUN	ECh – Group D	27:26 (14:10)
11.04.2019 Astrakhan RUS	RUS-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	19:25 (10:15)
14.04.2019 Érd HUN	HUN-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	23:23 (11:15)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	15	3	367	2	10	399
EURO matches	4	0	98	1	3	114

ISL v RUS Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
31.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	ISL-RUS	ECh – MR-Group II	34:32 (17:15)
01.02.2007 Hamburg GER	RUS-ISL	WCh – Place 5-8	28:25 (16:14)
10.08.2008 Beijing CHN	RUS-ISL	OG – Group B	31:33 (16:19)
26.01.2010 Wien AUT	RUS-ISL	ECh – MR-Group I	30:38 (10:19)
12.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	ISL-RUS	WCh – Group B	25:30 (13:14)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	13	4	322	0	9	361
EURO matches	3	2	95	0	1	87

RUS v DEN Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
09.03.2011 Chekhov RUS	RUS-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	31:27 (16:13)
12.03.2011 Horsens DEN	DEN-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	36:29 (18:14)
13.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	RUS-DEN	WCh – Group B	27:31 (13:14)
22.01.2015 Doha QAT	RUS-DEN	WCh – Group D	28:31 (8:16)
16.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	DEN-RUS	ECh – Group D	31:25 (13:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	17	6	473	1	10	487
EURO matches	8	2	221	1	5	238

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PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP F

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO
- 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002
- 2018

Olympic Games
- 1992, 1996, 2000, 2012

World Championships
- 1954, 1958, 1990, 1999
- 1964, 1997, 2001
- 1938, 1961, 1993, 1995

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TEAM PROFILE

The most successful nation in the history of the EHF EURO will be aiming to celebrate a fifth gold medal at this year's event – and with the final set in Stockholm, the whole of Sweden is hoping for a fairytale ending.

Two years ago at EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia, the Swedes narrowly missed out on that fifth gold, losing out to Spain having earned their place in the final after edging an epic semi-final against Scandinavian rivals Denmark. However, despite the loss to the Spanish, they could take heart from their best performance at a European Championship in 16 years.

Having taken a fourth title in the first five editions of the competition when winning gold on their home court in 2002, what followed up until 2018 was a period of disappointment. In 2006 the team failed to even qualify for the finals and between 2010 and 2016 the best finish the Swedes could muster was a fifth in 2008.

Under the leadership of Kristján Andrésson, who took control in 2016, results have steadily improved, with the Swedes finishing in the top six in all European and World Championships in that time.

Andrésson will leave his role at the end of this tournament to focus on his job with German outfit Rhein-Neckar Löwen, so success on their home court here could be the most fitting of farewells. Glen Solberg will be his successor at the Swedish helm.

QUALIFICATION

Directly qualified as hosts.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GOTHENBURG **Scandinavium**	10 January	20:30	**Sweden** v Switzerland
	12 January	18:15	**Sweden** v Slovenia
	14 January	20:30	Poland v **Sweden**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	8	0	0	204:147	+57	16:0	1st Group 3
1994	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	172:133	+39	14:0	Winner
1996	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	170:156	+14	8:6	4th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	156:139	+17	8:4	2nd Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	7	6	0	1	182:158	+24	12:2	Winner
2000	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	198:167	+31	14:0	Winner
2002	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	235:191	+44	14:2	Winner
2004	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	211:203	+8	8:6	7th Place
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	59:60	-1	2:2	Lost vs. POL
2008	Qualification	4	4	0	0	139:106	+33	8:0	1st Group 7
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	69:59	+10	2:2	Won vs. ROU
2008	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	208:190	+18	9:5	5th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	2	0	251:200	+51	14:2	1st Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	78:84	-6	0:6	15th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	176:144	+32	10:2	1st Group 4
2012	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	157:168	–11	4:8	12th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	174:141	+33	10:2	1st Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	166:158	+8	8:4	7th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	182:134	+48	11:1	1st Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	7	2	2	3	173:168	+5	6:8	8th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	166:125	+41	10:2	1st Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	218:216	+2	8:8	Runner-up
Total Qualification		54	44	3	7	1576:1255	+321	91:17	
Total EHF EURO		80	50	5	25	2168:1992	+176	105:55	

Mikael Appelgren
goalkeeper

- moved to Rhein-Neckar Löwen from MT Melsungen in 2015
- named goalkeeper of the year in Bundesliga 2017/18
- in 2018 he was the first choice as goalkeeper when Sweden took home the silver medal at the EHF EURO
- has won a lot of individual awards, including Swedish player of the year 2017
- known for being a very physical goalkeeper who does not have many weaknesses

EURO: S 2018

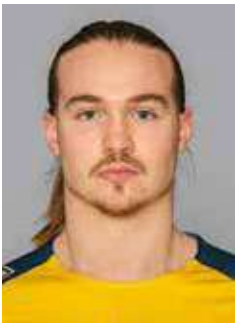
@mikaelalfappelgren

Jerry Tollbring
left wing

- match against Spain at EHF EURO 2016 was his first for the national team, aged 20
- scored 38 goals and was included in All-star Team at WCh 2017
- contributed 14 goals to Sweden's run to silver at EHF EURO 2018
- played for Swedish side Rimbo HK alongside his brothers, Ken and Jeff, with father Dick as coach on the bench
- arrived at Rhein-Neckar Löwen in Germany in the summer of 2017 after three seasons with IFK Kristianstad

EURO: S 2018

@tollbring



Lukas Nilsson
left back

- considered to be one of the biggest talents that has come through in Sweden in the last 20 years
- moved to THW Kiel in 2016 from Ystads IF, the club from his home town
- had his international breakthrough at the WCh in Denmark last year where he was one of Sweden's best players
- has a powerful left arm but has evolved his passing game since moving to the Bundesliga

EURO: S 2018
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

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Jim Gottfridsson
centre back

- has played for SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2013, winning the CL in 2014 and the Bundesliga twice
- born in Ystad, like many other Swedish handball stars
- has played for both clubs in Ystad, IFK Ystad and Ystads IF
- voted MVP at the EHF EURO 2018 when Sweden won silver

EURO: S 2018
EC trophies: CL 2014

@Gotte24
@gotte24

Andreas Nilsson

line player

- one of only three players in the current team who was in the Swedish team that took home the silver medal at the London 2012 Olympic Games
- won the CL with Hamburg in 2013
- moved to Telekom Veszprém in 2014 and is one of the most popular players at the Hungarian club
- has a son with Swedish high jump star Ebba Ljungmark

EURO: S 2018; OG: S 2012
EC trophies: CL 2013

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Albin Lagergren

right back

- moved to IFK Kristianstad in 2013 and developed into one of the world's best right backs under coach Ola Lindgren
- in 2018 Lagergren moved to SC Magdeburg and immediately had huge success, which caused Rhein-Neckar Löwen to sign him from the summer of 2020
- not the biggest right back but what he lacks in size he makes up for with speed and intelligence
- EHF EURO 2020 will be Lagergren's fifth international tournament for his country

EURO: S 2018

@albinlagergren

Daniel Pettersson

right wing

- EHF EURO 2020 will be Pettersson's first championship with the national team
- moved from Eskilstuna Guif to SC Magdeburg in 2016
- a member of the Swedish team that won gold at the 2013 Men's Junior WCh

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Kristjan Andresson

coach

- in his first season as head coach for Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- became the Swedish national team coach in 2016
- immediately had success as a very young Swedish side finished sixth in the WCh in 2017 – then led the team to a silver medal at the EHF EURO in 2018
- the EHF EURO 2020 will be Andresson's last championship as a coach for the Swedish national team as he will then focus fully on Löwen

EURO: S 2018 (as coach)

SWEDEN

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Tomas Svensson	40	1994-1996, 2000-2004, 2008
Magnus Wislander	40	1994-2004
Stefan Lövgren	39	1994-2004
Staffan Olsson	39	1994-2004
Ola Lindgren	36	1994-2002

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Stefan Lövgren	203	1994-2004
Magnus Wislander	126	1994-2004
Johan Petersson	111	1996-2004, 2008
Staffan Olsson	109	1994-2004
Niclas Ekberg	95	2010-2018

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	41:25 (20:12) vs. Slovakia @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
Biggest defeat:	25:35 (12:15) vs. Poland @ Aarhus DEN, 21.01.2014
Longest winning run:	14 matches (06.06.1998 – 30.01.2002)
Longest unbeaten run:	14 matches (06.06.1998 – 30.01.2002)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (25.01.2004 – 28.01.2004)
	3 matches (19.01.2010 – 22.01.2010)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (19.01.2010 – 15.01.2012)
	4 matches (19.01.2012 – 25.01.2012)
	4 matches (18.01.2016 – 26.01.2016)
Current run:	L1 (28.01.2018)
Most goals:	41 vs. Slovakia 41:25W @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Poland 25:35L @ Aarhus DEN, 21.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Norway 36:34W aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Fewest goals:	17 vs. France 17:23L @ Zagreb CRO, 20.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	14 vs. Hungary 22:14W @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Hungary 22:14W @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

SWE v SUI Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
07.03.1982 Minden FRG	SUI-SWE	A-WCh – Place 11/12	17:25 (5:10)
06.03.1983 Zwolle NED	SWE-SUI	B-WCh – Place 1-6	23:10 (10:5)
20.03.1993 Stockholm SWE	SWE-SUI	WCh – Place 3/4	26:19 (13:16)
25.07.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	SUI-SWE	OG – Group A	19:26 (8:14)
24.01.2004 Velenje SLO	SUI-SWE	ECh – Group A	24:35 (12:17)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	7	6	173	0	1	126
EURO matches	1	1	35	0	0	24

SWE v SLO Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
29.04.2015 Växjö SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	28:24 (18:10)
03.05.2015 Celje SLO	SLO-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	28:28 (13:16)
16.01.2016 Wrocław POL	SWE-SLO	ECh – Group C	23:21 (16:9)
09.04.2016 Malmö SWE	SWE-SLO	OG – Qual. Tournament 2	24:23 (12:9)
11.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	SLO-SWE	OG – Group B	29:24 (14:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	11	7	289	1	3	281
EURO matches	4	3	96	0	1	89

POL v SWE Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
07.04.2013 Gdańsk POL	POL-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	22:18 (12:10)
21.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	POL-SWE	ECh – MR-Group 2	35:25 (15:12)
26.01.2015 Doha QAT	POL-SWE	WCh – Last 16	24:20 (10:11)
29.01.2016 Wrocław POL	POL-SWE	ECh – Place 7/8	26:24 (12:12)
13.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	SWE-POL	OG – Group B	24:25 (13:12)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	25	10	586	4	11	597
EURO matches	5	3	137	1	1	130

SLOVENIA

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP F

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

2004

World Championships

2017

TEAM PROFILE

Slovenia's route to EHF EURO 2020 was achieved thanks to a fine qualification campaign that saw them win five and lose just one of their six matches which secured their 12th appearance in 14 European Championships.

Only twice (1998 and 2014) have Slovenia failed to qualify for the tournament, in which they have some memorable moments.

In 2004, as hosts, Slovenia made it all the way to the final, only to find Germany too strong. However the silver medal won remains of the biggest achievements in Slovenian handball.

The bronze medal at the World Championships 2017 and a sixth place at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio also rank high among their accomplishments, and with a number of the current squad playing in some of Europe's top leagues, the national team has plenty of potential for another run to the final stages in 2020.

The squad has plenty of youth and experience and their aim at EHF EURO 2020 is to again compete with the so-called 'bigger nations' in the hope of causing an upset or two. With talented individuals, including Barça Jure Dolenec, then who knows how far Slovenia could progress this year.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Slovenia	6	5	0	1	171:143	28	10
Latvia	6	4	0	2	150:143	7	8
Netherlands	6	3	0	3	167:159	8	6
Estonia	6	0	0	6	142:185	-43	0

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GOTHENBURG **Scandinavium**	10 January	18:15	**Slovenia** v Poland
	12 January	18:15	Sweden v **Slovenia**
	14 January	18:15	Switzerland v **Slovenia**

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	189:149	+40	10:6	2nd Group 2
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	38:38	0	2:2	Won vs. CZE
1994	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	112:139	–27	3:9	10th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:137	+4	7:5	2nd Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	120:139	–19	2:10	11th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	161:155	+6	6:6	3rd Group 3
2000	Qualification	6	6	0	0	195:144	+51	12:0	1st Group 2
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	59:52	+7	4:0	Won vs. HUN
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	154:155	-1	6:6	5th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	0	2	5	181:215	–34	2:12	12th Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	230:218	+12	11:5	Runner-up
2006	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	191:194	-3	6:6	8th Place
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	66:60	+6	4:0	Won vs. MKD
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	172:180	-8	6:6	10th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	293:221	+72	12:4	2nd Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	186:203	-17	4:8	11th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	194:179	+15	8:4	2nd Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	7	2	0	5	207:212	-5	4:10	6th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	192:179	+13	5:7	3rd Group 6
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	185:149	+36	9:3	2nd Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	66:72	-6	1:5	14th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	162:148	+14	7:5	2nd Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	162:152	+10	6:6	8th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	171:143	+28	10:2	1st Group 4
Total Qualification		70	46	4	20	2046:1754	+292	96:44	
Total EHF EURO		67	21	9	37	1781:1879	-98	51:83	

Klemen Ferlin

goalkeeper

- despite never leaving Slovenia, he has years of experience in the European club competitions, including the CL
- first-choice goalkeeper for Slovenian champions Celje Pivovarna Lasko
- joined Celje in 2018 from Gorenje
- his first club, Trimo Trebnje, has also produced stars Miha Zarabec, Stas Skube and Sebastian Skube

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Darko Cingesar

left wing

- was a promising centre back before switching to the wing
- physically a very strong player used for important defensive tasks
- began his career in 2008 at RD Merkur Skofja Loka
- named Player of the Match in the WCh 2017 eighth-final against Russia
- left Slovenia in 2016 to join Zagreb for a year, before moving to French club PAUC in 2017

WCh: B 2017

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Borut Mackovsek

left back

- has played for eight clubs over the course of his career, including four separate stints at Celje
- joined Telekom Veszprém in 2018
- made national team debut in 2011

WCh: B 2017

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Miha Zarabec

centre back

- began his career at RK Trimo Trebnje
- spent three years at Celje, during which time he scored 139 CL goals
- joined THW Kiel in 2017 and won the EHF Cup with them in 2019
- the shortest member of the Slovenian team at only 177cm

WCh: B 2017
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

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Blaz Blagotinsek

line player

- 202 cm-tall line player, who had his national team debut in 2012 at age 18
- scored 15 times at the WCh in 2017, when Slovenia won bronze
- key player for Hungarian powerhouse Veszprém in the CL; previously played for Celje
- named best defender of the CL in 2018/19
- an A student in highschool of engineering, mechatronics and media

WCh: B 2017

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Jure Dolenec

right back

- only the second Slovenian to play for Barça, following in the footsteps of Luka Zvizej
- the second most-capped player of the current Slovenian squad after Vid Kavticnik
- made EHF EURO debut in 2012
- after winning two Slovenian championship titles with Gorenje, joined Montpellier in 2013 then moved to Spain in 2017

WCh: B 2017

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Blaz Janc

right wing

- played his first CL match aged only 15, for Celje
- joined PGE Vive Kielce in 2017
- was still just 19 when he made the Slovenian team for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- named best right back of the 2015 Youth WCh in which Slovenia won silver
- his brother Mitja also plays handball for Celje

WCh: B 2017

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To be announced

coach

Just one month before the EHF EURO 2020 the Slovenian federation parted ways with the head coach Veselin Vujovic, who steered the team to the bronze medal in 2017.

Uros Zorman took over as an interim coach but the federation was supposed to announce the new head coach after this publication went to print on 6 December 2019.

SLOVENIA

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Renato Vugrinec	41	1994-1996, 2000-2006, 2010
Uros Zorman	41	2002-2012, 2016
Ales Pajovic	39	2000-2010
Vid Kavticnik	35	2004-2010, 2016-2018
Gorazd Skof	33	2004-2012, 2016
Tomaz Tomsic	33	1994-1996, 2000-2004

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Ales Pajovic	147	2000-2010
Vid Kavticnik	145	2004-2010, 2016-2018
Renato Vugrinec	145	1994-1996, 2000-2006, 2010
Luka Zvizej	104	2006-2012, 2016
Uros Zorman	103	2002-2012, 2016

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	28:19 (14:13) vs. Montenegtro @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018
Biggest defeat:	21:36 (10:19) vs. France @ Västerås SWE, 31.01.2002
Longest winning run:	3 matches (26.01.2006 – 29.01.2006)
Longest unbeaten run:	4 matches (22.01.2004 – 27.01.2004)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (10.06.1994 – 29.05.1996)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (25.01.2002 – 02.02.2002)
	7 matches (20.01.2010 – 18.01.2012)
	7 matches (25.01.2012 – 15.01.2018)
Current run:	D1 (24.01.2018)
Most goals:	37 vs. Czech Republic 37:33W @ Celje SLO, 23.02.2004
Most goals opponent:	40 vs. Spain 32:40L @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Spain 33:39L @ Basel SUI,02.02.2006
	72 vs. Czech Republic 35:37L @ Innsbruck AUT, 24.01.2010
	72 vs. Spain 32:40L @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Spain 16:24L @ Porto POR, 05.06.1994
	16 vs. Germany 16:25L @ Sevilla ESP, 29.05.1996
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Denmark 19:19D @ Porto POR, 04.06.1994
	19 vs. Montenegro 28:19W @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018
Fewest goals both teams:	38 vs. Denmark 19:19D @ Porto POR, 04.06.1994
	38 vs. Hungary 17:21L @ Sevilla ESP, 28.05.1996

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

SLO v POL Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
22.01.2010 Innsbruck AUT	POL-SLO	ECh – Group C	30:30 (12:13)
09.03.2011 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	30:28 (14:14)
12.03.2011 Zielona Góra POL	POL-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	32:27 (15:14)
15.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	SLO-POL	WCh – Group C	25:24 (11:14)
15.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	POL-SLO	OG – Group B	20:25 (13:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	8	4	224	1	3	234
EURO matches	3	1	90	1	1	92

SWE v SLO Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
29.04.2015 Växjö SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	28:24 (18:10)
03.05.2015 Celje SLO	SLO-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	28:28 (13:16)
16.01.2016 Wrocław POL	SWE-SLO	ECh – Group C	23:21 (16:9)
09.04.2016 Malmö SWE	SWE-SLO	OG – Qual. Tournament 2	24:23 (12:9)
11.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	SLO-SWE	OG – Group B	29:24 (14:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	11	7	289	1	3	281
EURO matches	4	3	96	0	1	89

SUI v SLO Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
26.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-SLO	ECh – Group A	25:29 (13:16)
30.10.2013 Velenje SLO	SLO-SUI	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	33:30 (18:13)
09.01.2014 Schaffhausen SUI	SUI-SLO	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	23:31 (12:19)
02.11.2016 Velenje SLO	SLO-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	32:27 (12:15)
14.06.2017 Schaffhausen SUI	SUI-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	20:33 (9:18)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	8	1	202	1	6	241
EURO matches	2	0	59	1	1	63

SWITZERLAND

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP F

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TEAM PROFILE

After 14 years away, the Swiss national team return to Europe's biggest stage with the hope that they are here to stay.

Switzerland's third and last appearance at an EHF EURO event came back in 2006 – a year in which the Swiss hosted the event. That year the team were eliminated at the preliminary stage and finished in a disappointing 14th place.

However, having been away from the main stage for over a decade, the Swiss stormed back into the limelight with a solid qualification campaign, led by head coach Michael Suter and spear-headed by Rhein-Neckar Löwen playmaker Andy Schmid.

The Swiss finished in second place behind group winners Croatia in qualifying, winning three of their first four matches, ensuring they will line-up along the European elite this year.

Of course the national team have been no strangers to success in the past, having finishing fourth at the World Championships in 1993. Now, with a young and talented squad on his hands, Suter will be aiming to ensure the Swiss can earn the team a spot in the main round for only the second time in their history.

Whether they can achieve that this year remains to be seen, but their opening match against hosts Sweden in Gothenburg will certainly be a game to keep an eye on.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Croatia	6	5	1	0	174:148	26	11
Switzerland	6	3	0	3	180:167	13	6
Serbia	6	2	2	2	168:165	3	6
Belgium	6	0	1	5	144:186	-42	1

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GOTHENBURG **Scandinavium**	10 January	20:30	Sweden v **Switzerland**
	12 January	16:00	**Switzerland** v Poland
	14 January	18:15	**Switzerland** v Slovenia

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	247:235	+12	10:6	3rd Group 6
1996	Qualification	6	2	1	3	134:143	-9	5:7	3rd Group 5
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	4	0	2	152:135	+17	8:4	1st Group E
1998	Qualification	6	0	2	4	146:173	–27	2:10	4th Group 2
2000	Qualification	4	3	0	1	113:85	+28	6:2	2nd Group 4
2002	Qualification	6	5	0	1	157:138	+19	10:2	2nd Group 4
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	46:46	0	2:2	Won vs. HUN
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	78:91	–13	1:5	13th Place
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	183:150	+33	10:2	1st Group 5
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	53:52	+1	3:1	Won vs. TUR
2004	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	140:175	–35	2:10	12th Place
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	86:97	–11	1:5	14th Place
2008	Qualification	6	6	0	0	186:151	+35	12:0	1st Group 5
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	54:61	-7	2:2	Lost vs. BLR
2010	Qualification	10	4	1	5	295:188	+7	9:11	4th Group 2
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	172:198	–26	0:12	4th Group 7
2014	Qualification 1	3	2	1	0	84:64	+20	5:1	1st Group B
2014	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	135:172	–37	1:11	4th Group 1
2016	Play-off	2	1	0	1	65:58	+7	2:2	Won vs. EST
2016	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	135:176	–41	0:12	4th Group 6
2018	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	138:171	–33	0:12	4th Group 5
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	180:167	+13	6:6	2nd Group 2
Total Qualification		99	43	7	49	2675:2663	+12	93:105	
Total EHF EURO		12	1	2	9	304:363	-59	4:20	

Nikola Portner
goalkeeper

- born in Lyon, France, his father is the former Yugoslav handball professional Zlatko Portner
- moved to Switzerland at the age of 11
- awarded best goalkeeper at the 2011 U19 WCh, was the goalkeeper with the biggest number of saves at the 2013 U20 WCh
- started his professional career at Bern, named best Swiss rookie after 2011/12
- moved to Kadetten Schaffhausen in 2014, then replaced outgoing Thierry Omeyer at Montpellier in 2016 where he became the first-ever Swiss CL winner in 2018

EC trophies: CL 2018

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Marvin Lier
left wing

- the go-to player for penalty shots in the Swiss team
- recently spent three months at SG Flensburg-Handewitt, standing in for injured Swede Hampus Wanne
- since 2012 plays for Swiss club Pfadi Winterthur
- top scorer of the Swiss league in the 2018/19 season with 233 goals
- part of the Swiss men's team since 2013
- studies educational science

@marvinlier

Lenny Rubin
left back

- the tallest player of the current Swiss squad at 205 cm
- top scorer and All-star Team member of the 2016 U20 EHF EURO
- his father Martin was part of the "golden Swiss generation" in the 1990s and now coaches Wacker Thun
- awarded best Swiss rookie in 2016
- had played only for Wacker Thun, until he transferred to German Bundesliga club HSG Wetzlar in 2018

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Andy Schmid
centre back

- the only current Swiss player who competed in the EHF EURO 2006 on home ground
- left Switzerland in 2009 to join Danish side Bjerringbro
- transferred to Rhein-Neckar Löwen in 2010 and just extended his contract until 2022
- awarded best Bundesliga player five seasons in a row from 2013/14 to 2017/18
- steered Löwen to two German league titles
- has played more than 175 international matches for Switzerland despite many breaks

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013

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Alen Milosevic

line player

- not only the first option in attack, but also a core defender
- since 2013 has played for German club SC DHfK Leipzig, where he was coached by current German national team coach Christian Prokop until 2018
- started his professional career at Thun, then joined Bern Muri in 2007
- made his debut in the Swiss men's team in 2007 at the age of 18
- had a break from the national team from 2014 until 2018

Dimitrij Küttel

right back

- made his debut in the Swiss league at the age of 18 for Aarau
- current team captain for Kadetten Schaffhausen
- studies business administration via distance learning
- broke his tibia in 2018/19 and spent six months recovering
- has played more than 50 international matches for the Swiss men's team and almost 100 international matches for the youth and junior teams

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Maximilian Gerbl

right wing

- joined the youth academy of former EHF Cup winners Füchse Berlin at the age of 18
- at 179 cm is the shortest player of the current Swiss team
- made his senior national debut in June 2017
- since 2015 plays for Swiss champions Kadetten Schaffhausen

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Michael Suter

coach

- Swiss national team player and part of the team at the 1996 OG
- coached the Swiss junior team before he was appointed men's national team coach in 2016
- steered Swiss U18 and U20 teams to 10 out of 12 possible major events (EHF EURO and WCh) from 2010 until 2016.
- also the director of the Swiss Handball Academy for men's youth players
- his Indonesian-born wife Santi is an Olympian in badminton
- owns a collection of 1,600 jazz records

SWITZERLAND

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Thomas Gautschi	12	2002-2006
Martin Stettler	12	2002-2006
Iwan Ursic	12	2002-2006
Antoine Ebinger	11	2002-2006
Manuel Liniger	11	2002-2006

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Robert Kostadinovic	62	2002-2004
Thomas Gautschi	46	2002-2006
Iwan Ursic	30	2002-2006
Marco Kurth	23	2004-2006
Martin Engeler	19	2006

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	25:22 (13:12) vs. Ukraine @ Velenje SLO, 25.01.2004
Biggest defeat:	20:34 (9:18) vs. Denmark @ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
Longest winning run:	1 match (25.01.2004)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (25.01.2002)
	1 match (25.01.2004)
	1 match (28.01.2006)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (26.01.2002 – 24.01.2004)
	4 matches (27.01.2004 – 26.01.2006)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (27.01.2004 – 29.01.2006)
Current run:	L1 (29.01.2006)
Most goals:	34 vs. Slovenia 34:34D @ Skövde SWE, 25.01.2002
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Ukraine 30:37L @ St. Gallen SUI, 29.01.2006
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. Slovenia 34:34D @ Skövde SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals:	20 vs. Russia 20:28L @ Velenje SLO, 22.01.2004
	20 vs. Denmark 20:34L @ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
Fewest goals opponent:	22 vs. Ukraine 25:22W @ Velenje SLO, 25.01.2004
Fewest goals both teams:	46 vs. Spain 22:24L @ Skövde SWE, 26.01.2002

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

SWE v SUI Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
07.03.1982 Minden FRG	SUI-SWE	A-WCh – Place 11/12	17:25 (5:10)
06.03.1983 Zwolle NED	SWE-SUI	B-WCh – Place 1-6	23:10 (10:5)
20.03.1993 Stockholm SWE	SWE-SUI	WCh – Place 3/4	26:19 (13:16)
25.07.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	SUI-SWE	OG – Group A	19:26 (8:14)
24.01.2004 Velenje SLO	SUI-SWE	ECh – Group A	24:35 (12:17)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	7	6	173	0	1	126
EURO matches	1	1	35	0	0	24

SUI v POL Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
01.06.2002 Radom POL	POL-SUI	WCh-Play-off	23:19 (10:8)
09.06.2002 Olten SUI	SUI-POL	WCh-Play-off	26:25 (12:12)
28.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-POL	ECh – Group A	31:31 (16:17)
08.06.2008 Kielce POL	POL-SUI	WCh-Play-off	32:24 (15:12)
14.06.2008 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-POL	WCh-Play-off	24:22 (11:9)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	14	4	293	2	8	313
EURO matches	1	0	31	1	0	31

SUI v SLO Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
26.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-SLO	ECh – Group A	25:29 (13:16)
30.10.2013 Velenje SLO	SLO-SUI	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	33:30 (18:13)
09.01.2014 Schaffhausen SUI	SUI-SLO	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	23:31 (12:19)
02.11.2016 Velenje SLO	SLO-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	32:27 (12:15)
14.06.2017 Schaffhausen SUI	SUI-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	20:33 (9:18)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	8	1	202	1	6	241
EURO matches	2	0	59	1	1	63

POLAND

PRELIMINARY ROUND
GROUP F

TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

Olympic Games
1976

World Championships
2007
1982, 2009, 2015

TEAM PROFILE

After missing out on EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia, Poland are aiming high at what will be their ninth appearance at the finals.

Their participation at this year's event came courtesy of a nail-biting last round victory over Israel in qualification group 1. Going into the last game the two teams and Kosovo all held a chance of filling the second qualification spot behind group winners Germany, but Patryk Rombel's side who celebrated following their 26:23 win in Plock.

Rombel, who took over as head coach in February 2019, will be hoping to rekindle the kind of form that had made Poland one of Europe's most feared teams on the court. The nation won World Championship silver in 2007 and bronze medals at the 2009 and 2015 edition and narrowly missed out on a medal at the Rio Olympics in 2016, finish fourth.

Although they missed out on the last EHF EURO event, Poland had enjoyed a string of consistent finishes before 2018, the best of which came back in 2010 when they finished fourth after losing to Iceland in the fight to win the bronze medal.

Rombel's motto is "work, work, work" and that will be the Poles' goal as they look to make up on lost time in their first EHF EURO since hosting the 2016 tournament.

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QUALIFICATION

NATION	P	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS
Germany	6	6	0	0	190:119	71	12
Poland	6	2	1	3	152:139	13	5
Israel	6	2	0	4	148:178	-30	4
Kosovo	6	1	1	4	118:172	-54	3

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Venue	DATE	TIME	GAME
GOTHENBURG Scandinavium	10 January	18:15	Slovenia v **Poland**
	12 January	16:00	Switzerland v **Poland**
	14 January	20:30	**Poland** v Sweden

EHF EURO RECORD

YEAR	STAGE	MP	W	D	L	GOALS	DIFF	PTS	RANK
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	227:160	+67	11:5	2nd Group 6
1994	Runners-Up	2	1	0	1	42:51	-9	2:2	Lost vs. FRA
1996	Qualification	6	0	0	6	140:175	–35	0:12	4th Group 4
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	162:143	+19	10:2	1st Group D
1998	Qualification	6	0	0	6	128:153	–25	0:12	4th Group 5
2000	Qualification	6	5	0	1	165:133	+33	10:2	1st Group 1
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	41:56	–15	0:4	Lost vs. GER
2002	Play-off	2	1	1	0	56:52	+4	3:1	Won vs. NOR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	67:83	–16	0:6	15th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:49	+11	2:2	Won vs. AUT
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	86:108	–22	0:6	16th Place
2006	Qualification	3	2	0	1	103:70	+33	4:2	2nd Group 4
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:59	+1	2:2	Won vs. SWE
2006	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	163:185	–22	3:9	10th Place
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	72:47	+25	4:0	Won vs. NED
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	182:172	+10	7:5	7th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	1	2	242:198	+44	11:5	2nd Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	222:221	+1	9:7	4th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	172:147	+25	9:3	1st Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	173:160	+13	7:5	9th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	162:133	+29	10:2	2nd Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	191:184	+7	6:8	6th Place
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	193:194	-1	10:4	7th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	1	2	3	171:189	–18	4:8	4th Group 2
2020	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	152:139	+13	5:7	2nd Group 1
Total Qualification		54	44	3	7	1576:1255	+321	91:17	
Total EHF EURO		80	50	5	25	2168:1992	+176	105:55	

Mateusz Kornecki

goalkeeper

- talented young goalkeeper currently playing for CL participants PGE VIVE Kielce
- at his first senior WCh in 2017 he was a backup player, but replaced injured Maciej Gebala
- in Poland's last match in the President's Cup against Argentina he played with 88% efficiency
- EHF EURO 2020 will be his second senior championship tournament as Poland missed EHF EURO 2018 and WCh 2019
- spent last six years at Polish club Górnik Zabrze, but joined Kielce at the start of the current season

@KorneckiMateusz
@mkornecki

Adam Morawski

goalkeeper

- the 25-year-old started to play at a senior level in 2013/14, making his national team debut in 2013 and in the CL two years later playing for Orlen Wisla Plock
- EHF EURO 2020 is his second championship appearance following WCh 2017
- his nickname 'Loczek' means 'a curl'
- key to Plock's success in the 2018/19 CL C/D elimination match against Danish club Bjerringbro-Silkeborg when he saved 17 shots in 35 minutes

@loczek1994

Przemyslaw Krajewski

left wing

- one of the most experienced players in the current squad, having appeared at two previous EHF EUROS and three WChs
- made his senior team debut in 2012
- has played for Orlen Wisla Plock since 2017
- in 2017 scored his 1,000th goal in the Polish league

WC: B 2015

@kkprzemek

Maciej Pilitowski

centre back

- has represented Poland in friendly tournaments in the past, but EHF EURO 2020 will be his first championship
- played four matches and scored six goals in EHF EURO 2020 qualifiers
- has played for several Polish clubs, but has never left for a foreign league
- currently playing for Energa MKS Kalisz, a solid Polish club in the middle of the league
- nominated as the best centre back in the Polish league in the 2018/19 season

Kamil Syprzak

line player

- one of only a few current Polish squad members playing abroad
- first Polish player ever to play for Paris Saint-Germain, where he arrived at the start of the 2019/20 season after spending four seasons at Barça
- at 206 cm he is the tallest player on the team and makes full use of his huge arm span
- made his debut in senior national team in 2011
- key to Poland's success, not only because of his physicality and skills, but also bringing vital experience

WCh: B 2015

@syprzak_kamil
@kamil_syprzak

Michal Szyba

right back

- debuted in senior national team in 2013 and took part in EHF EURO 2014 and 2016
- was pivotal to Poland's victory over Spain at the WCh 2015 bronze medal match, where he scored eight times including the last-second goal which put the match into extra time
- came back to Poland in 2019/20 after spending five years abroad, playing for Slovenian club RK Velenje, Swiss side Kadetten Schaffhausen and France's Cesson Rennes
- currently plays for Azoty-Pulawy, where he started his junior career
- an Achilles tendon injury in November 2016 eliminated him from WCh 2017

WC: B 2015

@mszyba18

Arkadiusz Moryto

right wing

- Poland's best scorer of EHF EURO 2020 qualifications with 27 goals scored, will play his second championship tournament after WCh 2017
- very fast and smart player, used in positional attack, fast breaks and penalty throws
- currently playing his second season for Polish champions PGE VIVE Kielce
- became the first player in history to be the top scorer of the Polish league two seasons in a row, in 2017/18 and 2018/19
- used to attend Kielce's matches as a fan and had his photo taken with idol Ivan Cupic; in 2018 he faced player Cupic on court when Kielce met Vardar in the CL

@arekmoryto

Patryk Rombel

coach

- took over as Poland's head coach from Piotr Przybecki in February 2019
- one of the youngest coaches at EHF EURO 2020 at the age of 36
- was assistant coach to Polish head coach Talant Dujshebaev in 2016/17 and then became head coach of the national B team
- as a player, won one silver and three bronze medals with MMTS Kwidzyn in the Polish league
- his motto is "work, work, work"
- coached Ukrainian club Motor Zaporozhye between 2017 and 2018

POLAND

EHF EURO STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 5

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Karol Bielecki	42	2004-2016
Slawomir Szmal	39	2002-2010, 2014-2016
Bartosz Jurecki	35	2006-2016
Michal Jurecki	34	2008-2016
Patryk Kuchczynski	31	2006-2014

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 5

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Karol Bielecki	171	2004-2016
Michal Jurecki	106	2008-2016
Bartosz Jurecki	103	2006-2016
Krzysztof Lijewski	84	2008-2016
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	84	2002-2008, 2012

EHF EURO TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	41:24 (17:13) vs. Slovakia @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	23:37 (10:15) vs. Croatia @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Longest winning run:	3 matches (24.01.2008 – 20.01.2010)
	3 matches (17.01.2014 – 21.01.2014)
	3 matches (15.01.2016 – 19.01.2016)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (24.01.2008 – 26.01.2010)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (25.01.2002 – 25.01.2004)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (25.01.2002 – 25.01.2004)
	6 matches (28.01.2006 – 17.01.2008)
Current run:	W1 (29.01.2016)
Most goals:	41 vs. Slovakia 41:24W @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Most goals opponent:	41 vs. Germany 32:41L @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Germany 32:41L @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Serbia 18:22L @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	20 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

HEAD TO HEAD COMPETITIVE MATCHES

SLO v POL Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
22.01.2010 Innsbruck AUT	POL-SLO	ECh – Group C	30:30 (12:13)
09.03.2011 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	30:28 (14:14)
12.03.2011 Zielona Góra POL	POL-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	32:27 (15:14)
15.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	SLO-POL	WCh – Group C	25:24 (11:14)
15.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	POL-SLO	OG – Group B	20:25 (13:13)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	8	4	224	1	3	234
EURO matches	3	1	90	1	1	92

SUI v POL Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
01.06.2002 Radom POL	POL-SUI	WCh-Play-off	23:19 (10:8)
09.06.2002 Olten SUI	SUI-POL	WCh-Play-off	26:25 (12:12)
28.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-POL	ECh – Group A	31:31 (16:17)
08.06.2008 Kielce POL	POL-SUI	WCh-Play-off	32:24 (15:12)
14.06.2008 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-POL	WCh-Play-off	24:22 (11:9)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	14	4	293	2	8	313
EURO matches	1	0	31	1	0	31

POL v SWE Matches – Last 5

DATE & VENUE	FIXTURE	TOURNAMENT	SCORE
07.04.2013 Gdańsk POL	POL-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	22:18 (12:10)
21.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	POL-SWE	ECh – MR-Group 2	35:25 (15:12)
26.01.2015 Doha QAT	POL-SWE	WCh – Last 16	24:20 (10:11)
29.01.2016 Wrocław POL	POL-SWE	ECh – Place 7/8	26:24 (12:12)
13.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	SWE-POL	OG – Group B	24:25 (13:12)

TOTAL MATCHES	P	W	GOALS	D	W	GOALS
All matches	25	10	586	4	11	597
EURO matches	5	3	137	1	1	130

EHF EURO HISTORY

1st European Championship
3 - 12 June 1994
Portugal

1. Sweden
2. Russia
3. Croatia

2nd European Championship
24 May – 2 June 1996
Spain

1. Russia
2. Spain
3. Yugoslavia

3rd European Championship
29 May – 7 June 1998
Italy

1. Sweden
2. Spain
3. Germany

4th European Championship
21 – 30 January 2000
Croatia

1. Sweden
2. Russia
3. Spain

5th European Championship
25 Jan – 3 Feb 2002
Sweden

1. Sweden
2. Germany
3. Denmark

6th European Championship
22 Jan– 1 Feb 2004
Slovenia

1. Germany
2. Slovenia
3. Denmark

7th European Championship
26 Jan – 5 Feb 2006
Switzerland

1. France
2. Spain
3. Denmark

8th European Championship
17 – 27 January 2008
Norway

1. Denmark
2. Croatia
3. France

9th European Championship
19 – 31 January 2010
Austria

1. France
2. Croatia
3. Iceland

10th European Championship
15 – 29 January 2012
Serbia

1. Denmark
2. Serbia
3. Croatia

11th European Championship
12 – 26 January 2014
Denmark

1. France
2. Denmark
3. Spain

12th European Championship
15 – 31 January 2016
Poland

1. Germany
2. Spain
3. Croatia

EHF EURO HISTORY

13th European Championship
12 – 28 January 2018
Croatia

EHF EURO CROATIA 2018

- Spain
- Sweden
- France

WHERE NEXT?

TOKYO 2020

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
25 July to 8 August 2020

Men's handball at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics will run from 25 July through 8 August and feature 12 teams, including up to eight participants from Europe.

As current world champions, Denmark are guaranteed a starting place. Also, the winners of Men's EHF EURO 2020 will qualify; if Denmark win the European title, this qualifying spot will go to the runners-up.

Six more teams will book their trip to Tokyo at the Olympic qualification tournaments on 17-19 April.

Norway, France, Germany, Spain, Croatia and Sweden have already secured their berths for these qualification tournaments, but the two highest-ranked European countries not yet included will also take part.

Under circumstances even the 10th-ranked team at EHF EURO 2020 might advance to the qualification tournaments.

EGYPT 2021
27TH MEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Men's World Championship 2021 in Egypt
10–27 January 2021

Egypt will be proud organisers of the biggest ever Men's World Championship on 10-27 January 2021, the first time the competition will feature 32 teams.

Two participants are already known: Egypt as hosts and Denmark as the 2019 gold medallists.

Apart from the defending champions, 13 more European teams will make the trip to Egypt.

The three best ranked teams from the Men's EHF EURO 2020 will advance to the finals tournament directly.

Nine winners of the continental qualifiers in June 2020, when 18 teams are trying to grab their last chance in a two-leg play-off, will complete the European delegation.

Men's EHF EURO 2022 in Hungary and Slovakia
14–30 January 2022

After the premiere in 2020, the Men's EHF EURO 2022 in Hungary and Slovakia will be the second edition with 24 participating teams.

The tournament will bring top-class national team handball to three venues in Hungary (Budapest, Debrecen and Szeged) and two in Slovakia (Bratislava and Kosice).

As the joint organisers, Hungary and Slovakia are already guaranteed their places on the starting grid.

Both winners of the EHF EURO 2020 semi-finals on 24 January will be the next two participants confirmed for the 2022 edition.

Hungary, Slovakia and those two EHF EURO 2020 finalists will contest the EHF EURO Cup 2022.

EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

EHF EURO MATCHES – TOP 10

PLAYER	MATCHES	YEARS
Nikola Karabatic FRA	60	2004-2018
Didier Dinart FRA	57	1998-2012
Igor Vori CRO	54	2004-2014, 2018
Michael V. Knudsen DEN	53	2000-2010, 2014
Jerôme Fernandez FRA	53	1998, 2002-2014
Lars Christiansen DEN	52	1996, 2000-2012
Luc Abalo FRA	52	2006-2018
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson ISL	52	2000-2018
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez ESP	51	2004, 2008-2018
Daniel Narcisse FRA	51	2000-2002, 2006-2016

EHF EURO GOALS – TOP 10

PLAYER	GOALS	YEARS
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson ISL	270	2000-2018
Nikola Karabatic FRA	256	2004-2018
Stefan Lövgren SWE	203	1994-2004
Mikkel Hansen DEN	194	2010-2018
Lars Christiansen DEN	188	1996, 2000-2012
Ólafur Stefánsson ISL	183	2000-2010
Jan Filip CZE	182	1998, 2002-2004, 2008-2012
Luc Abalo FRA	177	2006-2018
Eduard Koksharov RUS	176	1998-2008, 2012
Jerôme Fernandez FRA	172	1998, 2002-2014

EHF EURO GOALS IN ONE GAME TOP 10

Kjetil Strand NOR	19 vs. Iceland 36:33W	@ St. Gallen SUI, 02.02.2006
Yuriy Kostetskiy UKR	14 vs. Czech Republic 27:30L	@ Göteborg SWE, 27.01.2002
Iker Romero ESP	14 vs. Czech Republic 37:25W	@ Wiener Neustadt AUT, 19.01.2010
Filip Jicha CZE	14 vs. Hungary 33:26W	@ Wiener Neustadt AUT, 22.01.2010
Gábor Csaszar HUN	14 vs. Croatia 24:24D	@ Novi Sad SRB, 25.01.2012
Ondrej Zdrahala CZE	14 vs. Hungary 33:27W	@ Varaždin CRO, 17.01.2018
Michal Tonar CZE	13 vs. Romania 32:25W	@ Sevilla ESP, 24.05.1996
Lars Christiansen DEN	13 vs. Czech Republic 31:25W	@ Göteborg SWE, 29.01.2002
Lars Christiansen DEN	13 vs. Russia 31:28W	@ Drammen NOR, 20.01.2008
Kiril Lazarov MKD	13 vs. Denmark 32:33L	@ Beograd SRB, 21.01.2012
Dragan Gajic SLO	13 vs. Hungary 32:30W	@ Novi Sad SRB, 24.01.2012
Siarhei Rutenka BLR	13 vs. Sweden 22:30L	@ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 15.01.2014
Ondrej Zdrahala CZE	13 vs. Croatia 27:28L	@ Zagreb CRO, 26.01.2018

EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

EHF EURO BIGGEST WINS TOP 10

20	Czech Republic vs. FYR Macedonia 38:18 (16:12)	@ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
17	Romania vs. Portugal 38:21 (18:11)	@ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
17	Poland vs. Slovakia 41:24 (17:13)	@ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
17	Spain vs. Czech Republic 32:15 (16:9)	@ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
16	Sweden vs. Slovakia 41:25 (20:12)	@ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
16	Poland vs. Montenegro 39:23 (19:13)	@ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
15	Russia vs. Croatia 29:14 (12:8)	@ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
15	France vs. Slovenia 36:21 (19:10)	@ Västerås SWE, 31.01.2002
14	Denmark vs. Switzerland 34:20 (18:9)	@ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
14	France vs. Slovakia 35:21 (19:9)	@ Basel SUI, 26.01.2006
14	Germany vs. Ukraine 36:22 (15:13)	@ Basel SUI, 31.01.2006
14	Croatia vs. Poland 37:23 (15:10)	@ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016

EHF EURO MOST GOALS TOP 5

41	Germany vs. Poland 41:32 (21:13)	@ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
41	Sweden vs. Slovakia 41:25 (20:12)	@ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
41	Poland vs. Slovakia 41:24 (17:13)	@ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
41	France vs. Denmark 41:32 (23:16)	@ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
40	Spain vs. Slovenia 40:32 (20:14)	@ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010

EHF EURO MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

77	Belarus vs. Iceland 39:38 (17:18)	@ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
74	Lithuania vs. Czech Republic 38:36 (17:14, 30:30, 33:33)	@ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
74	Austria vs. Iceland 37:37 (17:20)	@ Linz AUT, 21.01.2010
73	Poland vs. Germany 32:41 (13:21)	@ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
73	Denmark vs. France 32:41 (16:23)	@ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS TOP 5

14	Croatia vs. Russia 14:29 (8:12)	@ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
14	Hungary vs. Sweden 14:22 (7:10)	@ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016
15	Israel vs. Portugal 15:26 (6:12)	@ Helsingborg SWE, 25.01.2002
15	France vs. Germany 15:15 (8:8)	@ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
15	Germany vs. France 15:15 (8:8)	@ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
15	Czech Republic vs. Spain 15:32 (9:16)	@ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

30	France vs. Germany 15:15 (8:8)	@ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
35	Russia vs. France 18:17 (11:9)	@ Almada POR, 08.06.1994
36	Croatia vs. Spain 18:18 (11:10)	@ Merano-Meran ITA, 29.05.1998
36	Germany vs. Denmark 19:17 (8:10)	@ Rijeka CRO, 29.01.2000
36	Sweden vs. Hungary 22:14 (10:7)	@ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016

EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

26	Poland vs. Belarus – 1st half 31:30 (26:13)	@ Aarhus DEN, 19.01.2014
24	Poland vs. Slovakia – 2nd half 41:24 (17:13)	@ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
23	Poland vs. Slovenia – 1st half 33:27 (23:14)	@ Stavanger NOR, 18.01.2008
23	Germany vs. Slovenia – 2nd half 34:34 (11:16)	@ Innsbruck AUT, 20.01.2010
23	Slovenia vs. Czech Republic – 2nd half 35:37 (12:21)	@ Innsbruck AUT, 24.01.2010
23	Russia vs. Belarus – 1st half 39:33 (23:17)	@ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
23	France vs. Denmark – 1st half 41:32 (23:16)	@ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014

EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

42	Belarus vs. Iceland – 2nd half 39:38 (17:18)	@ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
41	Slovenia vs. Germany – 2nd half 34:34 (16:11)	@ Innsbruck AUT, 20.01.2010
40	Serbia & Montenegro vs. Iceland – 2nd half 31:36 (11:16)	@ Sursee SUI, 26.01.2006
40	Russia vs. Belarus – 1st half 39:33 (23:17)	@ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
39	Poland vs. Germany – 2nd half 32:41 (13:21)	@ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
39	Iceland vs. Norway – 2nd half 33:36 (16:14)	@ St. Gallen SUI, 02.02.2006
39	Germany vs. Sweden – 1st half 30:29 (21:18)	@ Innsbruck AUT, 22.01.2010
39	Slovenia vs. Czech Republic – 2nd half 35:37 (12:21)	@ Innsbruck AUT, 24.01.2010
39	Russia vs. Iceland – 2nd half 30:38 (10:19)	@ Wien AUT, 26.01.2010
39	Poland vs. Belarus – 1st half 31:30 (26:13)	@ Aarhus DEN, 19.01.2014
39	France vs. Denmark – 1st half 41:32 (23:16)	@ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

3	Hungary vs. Spain – 1st half 17:27 (3:17)	@ Merano-Meran ITA, 31.05.1998
5	Portugal vs. Denmark – 1st half 17:24 (5:11)	@ Porto POR, 03.06.1994
5	Slovenia vs. Germany – 1st half 16:25 (5:10)	@ Sevilla ESP, 29.05.1996
5	Lithuania vs. Germany – 1st half 18:20 (5:9)	@ Merano-Meran ITA, 04.06.1998
5	Slovakia vs. Iceland – 1st half 22:28 (5:16)	@ Trondheim NOR, 19.01.2008
5	France vs. Czech Republic – 2nd half 21:20 (16:10)	@ Wiender Neustadt, 20.01.2010
5	Poland vs. Belarus – 2nd half 31:30 (26:13)	@ Aarhus DEN, 19.01.2014
5	Belarus vs. France – 1st half 23:34 (5:20)	@ Kraków POL, 21.01.2016

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

13	Sweden vs. Denmark – 1st half 22:16 (7:6)	@ Porto POR, 05.06.1994
14	Germany vs. Lithuania – 1st half 20:18 (9:5)	@ Merano-Meran ITA, 04.06.1998
14	France vs. Germany – 2nd half 15:15 (8:8)	@ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
15	Hungary vs. Portugal – 1st half 19:18 (7:8)	@ Porto POR, 05.06.1994
15	Russia vs. France – 2nd half 18:17 (11:9)	@ Almada POR, 08.06.1994
15	Germany vs. Slovenia – 1st half 25:16 (10:5)	@ Sevilla ESP, 29.05.1996
15	Croatia vs. Spain – 2nd half 18:18 (11:10)	@ Merano-Meran ITA, 29.05.1998

EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

MULTIPLE MEN'S EHF EURO WINNERS

4 EHF EURO trophies

Ola Lindgren, Staffan Olsson, Stefan Lövgren, Magnus Wislander, Martin Frandesjö
(all Sweden/all 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002)

3 EHF EURO trophies

Thierry Omeyer, Nikola Karabatic, Michael Guigou, Jerome Fernandez, Daniel Narcisse
(all France/all 2006, 2010, 2014)

Pierre Thorsson, Robert Andersson, Robert Hedin (all Sweden/all 1994, 1998, 2000)

Peter Gentzel, Ljubomir Vranjes, Johan Pettersson, Martin Boquist, Thomas Sivertsson, Andreas Larsson
(all Sweden/all 1998, 2000, 2002)

2 EHF EURO trophies

Kasper Nielsen, Hans Lindberg, Bo Spellerberg, Lars Christiansen, Kasper Söndergaard
(all Denmark/all 2008, 2012)

Tomas Svensson, Magnus Andersson (both Sweden/1994, 2002)

Jan Stankiewicz, Andreas Lundquist, Henrik Andersson, Marcus Wallgren (all Sweden/1998, 2000)

Bertrand Gille, Guillaume Gille, Didier Dinart, Dauda Karaboue, Sebastian Bosquet (all France/2006, 2010)

Cedric Sorhaindo, Guillaume Joli (both France/2010, 2014)

THE OFFICIAL MEN'S EHF EURO APP

For all handball fans, the European Handball Federation offers the official Men's EHF EURO 2020 app.

The app for the 2020 final tournament is available in English and works on iPhones as well as on all Android phones.

With the app, handball fans worldwide can not only follow the event no matter when and where they are; they can also enjoy a plethora of engagement tools which will make their experience of Men's EHF EURO 2020 richer than ever before.

Unique Live Micro Content

In a partnership with Swedish start-up Antourage, the EHF offers all app users exclusive live micro content on each day of the tournament. Live coverage will be offered from the mixed zone, from media calls, from other team activities – and the Antourage feature even allows to hand over control to players and teams themselves, who can then stream directly to the app, offering a unique peek behind the scenes of EHF EURO 2020.

Match Predictor

The match predictor offers the opportunity to guess the results of all 65 matches at Men's EHF EURO 2020 with points being awarded for predicting the correct winner, the correct goal difference between the two teams in question and, of course, the 100% correct result. Bonus balls which double, triple or even see the initial points gained multiplied by 10 ensure that the competition stays exciting until the final. Users can also take on their friends and play in leagues of their own.

All-star Team Vote

The popular All-star Team vote at EHF EURO events will exclusively be within the app. Once the main round has come to an end, users will be able to vote for one out of five All-stars in each position as well as for the best defender.

Exclusive Prize Giveaways

Furthermore, there will be chances to win prizes through the app's innovative 'Pulse' feature. Anyone with the app can join the 'Pulse'. Fans will be prompted to open the app. As the 'Pulse' starts, their screens will begin to blink. As seconds pass, fewer and fewer screens blink until only the winner's device remains blinking.

The world of EHF EURO 2020 at your fingertips

Further to this, the Men's EHF EURO 2020 app gives you access to all match statistics live and as the matches are played. You can check the schedule and all results, receive team and player information and watch a plethora of videos, including highlights, the best actions of all matches, top goals and saves compilations and more.

EHF EURO 2020 ONLINE COVERAGE

www.ehf-euro.com

The official championship website is available in English and provides extensive information for media and fans alike throughout the tournament. Website features include live stats for every match and in-depth statistics for every team and every player. Related photos and videos for every match are immediately accessible through the website. On top, ehf-euro.com will offer its users news updates almost 24/7 during the final tournament.

www.ehfTV.com

Furthermore, all 65 matches will be streamed live with English commentary and are available on demand on www.ehfTV.com. The European Handball Federation's own OTT platform will also feature highlights from all matches and behind-the-scenes reports. On the championship's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/ehfeuro, handball fans are able to enjoy near-live viral clips, daily highlights, the best goals and saves and much more.

EHF EURO podcast

In a partnership with the '(Un)Informed Handball Hour', the EHF will be treating all fans with the first podcast on European Championship level. The first episodes will already be aired ahead of the tournament and many more will guide handball enthusiasts through the 18 days of action with lots of exciting content, exclusive guests and behind-the-scenes peeks. All episodes will be available on ehf-euro.com and on every major podcast player.

Social media

Reaching a younger audience has become one of the most important tasks for clubs and federations in the sports business. This is why the EHF EURO social media family is expanding by incorporating TikTok, currently the fastest growing social media network with 500 million active users. The EHF EURO TikTok account (@ehfeuro) was launched ahead of the Women's EHF EURO 2018 in France. After the successful test, which saw 4,000 people following the verified account, TikTok has now been added to the EHF EURO digital strategy. The EHF EURO is the first major European sports competition to be present on TikTok.

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PLAYER TRACKING TECHNOLOGY

Player tracking technology to premiere at Men's EHF EURO 2020

Match data collection will reach new heights at the Men's EHF EURO 2020, thanks to the cooperation between the European Handball Federation and KINEXON, the leading German tracking and analytics company.

For the first time at the showcase event of men's national team handball, the EHF EURO 2020 will offer player tracking technology, providing more insights into the game.

The player tracking technology will be joined by the SELECT iBall, the intelligent ball with an integrated chip for data transmission.

The technology has been successfully used at the marquee event in club handball, the VELUX EHF FINAL4, and will now premiere at the continental national team competition as well.

During the EHF EURO 2020, tracking sensors in jerseys of all players and the chip in the iBall will collect an unparalleled amount of data around each match.

All players will be fitted with the tracking chip, which will be integrated into their playing shirts. The sensor weighs only 14 grams and will not influence the players' on-court performance.

KINEXON anchors will be placed around the court capturing the data from the sensors in the players' shirts and the ball.

Fans, coaches and players will be able to see players' running distance, playing time, fastest sprints, highest jumps and fastest goalkeeper saves.

In addition, the SELECT iBall will collect information such as ball speed, shot detection, position of the shot and placement of the ball on target.

The match data will be delivered directly to the spectators attending the matches in the arenas, but also to those watching at home via social media and on TV.

An extensive report of collected match data will be provided to the participating teams, giving them opportunity to have all information about the team and individual player performance.

INSTANT REPLAY TECHNOLOGIES

Several technological developments are in place at the Men's EHF EURO 2020. The use of them will also be clearly communicated to the spectators in the arena with the help of dedicated graphic icons shown on the arena cube.

Goal-line

Disqualification

Substitution

Buzzer

Instant Replay Technology and Goal-line cameras

Instant replay offers the possibility to the referees to immediately watch a situation on a TV screen if they were not able to see the complete action on the court and if they wish to check again before reaching a decision. This specifically refers to key match situations where the referees decide to consult the TV picture additionally to their own view on the court.

The goal-line technology allows referees to utilise a number of cameras fixed to the goal to check whether the ball has crossed the goal-line. As the video is linked to the match clock, the referees can also check, if the ball crossed the goal-line before the end of half-time or full-time.

The use of both goal-line technology and instant replay (disqualification and consquences) is exclusively the responsibility of the referees and only the referees can decide to make use of it or not.

Goal-light

An LED light installed inside the goal lights up at the same time as the buzzer sounds for team timeouts and at the end of each half. This visual signal therefore provides all those involved in the match an additional signal to show that the time has stopped or ended. The signal also provides further help to the referees in deciding whether a last-second shot has crossed the line or not.

Substitution area technology

This system provides a detailed view on both substitution areas and offers video assistance in case of decisions that concern the substitution areas. The two cameras will be installed at the timekeeper table's corners.
The pictures are accessible for the EHF Delegates in case of an unclear situation with player substitutions. Additionally they are also accessible for the referees in case of any serious situation in the substitution area where they decide to consult the pictures.

Important: These additional pictures are only to be used in case of a situation where an incorrect substitution has already been identified but it is unclear which player is to be punished.

Electronic team timeout request ('Buzzer')

Each team can request the team timeout directly through pushing a button on an electronic device. The button is directly connected to the official scoreboard system and pushing the button will directly lead to a stopping of the time, additionally an audio signal will be initialized to make all involved parties aware of the time-out.

In case of a mistake/misuse related to the team timeout request, all of the following sanctions apply:

- Progressive punishment or direct red card depending whether the action was on purpose or not
- Penalty throw for the team which was in possession of the ball
- Team that caused the faulty timeout request will lose one timeout

MERCHANDISE

Fans get involved in EHF EURO with official merchandise

The Men's EHF EURO 2020 is a special tournament for various reasons: it is the first European Championship with 24 participants, and also the first with three organising countries.

Handball fans all over the world can show their support for this unique event and its three host countries thanks to the official merchandise line.

In cooperation with NEH, a Swedish company specialised in branding products, the European Handball Federation is offering fans a wide range of items to choose from.

Fans can wear Men's EHF EURO 2020 branded t-shirts, polo shirts, zip hoodies, beanies, caps and scarfs, or collect memorabilia like pins, keyrings and lanyards.

Additionally, a series of hats, caps, scarfs, t-shirts, fan hands, and flags is available for each of the three organising countries, in yellow-blue (Sweden), white-red (Austria) or red-blue (Norway).

All merchandise products display the official Men's EHF EURO 2020 slogan 'Dream. Win. Remember.'

The merchandise will be available at all six playing venues as well as online under eurohandballshop.com.

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