

# FINAL TOURNAMENT DRAW

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#### DRAW PREVIEW

Fresh faces, new venues and a chance to break a world record are only some of the aspects heightening the anticipation ahead of this draw for EHF EURO 2024.

Despite its long tradition of hosting major handball events, Germany will be hosting an EHF EURO for the first time, with matches taking place in six host cities; Berlin, Dusseldorf, Mannheim, Cologne, Munich and Hamburg.

Dusseldorf will be the focus on May 10, as not only does the draw take place at 17:45 CEST for the preliminary round, but we will discover who shall face Germany in the opening match at the Merkur Spiel-Arena in the same city.

With a capacity of 50,000 at the Merkur Spiel-Arena, the opening game is expected to set the world record



attendance for a handball match; the ideal spectacle to showcase the passion for handball in Germany and around the continent.

We could potentially see a newcomer to the EHF EURO take on the hosts in the opener, as the Faroe Islands, Georgia and Greece have all qualified for the senior men's European competition for the first time.

The opportunity for new nations to qualify is partly down to the decision to expand the tournament to 24 teams in 2020. This will be the third EHF EURO to feature 24 participants.

As well as rookie teams, many of the more established nations booked their tickets to Germany, too, with some doing so in great style.

Three nations managed to qualify with six wins from six in qualifiers phase 2; current Olympic champions France maintained a 100 percent record in group 8, as did Portugal and Austria in groups 1 and 4, respectively.

Taking nothing away from France's achievement, maximum points for Portugal and Austria was possibly more unexpected. Surely all three teams will want to be avoided in the draw, though.

The four teams who qualified automatically faced each other in the EHF EURO Cup, where Denmark took the crown on goal difference ahead of rivals Sweden after beating them on the final matchday. Spain edged Germany for third place.

The only guarantee before the final tournament draw is that some fascinating ties will be thrown up and you can see the drama unfold as it will be streamed live on EHFTV and the EHF's Youtube channel.





#### **DRAW PROCEDURE AND POTS**

The 24 teams qualified have been seeded in four pots of six teams based on the results of the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers and the ranking of the EHF EURO 2022.

<b>POT 1</b>	<b>SW</b> E	ESP	<b>DEN</b>	FRA 📕	H NOR	ISL
POT 2	<b>GER</b>	<b>T</b> NED	👛 SLO	<b>HUN</b>	🧧 POR	TUA 📒
POT 3	📰 CRO	📐 BIH	POL	CZE	SRB	🔀 MKD
POT 4	💶 SUI	📕 📕 ROU	🔹 MNE	🔚 GRE	÷÷ GEO	+ FAR

At the draw, these 24 teams will be drawn to six groups of four for the preliminary round. Germany have already been seeded in group A which will start the tournament in Dusseldorf (opening match) and Berlin.

Croatia are seeded in group B in Mannheim; Iceland start their campaign in group C in Munich. Norway have been placed already in group D in Berlin; EHF EURO 2022 champions Sweden head group E in Mannheim and world champions Denmark group F in Munich. The first two teams of each group qualify for the main round.

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	Group A BERLIN	Group B MANNHEIM	Group C MUNICH	Group D BERLIN	Group E MANNHEIM	Group F MUNICH
Row 1			ISL	NOR	SWE	DEN
Row 2	GER					
Row 3		CRO				
Row 4						



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#### **FINAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

PRELIMINAR	Y ROUND GROU	JPS A – F				
Wed, Jan 10	Thu, Jan 11	Fri, Jan 12	Sat, Jan 13	Sun, Jan 14	Mon, Jan 15	Tue, Jan 16
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MERKUR SPIEL- Arena						
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A1 vs. A3	D2 VS. D4		D3 vs. D2	Match no. 4 A4 vs. A1	match no. 24	A1 vs. A2
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	MUNICH   OL	YMPIAHALLE	GROUP C 🔠	*   F <b>==</b>		
OPEN	match no. 31 F1 VS. F3	match no. 13 <b>C1</b> VS. <b>C3</b> match no. 14	match no. 33 F4 VS. F1 match no. 34	ratch no. 25 C4 VS. C1 match no. 26	match no. 35 <b>F3</b> VS. <b>F4</b> match no. 36	match no. 17 C3 VS. C4 match no. 18
	F2 vs. F4	C2 vs. C4	F3 vs. F2	C3 vs. C2	F1 vs. F2	C1 vs. C2







#### AMBASSADORS READY TO WELCOME THE WORLD

For the first time at the 2024 edition, the host cities of an EHF EURO will be represented by their very own ambassadors, who will be showcasing the best their handball-mad cities have to offer.

Legends of the sport will be involved in the project, including former German internationals from both the men's and women's teams, such as Dominik Klein in Munich, Emily Bölk in Dusseldorf and Hamburg's duo of Anna Loerper and Johannes Bitter.

But it will not be all about the great and the good of the handball world; for example, legendary Germany wing Uwe Gensheimer will be showing off his native Mannheim alongside comedian Bülent Ceylan, who, like Gensheimer, is used to performing at the SAP Arena.

Gensheimer said of Ceylan, "He is an outstanding representative of Mannheim throughout Germany, everyone knows him, and thanks to him, everyone also knows the Mannheim dialect." It seems like there is no one better to represent the group B and E venue than these two!

More commonly associated with football, television presenter Laura Wontorra will be an ambassador for the final venue, Cologne, as she teams up with Markus Baur, Germany's 2007 World Championship-winning captain.

Baur, like all the ambassadors, is ready to inspire and be inspired by the EHF EURO, calling it a "super great, gigantic honour and task. It's a huge thing for me, I think it's great."

The list of ambassadors could yet grow before the tournament begins in January, but for now, here is the confirmed list of ambassadors for EHF EURO 2024:

Munich: Dominik Klein, Isabell Klein, Niklas Kaul Dusseldorf: Emily Bölk, Pascal Hens Cologne: Laura Wontorra, Markus Baur Berlin: Stefan Kretzschmar, Felix Kroos Hamburg: Anna Loerper, Johannes Bitter Mannheim: Uwe Gensheimer, Bülent Ceylan





#### **POT 1 EHF EURO HISTORY**

Sweden		Spain		Denma	rk
1994: Gold 1996: 4th 1998: Gold 2000: Gold 2002: Gold 2004: 7th 2006: DNQ 2008: 5th	2010: 15th 2012: 12th 2014: 7th 2016: 8th 2018: Silver 2020: 7th 2022: Gold	1994: 5th 1996: Silver 1998: Silver 2000: Bronze 2002: 7th 2004: 10th 2006: Silver 2008: 9th	2010: 6th 2012: 4th 2014: Bronze 2016: Silver 2018: Gold 2020: Gold 2022: Silver	1994: 4th 1996: 12th 1998: DNQ 2000: 10th 2002: Bronze 2004: Bronze 2006: Bronze 2008: Gold	2010: 5th 2012: Gold 2014: Silver 2016: 6th 2018: 4th 2020: 13th 2022: Bronze
France		Norwa	У	Iceland	I
1994: 6th 1996: 7th 1998: 7th 2000: 4th	2010: Gold 2012: 11th 2014: Gold 2016: 5th	1994: DNQ 1996: DNQ 1998: DNQ 2000: 8th	2010: 7th 2012: 13th 2014: 14th 2016: 4th	1994: DNQ 1996: DNQ 1998: DNQ 2000: 11th	2010: Bronze 2012: 10th 2014: 5th 2016: 13th

2018: 7th

2022: 5th

2020: Bronze

2002: 4th

2004: 13th

2006: 7th

2008: 11th

2018: 13th

2020: 11th

2022: 6th

2002: DNQ

2004: DNQ

2006: 11th

2008: 6th

#### **POT 2 EHF EURO HISTORY**

2018: Bronze

2020: 14th

2022: 4th

2002: 6th

2004: 6th

2006: Gold

2008: Bronze

Slovenia						
1994: 10th2010: 11th1996: 11th2012: 6th1998: DNQ2014: DNQ2000: 5th2016: 14th2002: 12th2018: 8th2004: Silver2020: 4th2006: 8th2022: 16th2008: 10th2008: 10th						
Austria						
1994: DNQ 2010: 9th   1996: DNQ 2012: DNQ   1998: DNQ 2014: 11th   2000: DNQ 2016: DNQ   2002: DNQ 2018: 15th   2004: DNQ 2020: 8th   2006: DNQ 2022: 20th   2008: DNQ 2022: 20th						
DNQ: Did not qualify						



#### **POT 3 EHF EURO HISTORY**

Croatia		A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	Bosnia & I	Herzegovina
1994: Bronze 1996: 5th 1998: 8th 2000: 6th 2002: 12th 2004: 4th 2006: 4th	2010: Silver 2012: Bronze 2014: 4th 2016: Bronze 2018: 5th 2020: Silver 2022: 8th	1994: D 1996: D 1998: D 2000: D 2002: D 2004: D 2006: D	NQ NQ NQ NQ NQ NQ	2010: DNQ 2012: DNQ 2014: DNQ 2016: DNQ 2018: DNQ 2020: 23rd 2022: 23rd
2008: Silver		2008: D	NQ	

Poland	
1994: DNQ	2010: 4th
1996: DNQ	2012: 9th
1998: DNQ	2014: 6th
2000: DNQ	2016: 7th
2002: 15th	2018: DNQ
2004: 16th	2020: 21st
2006: 10th	2022: 12th
2008: 7th	

Czech Republic		Serbia	Serbia		North Macedonia	
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#### **POT 4 EHF EURO HISTORY**

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2010: DNQ
2012: DNQ
2014: DNQ
2016: DNQ
2018: DNQ
2020: 16th
2022: DNQ



Have qualified for their first Men's EHF EURO.

Romania	
1994: 11th	2010: DNQ
1996: 9th	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: DNQ
2006: DNQ	2022: DNQ
2008: DNQ	



Have qualified for their first Men's EHF EURO.

1 Montenegro 1994: DNO 2010: DNO 1996: Bronze\* 2012: DNQ 1998: 5th\* 2014: 16th 2000: DNQ 2016: 16th 2002: 10th\* 2018: 16th 2004: 8th\*\* 2020: 18th 2006: 9th\*\* 2022: 11th 2008: 12th



Have qualified for their first Men's EHF EURO.

DNQ: Did not qualify

- \* qualified as Yugoslavia
- \*\* qualified as Serbia & Montenegro



#### FACTS & FIGURES



DUSSELDORF

DLOGNE

MANNHFIM

MUNICH

Germany will be the solo host of the final tournament; it will be the first EHF EURO since the competition format expanded to 24 nations to be played in one country

## 3 Three words make up the main claim of the EHF EURO 2024: HERE TO PLAY

Sweden lead the charge with most stilles with their five sets of gold medals (1994, 1998, 2000, 2002 & 2022)

Only six nations have managed to win gold at an EHF EURO: Sweden, Russia, Germany, France, Denmark and Spain

In total six cities will help host the event: Dusseldorf, Berlin, Mannheim, Munich, Hamburg and Cologne

> It will be the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the tournament and the third to feature 24 teams

The EHF EURO 2024 takes place over 18 days from 10 to 24 January



**28** The final will take place on 20 standary 202 means a famous handball temple: the LANXESS arena with an attendance of almost 20,000 The final will take place on 28 January 2024 in Cologne's

> matches will be played throughout the tournament from the preliminary round, main round to the final weekend

The winner of the EHF EURO 2024 will **2024** The winner of the EHF EURO 2024 will qualify directly for the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris Erance Olympics in Paris, France





Three nations will host the next edition of the EHF EURO 2026 in Denmark, Norway and Sweden



An attendance record for a handball match could be broken when the opening match of the EHF EURO 2024 is held inside the 50,000-seater Merkur Spiel Arena in Dusseldorf on 10 January

Infinite fun and handball action is to be had for fans visiting Germany during the EHF EURO 2024 with tickets and packages still available! ERE TO BE LOUD



### EHF EURO 2024 VENUES

From Dusseldorf to Cologne seems only a small distance, but a whole lot of handball will be played between the Men's EHF EURO 2024 opener in the Merkur Spiel-Arena in Dusseldorf on 10 January and the final in the LANXESS arena in Cologne on 28 January.



#### **PREVIOUS MEN'S EHF EUROS**





































Tournament	Host nation(s)	Gold	Silver	Bronze
EHF EURO 1994	Portugal	Sweden	Russia	Croatia
EHF EURO 1996	Spain	Russia	Spain	Yugoslavia
EHF EURO 1998	Italy	Sweden	Spain	Germany
EHF EURO 2000	Croatia	Sweden	Russia	Spain
EHF EURO 2002	Sweden	Sweden	Germany	Denmark
EHF EURO 2004	Slovenia	Germany	Slovenia	Denmark
EHF EURO 2006	Switzerland	France	Spain	Denmark
EHF EURO 2008	Norway	Denmark	Croatia	France
EHF EURO 2010	Austria	France	Croatia	Iceland
EHF EURO 2012	Serbia	Denmark	Serbia	Croatia
EHF EURO 2014	Denmark	France	Denmark	Spain
EHF EURO 2016	Poland	Germany	Spain	Croatia
EHF EURO 2018	Croatia	Spain	Sweden	France
EHF EURO 2020	Sweden / Austria / Norway	Spain	Croatia	Norway
EHF EURO 2022	Hungary / Slovakia	Sweden	Spain	Denmark









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