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GROUP A
LJUBLJANA / SLO

- Norway
- Hungary
- Croatia
- Switzerland

GROUP B
CELJE / SLO

- Denmark
- Sweden
- Slovenia
- Serbia

GROUP C
SKOPJE / MKD

- France
- Netherlands
- North Macedonia
- Romania

GROUP D
PODGORICA / MNE

- Poland
- Montenegro
- Germany
- Spain

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Fr. 4 Nov	Sa. 5 Nov	Su. 6 Nov	Mo. 7 Nov	Tu. 8 Nov	We. 9 Nov
HUN vs SUI 18:00		CRO vs HUN 18:00		CRO vs SUI 18:00	
NOR vs CRO 20:30		SUI vs NOR 20:30		NOR vs HUN 20:30	

Fr. 4 Nov	Sa. 5 Nov	Su. 6 Nov	Mo. 7 Nov	Tu. 8 Nov	We. 9 Nov
DEN vs SLO 18:00		SLO vs SWE 18:00		SLO vs SRB 18:00	
SWE vs SRB 20:30		SRB vs DEN 20:30		DEN vs SWE 20:30	

Fr. 4 Nov	Sa. 5 Nov	Su. 6 Nov	Mo. 7 Nov	Tu. 8 Nov	We. 9 Nov
	FRA vs MKD 18:00		MKD vs NED 18:00		MKD vs ROU 18:00
	NED vs ROU 20:30		ROU vs FRA 20:30		FRA vs NED 20:30

Fr. 4 Nov	Sa. 5 Nov	Su. 6 Nov	Mo. 7 Nov	Tu. 8 Nov	We. 9 Nov
	MNE vs ESP 18:00		GER vs MNE 18:00		POL vs MNE 18:00
	POL vs GER 20:30		ESP vs POL 20:30		GER vs ESP 20:30

The basic schedule for the preliminary round is 18:00 and 20:30.

MAIN ROUND – GROUP I / LJUBLJANA

Th. 10 Nov	Fr. 11 Nov	Sa. 12 Nov	Su. 13 Nov	Mo. 14 Nov	Tu. 15 Nov	We. 16 Nov	Th. 17 Nov
						1A vs 2B	REST DAY
3A vs 2B		1A vs 1B		3A vs 1B		2A vs 1B	REST DAY
2A vs 3B		2A vs 2B		1A vs 3B		3A vs 3B	REST DAY

MAIN ROUND – GROUP II / SKOPJE

Th. 10 Nov	Fr. 11 Nov	Sa. 12 Nov	Su. 13 Nov	Mo. 14 Nov	Tu. 15 Nov	We. 16 Nov
						1C vs 2D
	3C vs 2D		1C vs 1D		3C vs 1D	2C vs 1D
	2C vs 3D		2C vs 2D		1C vs 3D	3C vs 3D

The basic schedule for the main round is 18:00 and 20:30. The match times for 16 November are 15:30, 18:00 and 20:30 (matches to be assigned accordingly).

*The basic schedule for the semi-finals is 17:45 and 20:30 (matches to be assigned accordingly). The EHF reserves the right to change the playing schedule and the match order on the respective playing days.

FINAL WEEKEND / LJUBLJANA

Friday 18 November	Sa. 19 Nov	Sunday 20 November
PLACE 5/6 3. I vs 3. II 15:00	REST DAY	PLACE 3/4 L SF1 vs L SF2 17:45
SEMI-FINAL 1 1. I vs 2. II*	REST DAY	FINAL W SF1 vs W SF2 20:30
SEMI-FINAL 2 2. I vs 1. II*	REST DAY	

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ACCREDITATION & MEDIA CENTRE OPENING TIMES

Ljubljana Accreditation Centre	Date	Day	Opening Hours
	30/10	Sunday	*10.00-18.00
	31/10	Monday	08.00-18.00
	1/11	Tuesday	08.00-18.00
	2/11	Wednesday	08.00-20.00
	3/11	Thursday	08.00-22.00
	4/11	Friday	08.00-22.00
	5/11	Saturday	10.00-18.00
	6/11	Sunday	08.00-22.00
	7/11	Monday	12.00-18.00
	8/11	Tuesday	08.00-22.00
	9/11	Wednesday	10.00-18.00
	10/11	Thursday	08.00-22.00
	11/11	Friday	12.00-18.00
	12/11	Saturday	08.00-22.00
	13/11	Sunday	12.00-18.00
	14/11	Monday	08.00-22.00
	15/11	Tuesday	12.00-18.00
	16/11	Wednesday	08.00-22.00
	17/11	Thursday	10.00-18.00
	18/11	Friday	08.00-22.00
	19/11	Saturday	12.00-18.00
	20/11	Sunday	08.00-20.00

* Set-up accreditation offices

Celje Accreditation Centre	Date	Day	Opening Hours
	31/10	Monday	*10.00-18.00
	1/11	Tuesday	08.00-18.00
	2/11	Wednesday	08.00-20.00
	3/11	Thursday	08.00-22.00
	4/11	Friday	08.00-22.00
	5/11	Saturday	10.00-18.00
	6/11	Sunday	08.00-22.00
	7/11	Monday	12.00-18.00
	8/11	Tuesday	08.00-22.00

Slovenia - Media Centres			
Date	Day	Ljubljana	Celje
3/11	Thursday	12:00-20:00	12:00-20:00
4/11	Friday	10:00-24:00	10:00-24:00
5/11	Saturday	12:00-20:00	12:00-20:00
6/11	Sunday	10:00-24:00	10:00-24:00
7/11	Monday	12:00-20:00	12:00-20:00
8/11	Tuesday	10:00-24:00	10:00-24:00
9/11	Wednesday	12:00-20:00	
10/11	Thursday	10:00-24:00	
11/11	Friday	12:00-20:00	
12/11	Saturday	10:00-24:00	
13/11	Sunday	12:00-20:00	
14/11	Monday	10:00-24:00	
15/11	Tuesday	12:00-20:00	
16/11	Wednesday	10:00-24:00	
17/11	Thursday	12:00-20:00	
18/11	Friday	10:00-24:00	
19/11	Saturday	10:00-20:00	
20/11	Sunday	10:00-24:00	

Skopje Accreditation Centre	Date	Day	Opening Hours
	2/11	Wednesday	*10.00-18.00
	3/11	Thursday	08.00-20.00
	4/11	Friday	08.00-22.00
	5/11	Saturday	08.00-22.00
	6/11	Sunday	10:00-18:00
	7/11	Monday	08.00-22.00
	8/11	Tuesday	12.00-18.00
	9/11	Wednesday	08.00-22.00
	10/11	Thursday	10:00-18:00
	11/11	Friday	08.00-22.00
	12/11	Saturday	12.00-18.00
	13/11	Sunday	09.00-21.00
	14/11	Monday	12.00-18.00
	15/11	Tuesday	08.00-22.00
	16/11	Wednesday	08.00-22.00

Skopje Media Centre	Date	Day	Time
	4/11	Friday	12:00-20:00
	5/11	Saturday	10:00-24:00
	6/11	Sunday	12:00-20:00
	7/11	Monday	10:00-24:00
	8/11	Tuesday	12:00-20:00
	9/11	Wednesday	10:00-24:00
	10/11	Thursday	12:00-20:00
	11/11	Friday	10:00-24:00
	12/11	Saturday	12:00-20:00
	13/11	Sunday	10:00-24:00
	14/11	Monday	12:00-20:00
	15/11	Tuesday	10:00-24:00
	16/11	Wednesday	10:00-24:00

Podgorica Accreditation Centre	Date	Playing Time	Opening Hours
	2/11	Wednesday	*10.00-18.00
	3/11	Thursday	08.00-20.00
	4/11	Friday	08.00-22.00
	5/11	Saturday	08.00-22.00
	6/11	Rest Day	10:00-18:00
	7/11	Monday	08.00-22.00
	8/11	Tuesday	12.00-18.00
	9/11	Wednesday	08.00-22.00

Podgorica Media Centre	Date	Day	Time
	4/11	Friday	12:00-20:00
	5/11	Saturday	10:00-24:00
	6/11	Sunday	12:00-20:00
	7/11	Monday	10:00-24:00
	8/11	Tuesday	12:00-20:00
	9/11	Wednesday	10:00-24:00

* Set-up accreditation offices



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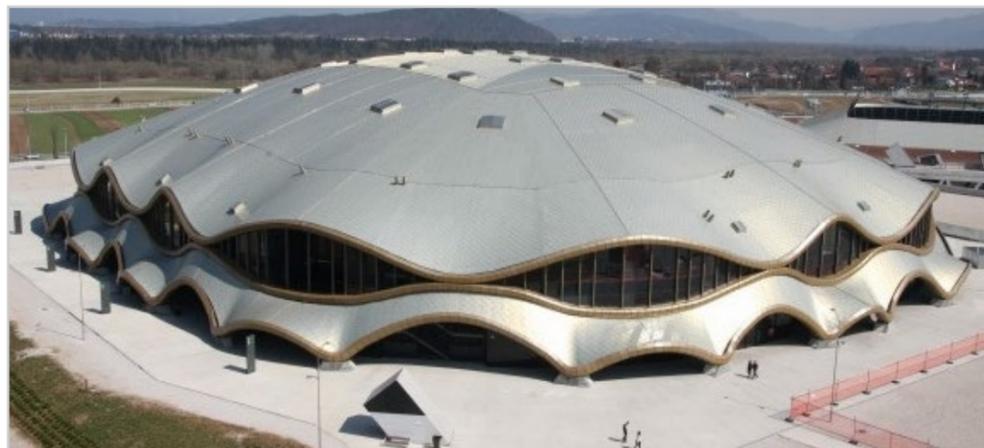
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LJUBLJANA



Preliminary round group A / Main round /
Final weekend

Competition venue

Stozice Arena

Vojkova cesta 100,
1000 Ljubljana,
Capacity: 12,480

Transport

Airport: Ljubljana Airport
Train station: Ljubljana Central Station
Public transport: <https://www.lpp.si/en/public-transport>

Media hotels

Austria Trend Hotel

Dunajska 154, 1000 Ljubljana
Distance to competition venue: 5 min walk
Distance to airport: 30 mins by car
Distance to train station: 7 mins by car

B&B Park Hotell

Tabor 9, Ljubljana
Distance to competition venue: 15 mins by car
Distance to airport: 40 mins by car
Distance to train station: 10 mins walk

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SKOPJE



Preliminary round group C / Main round

Competition venue

Boris Trajkovski

Boulevard 8-mi Septemvri 13,
1000 Skopje
Capacity: 6,000

Transport

Airport: Skopje Airport
Train station: Gjorche Petrov train station

Media hotel

Hotel Karpos

Sekspirova bb,
1000 Skopje

Distance to competition venue: 5 mins by car

Distance to airport: 40 mins by car

Distance to train station: 10 mins by tram

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PODGORICA



Preliminary round group D

Competition venue

Arena Moraca
Ivana Milutinovića,
81000 Podgorica
Capacity: 6,000

Transport

Airport: Podgorica Airport

Media hotel

Hotel Aurel

Josipa Broza Tita bb,
81000 Podgorica

Distance to competition venue: 10 mins by car

Distance to airport: 15 mins by car

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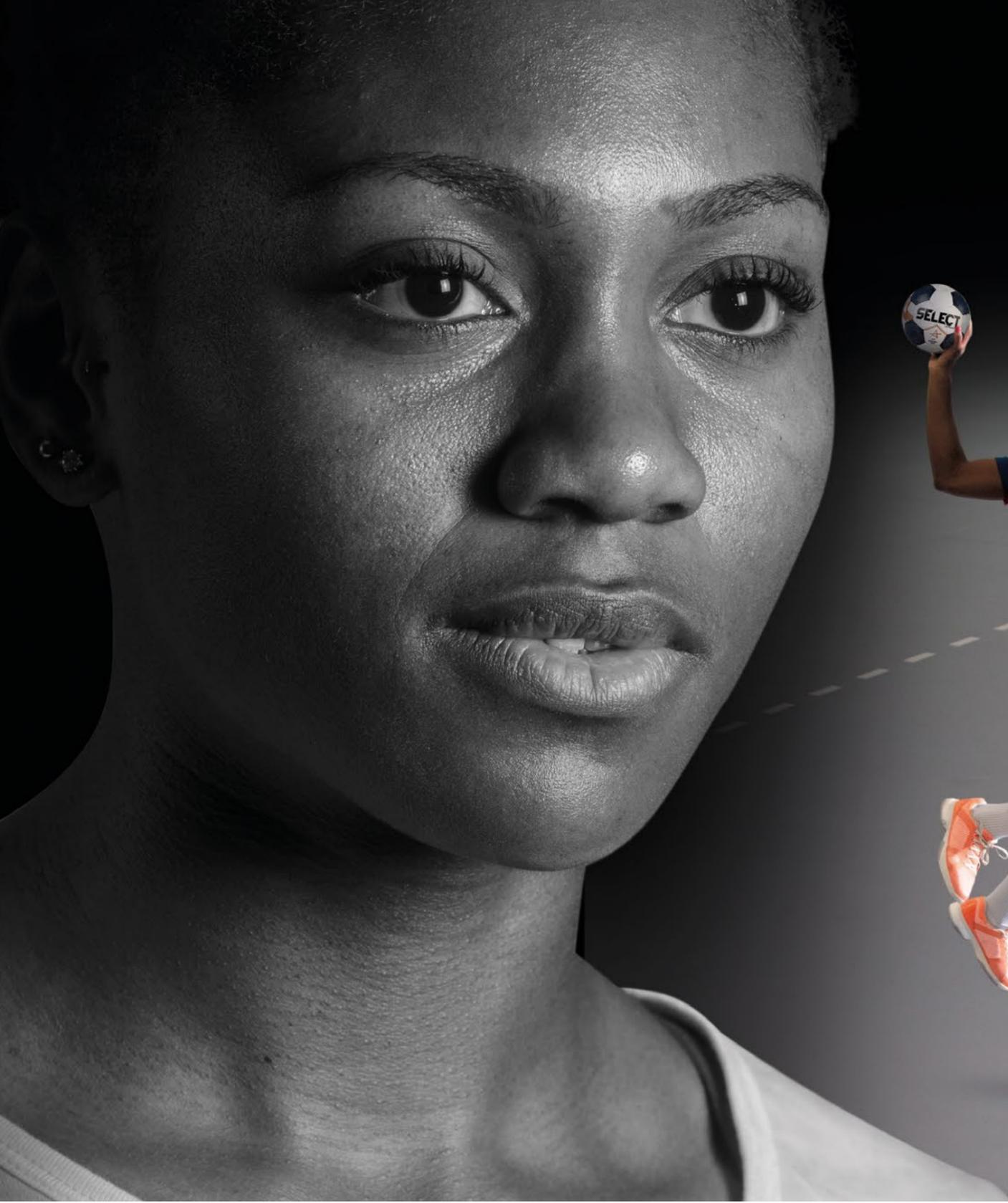
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Date	Event	Time	Location
3 November	Media calls (groups A, B) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
4 November	Media call (groups C, D) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
4 November	Photographer briefing (groups A, B)	17:15	Media Centre; Ljubljana, Celje
5 January	Photographer briefing (groups C, D)	17:15	Media Centre; Skopje, Podgorica
9 November	Media call (MR I) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC, Ljubljana
10 November	Media call (MR II) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC, Skopje
10 November	Photographer briefing (MR I)	17:15	Media centre; Ljubljana

Date	Event	Time	Location
11 November	Photographer briefing (MR II)	17:15	Media centre; Skopje
17 November	Semi-final press conference Required: head coach and 1 key player	15:00-16:00	Press conference room, Stozice Arena
17 November	Media call, team playing 5/6 placement match	TBC	TBC
18 November	Photographers briefing	14:45	Media centre, Ljubljana
19 November	Media handball tournament	08:30	Stozice Arena
19 November	Media call with the finalists Required: Head coach/all players	10:30-12:30	Stozice Arena
19 November	Official EHF EURO 2022 Closing Press Conference Presentation of the future EHF EURO events WCh Draw Event	13:00	Press conference room, Stozice Arena
19 November	EHF EURO 2020 Media get-together	20:00	TBC
20 November	Photographer briefing (final)	17:00	Media centre, Ljubljana



MEDIA SERVICES

ACCREDITATION

The accreditation centre opens three days 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.7).

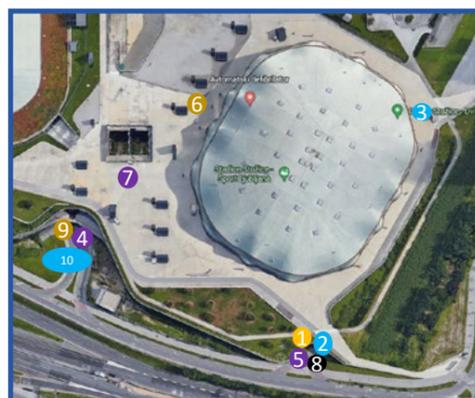
PARKING

Ljubljana

The media parking is available in the garage of Stozice arena. Media representatives must use entrance 5 (nr. 4 in the picture below) to access the parking. In order to receive the parking ticket and instructions, please get in touch with **Andreja Potocnik Krajnik** andreja.potocnik@spontanzo.com.

Celje

The media parking is available on the gravel next to the Zlatorog arena (nr. 8 in the picture below). In order to receive the parking ticket and instructions, please get in touch with **Florijan Ropert** florijan.ropert@spontanzo.com.



Ljubljana
4. Media parking



Celje
8. Media parking



Skopje
4. Media parking



Podgorica
9. Media parking

Skopje

There is a parking lot behind the arena (nr. 4 in the picture below) that is free for media to use. No parking passes are needed.

Podgorica

The media parking is available within the Moraca Arena (nr. 9 in the picture below). Media representatives will have to obtain a parking ticket from the info desk at the media centre but are kindly requested to contact **Milos Pavicevic** before milos.pavicevic@ac.me +382 68 222 666.



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CATERING

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, with geo-blocking applying in selected countries. Check the [TV Guide](#) to find the full TV schedule and your local broadcaster.

LIVE TICKER

All matches will be available on the live ticker with up-to-the-second updates. The service can be accessed via the official website ehfeuro.eurohandball.com.

STATISTICS

The official line-ups, half-time statistics and final statistics after each match will be provided for all media representatives. 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 ehfeuro.eurohandball.com in English as well as on the event's social media channels. Official hashtags are **#ehfeuro2022** and **#playwithheart**.

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ONLINE TOOLS

- EHF online media platform where EHF Media & Communications team will be uploading match prep kits, flash quotes, player replacements and referee nominations.
The platform is available here: https://bit.ly/Media_documents
- Shared media activities calendar: media activities organised by the organising committee and the teams are indicated and updated in real time here: https://bit.ly/Media_Cal
- Media calendar is also available for integration as an *iCal*
- Training schedule: all scheduled trainings in the playing arena will be available and updated live in the media calendar

All the matches taking place at the other venues, on match days will be broadcast at the media centre.

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

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:

- Press kit collection
- Photo bib collection
- Documents printing on demand

PRESS CONFERENCE

Post-match press conferences will take place with media presence. Press conferences will not be available virtually.

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.

- Opening words and welcome media
- Statements from coaches and players should be made in the following order: coach winning team, coach losing team, player winning team, player losing team.
- Open floor to journalist questions (in English)
- Close official part of press conference
- Open floor to questions in language of two teams (coach/players may leave if there are no questions for them).

Questions may only be asked during the press conference, TV interviews in the press conference room/media centre are not permitted after the end of the press conference. Any TV interviews can only be carried out in the mixed zone.

Direct connection to the press conference will be available in the online media centre and the link will also be shared through the email news service.

MEDIA TRIBUNE

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.



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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. It is possible to interview the teams, but please note that only TV rights holders and non-rights holders have the right to film. This is valid for any kind of filming (camera, mobile phone, tablets, DSLRs). All filming equipment needs to be labelled with a sticker provided by Infront Venue Managers.

The placing order in the mixed zone is as follows:

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

FFP2 masks must be worn at all times in the mixed zone.

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.

- 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



MEDIA OPERATIONS

NON-RIGHTS HOLDERS

Non-rights holders do not have the right to film/record audio in the competition venue, apart from the mixed zone and press conference. Any infringement to that rule will be handled by Infront and the EHF.

MEDIA CALLS

All participating teams are required to hold a media call for the international media on match day -1 before the preliminary and main rounds.

The media calls can be held online and with physical media presence. In case teams wish to organise a media call with accredited media physically present, these media calls may take place in the team hotel and arena immediately before or after a training session of the team in question, i.e. in the mixed zone or adjacent to the playing court.

It is recommended for media representatives to wear an FFP2 mask during the media calls.

In case teams wish to organise an online media call, direct connections will be shared through email news service.

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

17 November

15:00-16:00 Semi-finals press conference, with head coach and one player from each semi-final team

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

19 November

08:30-09:30 Media handball tournament

10:30-12:30 Media call with the finalists

13:00-14:30 Closing press conference with a presentation of the next EHF EURO events and World Championship 2023
Play-off draw

20:00 Media get-together offered by the EHF and the organising committee for the accredited journalists

These media activities are in the shared media activities calendar.



PHOTO OPERATIONS

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 on the media tribune with an ID or your press card and a deposit. Please have the exact amount of money for the deposit (20€ or equivalent in local currency). You can pick up this document and the deposit when you return your bib. It is forbidden to wear team or country outfits and we kindly ask you to wear an outfit as neutral as possible.

Photographers are not allowed to exchange bibs with other photographers. Once the bib has been taken, needs to be kept until the end of the respective photographers' stay at the Women's EHF EURO 2022. If the photographer is changing the venue after the preliminary or main round, the bib must be returned in the venue and the new one will be obtained in the next venue.

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 in the photo briefing.

If needed, a photo positions plan may be implemented. Please note that photographers cannot book or reserve a photo position. Priority will be given to the EHF photographers, major agencies, team photographers and national media of the teams playing.



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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.

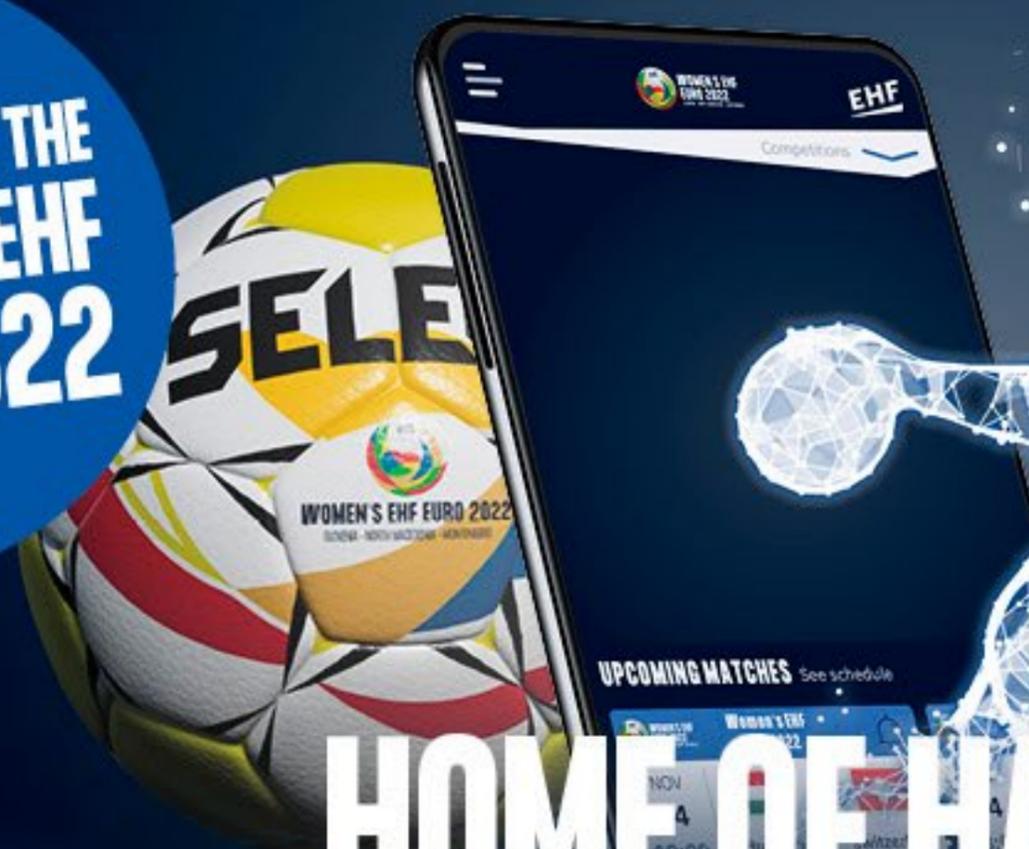
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MEDAL CEREMONY

For the EHF EURO 2022, positions 1 – 3 (Gold, Silver and Bronze) will be awarded directly after the final. Position 4 will be awarded gifts after the match 3/4.

The All-star Team will be announced via a video clip in the arena, on the website and all social media channels on the final match day.

Awards will be handed over to the players in course of the Player of the Match Award Ceremony after the Bronze Medal Match and the Final.

The Player of the Match Award procedure will take place directly after both bronze and gold medal matches.

Rundown for Bronze Medal Match (for places 3/4)

15:15	Start of the rundown
15:18	12 minute pre-match procedure
15:30	Throw Off Final places 3/4
17:15	End of the match
17:15	Teams shake hands and line up at the end of match (Best Player Award Ceremony)
17:18	Presentation of medals and awarding of delegation ranked four - announcements
17:23	End of ceremony announced by the speaker

Rundown for Gold Medal Match

(times mentioned relate to the end of the match)

- + 3:00 after end of match start of medal ceremony programme; During show programme teams to get ready for awarding – teams are requested to follow the instruction of floor managers involved and their team guides; all delegations are requested to leave and re-enter the court in time.
 - + 07:00 after the end of the match – team ranked 3 at the collection point.
 - + 10:00 after the end of the match – team ranked 2 at the collection point.
 - + 12:00 after the end of the match – team ranked 1 at the collection points.
- Winning team should stay on the podium for celebration (fireworks, etc.) and anthem after receiving medals and plate.

Ceremony run-down:

- 03:00 End of Gold Medal Match+ Player of the Match Awarding + All-Star Team Awarding
- = 00:00 Start of closing ceremony; set-up of podium on court, Performance of the Official EURO Song
- + 05:00 Start of the medal ceremony - Moderator summarizes the days of the EUROs.
- + 06:00 Introduction of Awarders
- + 07:00 Presentation of Bronze Medalist
- + 08:00 Bronze Medalist enter the court and goes to the podium
- + 09:00 Awarding rank 3; after the awarding the bronze medal team stands on the left side next to the podium
- + 12:00 Presentation of Silver Medalist
- + 13:00 Silver Medalist enter the court and goes to the podium
- + 14:00 Awarding of Silver Medalist after the awarding the bronze medal team stands on the left side next to the podium
- + 17:00 Presentation of the European Champion
- + 18:00 European Champion enters the podium
- + 19:00 Awarding of the European Champion with Gold medals and the championship plate (fireworks, Champagne);
- + 22:00 Winner Anthem & hoisting of flags
- + 23:00 Closing words by the Moderator



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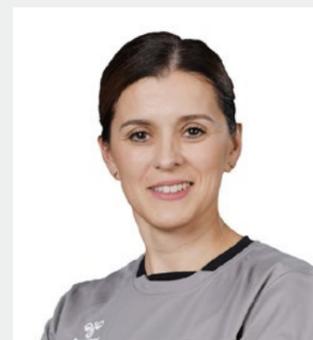
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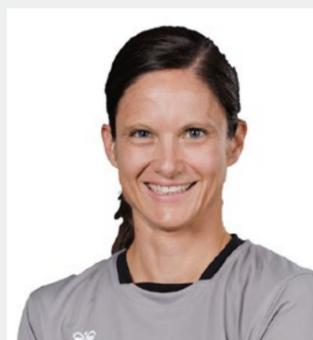
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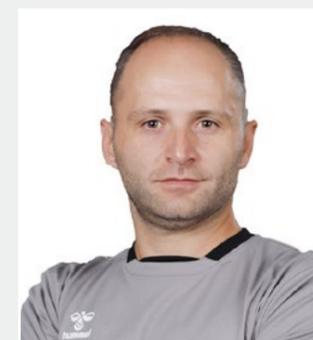
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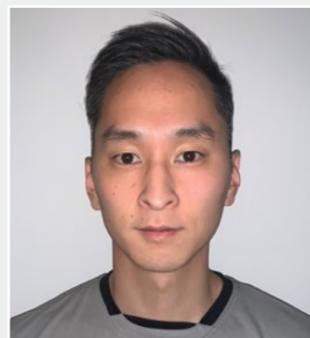
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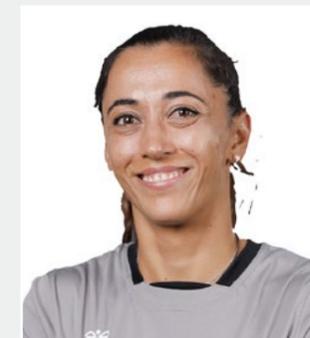
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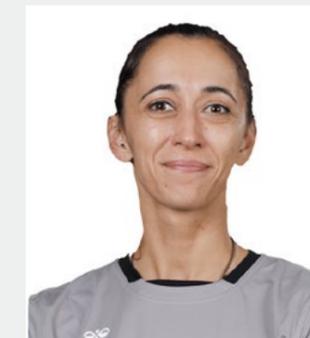
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LEGAL PROCEDURES



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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 panel is composed of a Chairperson and two members. The President of the Court of Handball, acting as the Chairperson in all first instance cases, nominates two members among its commission's members and ensure the independence and the impartiality of the decisions rendered by the legal bodies. For example, if a case arises from a match between Denmark and Serbia, members of the Disciplinary Commission or the Jury from these two national federations, as well as the nationality of the delegates and referees of that game, 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
Ioannis Karanasos – CoH President
CoH Member – nominated by President
CoH Member – nominated by President
EHF Office
Sophia Touiker – Legal Management

Second Instance – Jury
Markus Plazer – CoA President
CoA Member – nominated by President
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- 1996, 2002, 2012
- 1994

OLYMPIC GAMES

- 2008, 2012
- 1988, 1992
- 2000, 2016

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1999, 2011, 2015
- 1997, 2001, 2007, 2017
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- 2000
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- 2000
- 1976, 1996

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1965
- 1957, 1982, 1995, 2003
- 1971, 1975, 1978, 2005



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- 2020



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GROUP FIXTURES – ALL MATCHES ON

4.11.2022 18:00 Hungary vs. Switzerland
4.11.2022 20:30 Norway vs. Croatia

6.11.2022 18:00 Croatia vs. Hungary
6.11.2022 20:30 Switzerland vs. Norway

8.11.2022 18:00 Croatia vs. Switzerland
8.11.2022 20:30 Norway vs. Hungary



Kari Dale, Camilla Herrem, Sanna Solberg-Isaksen and Veronica Kristiansen are four of the players missing from Norway's team at the EHF EURO 2022. For any other team in Europe, this would be the end of a medal challenge – but not for Norway. Thorir Hergeirsson's side looks in top form ahead of the start of the competition, which will see the reigning champions feature in group A against Hungary, Croatia and Switzerland.

The Scandinavian side has an excellent system in place. Whenever a stalwart is missing, other players are ready to replace them. Sure, a starting back line with Nora Mørk, Stine Bredal Oftedal and Henny Reistad will be almost impossible to stop. Yet Norway have constantly found new ways of adapting and getting the best from what they have had at their disposal, with their exceptional talent pool always providing the squad with new faces. Kristina Sirum Novak and Sunniva Næs Andersen will make their debuts at the EHF EURO, but Norway still look like the team to beat, irrespective of their absences.

Experience might be their greatest asset, though, as Katrine Lunde and Stine Bredal Oftedal have both won more than 10 medals at major tournaments. In fact, Lunde has 16 medals from the EHF EURO, Olympic Games and IHF World Championship, while Oftedal has won 11 medals.

It also has something to do with the stability of the coaching staff, as coach Thorir Hergeirsson has been in place since 2009 and his position has never been threatened. Hergeirsson's experience is second to none in this type of competition, as he has overseen the team win 13 medals in 16 major tournaments since his appointment.

With a strong system in place, which relies heavily on defence and converting fast breaks, Norway will try to use the same recipe at the EHF EURO 2022. When the roster crisis hit for Hergeirsson, the coach was prepared and knew exactly how he would navigate the problems before the start of the EHF EURO 2022.

**Player info in team profiles correct as of 21 October 2022*

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	5	0	1	147:98	+49	10:2	1st Group 5
1994	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	134:130	+4	8:6	3rd Place
1996	Qualification	6	5	0	1	134:121	+13	10:2	1st Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	7	4	2	1	179:151	+28	10:4	Runners-up
1998	Qualification	6	5	0	1	144:116	+28	10:2	1st Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	189:132	+57	14:0	Winners
2000	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	151:149	+2	6:6	6th Place
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	70:35	+35	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2002	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	203:169	+34	13:3	Runners-up
2004	EHF EURO	8	8	0	0	259:191	+68	16:0	Winners
2006	EHF EURO	8	8	0	0	258:179	+79	16:0	Winners
2008	EHF EURO	8	7	1	0	248:169	+79	15:1	Winners
2010	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	239:146	+93	14:2	Winners
2012	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	219:194	+25	12:4	Runners-up
2014	Qualification	4	4	0	0	120:94	+26	8:0	1st Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	225:192	+33	14:2	Winners
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	178:128	+50	10:2	1st Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	8	0	0	211:170	+41	16:0	Winners
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	196:125	+71	12:0	1st Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	224:177	+47	10:4	5th Place
2020	EHF EURO	8	8	0	0	254:180	+74	16:0	Winners
Total Qualification		36	32	0	4	989:717	+272	64:8	
Total EHF EURO		106	87	6	13	2993:2329	+664	180:32	



NORWAY — KEY PLAYERS



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Katrine Lunde

goalkeeper

current club: Vipers Kristiansand since 2017

- played alongside twin sister Kristine for hometown club Vipers until they moved together in 2004 to play for Aalborg
- with a storied career behind her including spells with Viborg, Győr and Rostov
- returned to Vipers in 2017 and is still considered top-class at the age of 42
- having played 52 EHF EURO matches, she can beat Siraba Dembele Pavlovic's record (56) as the player with the most ECh caps
- All-star GK of the EHF EURO 2008, 2010, 2012, WCh 2017 and OG 2008, 2020, CL 2019

EHF EURO: G 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2020, S 2002, 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2021, S 2007, 2017, B 2009; OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016, 2020
EC trophies: CL 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2021, 2022; EHF Cup 2017



 [stineoftedal](#)

Stine Oftedal

centre back

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2017

- Norwegian international who joined Győr in 2017 after spending four seasons with Issy Paris Hand; made the CL All-star Team as centre back for the fourth straight season in 2021/22
- is Norway's captain, a symbol of the Scandinavian team's success, and has played over 220 games for the national team
- named IHF World Player of the Year in 2019, was MVP of the 2017 WCh and All-star centre back of the EHF EURO in 2018 and 2020
- younger sister Hanna was also a handball player, featuring at right back for Norway, but retired in 2019 due to injury

EHF EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, 2021, S 2017; OG: B 2016, 2020 EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019



 [emiliehegh](#)

Emilie Hegh Arntzen

left back

current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2021

- daughter of former Norwegian international Hanne Hegh and former assistant coach Ketil Arntzen, who assisted Norway's women's national team. Her parents coached her until she was 18
- started playing handball aged eight and began her senior career with Gjerpen, where she reached the top division in Norway
- featured for Byasen and Vipers before making her first move outside Norway to join CSM Bucuresti in 2021
- has played over 130 international matches
- after making her EHF EURO debut in 2014, this is her fifth consecutive ECh

EHF EURO: G 2014, 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2021, S 2017; OG: B 2016



 [hennyreistad](#)

Henny Reistad

centre back

current club: Team Esbjerg since 2021

- since making her debut for Norway in 2018, Reistad has already scored over 160 goals for the national team, having played at the EHF EURO 2018, 2020
- the MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2021 and the All-star left back of the 2021 WCh
- her great-grandfather, Ola Reistad took part in the modern pentathlon at the 1920 OG and was Norway's flagbearer at the 1928 Winter OG
- she has two older brothers: one has played handball, while the other was a junior world champion in cross country skiing
- scored more than 290 goals in four seasons in the CL and was one of the three players that hit the 100-goal mark in the 2021/22 season

EURO: G 2020, WCh: G 2021, OG: B 2020
EC trophies: CL 2021



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 marenaardahl

Maren Aardahl

line player

current club: Odense Håndbold since 2021

- started handball as a back but became a line player after being a crucial cog as a defender in every team she played in
- took her first steps in handball at the age of seven
- has also played beach handball and represented Norway's national team at the Beach Handball WCh
- played for Byasen in Norway, Bietigheim in Germany and Ramnicu Valcea in Romania before signing for Odense in 2021
- made her debut for the national team in 2021, when she was 27 years old, and this will be her first ECh

WCh: G 2021



 malinaune

Malin Aune

right wing

current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2021

- announced herself as one Norway's top talents on the right wing at the W17 EHF EURO 2011 and the 2012 Youth WCh, where Norway won the bronze medal
- named All-star right wing of the Norwegian league in 2019 and has been in and out of Norway's team since 2015, despite winning three gold medals with the team
- is the sister of former ski jumper Joakim Aune, who is now a coach, and she comes from a family where sport was a priority
- studied to be a nurse but decided to pursue a full-time handball career
- after making her EHF EURO debut in 2016, this will be her fourth straight ECh

EHF EURO: G 2016, 2020, WCh: G 2021



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Nora Mørk

right back

current club: Team Esbjerg since 2022

- is the second-best scorer for Norway at the EHF EURO, with 169 goals, and is only 22 goals shy of beating the record held by right wing Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth Koren
- has scored the most goals of any active player for Norway – 761 – and is the eighth all-time top scorer for the Scandinavian side
- is the only player who has been the top goalscorer at the EHF EURO twice, in 2016 and 2020, and was also the All-star right back in 2014, 2016 and 2020
- has won the CL with three of her former clubs: Larvik, Győr and Vipers

EHF EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, 2021, S 2017;
OG: B 2016, 2020 EC trophies: CL 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022



Thorir Hergeirsson

coach

- a former player, started his coaching career after moving to Norway in 1986, leading Elverum, Gjerpen and Naerbo, before being part of Norway's coaching team since 2001
- a former assistant for Marit Breivik, he took over as a coach in April 2009 and presided over one of the most successful eras for the Scandinavian side
- is one of the most decorated coaches in history, winning 13 medals in major tournaments, with titles at the EHF EURO, WCh and OG
- has won five EHF EURO medals as Norway's coach, including four gold medals
- his brother, Grimur, is also a former handball player and is a coach

International medals as a coach: EHF EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016; 2020,
S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, 2021, S 2017, B 2009; OG: G 2012, B 2016, 2020

EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	41:18 (16:8) vs. Slovenia @ Győr HUN, 16.12.2004 43:20 (19:9) vs. Slovenia @ Göteborg SWE, 07.12.2006
Biggest defeat:	23:31 (12:18) vs. Romania @ Brest FRA, 05.12.2018
Longest winning run:	16 matches (09.12.2004 – 17.12.2006)
Longest unbeaten run:	27 matches (09.12.2004 – 10.12.2010)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (22.09.1994 – 24.09.1994)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (08.12.2000 – 10.12.2000)
Current run:	W12 (07.12.2018 – 20.12.2020)
Most goals:	44 vs. Hungary 44:29W @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Denmark 33:35L @ Beograd SRB, 13.12.2012
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Hungary 44:29W @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Austria 14:11W @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	11 vs. Austria 14:11W @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
Fewest goals both teams:	25 vs. Austria 14:11W @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

NOR vs CRO

19.09.1994 Waiblingen GER	NOR-CRO	ECh – Group A	15:16 (10:10)
07.12.1997 Saarbrücken GER	NOR-CRO	WCh – Group B	22:25 (11:13)
15.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	CRO-NOR	WCh – MR-Group I	25:37 (12:18)
09.12.2007 Metz FRA	NOR-CRO	WCh – MR-Group I	35:29 (15:14)
14.12.2011 São Paulo BRA	CRO-NOR	WCh – Quarter-final	25:30 (12:16)
07.12.2016 Helsingborg SWE	CRO-NOR	ECh – Group D	16:34 (9:15)
21.03.2018 Zagreb CRO	CRO-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	25:32 (10:18)
25.03.2018 Bekkestua NOR	NOR-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	33:27 (13:12)
12.12.2020 Kolding DEN	CRO-NOR	ECh – MR-Group II	25:36 (14:15)

SUI vs NOR

01.10.2017 Olten SUI	SUI-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	12:29 (5:12)
02.06.2018 Larvik NOR	NOR-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	41:18 (16:6)

NOR vs HUN

12.12.1973 Negotin YUG	HUN-NOR	A-WCh – MR-Group I	14:3 (7:1)
03.12.1982 Budapest HUN	HUN-NOR	A-WCh – Group A	24:18 (15:9)
24.11.1993 Oslo NOR	NOR-HUN	WCh – Group A	18:15 (6:9)
25.09.1994 Berlin GER	HUN-NOR	ECh – Place 3/4	19:24 (6:10)
15.12.1995 Budapest HUN	HUN-NOR	WCh – Semi-final	22:21 (13:11)
03.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	HUN-NOR	OG – Place 3/4	20:18 (7:9)
19.12.1998 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NOR-HUN	ECh – Semi-final	28:14 (13:8)
09.12.1999 Trondheim NOR	NOR-HUN	WCh – Quarter-final	24:21 (15:11)
29.09.2000 Sydney AUS	HUN-NOR	OG – Semi-final	28:23 (16:10)
12.12.2002 Farum/Sjælland DEN	NOR-HUN	ECh – MR-Group II	24:23 (13:11)
10.12.2003 Rijeka CRO	HUN-NOR	WCh – MR-Group II	24:24 (14:11)
18.12.2004 Budapest HUN	HUN-NOR	ECh – Semi-final	29:44 (16:21)
10.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	NOR-HUN	WCh – Group B	18:20 (9:6)
14.12.2006 Göteborg SWE	HUN-NOR	ECh – MR-Group I	31:34 (16:17)
10.12.2008 Ohrid MKD	HUN-NOR	ECh – MR-Group I	20:34 (8:13)
09.12.2009 Suzhou CHN	HUN-NOR	WCh – Group C	19:25 (11:11)
10.12.2010 Lillehammer NOR	NOR-HUN	ECh – Group D	34:13 (19:7)
15.12.2012 Beograd SRB	NOR-HUN	ECh – Semi-final	30:19 (16:11)
17.12.2014 Debrecen HUN	HUN-NOR	ECh – MR-Group I	29:25 (15:11)
13.12.2016 Helsingborg SWE	HUN-NOR	ECh – MR-Group 2	23:24 (9:11)
02.12.2017 Bietigheim-Bissingen GER	NOR-HUN	WCh – Group B	30:22 (21:11)
07.12.2018 Nancy FRA	HUN-NOR	ECh – MR-Group 2	25:38 (12:19)
15.12.2020 Kolding DEN	HUN-NOR	ECh – MR-Group II	21:32 (9:17)
04.08.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	NOR-HUN	OG – Quarter-final	26:22 (12:10)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Karoline Dyhre Breivang	52	2000,2004-2014
Katrine Lunde (Haraldsen)	52	2002-2012,2018-2020
Camilla Herrem	51	2008-2020
Marit Malm Frafjord	48	2006-2012,2016, 2020
Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth Koren	48	2004-2014

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth Koren	190	2004-2014
Nora Mørk	169	2010,2014-2020
Heidi Løke	157	2008-2014,2018-2020
Gro Hammerseng	146	2000-2006,2010
Camilla Herrem	134	2008-2020



HUNGARY



Always a team with huge ambitions, Hungary have failed to live up to their billing at the Women's EHF EURO over the past decade, failing to break into the semi-finals since winning the bronze medal in 2012. With a new coach and a young team, hungry for performance, they will seek redemption at the EHF EURO 2022, with a lot riding on a successful campaign.

Hungary's junior team won the World Championship in 2018 and finished second in 2022. They also posted back-to-back wins at the W19 EHF EURO in 2019 and 2021. The youth team has not lost a game at the W17 EHF EURO for five years, winning gold in 2019 and 2021. But Hungary's senior team has finished sixth at the EHF EURO 2014, 12th in 2016, seventh in 2018 and 10th in 2020.

Something is happening during the transition from the youth and junior teams to the big league and nobody seems to pinpoint the exact cause or what happens during this process. After the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Gábor Elek

was replaced by Vladimir Golovin on Hungary's bench, as the coach who won gold at the 2018 IHF Women's Junior World Championship and the W19 EHF EURO 2019 got the keys to the senior team.

The first tournament for Golovin, the 2021 World Championship, ended on the 10th place, the best result in the competition since 2013. Now, the stakes are high and the second year of his stint must bring another improvement, with a hungry team, ready to fight for a medal.

Many of these players have already featured in the EHF Champions League or the EHF European League, therefore it is not a question of experience, rather than the chemistry of the squad. But with only two players featuring outside of Hungary at club level – goalkeeper Melinda Szikora at SG BBM Bietigheim and left back Noémi Háfrá at Odense Håndbold – the players should not have issues, especially as plenty of them have already played together at one level or another.

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Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	3	1	2	127:128	-1	7:5	2nd Group 1
1994	Runners-Up	2	2	0	0	65:37	+28	4:0	Won vs. ISL
1994	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	163:160	+3	7:7	4th Place
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	149:115	+34	9:3	1st Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	131:154	-23	2:10	10th Place
1998	Qualification	6	5	1	0	154:134	+20	11:1	1st Group 2
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	175:161	+14	10:4	3rd Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	59:45	+14	4:0	Won vs. CZE
2000	EHF EURO	7	6	1	0	216:169	+47	13:1	Winners
2002	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	223:204	+19	10:4	5th Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	236:217	+19	12:4	3rd Place
2006	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	234:186	+48	10:4	5th Place
2008	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	143:160	-17	5:7	8th Place
2010	Qualification	6	6	0	0	174:134	+40	12:0	1st Group 2
2010	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	126:147	-21	6:6	10th Place
2012	Qualification	6	5	0	1	174:138	+36	10:2	2nd Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	219:226	-7	8:8	3rd Place
2014	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	178:172	+6	7:7	6th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	198:130	+68	10:2	1st Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	132:143	-11	3:9	12th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	170:108	+62	10:2	1st Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	163:164	-1	8:4	7th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	63:29	+34	4:0	1st Group 2
2020	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	156:166	-10	4:8	10th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	177:146	+31	10:2	1st Group 5
Total Qualification		54	44	3	7	1510:1144	+366	91:17	
Total EHF EURO		94	50	5	39	2495:2429	+66	105:83	



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Kinga Janurik
goalkeeper

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2020

- was the team captain of ÉRD, where she played between 2010 and 2020, before moving to FTC
- now in her third CL season with FTC, where she secured her first title in the Hungarian league in 2021
- announced herself as a talent during the W19 EHF EURO 2009, when she helped Hungary win the silver medal
- suffered two knee injuries during two important tournaments – first at the EHF EURO 2016 and then at the 2020 OG – which ruled her out for the rest of those competitions
- despite making her debut for the national team in 2015, this is only her second EHF EURO

kingi1305



Szandra Szöllosi-Zácsik
left back

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2021

- was born in Komárno, the former Czechoslovakia, in a Hungarian family; her cousin is former left wing Monika Kovacsicz
- touted as a superb prospect by Hungarian coaches, she made her senior debut at the age of 14 for Váci NKSE
- has played for FTC three times: 2006-2009, 2010-2017 and since 2021. Also played for Krim in 2009/10
- married to handball player Szabolcs Szöllösi, and has a daughter, Hanna, and a son, Borisz
- made her debut for Hungary's national team in 2009, but only played her first EHF EURO in 2020 after suffering a plethora of injuries throughout her career

zacsiksz



Greta Marton
left wing

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria

- a huge talent on the left wing, Marton won the gold medal at the Junior WCh in 2018, subsequently making her debut in the senior national team in 2019
- after scoring a personal-best 28 goals in the CL in the 2020/21 season, Marton was named the Hungarian Handball Player of the Year in 2021
- joined FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria in 2015 and has featured for the Hungarian powerhouse ever since, making only a one-season loan at MTK Budapest
- has graduated from the Budapest University of Physical Education, with a degree in handball coaching, a path that she wants to follow after the end of her career
- already featured in four major tournaments for Hungary, this will be her second EHF EURO, after also having featured in the 2020 edition

gretamarton



Petra Vamos
centre back

current club: DVSC Schaeffler since 2019

- started handball at only eight years old, but with her father playing football and her mother doing athletics, Vamos also took part in athletics until she was 13
- a former captain of Hungary's junior national handball team, she also started physical therapy and physical classes at the University of Debrecen
- her sister, Mira, also plays handball, the two are teammates in Debrecen; both started in Ozd, their hometown, before playing for the Hungarian National Handball Academy
- was named Hungary's Talent of the Year in 2019, when she won the W19 EHF EURO 2019 with Hungary
- has featured in the EL and EHF Cup for DVSC Schaeffler

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pasztorono

Noémi Pásztor

line player

current club: Motherson Mosonmagyaróvári KC since 2021

- joined Mosonmagyaróvári KC after two seasons with FTC, where she won the Hungarian league in 2021
- was part of Hungary's squad that won the 2018 Junior WCh
- was the All-Star line player at the W17 EHF EURO 2015 and the 2018 Junior WCh
- studied and trained as dietitian, graduating from the Semmelweis University in Budapest
- debuted in Hungary's national team at the 2019 WCh – but this will be her first EHF EURO



lukacsviki

Viktória Lukács

right wing

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2020

- Budapest-born player, raised by local team Spartacus, she will feature for the fourth time at the EHF EURO for Hungary
- joined Győr in the summer of 2020 from arch-rivals FTC, where she played between 2010 and 2020
- married Mátyás Györi, a centre back who plays for Hungary's national team and Tatabánya KC, in July 2022
- named CL All-star right wing after her first season with Győr in 2020/21
- has already featured in European club competitions for 11 seasons

CWC 2012



keti_klujber

Katrin Gitta Klujber

right back

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2018

- debuted in the Hungarian league aged 16, won the EHF Cup with Dunaújváros in 2016, then moved to FTC in 2018
- on her way to becoming one of the top scorers in the history of Hungary's national team, having already scored more than 230 goals
- part of the Hungarian team that won the 2018 Junior WCh, secured the bronze medal at the W17 EHF EURO 2015 and the Best Young Player in Hungary in 2016
- made her debut in the national team in 2019; the EHF EURO 2022 will be her second EHF EURO
- finished as Hungary's top scorer at the EHF EURO 2020 with 30 goals

EHF Cup 2016



Vladimir Golovin

coach

- born in Odessa, the former Soviet Union, Golovin moved to Hungary in 1992 and obtained Hungarian citizenship, with his whole coaching career being spent in Hungary
- won the gold medal at the 2018 Women's Junior WCh and the W19 EHF EURO 2019
- was promoted to coaching Hungary's senior women's national team in August 2021
- apart from his career as a player at his local club, HC Odessa, between 1983 and 1992, Golovin only featured for Hungarian teams
- his first chosen sport was swimming, but his mother chose handball for him when it looked obvious that he would not succeed at swimming





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Biggest win:	35:12 (13:6) vs. Austria @ Râmnicu Vâlcea ROU, 10.12.2000
Biggest defeat:	13:34 (7:19) vs. Norway @ Lillehammer NOR, 10.12.2010
Longest winning run:	9 matches (09.12.2000 – 08.12.2002)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (20.12.1998 – 08.12.2002)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (07.12.1996 – 13.12.1996)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (07.12.1996 – 13.12.1996)
Current run:	L1 (15.12.2020)
Most goals:	43 vs. Yugoslavia 43:39W @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002
Most goals opponent:	44 vs. Norway 29:44L @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004
Most goals both teams:	82 vs. Yugoslavia 43:39W @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002
Fewest goals:	13 vs. Norway 13:34L @ Lillehammer NOR, 10.12.2010
Fewest goals opponent:	12 vs. Austria 35:12W @ Râmnicu Vâlcea ROU, 10.12.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Montenegro 21:14W @ Malmö SWE, 09.12.2016

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

HUN vs SUI

20.03.1991 Mortara ITA HUN-SUI C-WCh – Group B 26:15 (17:8)

CRO vs HUN

08.12.1995 Győr HUN HUN-CRO WCh – Group D 17:15 (11:5)
 08.12.1996 Brøndby/Sjælland DEN HUN-CRO ECh – Group A 19:24 (11:13)
 12.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS CRO-HUN WCh – MR-Group I 26:27 (13:16)
 04.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB CRO-HUN ECh – Group C 28:27 (15:14)
 03.12.2018 Montbéliard FRA CRO-HUN ECh – Group C 18:24 (9:13)
 04.12.2020 Kolding DEN HUN-CRO ECh – Group C 22:24 (12:12)

NOR vs HUN

12.12.1973 Negotin YUG HUN-NOR A-WCh – MR-Group I 14:3 (7:1)
 03.12.1982 Budapest HUN HUN-NOR A-WCh – Group A 24:18 (15:9)
 24.11.1993 Oslo NOR NOR-HUN WCh – Group A 18:15 (6:9)
 25.09.1994 Berlin GER HUN-NOR ECh – Place 3/4 19:24 (6:10)
 15.12.1995 Budapest HUN HUN-NOR WCh – Semi-final 22:21 (13:11)
 03.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA HUN-NOR OG – Place 3/4 20:18 (7:9)
 19.12.1998 's-Hertogenbosch NED NOR-HUN ECh – Semi-final 28:14 (13:8)
 09.12.1999 Trondheim NOR NOR-HUN WCh – Quarter-final 24:21 (15:11)
 29.09.2000 Sydney AUS HUN-NOR OG – Semi-final 28:23 (16:10)
 12.12.2002 Farum/Sjælland DEN NOR-HUN ECh – MR-Group II 24:23 (13:11)
 10.12.2003 Rijeka CRO HUN-NOR WCh – MR-Group II 24:24 (14:11)
 18.12.2004 Budapest HUN HUN-NOR ECh – Semi-final 29:44 (16:21)
 10.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS NOR-HUN WCh – Group B 18:20 (9:6)
 14.12.2006 Göteborg SWE HUN-NOR ECh – MR-Group I 31:34 (16:17)
 10.12.2008 Ohrid MKD HUN-NOR ECh – MR-Group I 20:34 (8:13)
 09.12.2009 Suzhou CHN HUN-NOR WCh – Group C 19:25 (11:11)
 10.12.2010 Lillehammer NOR NOR-HUN ECh – Group D 34:13 (19:7)
 15.12.2012 Beograd SRB NOR-HUN ECh – Semi-final 30:19 (16:11)
 17.12.2014 Debrecen HUN HUN-NOR ECh – MR-Group I 29:25 (15:11)
 13.12.2016 Helsingborg SWE HUN-NOR ECh – MR-Group 2 23:24 (9:11)
 02.12.2017 Bietigheim-Bissingen GER NOR-HUN WCh – Group B 30:22 (21:11)
 07.12.2018 Nancy FRA HUN-NOR ECh – MR-Group 2 25:38 (12:19)
 15.12.2020 Kolding DEN HUN-NOR ECh – MR-Group II 21:32 (9:17)
 04.08.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN NOR-HUN OG – Quarter-final 26:22 (12:10)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Katalin Pálinger	46	1998-2010
Anita Görbicz	41	2002-2008,2012, 2016
Piroska Pappné-Szamoránsky	34	2006-2014
Anikó Kovacsics	33	2010-2014,2018-2020
Bernadett Bognár-Bódi	32	2008-2016

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Ágnes Farkas	205	1994,1998-2002
Anita Görbicz	160	2002-2008,2012, 2016
Zsuzsanna Tomori	91	2008-2014,2020
Anikó Kovacsics	78	2010-2014,2018-2020
Bojana Radulovics	72	2004



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Croatia is returning to the EHF EURO after a surprising bronze medal two years ago. The 'Queens of Shock' did almost the impossible when they ended their 11th EHF EURO participation with a historic bronze medal for women's handball in Croatia.

Head coach Nenad Sostaric now has a somewhat changed team due to injuries. Sostaric has realistic goals for the EHF EURO 2022, though he dreams of repeating the success. One thing is certain: even if the bronze medal was a one-off, Croatia is rising again in women's handball.

The main concern is injuries that have put a few important players in doubt. The most significant absent player is Camila Micijevic, one of the team's top scorers from the EHF EURO 2020. After her third ACL injury, she will miss the competition. Her absence will definitely be visible in their style of play, as the sharpshooter has often been unstoppable in crucial moments.

However, Sostaric will use his expertise to help Croatia adjust. Larissa Kalas is already well known and has been playing at a high level. Dejana Milosavljevic is an important part of Croatia's attack, but her participation is still doubtful due to a hand injury. Sostaric's biggest problem might be Croatia's attack and their easy flow of play.

Croatia had been underachievers in the past decade, but the EHF EURO 2020 changed everything as the team surpassed expectations and returned home as heroes. The 'Queens of Shock', who only lost to France and Norway, sealed the bronze medal when they defeated Denmark 25:19. The result boosted their confidence as they qualified for the IHF Women's World Championship for the first time in 10 years.

The team will play in Ljubljana against Norway, Hungary and Switzerland. Apart from Norway, the clear favourites in group A, Croatia can hope for wins against the two other opponents. Progressing to the main round would already be a great success for Croatia.

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EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	4	1	1	189:116	+73	9:3	1st Group 6
1994	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	115:118	-3	8:4	5th Place
1996	Qualification	6	5	0	1	148:118	+30	10:2	1st Group 3
1996	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	138:143	-5	6:6	6th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	128:139	-11	6:6	3rd Group 5
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	42:45	-3	2:2	Lost vs. GER
2002	Play-off	2	0	1	1	46:49	-3	1:3	Lost vs. GER
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:47	+3	2:2	Won vs. BUL
2004	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	82:89	-7	2:4	13th Place
2006	Play-off	2	2	0	0	51:48	+3	4:0	Won vs. POR
2006	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	141:143	-2	6:6	7th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	66:63	+3	2:2	Won vs. MNE
2008	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	212:208	+4	6:8	6th Place
2010	Qualification	6	5	0	1	191:138	+53	10:2	1st Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	152:167	-15	6:6	9th Place
2012	Qualification	6	6	0	0	186:116	+70	12:0	1st Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	65:69	-4	2:4	13th Place
2014	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	83:83	0	2:4	13th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	173:137	+36	8:4	2nd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	68:97	-29	0:6	16th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	167:160	+7	6:6	2nd Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	59:83	-24	0:6	16th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	59:29	+30	4:0	1st Group 6
2020	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	193:196	-3	12:4	3rd Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	145:144	+1	6:6	2nd Group 4
Total Qualification		60	40	2	18	1641:1349	+292	82:38	
Total EHF EURO		54	25	0	29	1308:1396	-88	50:58	





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ivana_kapitanovic

Ivana Kapitanovic

goalkeeper

current club: CS Rapid Bucuresti since 2022

- Croatian international who joined Rapid Bucuresti in the summer of 2022 for their debut CL season
- previously spent four years at Metz, where she arrived from Podravka Vegeta
- was Croatian handball player of the year in 2019
- missed Croatia's surprise bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2020 due to a knee injury
- made her EHF EURO debut in 2018; first appearance for the senior national team came in 2014



dora_krsnik7

Dora Krsnik

centre back

current club: CS Dacia Mioveni 2012 since 2022

- made her EHF EURO debut in 2016, scoring nine goals for Croatia in three games
- is from Velika Gorica, near Zagreb, and is one of the most experienced players in the team
- has joined CS Mioveni in 2022; previously played for Lokomotiva Zagreb, Zelina, Podravka Vegeta, Krim and Plan-de-Cuques
- has also played beach handball
- started playing handball after being influenced by the 2003 WCh final when Croatia won gold

EHF EURO: B 2020



Paula Posavec

left wing

current club: CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita Nasaud since 2022

- Croatian international who plays for Gloria Bistrita in Romania; previously played for Krim and Lokomotiva Zagreb
- was part of Croatia's national team that surprisingly won bronze at the EHF EURO 2020
- debuted for Croatia at the EHF EURO 2016 when she was 20 years old
- her twin sister, Stela, is also a handball player and a Croatian international
- is a fast and smart wing player with a wide variety of shots

EHF EURO: B 2020



valentina.blazevic

Valentina Blazevic

centre back

current club: SCM Gloria Buzau since 2022

- started playing handball in her hometown Knin; also played for Dalmatinka Ploce, Sesvete, Krim, Pogon Baltica Szczecin, Perla Lublin and Magura Cisnadie
- in 2022, joined SCM Gloria Buzau from fellow Romanian side Magura Cisnadie
- after making her EHF EURO debut in 2016, this will be her fourth EHF EURO
- has scored more than 115 goals for Croatia
- was Croatia's fourth top scorer at the EHF EURO 2020, with 22 goals in eight matches, and had 12 assists

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ana_debelic

Ana Debelic

line player

current club: Vipers Kristiansand since 2021

- played for Croatian powerhouses Lokomotiva Zagreb and Podravka Vegeta, and Russian club Astrakhanochka
- signed for Vipers in the summer of 2021 and won the CL 2021/22 title with the Norwegian club
- an excellent defender, Debelic was named the All-star line player at the EHF EURO 2020, where Croatia won the bronze medal
- started playing handball aged six when she was still playing tennis and dancing. Chose handball as her sole sport when she was 14
- loves cooking and has a degree in forestry from Zagreb University

EHF EURO: B 2020



lburic3

Lara Buric

right wing

current club: HC Lokomotiva Zagreb since 2021

- joined Croatian champions Lokomotiva Zagreb in the summer of 2021 from her first club, Sesvete
- at age of 15, was the youngest player to play in a Croatian Cup final
- debuted for the national team in 2019; this will be her second major tournament
- her hobby is pencil drawing
- used to train as a figure skater and was part of the majorettes' group before choosing handball



katarinajezic17

Katarina Jezic

line player

current club:

- played for Zamet and Lokomotiva Zagreb in Croatia, embarked on a journey to Buducnost, Baia Mare and Siófok, before signing for Kastamonu in the summer of 2022
- is the captain of Croatia's women's national team. Her first international competition as captain was at the EHF EURO 2020
- despite her diminutive height, 1.73m, is a very strong defender and the core of every defence she plays in
- is the most experienced player in Croatia's team, as this will be her sixth EHF EURO and eighth major tournament since debuting in 2010

EHF EURO: B 2020



Nenad Sostaric

coach

- 63-year-old former player for Zagreb and Yugoslavia's U18, U20 and senior national teams
- coached Croatia's women's youth teams and the senior national team; returned to the helm in 2017 and won the bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2020
- has been the coach of Lokomotiva Zagreb since 2013
- also coached Jordan's men's and women's national teams
- in 2021 received 'Franjo Bučar' State Award for Sport in Croatia, the highest recognition for extraordinary achievements and contributions in sport

EHF EURO: B 2020



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Biggest win:	35:25 (19:12) vs. Iceland @ Århus DEN, 07.12.2010
Biggest defeat:	16:34 (9:15) vs. Norway @ Helsingborg SWE, 07.12.2016
Longest winning run:	4 matches (04.12.2020 – 10.12.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	4 matches (04.12.2020 – 10.12.2020)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (05.12.2016 – 05.12.2018)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (05.12.2016 – 05.12.2018)
Current run:	W1 (20.12.2020)
Most goals:	43 vs. Belarus 43:35W @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Romania 33:36L aet @ Skopje MKD, 13.12.2008
Most goals both teams:	78 vs. Belarus 43:35W @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Austria 14:13W @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	13 vs. Austria 14:13W @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994
Fewest goals both teams:	27 vs. Austria 14:13W @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

NOR vs CRO

19.09.1994 Waiblingen GER	NOR-CRO	ECh – Group A	15:16 (10:10)
07.12.1997 Saarbrücken GER	NOR-CRO	WCh – Group B	22:25 (11:13)
15.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	CRO-NOR	WCh – MR-Group I	25:37 (12:18)
09.12.2007 Metz FRA	NOR-CRO	WCh – MR-Group I	35:29 (15:14)
14.12.2011 São Paulo BRA	CRO-NOR	WCh – Quarter-final	25:30 (12:16)
07.12.2016 Helsingborg SWE	CRO-NOR	ECh – Group D	16:34 (9:15)
21.03.2018 Zagreb CRO	CRO-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	25:32 (10:18)
25.03.2018 Bekkestua NOR	NOR-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	33:27 (13:12)
12.12.2020 Kolding DEN	CRO-NOR	ECh – MR-Group II	25:36 (14:15)

CRO vs HUN

08.12.1995 Győr HUN	HUN-CRO	WCh – Group D	17:15 (11:5)
08.12.1996 Brøndby/Sjælland DEN	HUN-CRO	ECh – Group A	19:24 (11:13)
12.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	CRO-HUN	WCh – MR-Group I	26:27 (13:16)
04.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	CRO-HUN	ECh – Group C	28:27 (15:14)
03.12.2018 Montbéliard FRA	CRO-HUN	ECh – Group C	18:24 (9:13)
04.12.2020 Kolding DEN	HUN-CRO	ECh – Group C	22:24 (12:12)

CRO vs SUI

31.01.1997 Vitrovica CRO	CRO-SUI	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	27:16 (14:10)
02.02.1997 Luzern SUI	SUI-CRO	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	19:20 (11:10)
27.09.2017 Zagreb CRO	CRO-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	32:28 (19:12)
30.05.2018 Sursee SUI	SUI-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	16:33 (8:13)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Anita Gače	27	2004-2014
Maja Zebić	27	2004-2014
Lidija Horvat	25	2004-2010,2014
Andrea Penezić	25	2006-2010,2014-2016
Ivana Jelčić	23	2004-2008,2010-2014

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Andrea Penezić	131	2006-2010,2014-2016
Kristina Elez (Franić)	76	2008-2014
Maja Zebić	71	2004-2014
Maida Arslanagić	65	2004-2008
Lidija Horvat	64	2004-2010,2014



For the first time, Switzerland have qualified for a Women's EHF EURO. In Ljubljana, the team led by Danish head coach Martin Albertsen will face defending champions Norway, Hungary, and Croatia in what appears to be one of the strongest groups.

Ultimately, 6 March 2022 became a historic day for Swiss handball. After opponents Russia had been excluded from their qualification group following the country's invasion of Ukraine, Switzerland 'only' needed to beat Lithuania to finish second and qualify for the final tournament. After they had won in Lithuania 36:30, they also won the decisive home game, despite the obvious pressure, easily 34:18.

Seven players of the EHF EURO squad play in strong foreign competitions – either in Germany or Denmark – and significantly improved their performance, and the performance of the national team.

After the draw, Albertsen called the group “a Goliath task” for Switzerland. “I have a plan with my team. Tactically we are already at a good level, now we have to improve physically and technically in order to maybe create a surprise,” said Albertsen, who has the highest respect for defending and record champions Norway – an opponent Switzerland lost 41:18 against in a qualifier four years ago.

“They will play for gold alongside Denmark and France,” said Albertsen, who expected opponents Hungary to receive wide support in Ljubljana from their fans.

The most experienced player of the Swiss squad is goalkeeper Manuela Brüttsch, all-time record holder with 153 games. With Lea Schüpbach, she was the all-Swiss goalkeeper duo at German side HSG Bad Wildungen before Schüpbach joined Metzingen.

Back court players Lisa Frey, Daphne Gautchi and Charlotte Kähr also play in the German Bundesliga, while top star and best scorer of the current squad, Viborg HK's Kerstin Kündig, is one of two players from Danish clubs, alongside Chantal Wick (København).

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	2	0	4	145:129	+16	4:8	3rd Group 4
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	2	0	2	73:74	-1	4:4	2nd Group C
2000	Qualification	2	0	0	2	44:47	-3	0:4	Lost vs. BUL
2002	Qualification	2	0	0	2	41:59	-18	0:4	Lost vs. LTU
2004	Qualification	3	1	0	2	84:86	-2	2:4	3rd Group 1
2004	Play-off	2	0	1	1	45:55	-10	1:3	Lost vs. SWE
2006	Qualification	5	2	0	3	137:136	+1	4:6	5th Group 1
2008	Qualification	4	1	0	3	92:113	-21	2:6	4th Group 2
2010	Qualification	6	2	0	4	143:184	-41	4:8	3rd Group 1
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	119:173	-54	0:12	4th Group 7
2014	Qualification	6	0	0	6	131:175	-44	0:12	4th Group 5
2016	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	122:151	-29	2:10	4th Group 7
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	117:171	-54	4:8	3rd Group 1
2020	Qualification 2	2	0	0	2	49:70	-21	0:4	4th Group 4
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	150:136	+14	6:6	2nd Group 1
Total Qualification		66	16	1	49	1492:1759	-267	33:99	

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manubruetsch

Manuela Brüttsch

goalkeeper

current club: HSG Bad Wildungen since 2012

- with more than 150 matches, she is Switzerland's record holder for international appearances and is part of the country's "Hall of Fame"
- became a four-time Swiss champion and a three-time Swiss Cup winner with LC Brühl, where she played from 2006 until 2011
- was Swiss Player of the Year in 2015 and 2018
- moved to Germany in 2011, firstly with Bensheim/Auerbach for one season, and is now in her 10th season at HSG Bad Wildungen
- played her first international match in November 2004



chantal.wick

Chantal Wick

left back

current club: Ajax København since 2022

- is the boss of Switzerland's defence and rarely plays in attack
- has huge international experience at club level and with the national team
- played for Neckarsulm SU and Zwickau in the German Bundesliga before moving to Ajax København in 2022
- started her career at SPONO Eagles
- studied communication and politics



lfrey_

Lisa Frey

left back

current club: HSG Blomberg-Lippe since 2022

- started her handball career at Zofingen before moving to Spono Nottwil, where she won the Swiss Cup and received the Swiss Rookie of the Year award in her first season
- moved to Danish side Vendsyssel in 2018, joined German side Frisch Auf Göppingen in 2020 and then signed for Blomberg-Lippe in 2022
- has been a core player for Switzerland since 2012
- has scored over 140 goals and played more than 70 games for Switzerland
- her sisters, Noelle and Rahel, were internationals for Switzerland; they all played together for the national team in 2013



kerstinkuendig

Kerstin Kündig

centre back

current club: Viborg HK since 2022

- is a prolific scorer who has scored more than 190 goals for Switzerland's national team
- scored 12 times in the crucial EHF EURO Qualifier against Lithuania, which Switzerland won 34:18 to book their first EHF EURO ticket
- started her career at Winterthur and Brühl, where she won the Swiss championship and the Swiss Cup twice each
- moved to German side Thüringer HC in 2020 before joining Danish side and EL 2022 finalists Viborg in the summer of 2022
- was Swiss Player of the Year in 2017 and 2020



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.tabeaschmid._

Tabea Schmid

line player

current club: LC Brühl since 2022

- like Mia Emmenegger, she is a perfect example of Switzerland's successful youth academy
- started playing handball for Brühl before moving to French club Achenheim at the age of 17
- returned to Brühl this summer at the age of 18 to start studying to become a teacher in St. Gallen and to play handball at home
- is a powerful line player in attack and will take over an important role in defence
- is not a relative of Swiss handball legend Andy Schmid



anaem333

Mia Emmenegger

right wing

current club: SPONO Eagles since 2021

- at the age of 17, she is the youngest player in Switzerland's EHF EURO 2022 squad
- aged 16, made her debut in the Swiss women's league for SPONO Eagles, weeks before her debut for the Swiss women's national team
- was the fourth-best overall scorer and All-star Team member of the W17 EHF EURO 2021 – and played at the W19 EHF EURO in the same year
- scored 14 goals in the EHF EURO 2022 Qualifiers against Lithuania
- has averaged more than four goals per game for the national team



Xenia Hodel

right back

current club: SPONO Eagles since 2020

- debuted in the Swiss women's league at the age of 15 and made her debut for the women's national team at the age of 17
- after winning two Swiss league trophies and one Swiss Cup with Spono Eagles, she moved to German side Bayer Leverkusen in 2018
- returned to SPONO Eagles, where she still plays, after spending 18 months with Bayer Leverkusen
- has scored more than 190 goals for Switzerland – including 12 goals in an EHF EURO 2022 Qualifier against Lithuania
- was part of Switzerland's beach handball team at the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2015



coachalbertsen

Martin Albertsen

coach

- started his coaching career at the age of 25 after he had to stop playing due to a severe knee injury
- steered Viborg to win the Danish league, Danish Cup and the EHF Cup in 2003/04
- subsequently coached Leipzig, Randers and Copenhagen before joining German side Bietigheim in 2014
- has been head coach of Switzerland's women's national team since February 2018
- became head of Switzerland's youth academy in 2020, when he stopped coaching Bietigheim, and has also coached Switzerland's junior national team since 2022
- is the cousin of legendary two-time Olympic champion Katrine Fruelund

EC trophies as a coach: EHF Cup 2004



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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 ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

HUN vs SUI

20.03.1991 Mortara ITA HUN-SUI C-WCh – Group B 26:15 (17:8)

SUI vs NOR

01.10.2017 Olten SUI SUI-NOR ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1 12:29 (5:12)
02.06.2018 Larvik NOR NOR-SUI ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1 41:18 (16:6)

CRO vs SUI

31.01.1997 Vitrovica CRO CRO-SUI WCh-Qual. – Group 4 27:16 (14:10)
02.02.1997 Luzern SUI SUI-CRO WCh-Qual. – Group 4 19:20 (11:10)
27.09.2017 Zagreb CRO CRO-SUI ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1 32:28 (19:12)
30.05.2018 Sursee SUI SUI-CRO ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1 16:33 (8:13)

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MATCHES

Player N/A
Matches Years

GOALS

Player N/A
Goals Years



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- 🥇 1996, 2000, 2004

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 🥇 1997
- 🥈 1962, 1993
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 🥈 2013

GROUP FIXTURES – ALL MATCHES ON

4.11.2022	18:00	Denmark vs. Slovenia
4.11.2022	20:30	Sweden vs. Serbia

6.11.2022	18:00	Slovenia vs. Sweden
6.11.2022	20:30	Serbia vs. Denmark

8.11.2022	18:00	Slovenia vs. Serbia
8.11.2022	20:30	Denmark vs. Sweden



Not making too many changes in a team is an art in itself – and it is precisely what Denmark have done over the last two years. With the core of their 2020 squad intact, when they reached the semi-finals, they aim for a medal at the Women's EHF EURO 2022.

The loss in the 2020 bronze medal match Croatia might have hurt, but it was a wake-up call for Denmark. They have been improving under the stewardship of Jesper Jensen, named coach in 2020. This edition of the EHF EURO will mark 18 years since the last medal won by the Scandinavian side, therefore the stakes are high and the ambitions are also big.

In the first six editions of the EHF EURO, Denmark missed out on a medal only once, when they finished 10th in 2000. Since then, the Scandinavian powerhouse went through different generations, which placed fourth three times (2010, 2016, and 2020) but failed to win a medal. The last tournament started on a high and finished in disappointment on their

home court, but it was a true lesson that Denmark definitely acknowledged.

Since Jesper Jensen took over the team in 2020, Denmark have been constantly improving, as underlined by their bronze medal at the 2021 IHF Women's World Championship, the first time the Scandinavian side climbed on the podium in a major tournament since 2013.

The Danish league is certainly one of the top competitions in Europe right now, with a very balanced line-up and plenty of players that can improve their skills. There is no surprise, therefore, that Jesper Jensen, who also coaches Team Esbjerg, relies heavily on players that are featuring in Denmark, with only five players coming from other leagues – two from Metz Handball in France, two from Györi Audi ETO KC in Hungary and one from SG BBM Bietigheim in Germany. More importantly, though, is that these players have had plenty of time together in the past years, with Jensen relying heavily on the same core of players.

**Player info in team profiles correct as of 21 October 2022*

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	4	1	1	188:117	+71	9:3	2nd Group 6
1994	Runners-Up	2	2	0	0	46:36	+10	4:0	Won vs. BUL
1994	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	186:151	+35	14:0	Winners
1996	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	197:146	+51	14:0	Winners
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	189:163	+26	10:4	Runners-up
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	63:40	+23	4:0	Won vs. SVK
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	151:159	-8	3:9	10th Place
2002	EHF EURO	8	8	0	0	200:171	+29	16:0	Winners
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	202:189	+13	12:4	Runners-up
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	148:156	-8	4:8	11th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	45:44	+1	2:2	Won vs. TUR
2008	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	145:160	-15	5:7	11th Place
2010	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	192:175	+17	10:6	4th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	171:137	+34	8:4	2nd Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	217:206	+11	10:4	5th Place
2014	Qualification	6	6	0	0	204:164	+40	12:0	1st Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	155:147	+8	7:5	8th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	162:135	+27	8:4	2nd Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	189:185	+4	9:7	4th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	153:117	+36	12:0	1st Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	151:164	-13	6:6	8th Place
2020	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	209:186	+23	10:6	4th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	197:133	+64	12:0	1st Group 2
Total Qualification		42	35	1	6	1229:923	+306	71:13	
Total EHF EURO		98	63	4	31	2531:2358	+173	130:66	



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sandratoft89

Sandra Toft

goalkeeper

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2022

- played for TTH Holstebro, Larvik, Esbjerg and Brest Bretagne before signing for Györ in the summer of 2022
- was named the IHF Female Player of the Year in 2021, the first goalkeeper to secure the award since Norwegian great Cecilie Leganger in 2001
- returned to the court within six months after a car accident in 2009; she has a tattoo marking that moment, an angel with the words “Someone’s there”
- has the second most caps for Denmark at the EHF EURO, with 35 games, one behind former goalkeeper Karin Mortensen
- All-star goalkeeper of the CL 2014/15, the EHF EURO 2016 and the 2021 WCh

WCh: B 2021

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



kristina_jorgensen

Kristina Jørgensen

left back / centre back

current club: Metz Handball since 2022

- born in 1998 and made her debut in the Danish league at the age of 18
- played for Skanderborg, Aarhus and Viborg before moving to Metz in the summer of 2022 for her first club experience outside Denmark
- has a bachelor’s degree in business economics from the University of Aarhus
- was the MVP of the W19 EHF EURO 2017 and the best defender of the W17 EHF EURO 2015
- All-star left back in the Danish league in 2019/20 and 2020/21; was also the top goalscorer of the EL in 2021/22, with 72 goals

WCh: B 2021



a_to_the_m

Anne Mette Hansen

left back

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2017

- started handball at the age of nine and spent her junior years at Ajax København before moving to København Handbold in 2014
- her inclusion in the All-star team of the W19 EHF EURO 2013 highlighted her potential
- a born leader, she is the captain of Denmark’s national team and Hungarian powerhouse club Györ
- the CL All-star left back in the 2017/18 season, when she won her second CL trophy with Györ, where she has played since joining from København in 2017
- after featuring in four previous EHF EUROS, this is her fifth ECh in a row

WCh: B 2013, 2021

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019



rikkeiversen93

Rikke Iversen

line player

current club: Odense Håndbold since 2020

- played for Lyngby HK, Nykøbing Falster, Silkeborg-Voel KFUM before signing for Odense in 2020
- has won two Danish league titles with Odense
- her parents also played handball and instilled her love for the sport
- has played more than 40 matches for the national team since her first cap in 2015 – but has only featured at the ECh in 2020
- her sister, Sarah Iversen, is also a handball player, plays in the same position as Rikke and has been selected for the EHF EURO 2022 by Jesper Jensen

WCh: B 2021



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louivburgaard

Louise Burggaard

right back

current club: Metz Handball since 2019

- has scored over 300 goals in nine seasons in the CL
- played for KIF Vejen, TTH Holstebro, Viborg and FC Midtjylland before moving to Metz in France in 2019
- won the Danish league with Viborg in 2014 and the French league with Metz in 2022
- made her debut for the national team in 2011, but after missing the EHF EURO 2016 due to mental fatigue, she has only featured in three EHF EUROs
- hosts a podcast, "Athletes without Filter", which hosts discussions with other world-class athletes who speak about their challenges in sport

WCh: B 2013, 2021



toestergaard

Trine Østergaard Jensen

right wing

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2020

- spent nine seasons at Herning-Ikast, where she was the All-star right wing of the Danish league in 2015, before moving to Odense in 2017 – but has been at Bietigheim since 2020
- has played for Denmark women's national team since 2012, winning bronze medals at the WCh in 2013 and 2021
- this will be her fourth consecutive EHF EURO, having played at the ECh in 2016, 2018 and 2020
- played football until the age of 15, but put an end to that career due to being selected in Herning-Ikast's senior side

WCh: B 2013, 2021

EC trophies: EL 2022; EHF Cup 2011; CWC 2015



mettetransborg

Mette Tranborg

right back

current club: Team Esbjerg since 2020

- signed for Esbjerg in 2020, after playing for SK Aarhus and Odense, and has never played for a club outside Denmark
- nicknamed the Danish tower by the media, Tranborg is 192cm and is one of Denmark's tallest players
- close to 100 caps for the national team and has featured in four EHF EUROs
- turned professional at the age of 16 and received special approval from the Danish federation to become the youngest player to play in the Danish league
- is a complete player and a great defender, having been touted as one of the best prospects in Danish handball back in 2015

WCh: B 2021



Jesper Jensen

coach

- immediately turned Denmark's national team around after being appointed in 2020 with a fourth-place finish at the EHF EURO 2020 and the bronze medal at the 2021 WCh
- previously worked at KIF Vejen (women) and Aalborg (men) before signing for Team Esbjerg in 2017
- a former centre back, played at Skjern for 14 years, scored 238 goals in 120 games for Denmark's national team and represented his nation at the 2008 OG
- his sister, Trine Nielsen, played as a right back for Denmark and works as an analyst for Viasat Denmark
- named the IHF Coach of the Year for female teams in 2021

International medals as a coach: WCh B 2021



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EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	30:13 (13:5) vs. Sweden @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 06.12.1996
Biggest defeat:	19:31 (12:10) vs. Norway @ Ohrid MKD, 09.12.2008
Longest winning run:	18 matches (17.09.1994 – 16.12.1998)
Longest unbeaten run:	18 matches (17.09.1994 – 16.12.1998)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (16.12.2010 – 04.12.2012)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (16.12.2010 – 04.12.2012)
Current run:	L2 (18.12.2020 – 20.12.2020)
Most goals:	37 vs. FYR Macedonia 37:21W @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 11.12.1998 37 vs. FYR Macedonia 37:30W @ Niš SRB, 08.12.2012
Most goals opponent:	33 vs. Romania 26:33L @ București ROU, 13.12.2000 33 vs. Norway 35:33W @ Beograd SRB, 13.12.2012
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. Norway 35:33W @ Beograd SRB, 13.12.2012
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Romania 15:16L @ Herning DEN, 19.12.2010
Fewest goals opponent:	13 vs. Sweden 30:13W @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 06.12.1996
Fewest goals both teams:	31 vs. Romania 15:16L @ Herning DEN, 19.12.2010

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

DEN vs SLO

04.12.1997 Neubrandenburg GER	DEN-SLO	WCh – Group D	37:24 (22:9)
06.12.2003 Čakovec CRO	SLO-DEN	WCh – Group D	29:21 (15:7)
27.09.2017 Farum/Sjælland DEN	DEN-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	28:22 (12:11)
30.05.2018 Celje SLO	SLO-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	23:25 (12:14)
04.12.2020 Herning DEN	DEN-SLO	ECh – Group A	30:23 (14:12)

SRB vs DEN

07.12.2010 Aalborg DEN	DEN-SRB	ECh – Group A	25:20 (14:6)
11.12.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-DEN	ECh – MR-Group I	29:26 (16:14)
11.12.2013 Niš SRB	SRB-DEN	WCh – Group B	23:22 (12:12)
08.12.2015 Herning DEN	DEN-SRB	WCh – Group A	29:20 (13:12)
04.12.2018 Nantes FRA	DEN-SRB	ECh – Group A	25:30 (13:17)
11.12.2019 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	SRB-DEN	WCh – MR-Group I	26:26 (14:11)

DEN vs SWE

07.12.1977 Unna FRG	DEN-SWE	B-WCh – MR-Group II	11:4 (6:2)
05.12.1981 Nørre Sundby DEN	DEN-SWE	B-WCh – Place 7/8	19:21 (10:9)
10.12.1983 Chorzów POL	SWE-DEN	B-WCh – Group A	14:18 (8:9)
08.11.1986 Sagunto ESP	DEN-SWE	C-WCh – Place 1-4	13:11 (6:6)
08.12.1989 Brædstrup DEN	DEN-SWE	B-WCh – MR-Group I	13:25 (6:9)
18.09.1994 Waiblingen GER	SWE-DEN	ECh – Group A	20:32 (8:17)
12.12.1995 Krems AUT	SWE-DEN	WCh – Last 16	20:25 (12:10)
06.12.1996 Brøndby/Sjælland DEN	DEN-SWE	ECh – Group A	30:13 (13:6)
10.12.2004 Békéscsaba HUN	SWE-DEN	ECh – Group C	21:24 (9:11)
12.12.2006 Stockholm SWE	SWE-DEN	ECh – MR-Group II	27:22 (15:12)
10.12.2009 Wuxi CHN	SWE-DEN	WCh – Group A	27:23 (14:10)
09.12.2011 São Bernardo do Campo BRA	SWE-DEN	WCh – Group D	19:20 (8:9)
28.07.2012 London GBR	DEN-SWE	OG – Group B	21:18 (8:10)
04.12.2012 Niš SRB	SWE-DEN	ECh – Group B	27:26 (13:15)
13.12.2015 Herning DEN	DEN-SWE	WCh – Last 16	26:19 (15:7)
12.12.2017 Leipzig GER	SWE-DEN	WCh – Quarter-final	26:23 (13:11)
30.11.2018 Nantes FRA	DEN-SWE	ECh – Group A	30:29 (15:16)
11.12.2020 Herning DEN	DEN-SWE	ECh – MR-Group I	24:22 (13:12)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Karin Mortensen	36	2000-2010
Sandra Toft	35	2012-2020
Rikke Erhardsen Skov	33	2000,2004-2010
Lotte Grigel	29	2008,2012-2018
Anne Mette Hansen	28	2014-2020
Trine Østergaard Jensen	28	2014-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Stine Jørgensen	99	2012-2018
Rikke Erhardsen Skov	93	2000,2004-2010
Camilla Andersen	89	1994-1998
Ann Grete Nørgaard Østerballe	85	2010-2014
Mette Vestergaard Brandt (Larsen)	83	1996-2002



Eight years ago, Sweden secured their most recent medal at the EHF EURO, bronze, after winning five games in the competition. They went on to win just five games in the next three editions combined, and their disappointing performance at the EHF EURO 2020 saw them finish 11th overall.

Some players from that squad are still active in the national team, like back Jamina Roberts, line player Linn Blohm and right wing Nathalie Hagman, and they will be trying to use their experience to bring the Scandinavian side back into the elite, with a supporting cast full of young and hungry players.

They had an impressive 2021, finishing fifth at the 2021 IHF Women's World Championship and fourth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. In Tokyo they missed a medal by a whisker, with little details and stronger opponents denying their challenge. More importantly, Sweden proved that their ability to regenerate is impressive, with new players consistently coming to the fore through an extensive pipeline of talent.

Meanwhile the junior side finished fourth at the 2022 IHF Women's Junior World Championship this summer. Some of that squad could also feature at the EHF EURO, such as back Tyra Axné, coach Tomas Axné's daughter, who played superbly at the Junior World Championship and has a huge handball IQ.

Therefore, Sweden might have been handed a tough draw in a group with Denmark, hosts Slovenia, and Serbia, but they have both the pedigree and the means to progress to the main round and challenge for a medal, especially if they start with three wins in the preliminary round.

Sweden have a history of players really starring at the EHF EURO, with Linnea Torstenson being named the MVP in 2010 and Isabelle Gulldén following in her footsteps in 2014.

Therefore, there is already a tradition for Sweden backs to have great performances at the EHF EURO and drive the side towards the medals.

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	5	0	1	166:109	+57	10:2	2nd Group 4
1994	Runners-Up	2	1	0	1	38:37	+1	2:2	Won vs. LTU
1994	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	134:145	-11	6:6	7th Place
1996	Qualification	6	5	0	1	133:104	+29	10:2	2nd Group 4
1996	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	142:171	-29	4:8	8th Place
1998	Qualification	6	2	1	3	124:132	-8	5:7	4th Group 5
2000	Qualification	2	1	0	1	54:49	+5	2:2	Won vs. POR
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	54:62	-8	0:4	Lost vs. AUT
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	57:44	+13	4:0	Won vs. BUL
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	79:94	-15	0:6	15th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	55:45	+10	3:1	Won vs. SUI
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	68:81	-13	0:6	14th Place
2006	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	156:170	-14	6:8	6th Place
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	54:44	+10	4:0	Won vs. CZE
2008	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	134:135	-1	6:6	9th Place
2010	Qualification	6	4	0	2	167:128	+39	8:4	2nd Group 2
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	199:176	+23	12:4	Runners-up
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	182:131	+51	11:1	1st Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	153:142	+11	7:5	8th Place
2014	Qualification	6	4	2	0	173:134	+39	10:2	1st Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	238:220	+18	11:5	3rd Place
2016	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	149:156	-7	3:9	8th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	189:134	+55	10:2	2nd Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	191:192	-1	7:7	6th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	73:45	+28	4:0	1st Group 5
2020	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	148:162	-14	3:9	11th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	177:133	+44	10:2	1st Group 6
Total Qualification		62	44	5	13	1696:1331	+365	93:31	
Total EHF EURO		72	29	7	36	1791:1844	-53	65:79	

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bundsen

Johanna Bundsen

goalkeeper

current club: IK Sävehof since 2022

- will feature for Sweden in her ninth major international tournament and her fourth EHF EURO, having played at the championship in 2014, 2016 and 2018
- returned in the summer of 2022 to her first club, IK Sävehof, after spending five years at København Håndbold in Denmark
- is widely regarded as one of Sweden's all-time best goalkeepers
- was first selected to play for the senior national team in 2009
- has a daughter, Leah, born in March 2020, when Bundsen stopped her career to give birth

EHF EURO: B 2014



jaminaroberts

Jamina Roberts

left back

current club: Vipers Kristiansand since 2022

- started her career at Sävehof, played for Team Tvis Holstebro, Érd and Randers, before returning to Sweden in 2020 for her third stint at Sävehof
- moved in the summer of 2022 to reigning CL champions, Vipers Kristiansand
- born to an Aruban father and Swedish mother in Gothenburg. Her father was a sailor and started a career in bodybuilding after settling in Sweden
- gave birth to her first child in August 2020 and played her first game only weeks later
- this will be her 15th major tournament for Sweden and seventh consecutive EHF EURO, having already played 41 games in the competition

EHF EURO: S 2010, B 2014



hanssonelin

Elin Hansson

left wing

current club: SCM Ramnicu Valcea since 2022

- will feature at the EHF EURO only for the second time, after making her debut in 2020, but has also featured at the 2021 WCh and the 2020 OG
- played for Skuru IK between 2015 and 2022 before moving outside Sweden for the first time to feature at Romanian side SCM Ramnicu Valcea
- won the Swedish league in 2021 and the Swedish Cup in 2022 with Skuru
- worked full-time as a revenue controller at a large law firm in Sweden after graduating from the Economic University in Stockholm
- has already passed the 100-goal mark for Sweden's national team, despite playing just over 40 games before the EHF EURO 2022



carinstromberg

Carin Strömberg

centre back

current club: Neptunes de Nantes since 2021

- only played for three clubs in her senior career: Skuru IK in Sweden, Viborg HK in Denmark and Neptunes des Nantes in France
- the EHF EURO 2022 will be her 10th major international tournament for Sweden and her fourth consecutive EHF EURO
- has been Sweden's captain since 2019, when she first assumed the role at the WCh
- was the MVP of the 2010 Youth WCh, where she won gold with Sweden
- has scored more than 190 goals for Sweden



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blohmlinn

Linn Blohm

line player

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2021

- experienced Swedish international, this will be her 11th major tournament and her sixth EHF EURO, having first appeared in the tournament in 2012
- scored 24 goals from 28 attempts for Sweden at the 2020 OG in Tokyo
- scored 45 times for Györ in the CL 2021/22 season, a personal best tally, and named the CL All-star line player
- made breakthrough and gained first CL experience at IK Sävehof before playing in the Danish league for three clubs from 2014 to 2020
- joined Baia Mare in 2020 and reached the inaugural EHF Finals Women with the Romanian side in May 2021

EHF Cup 2015; CWC 2016
EHF EURO: B 2014



jennycaarlson

Jenny Helen Carlson

centre back

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball since 2022

- signed for Brest Bretagne in March 2022, after playing for Lugj in Sweden and for three Danish sides – Ringkøbing, EH Aalborg and Holstebro
- missed six months in 2018 due to surgery to correct an intestinal issue, but bounced back and came back stronger on the court
- has an Instagram account where she documents playing with an ostomy bag; said she was open about it because she wanted to help others see it is possible
- has the technique and the build to play as a makeshift left wing
- represented Sweden at the 2020 OG in Tokyo and the 2021 WCh in Spain



hagman

Nathalie Hagman

right back

current club: Neptunes de Nantes since 2020

- a true globetrotter, played for teams in Sweden, Denmark, Romania and France, where she now features for Neptunes des Nantes
- joint-record holder for the most goals scored in a match at the EHF EURO – 17 – set against Russia in 2018
- scored a personal record of 19 goals in two separate matches at the 2021 WCh, where she was the top scorer of the competition
- became the youngest-ever debutant for Sweden in 2009
- has a twin sister, Gabrielle, whom she played with at Skuru IK, where she started her career

EHF EURO: S 2010, B 2014
EL 2021; CWC 2016, EHF Cup 2015



tomasaxner

Tomas Axner

coach

- named Sweden's women's national team coach in 2020 after working as an assistant at H43 Lund and as head coach for Lugj HF
- had never previously worked with a women's team in his career, but welcomed the challenge with after serving as a TV pundit and blogger for different Swedish media outlets
- a former right wing, Axner is one of two players, alongside Stefan Lövgren, who have scored at least 1,000 goals in both the Swedish league and the German Bundesliga
- stated in the Swedish media that he usually takes 5,000 steps per match on the sideline, which would roughly translate to 2.5 kilometres
- his daughter, Tyra, is a handball player and has been selected in Sweden's squad for the EHF EURO 2022. It will be the first major international tournament of her career



EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	24:10 (11:5) vs. Austria @ Ohrid MKD, 04.12.2008
Biggest defeat:	13:30 (6:13) vs. Denmark @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 06.12.1996
Longest winning run:	4 matches (07.12.2010 – 12.12.2010)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (13.12.2012 - 16.12.2014)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (11.12.1996 – 12.12.2004)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (11.12.1996 – 12.12.2004)
Current run:	L4 (07.12.2020 – 15.12.2020)
Most goals:	39 vs. Germany 39:32W @ Varaždin CRO, 12.12.2014 39 vs. Russia 39:30W @ Nantes FRA, 12.12.2018
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Norway 29:38L @ Paris FRA, 14.12.2018
Most goals both teams:	71 vs. Germany 39:32W @ Varaždin CRO, 12.12.2014
Fewest goals:	13 vs. Denmark 13:30L @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 06.12.1996
Fewest goals opponent:	10 vs. Austria 24:10W @ Ohrid MKD, 04.12.2008
Fewest goals both teams:	34 vs. Austria 24:10W @ Ohrid MKD, 04.12.2008

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

SWE vs SRB

10.12.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh – MR-Group I	23:23 (13:14)
27.03.2014 Kragujevac SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	25:25 (14:14)
30.03.2014 Kristianstad SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	18:18 (9:10)
08.12.2016 Stockholm SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh – Group A	30:30 (15:18)
21.03.2018 Niš SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	30:23 (9:15)
24.03.2018 Skövde SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	31:30 (16:13)
02.12.2018 Nantes FRA	SWE-SRB	ECh – Group A	22:21 (11:13)
03.03.2022 Zrenjanin SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	24:21 (10:9)
05.03.2022 Ystad SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:25 (17:14)

SLO vs SWE

20.10.2011 Skövde SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	27:20 (15:10)
31.05.2012 Velenje SLO	SLO-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	23:26 (10:15)
23.10.2013 Helsingborg SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	30:25 (16:12)
11.06.2014 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-SWE	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	27:34 (14:17)
06.12.2016 Stockholm SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh – Group A	23:25 (13:13)
10.12.2017 Leipzig GER	SWE-SLO	WCh – Last 16	33:21 (18:12)

DEN vs SWE

07.12.1977 Unna FRG	DEN-SWE	B-WCh – MR-Group II	11:4 (6:2)
05.12.1981 Nørre Sundby DEN	DEN-SWE	B-WCh – Place 7/8	19:21 (10:9)
10.12.1983 Chorzów POL	SWE-DEN	B-WCh – Group A	14:18 (8:9)
08.11.1986 Sagunto ESP	DEN-SWE	C-WCh – Place 1-4	13:11 (6:6)
08.12.1989 Brædstrup DEN	DEN-SWE	B-WCh – MR-Group I	13:25 (6:9)
18.09.1994 Waiblingen GER	SWE-DEN	ECh – Group A	20:32 (8:17)
12.12.1995 Krems AUT	SWE-DEN	WCh – Last 16	20:25 (12:10)
06.12.1996 Brøndby/Sjælland DEN	DEN-SWE	ECh – Group A	30:13 (13:6)
10.12.2004 Békéscsaba HUN	SWE-DEN	ECh – Group C	21:24 (9:11)
12.12.2006 Stockholm SWE	SWE-DEN	ECh – MR-Group II	27:22 (15:12)
10.12.2009 Wuxi CHN	SWE-DEN	WCh – Group A	27:23 (14:10)
09.12.2011 São Bernardo do Campo BRA	SWE-DEN	WCh – Group D	19:20 (8:9)
28.07.2012 London GBR	DEN-SWE	OG – Group B	21:18 (8:10)
04.12.2012 Niš SRB	SWE-DEN	ECh – Group B	27:26 (13:15)
13.12.2015 Herning DEN	DEN-SWE	WCh – Last 16	26:19 (15:7)
12.12.2017 Leipzig GER	SWE-DEN	WCh – Quarter-final	26:23 (13:11)
30.11.2018 Nantes FRA	DEN-SWE	ECh – Group A	30:29 (15:16)
11.12.2020 Herning DEN	DEN-SWE	ECh – MR-Group I	24:22 (13:12)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Isabelle Gulldén	47	2008-2020
Jamina Roberts	41	2010-2020
Nathalie Hagman	35	2010,2014-2020
Linnea Torstensson	35	2006-2014
Sabina Jacobsen (Rosengren)	34	2010-2018

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Isabelle Gulldén	203	2008-2020
Linnea Torstensson	139	2006-2014
Nathalie Hagman	102	2010,2014-2020
Matilda Boson	71	2002-2010
Åsa Eriksson	71	1994-1996,2002-2004



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With Ljubljana and Celje hosting preliminary round matches, and the main round and final weekend matches continuing in Ljubljana, Slovenia is one of the three nations co-hosting the Women's EHF EURO 2022.

At home, they want to achieve their best EHF EURO result, which is why Dragan Adzic took over as head coach two years before the competition. The Montenegrin expert, who climbed to the top of the podium with Montenegro in 2012, had a mission of building a new, stronger Slovenia for this special event.

The last time Slovenia played more than three matches at the EHF EURO was back in 2004, when they achieved their best EHF EURO result – finishing fourth. It is no wonder that a place in the main round is the first goal for Slovenia, who dream of going even further and creating history.

“Our group is challenging; every opponent has quality. It is well known there are no easy games at the EHF EURO.

My players and I are aware of it, but we also know that we can play against anyone. We are the hosts and we are looking forward to the start of the competition,” said head coach Dragan Adzic.

Slovenia's goals are clear, but it will not be easy, despite playing on their home court in Celje. Group B will see them playing against two strong Scandinavian teams, Denmark and Sweden. The last match of the group will have a more special touch to it. Closing their performances in Celje, Slovenia will face their former head coach Uros Bregar when they play Serbia.

After spending six years at the helm of Slovenia, Bregar knows the players very well. It will be an additional challenge for Adzic. With a mixture of superstars, experienced leaders, promising young players and Adzic's way of understanding handball, Slovenia's fans in the Zlatorog Arena are in for a treat. With a complete, injury-free squad, Slovenia can reach their desired goal of achieving their best ranking at the EHF EURO.

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	0	1	5	109:159	-50	1:11	4th Group 1
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	1	0	3	100:111	-11	2:6	3rd Group B
1998	Qualification	6	0	0	6	149:184	-35	0:12	4th Group 1
2000	Qualification	2	2	0	0	70:40	+30	4:0	Won vs. ITA
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	42:48	-6	0:4	Lost vs. FRA
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	48:45	+3	4:0	Won vs. SVK
2002	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	151:166	-15	4:8	10th Place
2004	Play-off	2	2	0	0	79:68	+11	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	164:181	-17	4:8	9th Place
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:52	+8	2:2	Won vs. BUL
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:108	-28	0:6	16th Place
2008	Play-off	2	0	1	1	50:54	-4	1:3	Lost vs. BLR
2010	Qualification	6	3	0	3	166:176	-10	6:6	2nd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	54:89	-35	0:6	16th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	138:170	-32	2:10	4th Group 5
2014	Qualification	6	3	0	3	162:173	-11	6:6	3rd Group 5
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	142:134	+8	6:6	3rd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	77:89	-12	2:4	14th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	1	3	2	161:159	+2	5:7	3rd Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	82:93	-11	2:4	13th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	63:52	+11	4:0	2nd Group 3
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	65:83	-18	0:6	16th Place
Total Qualification		60	21	5	34	1539:1625	-86	47:73	
Total EHF EURO		27	6	0	21	673:809	-136	12:42	

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amrapandzic

Amra Pandžic

goalkeeper

current club: CS Minaur Baia Mare since 2021

- from Ljubljana, started playing handball with Krim and now is part of Minaur Baia Mare
- also played for Cergy-Pontoise Handball 95, Brest Bretagne and Kastamonu
- made her debut at a major tournament with the national team at the 2017 WCh
- had a short break from handball to get her degree in mathematics
- finished fourth with Baia Mare at the EHF Finals Women 2022



tjasastanko

Tjaša Stanko

centre back

current club: Krim Mercator Ljubljana since 2021

- Slovenian international who scored 75 times in the CL 2021/22 in her first season back at Krim following stints with Podravka and Metz
- was voted the best young player of the CL in 2017/18 during her first period at Krim
- mostly plays at left back, but is also effective at centre back and right back
- a leading player for Slovenia's national team, she scored 12 goals when Slovenia beat eventual champions Netherlands 32:26 at the 2019 WCh
- made her national team debut in 2016, had a breakthrough at the 2017 WCh and was Slovenia's second top scorer at the EHF EURO 2020



tamcillii

Tamara Mavsar

left wing

current club: Siófok KC since 2022

- born in Ljubljana and started her handball career at Krim
- played for Vardar for one season, returned to Krim in 2017 and joined Siófok in 2022
- returned to the national team in April 2022 after a three-year absence; also became a mother in that period
- made CL debut aged 17 and was named among the best up-and-coming CL players in 2012/13
- reached CL final with Vardar in the 2016/17 season



ninazulic

Nina Zulic

centre back

current club: CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita Nasaud since 2022

- made her debut in the CL when she was only 18; scored 124 goals in six seasons for Krim in Europe's premier competition
- joined Gloria Bistrita in 2022; only previous international club experience came with Kastamonu, where she scored 16 goals in the 2021/22 CL season
- has played for Slovenia's national team at every major tournament since the EHF EURO 2016; scored four times at the EHF EURO 2020
- named the best player in the Slovenian league in the 2019/2020 season, when she scored 57 goals in the competition
- had spells on loan at Ivančna Gorica, Ptuj and Ajdovscina



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📷 valentina_klemencic

Valentina Klemencic

line player

current club: Krim Mercator Ljubljana since 2019

- talented 20-year-old Slovenian line player who scored 34 goals in the 2020/21 CL season
- will make a great duo with Nataša Ljepoja on the line
- started her first CL season at the age of 17 in 2019/20; named rookie of round 4 in the same season
- represented Slovenia at the 2019 WCh in Japan
- her handball idol is THW Kiel line player Hendrik Pekeler



📷 anagros6

Ana Gros

right back

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2022

- 31-year-old Slovenian international currently playing for Györ
- had joined CSKA in the summer of 2021 after eight seasons in France, at Metz and Brest, but left to join Krim in March 2022
- previously played for Krim (2009-10), Györ (2010-12) and Thüringer HC (2012-13)
- reached the CL final with Györ in 2012 and Brest in 2021; was the CL top scorer in 2020/21 with 135 goals
- has scored more than 660 international goals as a key player for Slovenia's national team since her debut in 2007



📷 alja_varagic20

Alja Varagic

right back

current club: Krim Mercator Ljubljana since 2014

- missed EHF EURO 2020 while on maternity leave. Returned for the 2021 WCh and was Slovenia's top scorer with 21 goals
- had her first CL experience with Celje in 2005/06, played for Krim from 2009 until 2012, before joining ÉRD in Hungary for two seasons
- has remained at Krim since returning to the Slovenian club in 2014
- made the transition to right back before the 2014/15 season, but can play in various positions
- one of the most experienced players in Slovenia's team



Dragan Adzic

coach

- took over as coach of Slovenia's national team in 2021, replacing Uros Bregar at the helm to become the country's 10th head coach
- was replaced as Buducnost head coach by former star player Bojana Popovic in November 2020; became coach of Krim Mercator in 2022
- retired from playing due to injury in 1998 and spent 10 years as an assistant coach at Buducnost before becoming head coach of the club and Montenegro's national team in 2010
- won the CL in May 2012 and the EHF EURO 2012 seven months later, but stepped down from national team duties with Montenegro in 2017
- met his wife Timea when she came to the club as an interpreter for former coach Gyula Zsiga of Hungary





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EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	36:26 (17:9) vs. Serbia and Montenegro @ Zalaegerszeg HUN, 11.12.2004
Biggest defeat:	18:41 (8:16) vs. Norway @ Győr HUN, 16.12.2004 20:43 (9:19) vs. Norway @ Göteborg SWE, 07.12.2006
Longest winning run:	2 matches (08.12.2002 - 10.12.2002; 09.12.2004 – 11.12.2004)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (08.12.2002 - 10.12.2002; 09.12.2004 – 11.12.2004)
Longest losing run:	11 matches (12.12.2004 – 04.12.2016)
Longest run without win:	11 matches (12.12.2004 – 04.12.2016)
Current run:	L3 (04.12.2020 – 08.12.2020)
Most goals:	36 vs. Serbia and Montenegro 36:26W @ Zalaegerszeg HUN, 11.12.2004
Most goals opponent:	43 vs. Norway 20:43L @ Göteborg SWE, 07.12.2006
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Serbia 34:36L @ Stockholm SWE, 04.12.2016
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Norway 16:32L @ Lillehammer NOR, 08.12.2010
Fewest goals opponent:	23 vs. Belarus 27:23W @ Århus DEN, 08.12.2002 23 vs. Sweden 25:23W @ Stockholm SWE, 06.12.2016
Fewest goals both teams:	44 vs. France 17:27L @ Kolding DEN, 06.12.2020

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

DEN vs SLO

04.12.1997 Neubrandenburg GER	DEN-SLO	WCh – Group D	37:24 (22:9)
06.12.2003 Čakovec CRO	SLO-DEN	WCh – Group D	29:21 (15:7)
27.09.2017 Farum/Sjælland DEN	DEN-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	28:22 (12:11)
30.05.2018 Celje SLO	SLO-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	23:25 (12:14)
04.12.2020 Herning DEN	DEN-SLO	ECh – Group A	30:23 (14:12)

SLO vs SWE

20.10.2011 Skövde SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	27:20 (15:10)
31.05.2012 Velenje SLO	SLO-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	23:26 (10:15)
23.10.2013 Helsingborg SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	30:25 (16:12)
11.06.2014 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-SWE	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	27:34 (14:17)
06.12.2016 Stockholm SWE	SWE-SLO	ECh – Group A	23:25 (13:13)
10.12.2017 Leipzig GER	SWE-SLO	WCh – Last 16	33:21 (18:12)

SLO vs SRB

27.10.2013 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-SRB	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	31:26 (16:12)
15.06.2014 Niš SRB	SRB-SLO	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	32:25 (18:15)
04.12.2016 Stockholm SWE	SRB-SLO	ECh – Group A	36:34 (17:16)
06.12.2019 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	SRB-SLO	WCh – Group A	29:27 (12:11)
13.12.2021 Granollers ESP	SRB-SLO	WCh – MR-Group I	31:25 (19:14)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Sergeja Stefanišin	17	2002-2006, 2010,2016
Silvana Ilič	15	2002-2006
Tatjana Oder	15	2002-2006
Vesna Puš (Vinčič)	15	2002-2006,2010
Mihaela Bobocea (Ciora)	14*	2002-2006
Anja Frešer	14	2002-2006

*Mihaela Bobocea (Ciora) played also 17 games for Romania (1994-1998)

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Tatjana Oder	73	2002-2006
Ana Gros	65	2010,2016-2020
Anja Frešer	61	2002-2006
Silvana Ilič	52	2002-2006
Tanja Dajčman	45	2002-2004



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EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	77:92	-15	0:6	14th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	54:52	+2	2:2	Won vs. NED
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	87:93	-6	0:6	13th Place
2010	Qualification	6	4	0	2	179:142	+37	8:4	2nd Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	71:91	-20	0:6	14th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	179:131	+48	10:2	2nd Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	213:209	+4	9:7	4th Place
2014	Qualification	6	3	2	1	156:140	+16	8:4	2nd Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	56:72	-16	0:6	15th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	191:141	+50	11:1	1st Group 2
2016	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	158:176	-18	5:7	9th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:148	+49	10:2	1st Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	164:168	-4	4:8	11th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	62:49	+13	4:0	2nd Group 4
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	79:88	-9	2:4	13th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	170:156	+14	8:4	2nd Group 6
Total Qualification		40	29	3	8	1188:959	+229	61:19	
Total EHF EURO		35	9	2	24	905:989	-84	20:50	

Serbia have gone through changes after appointing Uros Bregar as head coach in April 2021. The former Slovenia national team head coach took over the helm ahead of the 2021 IHF Women's World Championship 2021 qualifying matches, and with a rejuvenated squad wants to put Serbia back on track at the major events. At their ninth EHF EURO they will aim to return to their best after finishing no higher than ninth place since 2014.

Serbia's biggest EHF EURO success happened in 2012 when they, as hosts, finished fourth. Since then, Serbia have struggled at major events and failed to qualify for the main round of the EHF EURO in 2014 and 2020.

After finishing 13th at the last EHF EURO in Denmark and Norway, Serbia parted ways with Ljubomir Obradovic and turned a new page by appointing Uros Bregar as head coach. Since then, they qualified both for the 2021 World Championship and EHF EURO 2020, and won bronze at the Mediterranean Games 2021.

Even though Serbia will miss some of the star players from the last final tournament, they still have a good mixture of experienced and younger players. Jovana Stojkovic from Chambrey Touraine Handball, Jelena Lavko from Baia Mare, and a good goalkeeping duo in the shape of Jovana Risovic and Sara Graovac will be among the players leading the team.

Even though they ended the world championship in 12th place, Serbia were close to qualifying for the quarter-finals, missing out by one point in the main round. A good performance in qualifying group 6 for this EHF EURO, with four wins and two defeats, as well as their Mediterranean Games bronze, makes Serbia no easy opponent. With strong support and on a good day, they can upset Denmark, Sweden and Slovenia in Celje.

As he took over Serbia's national team, Bregar had to deal with the absence of key players such as Andrea Lekic, Katarina Krpez-Slezak and Dragana Cvijic who have all retired from the national team.

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Instagram: [zmajce16](#)

Jovana Risovic

goalkeeper

current club: Krim Mercator Ljubljana since 2020

- experienced 29-year-old international who has represented Serbia at four previous EHF EUROs
- joined Krim from Podravka Vegeta in 2020. Previously played for Nova Pazova, Kragujevac, Randers and Kecskemet
- started playing handball at eight years old on the wing before becoming a goalkeeper later
- was part of Serbia's team that finished as runners-up at the 2013 WCh
- was the All-star goalkeeper at the 2012 Junior WCh

WCh: S 2013



Instagram: [jovanastoilkovic33](#)

Jovana Stoilkovic

left back

current club: Chambray Touraine Handball since 2019

- Serbian national team player who has played in France since 2012
- after playing for Le Havre, Brest and Nantes, she moved to Chambray in 2019
- became Chambray's captain in the summer of 2021 after goalkeeper Linda Pradel retired
- was part of Serbia's team that won silver at the 2013 WCh
- experienced player with more than 120 appearances for the national team

WCh: S 2013



Instagram: [stamenic_a](#)

Aleksandra Stamenic

left wing

current club: Kisvárdai KC since 2021

- 24-year-old left wing from Novi Sad who plays for Hungarian club Kisvárdai KC
- used to play for Bor and Zajecar
- made her debut at a major tournament at the 2021 WCh, but this will be her first EHF EURO
- despite lacking some experience, she is the first choice in her position for Serbia
- scored three times for Serbia in the EHF EURO 2022 Qualifiers



Instagram: [kiki.liscevic71](#)

Kristina Liscevic

centre back

current club: SCM Ramnicu Valcea since 2022

- Serbian playmaker who lost the EHF Cup final with Metz in 2013 and Esbjerg in 2019
- has made more than 120 appearances for Serbia and was part of the team that won WCh silver in 2013
- always wears number 71, a nod to a friend of hers who wore number 17
- has played for teams from Serbia, North Macedonia, France, Hungary, Russia, Denmark and Romania
- her brother, Zlatko, is a football player

WCh: S 2013



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Marija Petrovic

line player

current club: SCM Gloria Buzau since 2019

- experienced 28-year-old Serbian line player who has played in the CL
- returning to the EHF EURO after a six-year absence from the championship
- made her comeback for the national team at the 2021 WCh
- started her career at Nis but also played for Izvor, Vardar and SCM Ramnicu Valcea before joining Gloria Buzau
- has played more than 20 international matches for Serbia



Ana Kojic

right wing

current club: Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC since 2022

- started playing handball at the age of 10 in Radnicki, Serbia
- became a left-handed player after using both hands when she started playing handball
- joined Krim in 2019, replacing Sara Ristovska; moved to Motherson Mosonmagyarovari KC the following year
- was a member of Serbia's youth and junior national teams
- played at the 2019 WCh for Serbia, missed the EHF EURO 2020, but returned for the 2021 WCh

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Jelena Lavko

right back

current club: CS Minaur Baia Mare since 2020

- in her second stint in Romania, after playing for SCM Craiova between 2015 and 2016
- has also played in Serbia, Hungary, Montenegro and Croatia, changing teams eight times since 2010
- won the Cup Winners' Cup with FTC in the 2011/12 season
- was the captain of Serbia's team in recent years, but was also a member of the team that won the silver medal at the 2013 WCh
- née Zivkovic, she played for a year alongside another Serbian player, Jelena Zivkovic, when she was at Craiova

WCh: S 2013
CWC: 2012

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Uros Bregar

coach

- took over as Serbia head coach in April 2021 ahead of the Women's EHF EURO 2022 Qualifiers
- in 2015, became the head coach of Krim at the of age 36 and led the Slovenian champions until 2021
- started coaching career as a 20-year-old; later mentored by Marta Bon, whom he succeeded at the helm of Krim
- was assistant coach to Indira Kastratovic at Vardar in 2013 before taking over at Hungarian side Vác
- was head coach of Slovenia's women's national team from 2015 to 2021





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Biggest win:	33:26 (13:14) vs. Poland @ Nantes FRA, 30.11.2018
Biggest defeat:	28:40 (14:20) vs. Romania @ Aalborg DEN, 11.12.2010 26:38 (11:20) vs. Hungary @ Kolding DEN, 06.12.2020
Longest winning run:	2 matches (06.12.2012 – 08.12.2012; 11.12.2012 – 13.12.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (06.12.2012 – 13.12.2012)
Longest losing run:	10 matches (07.12.2006 – 04.12.2012)
Longest run without win:	10 matches (07.12.2006 – 04.12.2012)
Current run:	L2 (06.12.2020 – 08.12.2020)
Most goals:	38 vs. Hungary 38:41L aet @ Beograd SRB, 16.12.2012
Most goals opponent:	41 vs. Hungary 38:41L aet @ Beograd SRB, 16.12.2012
Most goals both teams:	79 vs. Hungary 38:41L aet @ Beograd SRB, 16.12.2012
Fewest goals:	16 vs. France 16:27L @ Osijek CRO, 10.12.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	17 vs. France 18:17W @ Beograd SRB, 13.12.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. France 18:17W @ Beograd SRB, 13.12.2012

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

SWE vs SRB

10.12.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh – MR-Group I	23:23 (13:14)
27.03.2014 Kragujevac SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	25:25 (14:14)
30.03.2014 Kristianstad SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	18:18 (9:10)
08.12.2016 Stockholm SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh – Group A	30:30 (15:18)
21.03.2018 Niš SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	30:23 (9:15)
24.03.2018 Skövde SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	31:30 (16:13)
02.12.2018 Nantes FRA	SWE-SRB	ECh – Group A	22:21 (11:13)
03.03.2022 Zrenjanin SRB	SRB-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	24:21 (10:9)
05.03.2022 Ystad SWE	SWE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:25 (17:14)

SRB vs DEN

07.12.2010 Aalborg DEN	DEN-SRB	ECh – Group A	25:20 (14:6)
11.12.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-DEN	ECh – MR-Group I	29:26 (16:14)
11.12.2013 Niš SRB	SRB-DEN	WCh – Group B	23:22 (12:12)
08.12.2015 Herning DEN	DEN-SRB	WCh – Group A	29:20 (13:12)
04.12.2018 Nantes FRA	DEN-SRB	ECh – Group A	25:30 (13:17)
11.12.2019 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	SRB-DEN	WCh – MR-Group I	26:26 (14:11)

SLO vs SRB

27.10.2013 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-SRB	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	31:26 (16:12)
15.06.2014 Niš SRB	SRB-SLO	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	32:25 (18:15)
04.12.2016 Stockholm SWE	SRB-SLO	ECh – Group A	36:34 (17:16)
06.12.2019 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	SRB-SLO	WCh – Group A	29:27 (12:11)
13.12.2021 Granollers ESP	SRB-SLO	WCh – MR-Group I	31:25 (19:14)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Katarina Krpež-Šlezak	32	2008-2020
Marina Dmitrovic	27	2006-2012, 2016-2018
Andrea Lekić	27	2006-2014, 2018-2020
Sladana Pop-Lazic	26	2010-2012, 2016-2020
Jovana Stojiljković	26	2012-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Andrea Lekić	112	2006-2014, 2018-2020
Katarina Krpež-Šlezak	110	2008-2020
Jovana Stojiljković	64	2012-2020
Sladana Pop-Lazic	63	2010-2012, 2016-2020
Sanja Damjanovic	55	2006-2014



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- 🥇 2018
- 🥈 2020
- 🥉 2002, 2006, 2016

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- 🥇 2020
- 🥈 2016

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- 🥇 2003, 2017
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EHF EURO

- 🥈 2016
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EHF EURO

- 🥉 2010

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 🥇 1962
- 🥈 1973, 2005
- 🥉 2015

GROUP FIXTURES – ALL MATCHES ON

5.11.2022 18:00 France vs. North Macedonia
5.11.2022 20:30 Netherlands vs. Romania

7.11.2022 18:00 North Macedonia vs. Netherlands
7.11.2022 20:30 Romania vs. France

9.11.2022 18:00 North Macedonia vs. Romania
9.11.2022 20:30 France vs. Netherlands



Losing two major finals against Norway definitely hurt France, but “Les Bleues” are still one of the best teams featuring at the EHF EURO 2022. With an experienced core and plenty of talent at both ends of the court, Olivier Krumbholz’s side will surely be a challenger for the gold medal.

France will be favoured in the preliminary round in a group featuring Romania, the Netherlands and co-hosts North Macedonia. If France start well, they could be unstoppable until the end of the tournament.

Only one team in history has won four Women’s EHF EURO medals in a row: Norway. The most decorated team in history won eight consecutive EHF EURO medals between 2002 and 2016. France are still third in the all-time medal table, tied with Denmark on five medals, but with two fewer gold medals than the Scandinavian nation, France’s position will not change after the EHF EURO 2022.

France have not established a dynasty, as they lost the EHF EURO 2020 final and the 2021 IHF Women’s World Championship final against Norway, but they are one of the best teams in history. Olivier Krumbholz has created an amazing side that relies heavily on defence to punish their opponents.

On paper, France have what it takes to win their fourth medal in a row, despite Siraba Dembele Pavlovic and Amandine Leynaud ending their international careers. But there are still no significant issues in the squad, with only centre back Meline Nocandy out injured.

After being outplayed by Norway in the second half of the EHF EURO 2020 final, France went to the 2021 IHF Women’s World Championship with big ambitions. However, they faltered once again in the final, as Norway produced one of the all-time great comebacks in women’s handball to cancel a half-time deficit of four goals.

That loss will surely haunt Krumbholz and his squad, but it can be a turning point for this experienced France side, which will try to learn from their mistakes and not collapse the way they did in 2021.

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	2	1	3	125:125	0	5:7	3rd Group 5
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	3	1	0	107:90	+17	7:1	1st Group B
1996	Qualification	6	1	0	5	116:125	-9	2:10	4th Group 2
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	127:127	0	6:6	3rd Group 3
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	48:42	+6	4:0	Won vs. SLO
2000	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	150:125	+25	8:4	5th Place
2002	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	189:191	-2	10:6	3rd Place
2004	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	153:177	-24	2:10	11th Place
2006	Play-off	2	1	1	0	64:53	+11	3:1	Won vs. TUR
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	203:196	+7	10:6	3rd Place
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	74:83	-9	0:6	14th Place
2010	Qualification	6	6	0	0	191:124	+67	12:0	1st Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	168:153	+15	10:4	5th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	215:149	+66	10:2	1st Group 4
2012	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	140:131	+9	6:6	9th Place
2014	Qualification	6	5	1	0	163:108	+55	11:1	1st Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	168:150	+18	11:3	5th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	162:113	+49	12:0	1st Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	183:164	+19	12:4	3rd Place
2018	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	217:181	+36	13:3	Winner
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	61:34	+27	4:0	2nd Group 6
2020	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	209:179	+30	13:3	Runners-up
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	171:134	+37	10:2	1st Group 4
Total Qualification		58	41	4	13	1550:1224	+326	86:30	
Total EHF EURO		75	46	3	26	1854:1730	+124	95:55	

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Cleopatre Darleux

goalkeeper

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball

- played 2011/12 season in Brest before moving to Viborg and Nice, and eventually coming back to Brest in 2016, where she was the MVP of the French league in 2018
- part of France team which won the gold medal at the 2017 WCh and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, missed out on the gold medal at the EHF EURO 2018
- gave birth to her first daughter in November 2019
- having made her debut in the national team in 2008, she only played in two EHF EURO editions, in 2012 and 2020, this will be only her third edition

OG: G 2020; EURO: S 2020; WCh: G 2017, S 2009, 2011
EC trophies: CWC 2014



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Estelle Nze Minko

left back

current club: Györi Audi ETO KC since 2019

- played in France for Toulouse, Mios Biganos, Nantes, Nimes and Fleury, signed for Siófok in 2016 and moved to Győr in 2019
- played in four previous EHF EUROs, became the MVP at the EHF EURO 2020
- started playing handball when she was only 12, made her debut for the national team in 2014 and became France's captain in 2022
- is of Franco-Gabonese origin and her nickname is Minkovic, a play on her name and a South Slavic suffix
- graduated with a degree in communications and media, has an entrepreneurial spirit and created a mystery box, named V Box, with various products for women

EHF EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2021; OG: G 2020,
S 2016 EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



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Coralie Lassource

left wing

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball since 2019

- born in France to parents from Martinique, she lived on the Caribbean Island for five years, between nine and 14 years old
- her sister, Deborah, is also a handball player and has played as a left back for France
- she was teammates with her sister at Paris 92 between 2014 and 2017
- known for her defensive abilities in the back court, she was the best defender in the French league in 2016 and the All-star left wing of the 2021 WCh
- has been a regular fixture in France's team, but her only appearance at an EHF EURO came in 2020

EHF EURO: S 2020; OG: G 2020; WCh: S 2021



gracezaadi

Grace Zaadi

centre back

current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2022

- spent her entire career in France until moving to Rostov-Don in 2021 and then to CSM Bucuresti in the summer of 2022
- is one of the most decorated French handball players in history
- comes from a very religious family, hence her first name, which is the same as her grandmother
- studied physiotherapy and is the patron of a foundation which fights against leukodystrophies
- is a big social media fan, often sporting outlandish hats and original outfits in posts

EHF EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2021; OG: G 2020,
S 2016



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Pauletta Foppa

line player

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball since 2018

- Foppa's mother sent her to play handball after she did not like basketball and football
- at the age 17, was one of the youngest players to debut in France's national team
- has only played for two different clubs: Fleury Loiret and Brest Bretagne
- now aged 21, she is the number one line player for France, having been named the All-star line player of the Tokyo 2020 OG, the 2021 WCh and of the CL in 2020/21
- despite being born in 2000, Foppa will feature at the EHF EURO for the third time, having already clinched the gold medal in 2018 and silver in 2020

EHF EURO: G 2018, S 2020; WCh: S 2021; OG: G 2020



pcoatanea_55

Pauline Coatanea

right wing

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball since 2017

- has a degree in chemistry, also did an internship with a cosmetic and make up company, developing skincare products
- born in Brest, she moved to Nantes in 2012 before returning to her hometown, where her family lives, in 2017
- was the All-star right wing of the 2012 Junior WCh and the best right wing in the French league in 2018
- has scored more than 100 goals for France since making her senior national team debut in March 2017
- reached the CL final with Brest Bretagne in 2021

EHF EURO: G 2018, S 2020; OG: G 2020



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Beatrice Edwige

line player

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2022

- born in Paris, she moved to Mana, in French Guiana, but returned to France at the age of 11
- nicknamed Bea, she left France after 15 seasons spent at Cercle Dijon, OGC Nice and Metz to join Győr in 2019
- joined her friend Grace Zaadi Deuna at Rostov-Don in 2021 after two seasons with Győr, but moved to FTC in 2022
- was the first Guianese player to play at the OG and was the All-star defender of the EHF EURO 2016

EHF EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2021; OG: G 2020, S 2016



Olivier Krumbholz

coach

- started his coaching career in 1986, spent nine years at Metz and has coached France in two stints
- after coaching France between 1998 and 2013, he replaced Alain Portes as France coach in 2016
- named the IHF Coach of the Year for female teams in 2010 and 2018 – with the second award coming after his first gold medal at the EHF EURO
- has coached the most matches (68) at the Women's EHF EURO, with 41 wins, two draws and 25 losses, before his 11th EHF EURO appearance in 2022
- his wife, Corinne, is a former handball player whom Krumbholz coached during his stint at Metz

International medals as a coach: EHF EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2002, 2006, 2016; WCh: G 2003, 2017, S 1999, 2009, 2011, 2021; OG: G 2020, S 2016



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EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	29:16 (15:10) vs. FYR Macedonia @ Niš SRB, 04.12.2012
Biggest defeat:	22:33 (10:19) vs. Norway @ Lillehammer NOR, 07.12.2010 19:30 (10:14) vs. Norway @ Beograd SRB, 10.12.2012
Longest winning run:	7 matches (12.12.2018 – 10.12.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	14 matches (02.12.2018 – 18.12.2020)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (03.12.2008 – 08.12.2010)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (03.12.2008 – 08.12.2010)
Current run:	L1 (20.12.2020)
Most goals:	38 vs. Serbia 38:28W @ Nantes FRA, 12.12.2018
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Austria 29:36L @ Győr HUN, 09.12.2004
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Serbia 38:28W @ Nantes FRA, 12.12.2018
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Norway 16:21L @ Århus DEN, 14.12.2002 16 vs. Norway 16:20L @ Göteborg SWE, 16.12.2016
Fewest goals opponent:	14 vs. Austria 26:14W @ Râmnicu Vâlcea ROU, 13.12.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Serbia 17:18L @ Beograd SRB, 13.12.2012 35 vs. The Netherlands 17:18L @ Kristianstad SWE, 08.12.2016

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

FRA vs MKD

25.10.1995 Valence FRA	FRA-MKD	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group B	25:16 (8:7)
29.10.1995 Kumanovo MKD	MKD-FRA	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group B	25:25 (11:10)
04.12.2001 Bolzano – Bozen ITA	FRA-MKD	WCh – Group A	31:17 (14:11)
05.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	FRA-MKD	WCh – Group D	25:22 (9:13)
08.12.2007 Metz FRA	FRA-MKD	WCh – MR-Group I	29:23 (12:11)
22.03.2012 Skopje MKD	MKD-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	30:27 (18:14)
25.03.2012 Clermont-Ferrand FRA	FRA-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	40:20 (19:12)
04.12.2012 Niš SRB	FRA-MKD	ECh – Group B	29:16 (15:10)

ROU vs FRA

07.12.1986 Emmen NED	ROU-FRA	A-WCh – Group D	27:8 (16:5)
14.12.1987 Burgas BUL	ROU-FRA	B-WCh – MR-Group II	28:17 (14:9)
02.12.1999 Trondheim NOR	FRA-ROU	WCh – Group B	22:20 (10:12)
11.12.1999 Lillehammer NOR	ROU-FRA	WCh – Semi-final	17:18 (8:9)
25.09.2000 Sydney AUS	FRA-ROU	OG – Group A	21:18 (11:10)
11.12.2002 Århus DEN	ROU-FRA	ECh – MR-Group I	26:29 (12:15)
14.12.2004 Debrecen HUN	ROU-FRA	ECh – MR-Group II	31:25 (15:13)
09.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	ROU-FRA	WCh – Group D	28:26 (16:12)
13.12.2007 Paris FRA	FRA-ROU	WCh – Quarter-final	31:34 (14:8, 24:24, 27:27)
13.08.2008 Beijing CHN	ROU-FRA	OG – Group A	34:26 (17:13)
21.08.2008 Beijing CHN	ROU-FRA	OG – Place 5-8	34:36 (13:12, 27:27, 31:31)
05.12.2008 Skopje MKD	ROU-FRA	ECh – Group A	30:25 (17:13)
09.12.2011 São Paulo BRA	ROU-FRA	WCh – Group C	20:39 (12:20)
25.05.2012 Lyon FRA	FRA-ROU	OG – Qual. Tournament 1	24:19 (12:9)
08.12.2017 Trier GER	FRA-ROU	WCh – Group A	26:17 (17:7)

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

FRA vs NED

08.12.1977 Bad Oeynhausen FRG	NED-FRA	B-WCh – MR-Group I	20:9 (8:3)
05.12.1981 Nørre Sundby DEN	NED-FRA	B-WCh – Place 9/10	25:15 (9:6)
08.12.1989 Brædstrup DEN	FRA-NED	B-WCh – MR-Group I	19:16 (7:10)
05.12.1992 Kaunas LTU	NED-FRA	B-WCh – Place 7/8	16:15 (7:7)
05.12.2001 Bolzano – Bozen ITA	NED-FRA	WCh – Group A	21:22 (10:8)
06.12.2002 Århus DEN	FRA-NED	ECh – Group B	25:24 (11:12)
10.12.2006 Malmö SWE	FRA-NED	ECh – Group D	28:26 (11:13)
12.12.2010 Lillehammer NOR	NED-FRA	ECh – MR-Group II	21:23 (10:13)
10.12.2013 Beograd SRB	NED-FRA	WCh – Group A	19:23 (10:10)
17.12.2014 Zagreb CRO	NED-FRA	ECh – MR-Group II	18:20 (9:7)
16.12.2015 Kolding DEN	NED-FRA	WCh – Quarter-final	28:25 (15:12)
18.03.2016 Metz FRA	FRA-NED	OG – Qual. Tournament 1	17:24 (7:9)
06.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	NED-FRA	OG – Group B	14:18 (6:10)
18.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	NED-FRA	OG – Semi-final	23:24 (13:17)
08.12.2016 Kristianstad SWE	NED-FRA	ECh – Group B	18:17 (7:12)
14.12.2018 Paris FRA	FRA-NED	ECh – Semi-final	27:21 (12:11)
04.08.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	FRA-NED	OG – Quarter-final	32:22 (19:11)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Siraba Dembélé Pavlovic	54	2006-2020
Alexandra Lacrabère	49	2006-2020
Amandine Leynaud	41	2008-2010, 2014-2020
Camille Ayglon Saurina	39	2008-2018
Allison Pineau	39	2008-2018

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Alexandra Lacrabère	154	2006-2020
Siraba Dembélé Pavlovic	118	2006-2020
Estelle Nze Minko	111	2014-2020
Stéphanie Cano	82	2000-2006
Allison Pineau	81	2008-2018



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With a new coach, plenty of new and young players, and with former stalwarts either injured or retired, Netherlands aim to bounce back to the top at the Women's EHF EURO 2022, after three consecutive major tournaments that failed to produce a medal.

A partly inexperienced squad, but with plenty of hunger to follow into the footsteps of the all-time greats that secured plenty of medals between 2015 and 2019, is aiming to go great again, but the path will be challenging.

Between 2015 and 2019, Netherlands secured five medals in six consecutive tournaments, missing out only at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, when they finished fourth. It was the golden age of Dutch handball, with a gold medal at the IHF Women's World Championship and two silver and two bronze medals each at the EHF EURO and the World Championship, underlining the strength of the squad.

From that moment, several changes were made, with key players retiring and others missing in major tournaments due to a variety of reasons. Over the past six years, four coaches have been on the bench, with Helle Thomsen, Emmanuel Mayonnade, Monique Tijsterman and Per Johansson leading the Dutch team, all with different styles and approaches.

Netherlands failed to secure a medal or at least a semi-finals berth for the past two tournaments, finishing sixth at the EHF EURO 2020 and ninth at the 2021 IHF Women's World Championship, their worst finish since 2013, which prompted another coaching change.

Per Johansson was brought to steady the ship, but the experienced Swedish coach now finds himself in a difficult situation, with plenty of absences and a new generation that needs to bounce back, without a lot of experience on their hands. But Johansson himself is no stranger to adversity and has plenty of experience as a national team coach, having led Sweden between 2008 and 2012 and Montenegro between 2017 and 2020, which bodes well, as this will be his fourth EHF EURO in his career.



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EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	2	0	4	119:125	-6	4:8	3rd Group 7
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	2	0	2	80:73	+7	4:4	1st Group C
1996	Qualification	6	2	0	4	119:135	-16	4:8	3rd Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	126:153	-27	2:10	10th Place
2000	Play-off	2	0	1	1	52:54	-2	1:3	Lost vs. YUG
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	58:49	+9	4:0	Won vs. POR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	73:80	-7	0:6	14th Place
2004	Play-off	2	0	1	1	55:58	-3	1:3	Lost vs. ROU
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	56:51	+5	2:2	Won vs. BLR
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	65:84	-19	0:6	15th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	52:54	-2	2:2	Lost vs. SRB
2010	Qualification	6	3	2	1	161:146	+15	8:4	2nd Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	131:145	-14	4:8	8th Place
2014	Qualification	6	5	0	1	170:122	+48	10:2	2nd Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	161:158	+3	5:7	7th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	216:140	+76	10:2	1st Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	227:201	+26	12:4	Runners-up
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	185:118	+67	10:2	2nd Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	207:196	+11	12:4	Third Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	75:42	+33	4:0	1st Group 1
2020	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	193:196	-3	6:8	6th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	184:106	+78	12:0	1st Group 3
Total Qualification		58	36	4	18	1582:1273	+309	76:40	
Total EHF EURO		47	20	1	26	1183:1213	-30	41:53	

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rinkaduijndam

Rinka Duijndam

goalkeeper

current club: Sola HK since 2022

- was part of the famous Dutch youth academy in Papendal, arrived in Germany at the age of 18 and moved to Norwegian team Sola HK in 2022
- spent six years in Germany playing for Bad Wildungen (2016-18), Dortmund (2018-2021) and Thüringer HC (2021-22)
- took a break from handball between February and July 2022
- took an enormous step forward between 2018 and 2021 when coached at Dortmund by Germany's former goalkeeper Clara Woltering
- has played in a variety of European club competitions since playing for H.V. Quintus in the Challenge Cup

WCh: G 2019; EHF EURO: B 2018



estavana

Estavana Polman

left back

current club: Nykøbing Falster Håndbold since 2022

- left the Netherlands in 2011 to play for SønderjyskE in Denmark. Spent nine years at Team Esbjerg from 2013 until 2022 before moving to Nykøbing Falster
- in a relationship with former football star Rafael van der Vaart; they have a daughter, Jesslynn, born in July 2017
- named the All-Star centre back at the W19 EHF EURO in 2011, the All-Star centre back and the MVP of the 2019 WCh
- is the eighth best scorer in the Dutch national team's history, with more than 560 goals, but has missed significant periods due to serious injuries
- this will be her fourth EHF EURO, having already featured in 2014, 2016 & 2018

WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017; EHF EURO: S 2016, B 2018



bovanwetering

Bo van Wetering

left wing

current club: Odense Håndbold since 2021

- a diminutive but pacy left wing, van Wetering made her debut for the national team in 2019
- won the 2019 WCh with the Netherlands in her first major championship
- played for VOC Amsterdam between 2016 and 2019, spent two years in Germany at TuS Metzingen and now plays for Danish side Odense
- was named the Talent of the Year in the Dutch first league in the 2018/19 season and the All-Star left wing of the W19 EHF EURO 2017
- scored the most goals in a game for the Dutch national team, 18, against Kazakhstan, at the 2021 WCh

WCh: G 2019



ingersmits

Inger Smits

centre back

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2019

- the daughter of former handball players, Gino Smits and Cecille Leenen, her brothers, Kay and Jorn, are also professional handball players
- Smits started handball in the Netherlands, moved to VfL Oldenburg in Germany and TTH Holstebro in Denmark, before signing for Dortmund in 2019 and Bietigheim in 2021
- this will be her third EHF EURO edition, having already played in 2018 and 2020
- was also part of the team that won the 2019 WCh in Japan
- her favourite athlete is another Dutchman, Rico Verhoeven, a martial arts fighter

WCh: G 2019; EHF EURO: B 2018
EL: 2022



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[dionehousheer](#)

Dione Housheer

right back

current club: Odense Håndbold since 2021

- a member of the Dutch team that won the 2019 WCh who has been playing in Denmark since 2018
- was the best right back in the Danish league in 2021/22 for current club Odense
- her talent was immediately recognised when she started playing handball at the age of five; played for the youth national team aged 13
- impressed when on trial in 2018 at Danish side Nykøbing Falster; signed her first contract outside of the Netherlands for NFH when she was only 18
- was MVP of the European Open Championship in 2016, the Talent of the Year in the Dutch league in 2017 and Player of the Year in 2018

WCh: G 2019; EHF EURO: B 2018



[angelamalestein](#)

Antje Angela Malestein

right wing

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2020

- played for VOC Amsterdam and Dalftsén before moving to German side Blomberg at the age of 19 in 2012
- has been one of the top scorers for FTC in the CL since moving to Budapest in 2020
- All-star Team member of W19 EHF EURO 2011; first played in the Dutch national team at the age of 16
- has played 28 matches at the EHF EURO since making her debut in 2010
- also featured at the EHF EURO in 2016, 2018 and 2020, making the EHF EURO 2022 the fifth EURO of her career

WCh: G 2019, B 2017; EHF EURO: S 2016, B 2018



[lauravdheijden](#)

Laura Van der Heijden

right back

current club: Chambray Touraine Handball since 2022

- has just hit 250 caps for the Netherlands, the most in the history of the women's national team
- made her debut in the national team in 2007, when, by her own admission, the Dutch team was just trying to grow
- played for Amsterdam, Oldenburg, Esbjerg, Bietigheim, FTC and Borussia Dortmund before signing for Chambray Touraine in the summer of 2022
- started playing handball at the age of six, in Leusden, near Amersfoort, where she was born; named the Talent of the Year in the Netherlands in 2008
- this will be the sixth EHF EURO of her career

WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017; EHF EURO: S 2016, B 2018



Per Johansson

coach

- his first job outside Sweden was at CSM Bucuresti in 2017
- had three stints for CSM Bucuresti, two as a head coach (2017 and 2018) and one as an assistant (2020)
- also coached Rostov-Don between 2020 and 2022
- the Netherlands is his third job as a national team coach; led Sweden to a silver medal at the EHF EURO 2010 and coached Montenegro between 2017 and 2020
- loves rock music and is a West Ham United fan, but he is also an equestrian aficionado

International medals as a coach: EHF EURO: S 2010



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EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	25:13 (13:8) vs. Ukraine @ Larvik NOR, 07.12.2010
Biggest defeat:	13:35 (9:18) vs. Norway @ Lillehammer NOR, 15.12.2010
Longest winning run:	6 matches (06.12.2016 – 16.12.2016)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (06.12.2016 – 16.12.2016)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (17.12.1998 – 10.12.2006)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (17.12.1998 – 10.12.2006)
Current run:	L1 (18.12.2020)
Most goals:	35 vs. Serbia 35:27W @ Göteborg SWE, 12.12.2016 35 vs. Romania 35:24W @ Kolding DEN, 15.12.2020
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Norway 13:35L @ Lillehammer NOR, 15.12.2010
Most goals both teams:	63 vs. Sweden 33:30W @ Göteborg SWE, 10.12.2016
Fewest goals:	13 vs. Norway 13:35L @ Lillehammer NOR, 15.12.2010
Fewest goals opponent:	13 vs. Ukraine 25:13W @ Larvik NED, 07.12.2010
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. France 18:17W @ Kristianstad SWE, 08.12.2016

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

NED vs ROU

07.12.1978 Bratislava TCH	ROU-NED	A-WCh – Place 7-9	25:19 (14:8)
01.12.1981 Randers DEN	ROU-NED	B-WCh – Group B	30:13 (17:7)
12.12.1987 Burgas BUL	ROU-NED	B-WCh – Group C	19:18 (11:10)
16.12.1998 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NED-ROU	ECh – Group A	30:23 (12:9)
07.12.1999 Gjøvik NOR	NED-ROU	WCh – Last 16	16:26 (3:9)
30.05.2004 Emmen NED	NED-ROU	ECh-Playoff	28:31 (16:17)
06.06.2004 Sighişoara ROU	ROU-NED	ECh-Playoff	27:27 (15:16)
09.12.2018 Nancy FRA	NED-ROU	ECh – MR-Group 2	29:24 (11:10)
16.12.2018 Paris FRA	ROU-NED	ECh – Place 3/4	20:24 (8:15)
15.12.2020 Kolding DEN	NED-ROU	ECh – MR-Group II	35:24 (16:12)
09.12.2021 Castellón de la Plana ESP	NED-ROU	WCh – MR-Group II	31:30 (17:14)

MKD vs NED

08.12.2001 Bolzano – Bozen ITA	MKD-NED	WCh – Group A	24:29 (9:16)
18.10.2009 Rotterdam NED	NED-MKD	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	20:20 (15:8)
30.05.2010 Skopje MKD	MKD-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	28:28 (12:14)

FRA vs NED

08.12.1977 Bad Oeynhausen FRG	NED-FRA	B-WCh – MR-Group I	20:9 (8:3)
05.12.1981 Nørre Sundby DEN	NED-FRA	B-WCh – Place 9/10	25:15 (9:6)
08.12.1989 Brædstrup DEN	FRA-NED	B-WCh – MR-Group I	19:16 (7:10)
05.12.1992 Kaunas LTU	NED-FRA	B-WCh – Place 7/8	16:15 (7:7)
05.12.2001 Bolzano – Bozen ITA	NED-FRA	WCh – Group A	21:22 (10:8)
06.12.2002 Århus DEN	FRA-NED	ECh – Group B	25:24 (11:12)
10.12.2006 Malmö SWE	FRA-NED	ECh – Group D	28:26 (11:13)
12.12.2010 Lillehammer NOR	NED-FRA	ECh – MR-Group II	21:23 (10:13)
10.12.2013 Beograd SRB	NED-FRA	WCh – Group A	19:23 (10:10)
17.12.2014 Zagreb CRO	NED-FRA	ECh – MR-Group II	18:20 (9:7)
16.12.2015 Kolding DEN	NED-FRA	WCh – Quarter-final	28:25 (15:12)
18.03.2016 Metz FRA	FRA-NED	OG – Qual. Tournament 1	17:24 (7:9)
06.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	NED-FRA	OG – Group B	14:18 (6:10)
18.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	NED-FRA	OG – Semi-final	23:24 (13:17)
08.12.2016 Kristianstad SWE	NED-FRA	ECh – Group B	18:17 (7:12)
14.12.2018 Paris FRA	FRA-NED	ECh – Semi-final	27:21 (12:11)
04.08.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	FRA-NED	OG – Quarter-final	32:22 (19:11)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Debbie Bont	35	2010,2014-2020
Laura Van der Heijden	35	2010,2014-2020
Kelly Dulfer	29	2014-2020
Tess Wester	29	2014-2020
Lois Abbingh	28	2010,2016-2020
Nycke Groot	28	2010,2014-2018
Jessy Kramer	28	2014-2020
Angela Malestein	28	2010,2016-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Estavana Polman	108	2014-2018
Laura Van der Heijden	98	2010,2014-2020
Lois Abbingh	94	2010,2016-2020
Nycke Groot	94	2010,2014-2018
Debbie Bont	64	2010,2014-2020



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North Macedonia, one of the most inexperienced teams at the EHF EURO 2022, will aim to progress to the main round for the first time since 2008. But with key players injured and plenty of issues in the squad, they have a mountain to climb. The draw has not been kind for North Macedonia, who await reigning Olympic champions France, Netherlands and Romania in group C.

The EHF EURO is an unforgiving tournament. Indeed, if you lose your first three games, you are out. This happened to North Macedonia when they failed to secure a win in the preliminary round at the EHF EURO 2012.

The situation is a bit different now, with their fans ready to take on any challenge and support their team – just as they do at every major tournament. The fiery atmosphere in the Boris Trajkovski Arena in Skopje will pump up the co-hosts, but is it enough?

Only a few of North Macedonia's players have featured in the EHF Champions League, EHF European League or the EHF European Cup – and they will be facing more experienced sides in the preliminary round. Experience goes a long way in this type of tournament. Back at the EHF EURO for the first time in 10 years, North Macedonia will surely see this tournament as a big challenge.

In late September, North Macedonia lost two friendly matches against Norway's B team in Skopje. The second loss, a 37:27 defeat, left coach Ljubomir Savevski scratching his head only one month before the start of the tournament.

While not everything has worked according to plan in the build-up, the final tournament will be a different situation for the team, with added pressure and fans expecting results from the players. North Macedonia's lack of experience could be decisive, but as lessons have been learnt, they can now only focus on the future and the task at hand.

**Player info in team profiles correct as of 21 October 2022*

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	1	1	2	95:101	-6	3:5	2nd Group B
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	140:130	+10	6:6	2nd Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	132:171	-39	4:8	8th Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	69:50	+19	4:0	Won vs. BUL
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	151:162	-11	4:8	8th Place
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	56:58	-2	2:2	Lost vs. CZE
2004	Qualification	3	3	0	0	91:73	+18	6:0	1st Group 2
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	47:51	-4	2:2	Lost vs. GER
2006	Play-off	2	2	0	0	55:47	+8	4:0	Won vs. ISL
2006	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	138:167	-29	2:10	12th Place
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	160:175	-15	6:6	7th Place
2010	Qualification	6	2	2	2	157:153	+4	6:6	3rd Group 7
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	170:176	-6	8:4	2nd Group 4
2012	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	61:92	-31	0:6	16th Place
2014	Qualification	4	0	0	4	84:121	-37	0:8	3rd Group 7
2016	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	114:176	-62	0:12	4th Group 4
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	153:177	-24	4:8	3rd Group 3
2020	Qualification 2	2	0	0	2	55:72	-17	0:4	3rd Group 5
Total Qualification		51	21	3	27	1286:1385	-99	45:57	
Total EHF EURO		27	7	2	18	642:767	-125	16:38	



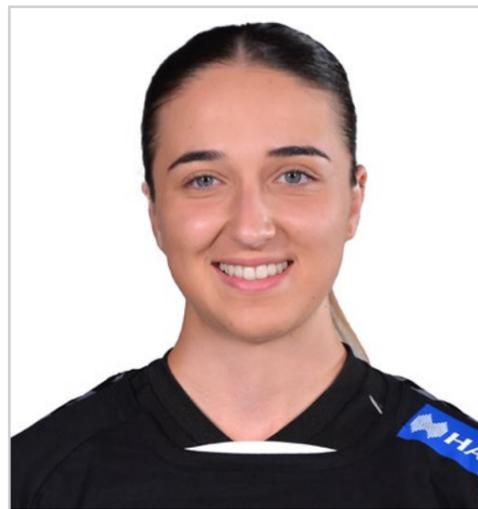


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jovanamicevska16

Jovana Micevska

goalkeeper

current club: OGC Nice Cote d Azur Handball since 2019

- started playing handball at Vardar's academy when she was only six years old
- never looked back after taking up the sport and continued to develop her skills
- made her CL debut for Vardar in 2017, featuring in three matches, as she was the understudy of Inna Suslina and Amandine Leynaud
- has featured for OGC Nice Cote d Azur after moving to the French club in 2019 when she was only 19 years old
- this is her first appearance at a major tournament



mladenovska_19

Iva Mladenovska

right back

current club: WHC Metalurg

- considered one of the brightest talents unearthed in Macedonian handball over the last decade, Mladenovska made the final cut for the EHF EURO 2022 at only 15 years old
- her 2022 was nothing short of spectacular, being named the MVP of the Macedonian Cup, which she won with Metalurg, and also featured for the national team at the IHF Women's Junior World Championship in North Macedonia
- The Agency for Youth and Sports declared her the best young athlete in North Macedonia for 2021 in all sports
- her mother was also a handball player and directed her to play, started the sport at RK Kastratovic, the club of former Vardar player and coach, Indira Kastratovic



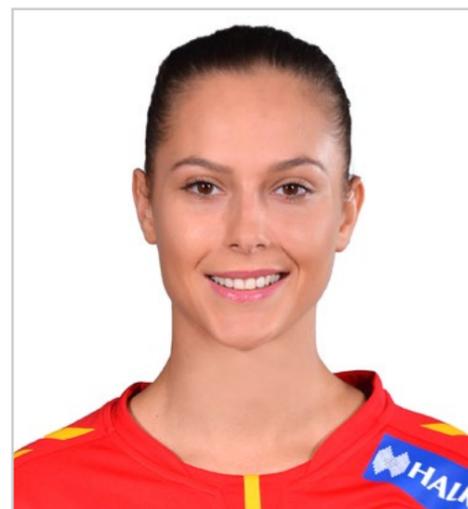
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Jovana Sazdovska

left wing

current club: HC Dunarea Braila since 2020

- played for Metalurg for 10 years before moving to Romania to play for Magura Cismadie
- returned to North Macedonia with Vardar in 2017 and was a CL finalist in 2018
- featured for Thüringer HC before signing for Dunarea Braila, where she has played since 2020
- reached the EL quarter-finals with HC Dunarea Braila in the 2020/21 season
- despite being one of the most experienced players in the squad, she will make her debut at the EHF EURO in 2022



gichevska88

Leonida Gichevska

centre back

current club: HC Lokomotiva Zagreb since 2022

- played for Vardar, Kumanovo and Metalurg in North Macedonia before leaving the country to play for Sambre Avesnois in the French second division
- has featured for HC Lokomotiva Zagreb in the CL after joining the Croatian club in the summer of 2022
- moved from Sveti Nikole to the capital Skopje when she was only 13 years old to play for Vardar and modelled her game on backs Andrea Lekic and Andrea Penezic
- has always played with the number 88 on her back, a tribute to her father, who wore number eight when he was a player
- having never featured in a major tournament before, this is her ECh debut



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Sanja Dabevska

line player

current club: HC Lokomotiva Zagreb since 2022

- after taking an unexpected path in her career, she is now featuring for Lokomotiva Zagreb in her first CL season
- previously played for Metalurg in North Macedonia, O.F.N. Ionias in Greece and Dunaujvaros in Hungary
- won the league in North Macedonia five times with Metalurg
- stated that her biggest hobby is driving her car, which relaxes her, but also likes to increase her adrenaline with extreme sports like parachuting and paintball
- although she has played just over 30 times for the national team, this is her first ECh



Sara Ristovska

right wing

current club: CSKA since 2019

- started her career at Metalurg, moved to Vardar in 2015, where she stayed until 2018, and has subsequently featured in the CL for Krim Mercator and CSKA
- played football before switching to handball at the age of 10; her trademark speed made her a proper wing
- in love with North Macedonian music, her favourite singer is Tose Proeski, who died in 2007 and had Skopje's national football stadium named after him in 2019
- her favourite handball player is former France right wing Luc Abalo
- this is her first appearance at a major tournament

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Bojana Koceva

centre back

current club: WHC Vardar since 2021

- considered one of the most talented young players coming through North Macedonia's system in recent years
- made her debut in the European Cup at 17 years old, scoring 10 goals for Vardar in the 2021/22 competition
- captained North Macedonia's youth team when the Balkan nation hosted the 2022 IHF Youth WCh
- was the second-best scorer for North Macedonia at the 2022 Youth WCh, with 30 goals
- aged 18, she will become one of the youngest players to make her ECh debut for North Macedonia



Ljubomir Savevski

coach

- a former player born in Skopje, he has coached North Macedonia's men's and women's national teams
- returned for his second stint with the women's team in June 2021
- has also led North Macedonia's women's youth national team at the 2022 Youth WCh, where they finished 12th
- left Vardar in 2011 and took a 10-year break from handball until being handed the keys to the women's national team ahead of the EHF EURO 2022
- as he was replaced just before the EHF EURO 2008 in his first stint as coach, this is his first ECh





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Biggest win:	27:22 (13:10) vs. Spain @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 14.12.1998 29:24 (17:12) vs. Belarus @ Skopje MKD, 11.12.2008
Biggest defeat:	24:43 (12:15) vs. Russia @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
Longest winning run:	2 matches (14.12.1998 – 16.12.1998) 2 matches (04.12.2008 – 06.12.2008)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (14.12.1998 – 16.12.1998) 2 matches (08.12.2000 – 09.12.2000) 2 matches (04.12.2008 – 06.12.2008)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (08.12.2006 – 02.12.2008)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (08.12.2006 – 02.12.2008)
Current run:	L3 (04.12.2012 – 08.12.2012)
Most goals:	38 vs. Yugoslavia 38:39aet2L @ București ROU, 15.12.2000
Most goals opponent:	43 vs. Russia 24:43L @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
Most goals both teams:	77 vs. Yugoslavia 38:39aet2L @ București ROU, 15.12.2000
Fewest goals:	13 vs. Norway 13:28L @ Göteborg SWE, 13.12.2006
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Denmark 20:19W @ București ROU, 08.12.2000 19 vs. Romania 19:19D @ București ROU, 09.12.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	38 vs. Romania 19:19D @ București ROU, 09.12.2000

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

FRA vs MKD

25.10.1995 Valence FRA	FRA-MKD	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group B	25:16 (8:7)
29.10.1995 Kumanovo MKD	MKD-FRA	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group B	25:25 (11:10)
04.12.2001 Bolzano – Bozen ITA	FRA-MKD	WCh – Group A	31:17 (14:11)
05.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	FRA-MKD	WCh – Group D	25:22 (9:13)
08.12.2007 Metz FRA	FRA-MKD	WCh – MR-Group I	29:23 (12:11)
22.03.2012 Skopje MKD	MKD-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	30:27 (18:14)
25.03.2012 Clermont-Ferrand FRA	FRA-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	40:20 (19:12)
04.12.2012 Niš SRB	FRA-MKD	ECh – Group B	29:16 (15:10)

MKD vs NED

08.12.2001 Bolzano – Bozen ITA	MKD-NED	WCh – Group A	24:29 (9:16)
18.10.2009 Rotterdam NED	NED-MKD	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	20:20 (15:8)
30.05.2010 Skopje MKD	MKD-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	28:28 (12:14)

MKD vs ROU

09.12.1997 Hamburg GER	ROU-MKD	WCh – Last 16	33:37 (15:13, 27:27, 29:29)
09.12.1999 Hamar NOR	ROU-MKD	WCh – Quarter-final	33:21 (21:9)
09.12.2000 București ROU	ROU-MKD	ECh – Group B	19:19 (11:9)
10.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	ROU-MKD	WCh – Group D	29:22 (18:8)
17.04.2021 București ROU	ROU-MKD	WCh-Qual. 2 Playoff	33:22 (15:11)
21.04.2021 Skopje MKD	MKD-ROU	WCh-Qual. 2 Playoff	20:35 (10:18)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Valentina Radulovic (Tarčulovska)	24	1998-2000, 2006-2008
Klara Boeva	18	1998-2000, 2006
Anzela Platon Dimovska	18	1998-2000, 2006
Tanja Andrejeva	15	2006-2008, 2012
Biljana Crvenkoska	15	2006-2008, 2012
Julija Nikolic (Portjanko)	15	2006-2008, 2012
Dragana Pecevska	15	2006-2008, 2012

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Valentina Radulovic (Tarčulovska)	104	1998-2000, 2006-2008
Julija Nikolic (Portjanko)	69	2006-2008, 2012
Klara Boeva	50	1998-2000, 2006
Larisa Ferzalieva (Kiseleva)	45*	1998-2000
Marina Abramova	44	1998-2000

*Larisa Ferzalieva (Kiseleva) scored also 19 goals for Russia (1994)



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Romania changed their coach this autumn for the sixth time in the past seven years in the hope that the change will drive them back to the top of European handball once again.

With so many different styles and plenty of change, players have had little time to adapt, despite the main core of the team remaining more or same the less over the past years.

Florentin Pera was confirmed in September as the new coach for Romania's women national team, replacing Adrian Vasile, whose contract was up in July. Pera, who recently finished his one-year stint at Russian side CSKA, had only two months to prepare for the EHF EURO 2022 and only three friendly games prior to the throw off, at the Carpathian Trophy, where Romania faced Austria, Serbia and Spain.

Pera has plenty of experience as a coach, having featured in the EHF Champions League Women, but this is his first time on the bench of a national team, which means less time to prepare the squad, help the team gel and impose his defence-first philosophy.

Four years ago, Romania finished fourth at the EHF EURO, after Cristina Neagu suffered a season-ending injury in a main round match against Hungary. It went downhill from that point on, as Romania lost their next two games and never returned to the top, finishing 12th and 13th at the 2019 and 2021 world championships and 12th at the EHF EURO 2020.

For the first time since 2018, Romania will have Cristina Neagu at 100 per cent, after she chose to miss the 2021 IHF Women's World Championship, but the supporting cast is definitely not up to Neagu's talent or level of performance. In the end, her form will be critical for Romania's performance at the EHF EURO 2022, yet a group with France, the Netherlands and North Macedonia is a very tough one to navigate for a side that has been looking constantly for guidance.

**Player info in team profiles correct as of 21 October 2022*

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	5	0	1	122:83	+39	10:2	1st Group 4
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	112:124	-12	4:8	10th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	137:126	+11	7:5	2nd Group 3
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	1	1	155:139	+16	9:3	5th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	164:157	+7	8:4	2nd Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	148:168	-20	2:10	11th Place
2000	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	168:164	+4	7:7	4th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	169:166	+3	8:6	7th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	58:55	+3	3:1	Won vs. NED
2004	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	206:187	+19	10:4	7th Place
2006	Play-off	2	0	1	1	47:51	-4	1:3	Lost vs. SCG
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	70:46	+24	4:0	Won vs. ISL
2008	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	209:199	+10	10:4	5th Place
2010	Qualification	6	4	1	1	219:153	+66	9:3	2nd Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	205:197	+8	10:6	3rd Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	187:128	+59	10:2	1st Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	136:139	-3	5:7	10th Place
2014	Qualification	4	2	0	2	103:103	0	4:4	2nd Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	136:137	-1	7:5	9th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	150:137	+13	8:4	2nd Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:158	+15	10:4	5th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	179:149	+30	10:2	1st Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	213:212	+1	8:8	4th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	52:44	+8	4:0	2nd Group 7
2020	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	135:160	-25	2:10	12th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	183:169	+14	7:5	2nd Group 2
Total Qualification		60	40	5	15	1671:1401	+270	85:35	
Total EHF EURO		87	44	4	39	2165:2150	+15	92:82	



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yuliya_dumanska

Yuliya Dumanska

goalkeeper

current club: CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita Nasaud since 2022

- born in Ukraine, started to play handball when she was 11, then moved to Romania three years later. Has been a Romanian citizen since 2016
- played in Romania for Baia Mare, Craiova and Ramnicu Valcea before moving to Podravka Vegeta in Croatia for two years; now back in Romania
- won the bronze medal with Romania at the 2016 Junior WCh
- named the MVP of the Romanian league in 2019; the EHF EURO 2022 will be her fourth edition of the competition, having played in 2016, 2018 and 2020
- her father was a football player, her mother was a handball goalkeeper, while her sister is also a goalkeeper

EHF Cup 2018



cristinaneaguofficial

Cristina Neagu

left back

current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2017

- four-time IHF Player of the Year, has scored over 900 goals for the national team, one of three players to reach that milestone
- the all-time top scorer of the EHF EURO, with 264 goals over seven editions, being the top scorer in 2010 and the All-Star left back in 2010, 2014 and 2016
- considered quitting sport in 2011, suffering from severe shoulder and knee injuries, and has missed more than two years in her career due to injuries
- one of the best CL scorers of all time, is one of three players to have reached the 900-goal mark in the competition
- widely considered one of the best sportspeople in Romania's history

EHF EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015
CL 2015



dnd.alexandra

Alexandra Dindiligan

left wing

current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2021

- part of Romania's team that won the gold medal at the 2014 Junior WCh, alongside Bianca Bazaliu, Lorena Ostase and Cristina Laslo
- started playing handball at her local club, Handbal Art Galați, but left home at only 12 years old to play in Valcea, 500 kilometres away.
- featured for Universitatea Cluj and HC Zalau before signing for CSM Bucuresti in 2021
- stated that she always talks to her mother before any game she plays, which gives her extra motivation
- after scoring one goal in 2020, the EHF EURO 2022 will be her second EHF EURO



sorinatirca

Sorina Grozav

left back

current club: CS Rapid Bucuresti since 2021

- is the daughter of the top scorer of the Romania women's national team, Mariana Tirca, who had over 1,500 goals for the side and won the CL in 1996 with Podravka
- one of the top prospects in recent years for Romanian handball, she was the top scorer of the W17 EHF EURO 2015 and the W19 EHF EURO 2017
- signed for Rapid in 2021, only the second club in her career, but was the top scorer in the Romanian League for the champions, with 146 goals
- married a Romanian football player, Gheorghe Grozav, whose name means "great" in Romanian, in the summer of 2022
- after being suspended for 16 months in 2019, this will be her first major international tournament for the national team



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elizabuceschi

Eliza Buceschi

centre back

current club: CS Rapid Bucuresti

- born in a handball family, her father, Costica, was her coach at HCM Baia Mare, while her mother, Carmen, played alongside Eliza when she made her debut in the Romanian league
- Rapid Bucuresti is her seventh club; only played for two clubs outside of Romania: German team Thuringer HC and Danish side FC Midtjylland
- named the best young player in the CL in the 2014/15 season; was the second highest scorer at the EHF EURO 2018
- has scored more than 200 goals in 80+ matches for Romania's national team
- has represented Romania at three EHF EURO tournaments: 2016, 2018 & 2020

WCh: B 2015



soniaseraficeanu

Sonia Seraficeanu

right wing

current club: CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita Nasaud since 2021

- 25-year-old right wing who has scored more than 20 goals for Romania before the EHF EURO 2022
- started to play handball when she was only 11 years old, guided by her older sister, who also played handball
- has played for six Romanian clubs: Muresul Targu Mures, CSM Cetate Deva, Universitatea Cluj, CSM Slatina, Minaur Baia Mare and Gloria Bistrita
- the EHF EURO 2022 will be the second edition she features in for Romania
- had a 36 per cent shooting efficiency at the EHF EURO 2020



crinapintea11

Crina Elena Pintea

line player

current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2022

- in her second stint at CSM Bucuresti, after leaving in 2021 to join Győr for the second time
- voted CL All-star Team line player in 2018/19 during her first spell with the Hungarian powerhouse club
- has featured for Romania in four editions of the EHF EURO, but missed 2020 due to a positive Covid-19 test
- her younger sister, Andreea Ailincai, is also a professional handball player with CSM
- loves to knit, a pastime that relaxes her, and has an Eiffel tower tattoo as playing for Issy Paris changed her life



Florentin Pera

coach

- played for HC Arad and former Challenge Cup winners UCM Reșița before retiring at 26 years old due to several injuries and focusing on coaching
- only coached in women's handball, leading nine Romanian teams and CSKA, where he worked between 2021 and 2022
- won the Romanian league, Cup and Super Cup with SCM Ramnicu Valcea
- served as the assistant of Romania's women's national team between 2012 and 2015, but this is his first time as head coach of a national team
- his wife, Loredana, was a former handball player; they have two children, a boy and a girl

EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	40:28 (20:14) vs. Serbia @ Aalborg DEN, 11.12.2010
Biggest defeat:	20:35 (10:19) vs. Russia @ Herning DEN, 16.12.2010
Longest winning run:	5 matches (16.12.2004 – 07.12.2008)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (07.12.1996 – 13.12.1996; 16.12.2004 – 07.12.2008)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (11.12.1998 – 17.12.1998)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (11.12.1998 – 17.12.1998)
Current run:	L4 (07.12.2020 – 15.12.2020)
Most goals:	40 vs. Ukraine 40:32W @ Ohrid MKD, 10.12.2008 40 vs. Serbia 40:28W @ Aalborg DEN, 11.12.2010
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Norway 31:37L @ Ohrid MKD, 11.12.2008
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Ukraine 40:32W @ Ohrid MKD, 10.12.2008
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Russia 14:21L @ Oldenburg GER, 18.09.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Denmark 16:15W @ Herning DEN, 19.12.2010
Fewest goals both teams:	31 vs. Denmark 16:15W @ Herning DEN, 19.12.2010

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

NED vs ROU

07.12.1978 Bratislava TCH	ROU-NED	A-WCh – Place 7-9	25:19 (14:8)
01.12.1981 Randers DEN	ROU-NED	B-WCh – Group B	30:13 (17:7)
12.12.1987 Burgas BUL	ROU-NED	B-WCh – Group C	19:18 (11:10)
16.12.1998 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NED-ROU	ECh – Group A	30:23 (12:9)
07.12.1999 Gjøvik NOR	NED-ROU	WCh – Last 16	16:26 (3:9)
30.05.2004 Emmen NED	NED-ROU	ECh-Playoff	28:31 (16:17)
06.06.2004 Sighişoara ROU	ROU-NED	ECh-Playoff	27:27 (15:16)
09.12.2018 Nancy FRA	NED-ROU	ECh – MR-Group 2	29:24 (11:10)
16.12.2018 Paris FRA	ROU-NED	ECh – Place 3/4	20:24 (8:15)
15.12.2020 Kolding DEN	NED-ROU	ECh – MR-Group II	35:24 (16:12)
09.12.2021 Castellón de la Plana ESP	NED-ROU	WCh – MR-Group II	31:30 (17:14)

ROU vs FRA

07.12.1986 Emmen NED	ROU-FRA	A-WCh – Group D	27:8 (16:5)
14.12.1987 Burgas BUL	ROU-FRA	B-WCh – MR-Group II	28:17 (14:9)
02.12.1999 Trondheim NOR	FRA-ROU	WCh – Group B	22:20 (10:12)
11.12.1999 Lillehammer NOR	ROU-FRA	WCh – Semi-final	17:18 (8:9)
25.09.2000 Sydney AUS	FRA-ROU	OG – Group A	21:18 (11:10)
11.12.2002 Århus DEN	ROU-FRA	ECh – MR-Group I	26:29 (12:15)
14.12.2004 Debrecen HUN	ROU-FRA	ECh – MR-Group II	31:25 (15:13)
09.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	ROU-FRA	WCh – Group D	28:26 (16:12)
13.12.2007 Paris FRA	FRA-ROU	WCh – Quarter-final	31:34 (14:8, 24:24, 27:27)
13.08.2008 Beijing CHN	ROU-FRA	OG – Group A	34:26 (17:13)
21.08.2008 Beijing CHN	ROU-FRA	OG – Place 5-8	34:36 (13:12, 27:27, 31:31)
05.12.2008 Skopje MKD	ROU-FRA	ECh – Group A	30:25 (17:13)
09.12.2011 São Paulo BRA	ROU-FRA	WCh – Group C	20:39 (12:20)
25.05.2012 Lyon FRA	FRA-ROU	OG – Qual. Tournament 1	24:19 (12:9)
08.12.2017 Trier GER	FRA-ROU	WCh – Group A	26:17 (17:7)

MKD vs ROU

09.12.1997 Hamburg GER	ROU-MKD	WCh – Last 16	33:37 (15:13, 27:27, 29:29)
09.12.1999 Hamar NOR	ROU-MKD	WCh – Quarter-final	33:21 (21:9)
09.12.2000 Bucureşti ROU	ROU-MKD	ECh – Group B	19:19 (11:9)
10.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	ROU-MKD	WCh – Group D	29:22 (18:8)
17.04.2021 Bucureşti ROU	ROU-MKD	WCh-Qual. 2 Playoff	33:22 (15:11)
21.04.2021 Skopje MKD	MKD-ROU	WCh-Qual. 2 Playoff	20:35 (10:1)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Cristina Georgiana Neagu	45	2008-2020
Aurelia Brădeanu (Stoica)	38	2000-2004,2010-2014
Valentina-Neli Ardean-Elisei	36	2004, 2008-2010,2014,2018
Oana Andreea Manea	35	2004,2008-2012, 2016
Melinda-Anamaria Geiger	33	2008-2012, 2016-2018

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Cristina Georgiana Neagu	264	2008-2020
Carmen-Andreea Lungu (Amariei)	142	1998,2002-2004,2008
Steluta Luca (Lazăr)	117	1994,1998-2002
Simona-Silvia Gogîrlă	113	1998-2000,2004
Valentina-Neli Ardean-Elisei	104	2004,2008-2010,2014,2018



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ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF EURO

🥈 1994

OLYMPIC GAMES

🥈 1976*

🥉 1980*

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

🥇 1971*, 1975*, 1978*, 1993

🥉 1965*, 1990*, 1997, 2007

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EHF EURO

🥈 2008, 2014

OLYMPIC GAMES

🥉 2012

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

🥈 2019

🥉 2011

GROUP FIXTURES – ALL MATCHES ON

5.11.2022 18:00 Montenegro vs. Spain
5.11.2022 20:30 Poland vs. Germany

7.11.2022 18:00 Germany vs. Montenegro
7.11.2022 20:30 Poland vs. Spain

9.11.2022 18:00 Poland vs. Montenegro
9.11.2022 20:30 Germany vs. Spain



Poland will face Germany, Montenegro and Spain in group D of the Women's EHF EURO 2022 in Podgorica. After three participations without a victory, already the opener is crucial for the team of Norwegian-born head coach Arne Senstad.

In eight years, Poland have not won a single match at EHF EURO final tournaments - one point in the final group match of the EHF EURO 2020 against Germany was the only positive outcome in the last three events.

And in their next EHF EURO match, Germany are the opponents again on 5 November in Podgorica. This is already seen as a make-or-break match for the main round, with hosts Montenegro and 2019 World Championship silver medallists Spain also in group D.

The 20 players who form the current squad of the Polish side are a mixture of youth and experience. Due to different reasons, Poland had to send quite an inexperienced team to the EHF EURO 2020 in Denmark, where that draw against

Germany meant the only point as Poland finished 14th. One year later, at the World Championship in Spain, the line-up looked quite different, as players such as Kinga Achruk, Magdalena Nocun and Monika Kobylinska helped Poland reach 15th position from 32 teams, even ahead of top nations such as Montenegro, Croatia and Angola. This year, Senstad can choose from youth and experience.

At the end of September and beginning of October, when other EHF EURO participants had test matches all over Europe, Arne Senstad had called 20 players for a training camp at Szczyrk. The only test matches on the way towards the final tournament will happen abroad: On 28 and 30 of October, Poland will be tested by Olympic champions France in Rennes and Nantes, before they travel to Podgorica.

33-year-old playmaker Kinga Achruk is the only Champions League winner in the current Polish squad. From 2013 until 2017, Achruk played for Buducnost and won the EHF Champions League in 2015, ensuring plenty of love upon her return.

**Player info in team profiles correct as of 21 October 2022*

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	3	0	3	128:113	+15	6:6	3rd Group 1
1996	Pre-Qualification	2	1	0	1	46:43	+3	2:2	Won vs. BLR
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	133:132	+1	8:4	2nd Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	137:159	-22	2:10	11th Place
1998	Qualification	6	5	0	1	157:136	+21	10:2	1st Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	138:133	+5	8:4	5th Place
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:54	-4	2:2	Lost vs. UKR
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	55:56	-1	2:2	Lost vs. YUG
2004	Play-off	2	0	0	2	57:62	-5	0:4	Lost vs. ESP
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	53:44	+9	2:2	Won vs. LTU
2006	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	164:186	-22	6:6	8th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	61:63	-2	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2010	Qualification	6	1	0	5	151:191	-40	2:10	4th Group 6
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	163:157	+6	6:6	3rd Group 3
2014	Qualification	6	3	0	3	140:132	+8	6:6	2nd Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	136:162	-26	2:10	11th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	163:121	+42	10:2	2nd Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	65:84	-19	0:6	15th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	171:138	+33	8:4	2nd Group 2
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	69:84	-15	0:6	14th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	55:42	+13	4:0	1st Group 7
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	67:84	-17	1:5	14th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	158:97	+61	12:0	1st Group 1
Total Qualification		68	41	0	27	1741:1581	+160	82:54	
Total EHF EURO		33	9	1	23	776:892	-116	19:47	

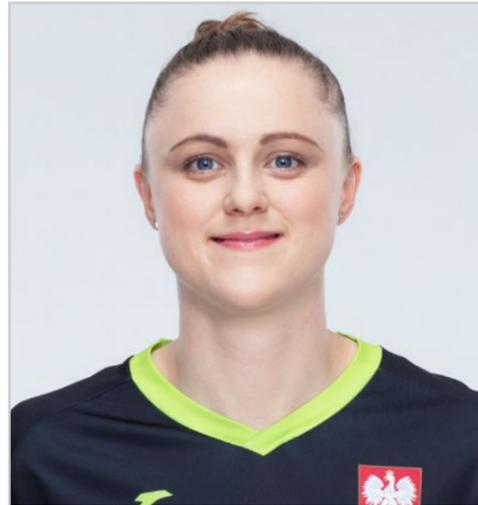


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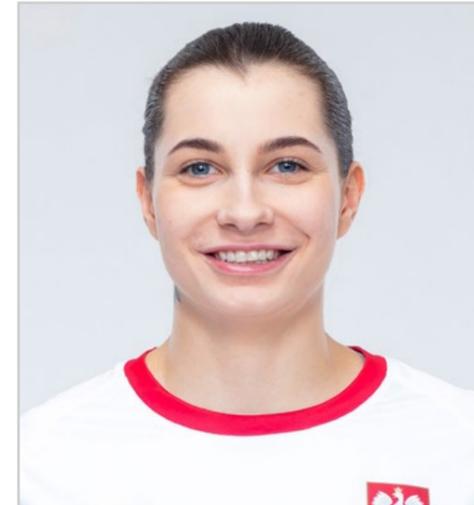
Adrianna Placzek

goalkeeper

current club: Neptunes de Nantes since 2019

- just 22 years old when she made her major championship debut for Poland at EHF EURO 2016 as second choice behind Anna Wysokinska – but they ended up splitting court time
- spent her entire senior career with Pogon Szczecin before moving to French club Fleury Loiret in 2017
- was the best goalkeeper in the Polish league in the 2015/16 season
- starred for Pogon Szczecin in their run to the Challenge Cup final in 2015
- had a 31 per cent save percentage at the EHF EURO 2018

EC trophies: EL 2021



a.rosiak66

Aleksandra Rosiak

left back

current club: Krim Mercator Ljubljana since 2022

- was Poland's top scorer at the EHF EURO 2020 (14 goals) and their second-best scorer at the 2021 WCh (22 goals)
- finished as the Polish league's top scorer in 2015/16 after scoring 152 goals for Plock
- played for top Polish side MKS Lublin from 2016 until 2021
- joined Slovenian club Krim from Besancon in the summer of 2022
- first played for Poland's national team in 2016



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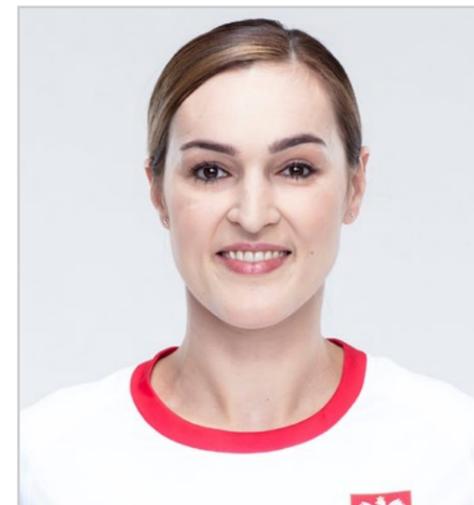
Dagmara Nocun

left wing

current club: TuS Metzingen since 2021

- after winning several domestic trophies and the Challenge Cup in seven years at MKS Lublin, she moved to German side TuS Metzingen in 2021
- scored 54 goals for Lublin when they won the Challenge Cup in 2017/18
- became a Polish international in 2017
- after only scoring four goals at the EHF EURO 2020, she scored 21 goals as one of Poland's best shooters at the 2021 WCh
- the EHF EURO 2022 is her third consecutive major tournament

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018



kinga_achruk89

Kinga Achruk

centre back

current club: MKS Funfloor Lublin since 2017

- her parents, Malgorzata and Jacek, were professional handball players; Kinga started her career at the same club as her mother (Jaroslaw)
- became a national team player in 2006 and moved to MKS Zaglebie Lubin in 2008
- joined MKS Lublin after four seasons at Buducnost, where she won the CL in 2015
- missed the EHF EURO 2020 due to her pregnancy but was part of the coaching staff
- had an outstanding 28 assists and scored nine goals at the 2021 WCh

EC trophies: CL 2015

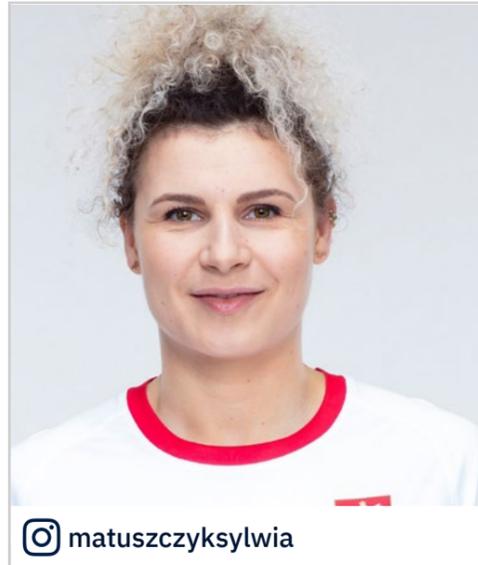


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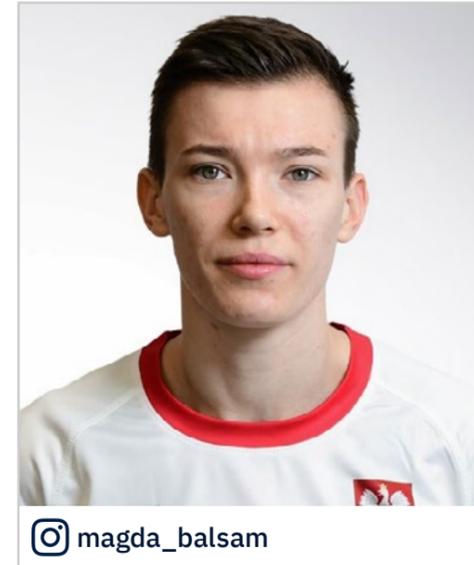
line player

current club: JKS Eurobud Jaroslaw since 2021

- scored 24 goals from 33 shots for Poland at the 2012 Junior WCh
- after playing for Koszalin and Elblag, she joined MKS Lublin in 2016
- signed for Jaroslaw in 2021 after four seasons with MKS Lublin
- has played for Poland's national team since 2016
- was not part of Poland's team at the EHF EURO 2020, but scored 11 goals at the 2021 WCh

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018

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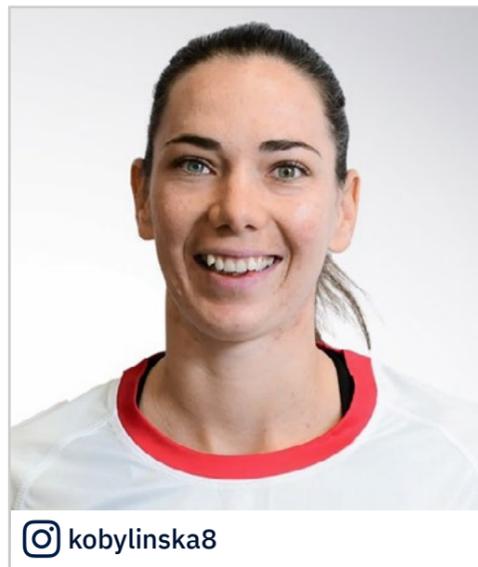
Magda Balsam

right wing

current club: TuS Metzingen since 2022

- plays alongside left wing Dagmara Nocun for German club TuS Metzingen
- moved to her first club abroad in the summer of 2022 after playing for Elblag, MKS Lublin and Jaroslaw
- was the second-best scorer in the Polish league in 2019/20, with 132 goals
- made her debut for Poland's national team in 2017
- scored 15 goals at the 2021 WCh

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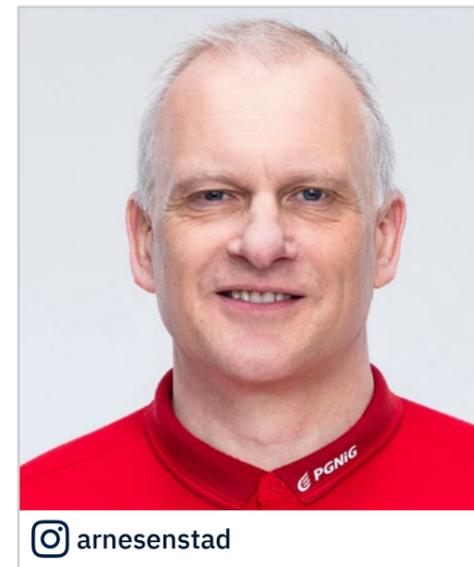
Monika Kobylinska

right back

current club: Brest Bretagne since 2019

- is the boss of Poland's defence and plays a significant role in attack thanks to her international experience
- after playing for Gliwice and Plock, she moved to Gdynia, where she became the Polish league's top scorer in 2015/16, with 207 goals
- won the Polish championship in 2017 and the Polish Cup in 2015 and 2016 with Gdynia
- moved to German club TuS Metzingen in 2017 before joining French side Brest Bretagne in 2019
- has played for Poland's national team since 2015 and was a CL finalist with Brest in 2021

kobylinska8



Arne Senstad

coach

- took over from Leszek Krowicki in August 2019
- will have his third major tournament with Poland after the EHF EURO 2020 and the 2021 WCh
- started a huge transition with many young players in 2020
- played for clubs in Norway and Switzerland
- was coach of the women's teams in Storhamar and Oppsal in Norway, where he was the best coach in the Norwegian league in 2012 and 2019

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Biggest win:	27:15 (13:8) vs. FYR Macedonia @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 17.12.1998
Biggest defeat:	21:37 (9:16) vs. Hungary @ Göteborg SWE, 13.12.2006
Longest winning run:	3 matches (13.12.1996 – 12.12.1998)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (13.12.1996 – 12.12.1998)
Longest losing run:	11 matches (13.12.2014 – 05.12.2020)
Longest run without win:	12 matches (13.12.2014 – 07.12.2020)
Current run:	D1 (07.12.2020)
Most goals:	35 vs. FYR Macedonia 35:33W @ Göteborg SWE, 12.12.2006
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Hungary 21:37L @ Göteborg SWE, 13.12.2006
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. FYR Macedonia 35:33W @ Göteborg SWE, 12.12.2006
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Hungary 19:21L @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 06.12.1996 19 vs. Norway 19:30L @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 14.12.1998 19 vs. Denmark 19:28L @ Debrecen HUN, 13.12.2014 19 vs. Romania 19:24L @ Debrecen HUN, 17.12.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Spain 20:15W @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 11.12.1998 15 vs. FYR Macedonia 27:15W @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 17.12.1998
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Spain 20:15W @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 11.12.1998

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

POL vs GER

02.02.1996 Berlin GER	GER-POL	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	25:22 (12:13)
04.02.1996 Lublin POL	POL-GER	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	26:25 (11:12)
04.12.1997 Sindelfingen GER	GER-POL	WCh – Group A	29:19 (14:9)
19.12.1998 Amsterdam NED	GER-POL	ECh – Place 5/6	23:26 (12:12)
12.06.2005 Kielce POL	POL-GER	WCh-Playoff	40:30 (17:13)
18.06.2005 Oldenburg GER	GER-POL	WCh-Playoff	31:25 (18:8)
05.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	POL-GER	WCh – Group C	21:33 (12:13)
07.12.2006 Göteborg SWE	GER-POL	ECh – Group B	30:20 (14:9)
09.12.2007 Dijon FRA	GER-POL	WCh – MR-Group II	35:32 (22:12)
08.12.2016 Kristianstad SWE	GER-POL	ECh – Group B	23:22 (12:10)
07.12.2020 Kolding DEN	GER-POL	ECh – Group D	21:21 (9:8)

ESP vs POL

01.12.1981 Hobro DEN	POL-ESP	B-WCh – Group B	34:12 (20:5)
12.12.1987 Veliko Tarnovo BUL	POL-ESP	B-WCh – Group A	29:13 (17:6)
24.11.1993 Oslo NOR	POL-ESP	WCh – Group A	20:19 (9:10)
11.12.1998 's-Hertogenbosch NED	POL-ESP	ECh – Group B	20:15 (9:8)
20.05.2001 València ESP	ESP-POL	WCh-Playoff	27:22 (14:11)
26.05.2001 Głogów POL	POL-ESP	WCh-Playoff	28:30 (13:15)
24.05.2003 Chełm POL	POL-ESP	WCh-Playoff	23:18 (10:8)
01.06.2003 València ESP	ESP-POL	WCh-Playoff	30:24 (14:13)
30.05.2004 Żory POL	POL-ESP	ECh-Playoff	29:31 (11:16)
05.06.2004 Elche ESP	ESP-POL	ECh-Playoff	31:28 (12:13)
11.12.2007 Dijon FRA	ESP-POL	WCh – MR-Group II	29:30 (14:15)
09.12.2013 Zrenjanin SRB	ESP-POL	WCh – Group C	26:20 (11:11)
07.12.2014 Győr HUN	ESP-POL	ECh – Group A	29:22 (16:13)

POL vs MNE

14.10.2009 Lublin POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	21:31 (10:14)
26.05.2010 Pljevlja MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	35:32 (17:15)
22.10.2011 Chorzów POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	27:31 (15:18)
03.06.2012 Podgorica MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	32:23 (15:13)
23.10.2013 Podgorica MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	25:21 (11:11)
11.06.2014 Częstochowa POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	22:25 (11:10)
21.03.2018 Gdynia POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	20:26 (9:14)
24.03.2018 Bijelo Polje MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	33:23 (14:13)
13.12.2021 Granollers ESP	POL-MNE	WCh – MR-Group I	33:28 (16:9)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Kinga Grzyb (Polenz)	21	2006,2014-2020
Joanna Drabik	15	2014-2020
Karolina Kudtacz-Gloc	15	2006,2014,2018
Marta Gęga	12	2014-2016,2020
Katarzyna Janiszewska	12	2014-2018
Malgorzata Jedrzejczak	12	1996-1998
Iwona Pabich	12	1996-1998
Karolina Siódmiak	12	2006,2014
Aleksandra Zych	12	2014,2018-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Karolina Kudtacz-Gloc	88	2006,2014,2018
Kinga Grzyb (Polenz)	60	2006,2014-2020
Anna Ejsmont	49	1996-1998
Aleksandra Pawelska	37	1996
Agnieszka Matuszczewska	33	1998



MONTENEGRO



Montenegro is awaiting their seventh consecutive participation at the EHF EURO since the country gained independence in 2006. 10 years after winning the gold medal at EHF EURO 2012, Montenegro hope that playing on their home court will be an additional boost. As legendary former player Bojana Popovic is at the helm as coach, the team has a good base.

Since 2006, Montenegro has been regular at major tournaments, appearing six times at the EHF EURO, six times at the IHF Women's World Championship and three times at the Olympic Games. The team has not repeated the success of 2012, but they finished ninth at the EHF EURO in 2018 and eighth in 2020.

Anything is possible for Montenegro if head coach Bojana Popovic has her players ready for the start of the competition. At the EHF EURO 2020, Popovic was an assistant coach to Kim Rasmussen, the Danish coach who was a last-minute replacement for Per Johansson.

After taking over the team in 2021, Popovic has now coached at two major tournaments. More steady times for Montenegro with clear goals and a clear style of play offers fans hope for a good result.

Since the last EHF EURO 2020, two players have retired from the team: EHF EURO 2018 All-star left wing Majda Mehmedovic and right wing Andrea Klikovac. Dijana Mugoša and Anastasija Babovic will miss the competition due to injury – but the main structure of the team is intact.

Montenegro will play against Spain in the first match of the preliminary round in group D, followed by Germany and Poland, all on their home court in the 'Moraca Hall'. Progressing to the main round in Skopje will not be easy for Montenegro, but it looks like they can win their way to the final weekend in Ljubljana.

On paper, Montenegro is stronger than at the last two major tournaments, especially in the back court positions, which are also a crucial part of the defence.

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Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
2008	Qualification	4	3	0	1	128:107	+21	6:2	2nd Group 2
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	63:66	-3	2:2	Lost vs. CRO
2010	Qualification	6	5	1	0	196:160	+36	11:1	1st Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	170:169	+1	8:6	6th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	180:136	+44	10:2	1st Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	215:196	+19	14:2	Winners
2014	Qualification	6	5	1	0	150:134	+16	11:1	1st Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	199:187	+12	10:6	4th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	147:129	+18	10:2	1st Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	63:70	-7	2:4	13th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	161:128	+33	12:0	1st Group 2
2018	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	160:160	0	6:6	9th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	73:41	+32	4:0	2nd Group 2
2020	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	148:152	-4	5:7	8th Place
Total Qualification		38	32	2	4	1098:901	+197	66:10	
Total EHF EURO		38	22	1	15	955:934	+21	45:31	



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marinarajcic1

Marina Rajcic

goalkeeper

current club: Siófok KC since 2022

- joined Siófok from Kastamonu in the summer of 2022
- was not part of the EHF EURO 2020 due to pregnancy, but returned to handball six months later to play in the 2020 OG in Tokyo
- in 2009, started her professional career in Podgorica for Buducnost; also played for Kastamonu and Metz, where she joined her sister, Olivera Vukcevic
- made her national team debut aged 16; was the youngest player at the 2012 OG in London at the age of 18
- was the best young player in Montenegro and All-star goalkeeper at the Junior WCh in 2010

EHF EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012
CL 2012, 2015; CWC 2010



djina_jaukovic

Djurdjina Jaukovic

left back

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball since 2020

- began playing handball aged nine in her hometown, Niksic, thanks to her father Jovo, former president of Sutjeska
- joined Brest in the summer of 2020 after seven seasons with Buducnost, whom she joined in 2013, aged 15
- also played on loan with Danilovgrad for two years and was named best young player in Montenegro twice, in 2014 and 2015
- MVP and top scorer of W19 EHF EURO 2015 with 71 goals; scored 31 goals in nine games at the 2015 WCh in Denmark, her first WCh
- was the team's third highest scorer at the EHF EURO 2020 and one of their best defenders



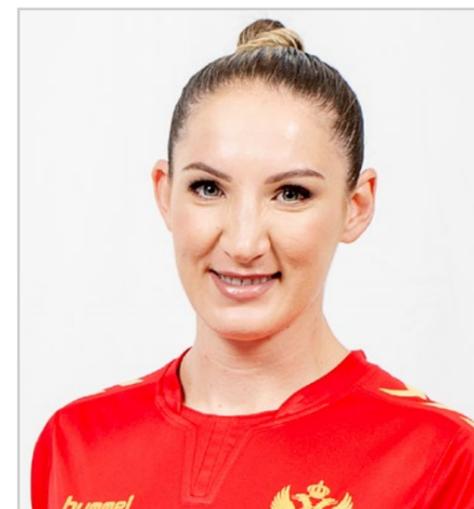
ivonapavicevic55

Ivona Pavicevic

left wing

current club: WHC Buducnost BEMAX since 2020

- 26-year-old Montenegrin left wing who started her career in Danilovgrad
- played for Buducnost from 2015 until 2019; spent a year at Corona Brasov before returning to the Podgorica-based club
- was part of the Montenegro team at the 2020 OG in Tokyo
- made her national team debut in 2015 and has played more than 60 international matches
- scored 64 goals in the 2021/22 CL season for Buducnost



mraicevic90

Milena Raicevic

centre back

current club: WHC Buducnost BEMAX since 2022

- in 2022, returned to Buducnost, where she spent most of her career, after spending one year at Kastamonu and being on maternity leave for a year
- two-time CL winner with Buducnost, in 2012 and 2015, and voted Player of the Year in Montenegro twice
- her twin sister, Dragana, also plays handball; brother Ivan is a professional football player
- made her national team debut in 2007, won the EHF EURO 2012 and claimed a silver medal at the 2012 OG
- one of the most experienced players in the team, the team captain since 2016

EHF EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012
CL 2012, 2015; CWC 2010



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tbrnovic34

Tatjana Brnovic

line player

current club: Brest Bretagne Handball since 2022

- scored 34 goals in her debut CL season in 2017/18; was named Rookie of the Main Round by EHFTV viewers
- impressed during two-year spell at Danilovgrad before joining Buducnost in the summer of 2017
- joined Brest Bretagne in 2022 after brief spells at Rostov-Don and Krim
- made her national team debut for Montenegro in 2017, previously a member of the youth and junior national teams
- has more than 50 caps for Montenegro



radicevicjoksi4

Jovanka Radicevic

right wing

current club: Krim Mercator Ljubljana since 2022

- born in Podgorica, started playing handball at the age of 12
- joined Krim Mecrator from Kastamonu in the summer of 2022, but has also played for Buducnost, Győr, Vardar and CSM
- All-star right wing at the EHF EURO 2012, EHF EURO 2020 and 2015 WCh
- was the second top scorer in the EHF EURO 2020, with 39 goals
- finished the CL 2020/21 season with 94 goals, making her Buducnost's top scorer

EHF EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012
CL 2013; CWC 2006, 2010



malovic_djina

Djurdjina Malovic

right back

current club: Toulon Métropole Var Handball

- started at Danilovgrad, the farm team of Buducnost Podgorica, then joined Buducnost at the age of 16
- scored 67 goals at the W17 EHF EURO 2013, one year later had her debut at the EHF EURO
- had her CL debut at the age of 20 right after Buducnost won the trophy in 2015
- played for FTC Budapest, MTK Budapest and MKS Lublin before joining Toulon in 2021
- has more than 30 caps for the national team



Bojana Popovic

coach

- replaced Kim Rasmussen as Montenegro's head coach in 2021 after the EHF EURO 2020
- took over as Buducnost head coach in 2020 from Dragan Adzic after previously working as an assistant coach at the club
- only female head coach at the EHF EURO 2022 and is Montenegro's sixth head coach since 2007
- born Bojana Petrovic in Nis, Serbia, she became one of the best players in the world
- played for and won the CL with Slagelse, Viborg and Buducnost – won six CL titles in total
- finished her playing career after winning silver at the 2012 OG in London, but made a comeback to feature at the 2016 OG in Rio





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Biggest win:	26:16 (10:7) vs. Iceland @ Vršac SRB, 04.12.2012
Biggest defeat:	19:28 (11:13) vs. Denmark @ Herning DEN, 06.12.2020
Longest winning run:	5 matches (13.12.2012 – 10.12.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (13.12.2012 – 10.12.2014)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (19.12.2014 – 05.12.2016)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (19.12.2014 – 05.12.2016)
Current run:	D1 (15.12.2020)
Most goals:	36 vs. Slovenia 36:32W @ Nancy FRA, 30.11.2018
Most goals opponent:	32 vs. Slovenia 36:32W @ Nancy FRA, 30.11.2018
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. Slovenia 36:32W @ Nancy FRA, 30.11.2018
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Hungary 14:21L @ Malmö SWE, 09.12.2016
Fewest goals opponent:	16 vs. Iceland 26:16W @ Vršac SRB, 04.12.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Hungary 14:21L @ Malmö SWE, 09.12.2016

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

MNE vs ESP

13.12.2010 Herning DEN	ESP-MNE	ECh – MR-Group I	20:22 (12:12)
11.12.2011 Barueri BRA	MNE-ESP	WCh – Last 16	19:23 (9:11)
09.08.2012 London GBR	ESP-MNE	OG – Semi-final	26:27 (13:13)
13.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	ESP-MNE	ECh – MR-Group II	23:27 (16:13)
19.12.2014 Budapest HUN	MNE-ESP	ECh – Semi-final	18:19 (8:13)
06.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	MNE-ESP	OG – Group A	19:25 (10:14)
06.12.2019 Yatsushiro/Kyushu JPN	MNE-ESP	WCh – Group C	26:27 (14:14)
15.12.2020 Herning DEN	MNE-ESP	ECh – MR-Group I	26:26 (11:17)

GER vs MNE

04.12.2011 Santos BRA	GER-MNE	WCh – Group A	24:25 (10:12)
11.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	GER-MNE	ECh – MR-Group II	27:20 (14:9)
14.12.2014 Zagreb CRO	GER-MNE	ECh – MR-Group II	20:27 (10:12)

POL vs MNE

14.10.2009 Lublin POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	21:31 (10:14)
26.05.2010 Pljevlja MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	35:32 (17:15)
22.10.2011 Chorzów POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	27:31 (15:18)
03.06.2012 Podgorica MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	32:23 (15:13)
23.10.2013 Podgorica MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	25:21 (11:11)
11.06.2014 Częstochowa POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	22:25 (11:10)
21.03.2018 Gdynia POL	POL-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	20:26 (9:14)
24.03.2018 Bijelo Polje MNE	MNE-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	33:23 (14:13)
13.12.2021 Granollers ESP	POL-MNE	WCh – MR-Group I	33:28 (16:9)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Jovanka Radičević	35	2010-2014,2018-2020
Majda Mehmedović	34	2010-2020
Milena Raičević (Knežević)	32	2010-2018
Marina Rajcic (Vukčević)	32	2010-2018
Andrea Klikovac	31	2012-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Jovanka Radičević	171	2010-2014,2018-2020
Milena Raičević (Knežević)	118	2010-2018
Katarina Bulatović	113*	2012-2014,2018
Majda Mehmedović	91	2010-2020
Durdina Jaukovic	67	2014-2020

*Katarina Bulatović scored also 1 goal for Serbia and Montenegro (2004)



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Germany have qualified for the Women's EHF EURO for the 15th time – and again, it is their dream to make it to the semi-finals, a stage they last reached in 2008.

New coach Markus Gaugisch, who is also coaching German champions and EHF European League winners SG BBM Bietigheim, is entering his first major tournament, counting on a rather young but still experienced squad which will face Poland, Montenegro and Spain in the preliminary round.

Before Germany's last EHF EURO Qualifier against Greece in April 2022, Gaugisch replaced Dutch coach Henk Groener at the helm of the German national team. In terms of tactics, Gaugisch builds on the active defence system, but has started to change the way of attacking: more speed, more easy and straight attacks – like the playing system that helped Bietigheim become the internationally successful team they currently are.

A Bietigheim block is also part of the national team, which makes it easier to adapt. Gaugisch's mission is to qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games and to win a medal at the 2025 World Championship, co-hosted by Germany and Netherlands. After this season, he will only focus on the national team.

Two key players, both with EHF Champions League teams, will miss the EHF EURO 2022: FTC right back Alicia Stolle has broken her hand – in a match against Bietigheim, and Team Esbjerg goalkeeper Dinah Eckerle is pregnant. While the goalkeeper position is strong with Katharina Filter (København) and Isabell Roch (Valcea), the only internationally experienced right back is Julia Maidhof (Bietigheim).

In general, the two team captains – Dortmund centre back Alina Grijseels and FTC left back Emily Bölk – are the leaders of the pack, but several other players can have their impact on the EHF EURO as well, like line player Meike Schmelzer (Braila) or defender Xenia Smits (Bietigheim), the MVP of the EHF Finals 2022.

EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	152:143	+9	10:4	Runners-up
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	134:118	+16	8:4	1st Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	169:165	+4	8:6	4th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	158:137	+21	9:3	2nd Group 2
1998	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	140:145	-5	8:4	6th Place
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	45:42	+3	2:2	Won vs. CRO
2000	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	139:155	-16	4:8	9th Place
2002	Play-off	2	1	1	0	49:46	+3	3:1	Won vs. CRO
2002	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	142:168	-26	2:10	11th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	51:47	+4	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2004	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	183:173	+10	10:4	5th Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	228:208	+20	10:6	4th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	227:208	+19	11:5	4th Place
2010	Qualification	6	6	0	0	205:129	+76	12:0	1st Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	78:87	-9	2:4	13th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	178:125	+53	10:2	1st Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	136:132	+4	7:5	7th Place
2014	Qualification	4	3	0	1	114:93	+21	6:2	1st Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	164:165	-1	5:7	10th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	149:128	+21	8:4	2nd Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	169:155	+14	9:5	6th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	177:121	+56	9:3	2nd Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	162:165	-3	6:6	10th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	74:45	+29	4:0	1st Group 3
2020	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	145:158	-13	5:7	7th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	164:106	+58	7:5	2nd Group 3
Total Qualification		54	38	4	12	1498:1137	+361	80:28	
Total EHF EURO		89	46	5	38	2234:2227	+7	97:81	

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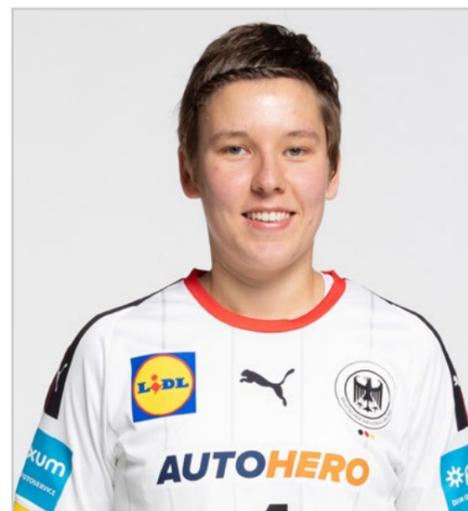
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Katharina Filter

goalkeeper

current club: København Håndbold

- expected to be Germany's number one goalkeeper in the absence of Dinah Eckerle (pregnancy)
- treble gold medallist in beach handball – EHF Beach Handball EURO 2021, WCh 2022 and World Games 2022
- joined Kobenhavn at the start of the 2022/23 season after spending one year as a youngster in Viborg's academy
- played for Buxtehuder SV from 2015-18 and 2019-22
- had her first international match with the German women's team in April 2021; played her first major tournament at the 2021 WCh in Spain



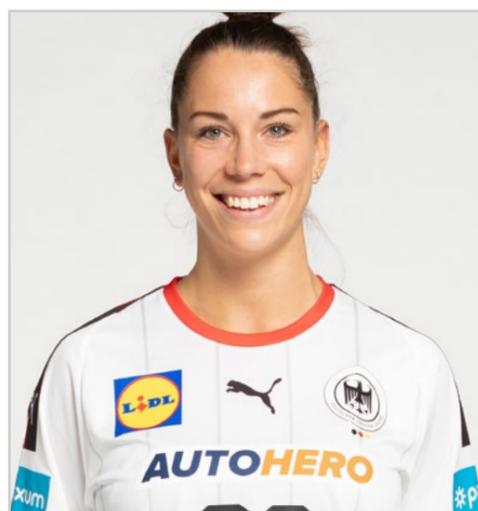
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Alina Grijseels

centre back

current club: BV Borussia 09 Dortmund since 2014

- is joint captain of Germany's team with Emily Bölk
- joined Borussia Dortmund at the age of 18 – and still plays for the former German champions
- became a silver medallist at the Youth WCh 2014
- received the German handball Player of the Year award in 2021
- is a creative centre back and a strong one-against-one shooter



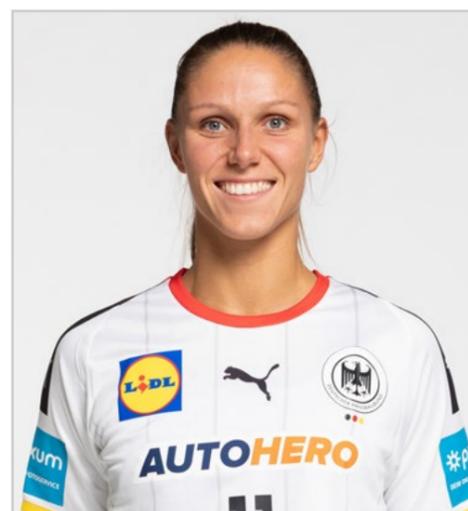
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Emily Bölk

left back

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2020

- had her first major success as MVP and silver medallist at the Youth WCh in 2014
- made her debut in Bundesliga for Buxtehuder SV at the age of 16 and debuted in the CL for Thüringer HC at the age of 18
- became a women's national team player at the age of 18 – and is now set for her fourth EHF EURO after first appearing in 2016
- joined FTC in 2020 and has become a key player of the Hungarian Cup winners and former Hungarian champions
- was the youngest player to score more than 200 goals for the German women's national team



xenia_smits

Xenia Smits

centre back

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2020

- Belgian-born centre back who gained German citizenship in 2014
- made her debut for the women's national team in 2014 after being Germany's top scorer at the 2014 Junior Wch
- is the boss of the German defence and a strong shooter in attack despite shoulder problems
- signed for German club Blomberg at the age of 16; joined Metz in 2019
- moved to Bietigheim in 2020 and was the MVP of the EHF Finals in 2022
- her sisters, Aaricia and Munia, are also handball professionals

EC trophies: EL 2022

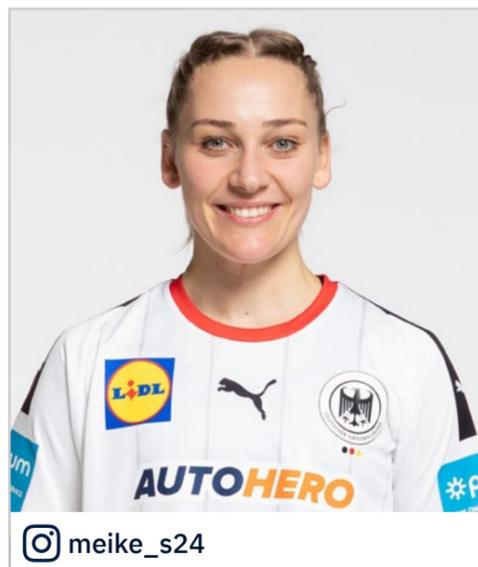


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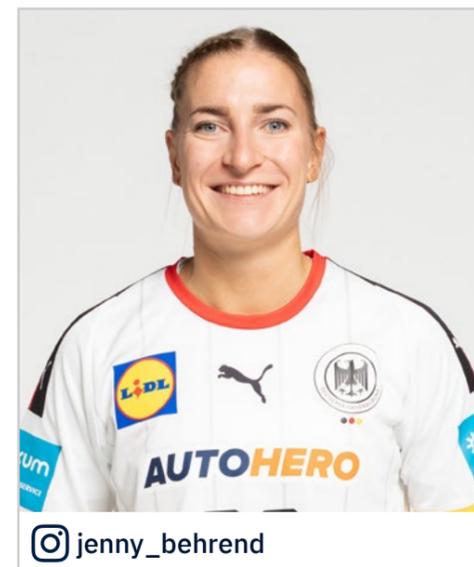
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Meike Schmelzer

line player

current club: H.C. Dunarea Braila since 2022

- is one of two German players playing in the Romanian league, alongside Isabell Roch (Valcea)
- after seven years at Thüringer HC, she moved to Gloria Bistrita in 2021 and then to Dunarea Braila in 2022
- became a national team player for Germany in 2015
- is a powerful line player, focusing on attack, with a high shooting efficiency
- was Germany's joint second-highest scorer at the 2021 WCh in Spain – sharing the position with Luisa Schulze



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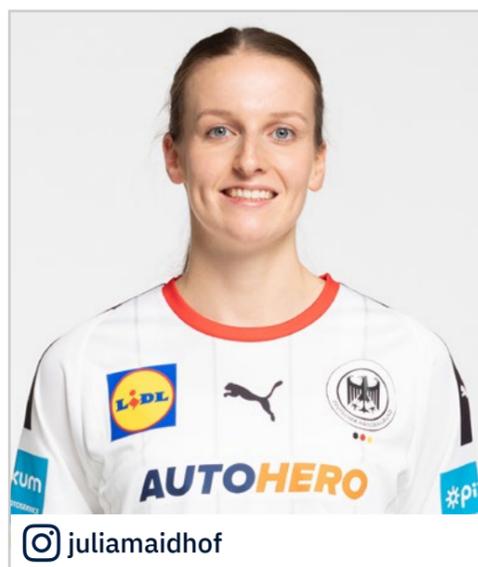
Jenny Behrend

right wing

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2021

- started her professional career at VfL Oldenburg and had her first Bundesliga match at the age of 19
- moved to SG BBM Bietigheim in the summer of 2021 and enjoyed a perfect 2021/22 season with more than 50 victories
- made her debut for the national team in 2019
- was a semi-finalist with Germany at the 2016 Junior WCh
- is the number one right wing due to Amelie Berger's long-term injury

EC trophies: EL 2022



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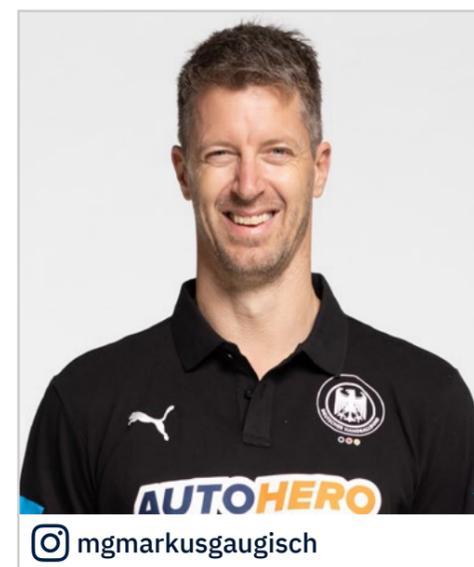
Julia Maidhof

right back

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2020

- started her career at Bensheim/Auerbach before moving to Bietigheim in 2020
- debuted for the women's national team in 2019
- was Germany's top scorer at the EHF EURO 2020 with 24 goals
- the EHF EURO 2022 will be her third major tournament – and in the absence of Alicia Stolle she is Germany's number one right back
- is famous for hammer shots from long range

EC trophies: EL 2022



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Markus Gaugisch

coach

- succeeded Dutchman Henk Groener as Germany's coach in April 2022
- is also coaching German and EL champions Bietigheim, but only until the end of this season
- was a professional player in the Bundesliga and previously coached some men's teams
- Bietigheim was his first club as a coach for a women's team
- had been a teacher at a secondary school until this summer
- is supposed to steer Germany to the 2024 OG in Paris

EC trophies as a coach: EL 2022



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EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	36:22 (17:10) vs. Slovakia @ Zagreb CRO, 17.12.2014
Biggest defeat:	23:42 (14:22) vs. Norway @ Kolding DEN, 05.12.2020
Longest winning run:	5 matches (15.12.2004 – 08.12.2006)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (02.12.2008 – 11.12.2008)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (09.12.2000 – 13.12.2000; 10.12.2002 – 09.12.2004)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (09.12.2000 – 13.12.2000; 10.12.2002 – 09.12.2004)
Current run:	L2 (14.12.2020 – 15.12.2020)
Most goals:	36 vs. Slovakia 36:22W @ Zagreb CRO, 17.12.2014
Most goals opponent:	42 vs. Norway 23:42L @ Kolding DEN, 05.12.2020
Most goals both teams:	71 vs. Sweden 32:39L @ Varaždin CRO, 12.12.2014
Fewest goals:	17 vs. Croatia 17:16W @ Novi Sad SRB, 07.12.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	13 vs. Slovakia 20:13W @ Oldenburg GER, 19.09.1994
Fewest goals both teams:	33 vs. Slovakia 20:13W @ Oldenburg GER, 19.09.1994 33 vs. Croatia 17:16W @ Novi Sad SRB, 07.12.2012

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

POL vs GER

02.02.1996 Berlin GER	GER-POL	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	25:22 (12:13)
04.02.1996 Lublin POL	POL-GER	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	26:25 (11:12)
04.12.1997 Sindelfingen GER	GER-POL	WCh – Group A	29:19 (14:9)
19.12.1998 Amsterdam NED	GER-POL	ECh – Place 5/6	23:26 (12:12)
12.06.2005 Kielce POL	POL-GER	WCh-Playoff	40:30 (17:13)
18.06.2005 Oldenburg GER	GER-POL	WCh-Playoff	31:25 (18:8)
05.12.2005 St. Petersburg RUS	POL-GER	WCh – Group C	21:33 (12:13)
07.12.2006 Göteborg SWE	GER-POL	ECh – Group B	30:20 (14:9)
09.12.2007 Dijon FRA	GER-POL	WCh – MR-Group II	35:32 (22:12)
08.12.2016 Kristianstad SWE	GER-POL	ECh – Group B	23:22 (12:10)
07.12.2020 Kolding DEN	GER-POL	ECh – Group D	21:21 (9:8)

GER vs MNE

04.12.2011 Santos BRA	GER-MNE	WCh – Group A	24:25 (10:12)
11.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	GER-MNE	ECh – MR-Group II	27:20 (14:9)
14.12.2014 Zagreb CRO	GER-MNE	ECh – MR-Group II	20:27 (10:12)

GER vs ESP

08.12.2002 Farum/Sjælland DEN	GER-ESP	ECh – Group C	31:27 (15:14)
06.12.2007 Dijon FRA	ESP-GER	WCh – MR-Group II	25:30 (8:14)
13.12.2008 Skopje MKD	ESP-GER	ECh – Semi-final	32:29 (12:13)
04.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	GER-ESP	ECh – Group C	20:23 (12:13)
12.12.2016 Göteborg SWE	ESP-GER	ECh – MR-Group 1	20:20 (12:9)
21.03.2018 Stuttgart GER	GER-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:24 (16:13)
24.03.2018 San Sebastián – Donostia ESP	ESP-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	27:23 (12:9)
07.12.2018 Nancy FRA	ESP-GER	ECh – MR-Group 2	23:29 (9:17)
14.12.2021 Granollers ESP	ESP-GER	WCh – Quarter-final	26:21 (14:10)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Clara Woltering	40	2004-2016
Anna Loerper	38	2006-2016
Grit Jurack	37	1996, 2000, 2004-2010
Anja Althaus	36	2004-2014
Kathrin Blacha	32	1996-2004

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Grit Jurack	194	1996, 2000, 2004-2010
Nadine Krause	103	2002, 2006-2008
Stefanie Melbeck	72	2002-2008
Anna Loerper	63	2006-2016
Anja Althaus	59	2004-2014
Marlene Zapf	59	2012-2014, 2018-2020



SPAIN



Facing Germany, hosts Montenegro, and Poland in preliminary round group D in Podgorica, Spain have three tough matches in the first stage of EHF EURO 2022. In the process of rejuvenating the team, coach Ignacio Prades counts on a mixture of youth and experience, and he will hope for a better finish compared to the last three European Championships.

At the last two World Championships, Spain were semi-finalists, finishing second in 2019 and fourth at home in 2021, but since reaching the final in 2014, they have underwhelmed at EHF EUROs. In 2016, 2018 and 2020, Spain won only one match per tournament and finished 11th, 12th and ninth.

With 22 victories from 68 matches, Spain are ranked ninth in the Women's EHF EURO ranking. Goalkeeper Silvia Navarro and Alexandrina Barbosa are most experienced players since Spain's all-time EHF EURO top scorer Carmen Martin (200

goals at seven final tournaments) is no longer part of the team. The pair lead the young players, who Ignacio Prades has added to the team.

The shining jewel among those talents is 20-year-old Cameroon-born line player Lysa Tchaptchet, who won the EHF Champions League in 2022 with Vipers Kristiansand, while there are high hopes that Paula Arcos will make her international breakthrough at EHF EURO 2022. Players such as Jennifer Gutierrez, Lara Gonzalez or Almudena Rodriguez are in their peak years and are highly experienced at club level.

Silvia Navarro is 43 years old, but still among the best goalkeepers in the world. She does not grow older, but only more mature and experienced. At national team level, the two-time European Cup winner with Rocasa Gran Canaria has been part of all Spain's major successes.

In qualification, Spain took five victories from six matches, were only defeated by Hungary on home ground, and finished second in their group on goal difference.

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Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	3	0	3	96:111	-15	6:6	3rd Group 6
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	4	0	0	111:67	+44	8:0	1st Group A
1996	Qualification	6	2	0	4	100:105	-5	4:8	4th Group 1
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	4	0	0	105:59	+46	8:0	1st Group C
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	141:118	+23	8:4	2nd Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	132:154	-22	1:11	12th Place
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	53:53	0	2:2	Lost vs. RUS
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	60:42	+18	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	2	1	76:80	-4	2:4	13th Place
2004	Play-off	2	2	0	0	62:57	+5	4:0	Won vs. POL
2004	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	185:193	-8	6:8	8th Place
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	51:49	+2	2:2	Won vs. CZE
2006	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	150:149	+1	6:6	9th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	1	0	54:49	+5	3:1	Won vs. LTU
2008	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	199:197	+2	10:6	Runners-up
2010	Qualification	6	6	0	0	181:128	+53	12:0	1st Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	143:142	+1	4:8	11th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	153:132	+21	8:4	2nd Group 7
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	153:156	-3	5:7	11th Place
2014	Qualification	6	5	0	1	160:106	+54	10:2	1st Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	200:191	+9	10:6	Runners-up
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	192:126	+66	10:2	2nd Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	138:140	-2	3:9	11th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	161:123	+38	10:2	1st Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	152:167	-15	2:10	12th Place
2020	Qualification 2	2	2	0	0	61:40	+21	4:0	2nd Group 1
2020	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	147:164	-17	4:8	9th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	173:149	+24	10:2	2nd Group 5
Total Qualification		74	56	1	17	1914:1514	+400	113:35	
Total EHF EURO		68	22	9	37	1675:1733	-58	53:83	





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Silvia Navarro

goalkeeper

current club: Rocasa Gran Canaria since 2013

- at the age of 43, she is still one of the best goalkeepers in Europe
- made 44 saves at the EHF EURO 2020 and shares the goalkeeping position with Merche Castellanos
- has always played for Spanish clubs except for the 2012/13 season, when she was signed by Romanian side Valcea
- since 2013, she has played for Rocasa Gran Canaria and has won Europe's third-tier club competition twice
- is number four in the all-time ranking of international matches for Spain – below Marta Mangué, Cristina Lopez and Carmen Martín – with more than 240 games

EHF EURO: S 2014; WCh S 2019, B 2011; OG B 2012
EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2016, European Cup 2022



shandybarbosa86

Alexandrina Barbosa

left back

current club: BM Morvedre since 2022

- 36-year-old Portuguese-born left back who gained Spanish citizenship in 2012
- has played for 12 different clubs in six different countries since 2003 – and played from 2004 until 2014 in the CL
- won national championships in Portugal, Spain, Germany, France, Russia and Romania
- after her third stint in Romania, with CSM Bucuresti and Gloria Bistrita, she returned to Spain in 2022 with Morvedre
- is the shining star of Spain's back line and was the All-star left back of the 2019 WCh in Japan

EHF EURO: S 2014; WCh: S 2019



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Jennifer Gutiérrez

left wing

current club: CS Rapid Bucuresti since 2022

- born in Switzerland but has Spanish citizenship
- started playing handball in Elche, moved to Guardes, but returned to Elche in 2018 and became the top scorer and MVP of the Spanish league in 2019/20
- had two seasons with German side Borussia Dortmund, including one where she won the German league, but joined reigning Romanian champions Rapid Bucuresti in 2022
- was part of Spain's beach handball national team and the top scorer of the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2015
- has played for the indoor women's national team since 2017

WCh: S 2019



aalifernandez

Alicia Fernandez

centre back

current club: CS Rapid Bucuresti since 2021

- made her debut in the Spanish league at the age of 17 for Astroc Sagunto
- subsequently played for Porrino, Valladolid and Bera Bera before moving to Romania
- won her first Romanian championship with Valcea in 2019; moved to Rapid Bucuresti in 2021 to win the championship again in 2022
- has played for the national team for seven years and scored five goals in the 2019 WCh final against the Netherlands, which Spain lost 30:29
- is a classical playmaker, but also knows how to score

WCh: S 2019



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Lysa Tchaptchet

line player

current club: Vipers Kristiansand since 2021

- 20-year-old line player who is one of Spain's biggest talents
- born in Cameroon but gained Spanish citizenship
- played for Spanish club Elche from 2019 until 2021
- moved to Norway to join CL winners Vipers Kristiansand in 2021 and took the CL trophy in 2022
- at the age of 18, she scored three goals for Spain at the EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: CL 2022



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Maitane Etxeberria

right wing

current club: Super Amara Bera Bera since 2013

- replaces legendary right wing Carmen Martin in that position
- has played for Spain's national team since 2017, but will now have her first tournament as their number one right wing
- was not part of Spain's squad at the EHF EURO 2020
- has played for Bera Bera since she was 16 and won the EHF European Cup with the Spanish club in 2021
- is a seven-time Spanish champion and a three-time Spanish Cup winner

EC trophies: European Cup 2021



almudena1993

Almudena Rodríguez

right back

current club: Rocasa Gran Canaria since 2022

- played for home club Rocasa Gran Canaria until 2017
- by the age of 24, she had won twice Spanish Cup twice and the Challenge Cup once
- went to Romania like many of her teammates – joining Gloria Bistrita for two seasons in 2017
- after a season with German side Thüringer HC, she returned to Bistrita for two more years and finally moved back to Rocasa in the summer of 2022
- has played more than 90 international matches for Spain

WCh: S 2019

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2016



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Jose Ignacio Prades

coach

- succeeded Carlos Viver as coach of Spain's women's national team after the 2021 OG in Tokyo
- was previously Viver's assistant for several years
- former coach of Spanish clubs Elche, Elda and Atletico Guardes
- steered Atletico Guardes to the Spanish championship in 2017
- his nickname is "Nacho"





SPAIN



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EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	30:18 (14:5) vs. Slovenia @ Stockholm SWE, 08.12.2016
Biggest defeat:	21:34 (12:13) vs. Norway @ Skopje MKD, 14.12.2008
Longest winning run:	3 matches (07.12.2014 - 11.12.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	4 matches (03.12.2008 – 09.12.2008)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (03.12.2018 – 03.12.2020)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (11.12.1998 – 08.12.2002)
Current run:	L2 (10.12.2020 – 13.12.2020)
Most goals:	32 vs. Serbia and Montenegro 32:29W @ Győr HUN, 14.12.2004 32 vs. Germany 32:29W @ Skopje MKD, 13.12.2008
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Romania 28:37L @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004
Most goals both teams:	65 vs. Romania 28:37L @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Poland 15:20L @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 11.12.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	16 vs. The Netherlands 26:16W @ Malmö SWE, 07.12.2006
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Poland 15:20L @ 's-Hertogenbosch NED, 11.12.1998

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

MNE vs ESP

13.12.2010 Herning DEN	ESP-MNE	ECh – MR-Group I	20:22 (12:12)
11.12.2011 Barueri BRA	MNE-ESP	WCh – Last 16	19:23 (9:11)
09.08.2012 London GBR	ESP-MNE	OG – Semi-final	26:27 (13:13)
13.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	ESP-MNE	ECh – MR-Group II	23:27 (16:13)
19.12.2014 Budapest HUN	MNE-ESP	ECh – Semi-final	18:19 (8:13)
06.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	MNE-ESP	OG – Group A	19:25 (10:14)
06.12.2019 Yatsushiro/Kyushu JPN	MNE-ESP	WCh – Group C	26:27 (14:14)
15.12.2020 Herning DEN	MNE-ESP	ECh – MR-Group I	26:26 (11:17)

ESP vs POL

01.12.1981 Hobro DEN	POL-ESP	B-WCh – Group B	34:12 (20:5)
12.12.1987 Veliko Tarnovo BUL	POL-ESP	B-WCh – Group A	29:13 (17:6)
24.11.1993 Oslo NOR	POL-ESP	WCh – Group A	20:19 (9:10)
11.12.1998 's-Hertogenbosch NED	POL-ESP	ECh – Group B	20:15 (9:8)
20.05.2001 València ESP	ESP-POL	WCh-Playoff	27:22 (14:11)
26.05.2001 Głogów POL	POL-ESP	WCh-Playoff	28:30 (13:15)
24.05.2003 Chełm POL	POL-ESP	WCh-Playoff	23:18 (10:8)
01.06.2003 València ESP	ESP-POL	WCh-Playoff	30:24 (14:13)
30.05.2004 Żory POL	POL-ESP	ECh-Playoff	29:31 (11:16)
05.06.2004 Elche ESP	ESP-POL	ECh-Playoff	31:28 (12:13)
11.12.2007 Dijon FRA	ESP-POL	WCh – MR-Group II	29:30 (14:15)
09.12.2013 Zrenjanin SRB	ESP-POL	WCh – Group C	26:20 (11:11)
07.12.2014 Győr HUN	ESP-POL	ECh – Group A	29:22 (16:13)

GER vs ESP

08.12.2002 Farum/Sjælland DEN	GER-ESP	ECh – Group C	31:27 (15:14)
06.12.2007 Dijon FRA	ESP-GER	WCh – MR-Group II	25:30 (8:14)
13.12.2008 Skopje MKD	ESP-GER	ECh – Semi-final	32:29 (12:13)
04.12.2012 Novi Sad SRB	GER-ESP	ECh – Group C	20:23 (12:13)
12.12.2016 Göteborg SWE	ESP-GER	ECh – MR-Group 1	20:20 (12:9)
21.03.2018 Stuttgart GER	GER-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	33:24 (16:13)
24.03.2018 San Sebastián – Donostia ESP	ESP-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	27:23 (12:9)
07.12.2018 Nancy FRA	ESP-GER	ECh – MR-Group 2	23:29 (9:17)
14.12.2021 Granollers ESP	ESP-GER	WCh – Quarter-final	26:21 (14:10)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Macarena Aguilar Diaz	47	2004-2016
Marta Elisabet Mangue Gonzalez	46	2002-2016
Carmen Dolores Martin Berenguer	45	2008-2020
Silvia Navarro Giménez	39	2006, 2010-2020
Nerea Pena Abaurrea	38	2010-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Carmen Dolores Martin Berenguer	200	2008-2020
Marta Elisabet Mangue Gonzalez	173	2002-2016
Nerea Pena Abaurrea	148	2010-2020
Macarena Aguilar Diaz	90	2004-2016
Begoña Fernandez Molinos	67	2004-2012



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PREVIOUS HOST NATIONS & WINNERS



Tournament	Host nation(s)	Winners
EHF EURO 1994	Germany	Denmark
EHF EURO 1996	Denmark	Denmark
EHF EURO 1998	Netherlands	Norway
EHF EURO 2000	Romania	Hungary
EHF EURO 2002	Denmark	Denmark
EHF EURO 2004	Hungary	Norway
EHF EURO 2006	Sweden	Norway
EHF EURO 2008	FYR Macedonia	Norway
EHF EURO 2010	Denmark & Norway	Norway
EHF EURO 2012	Serbia	Montenegro
EHF EURO 2014	Hungary & Croatia	Norway
EHF EURO 2016	Sweden	Norway
EHF EURO 2018	France	France
EHF EURO 2020	Norway & Denmark	Norway



WHERE NEXT

2023 IHF World Women's Championship in Denmark, Norway and Sweden



The 26th IHF World Women's Championship will be held between 30 November and 17 December 2023 in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Besides the three hosting countries another 13 European teams will be part of this tournament.

The three best-ranked teams of the EHF EURO 2022 in Slovenia, North Macedonia and Montenegro – excluding Denmark, Sweden and

Norway (who are also the defending champions), whose places are already booked – will directly qualify for the world championship. The remaining ten spots will be decided in two parts of the qualification Europe. Nine winners from the first phase in November 2022 will face 10 out of 16 teams from the EHF EURO 2022 (excluding Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the best three ranked teams) and the Czech Republic (according to the current Women's National Team ranking directly qualified for the WCh Qualification Europe Phase 2). The ten pairings of the qualification phase 2 will be drawn on the final weekend of the EHF EURO 2022 in Ljubljana and will be played 7/8 (first leg) and 11/12 April 2023 (second leg).

Women's EHF EURO 2024 in Austria, Hungary and Switzerland

The Women's EHF EURO 2024 will be for the first time played with 24 teams and for the second time in a row hosted by three countries. The 16th edition of the EHF EURO will take place between 28 November and 15 December 2024 in Austria, Hungary and Switzerland.

The hosts were awarded the tournament in January 2020. In addition to the hosts, who qualify automatically for the tournament, only the 2022 gold medallists will also directly qualify. These four teams will play the second edition of the Women's EHF EURO Cup in home and away matches at the same time as the six qualification rounds for the 20 remaining spots for the EHF EURO 2024. The following 23 teams (excluding the three organisers and the 2020 winners) are confirmed for the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers: CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FAR, FRA, GER, GRE, ISL, LTU, MKD, MNE, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, SLO, SRB, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR.

All remaining and registered teams have to take part in the Women's EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers Phase 1.

The venues for the EHF EURO 2024 are:

- Innsbruck (AUT), Olympiahalle (capacity 8,000)
- Debrecen (HUN), Fönix Hall (6,500)
- Basel (SUI), St Jakobshalle (12,400)
- Budapest (HUN), MVM Dome (20,022)



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PARIS 2024



According to the respective traditional procedure in the women's competition the quota place for the continental champion Europe at the 2024 Olympic Games will go to the 2022 European Champion in the first place.

The final ranking of the 2023 IHF World Championships and there the position of the 2022 European Champions as well as the position of the home team of the 2024 Olympic Games (France) will also have an impact on this subject.

The handball tournament will be played at the Pierre Mauroy Stadium in Lille with a capacity of 27,000 spectators.

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EHF EURO MATCHES TOP 10

Player	Matches	Years
Siraba DEMBÉLÉ PAVLOVIC FRA	54	2006-2020
Karoline Dyhre BREIVANG NOR	52	2000, 2004-2014
Katrine LUNDE (HARALDSEN) NOR	52	2002-2012, 2018-2020
Camilla HERREM NOR	51	2008-2020
Alexandra LACRABÈRE FRA	49	2006-2020
Marit Malm FRAFJORD NOR	48	2006-2012, 2016, 2020
Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth KOREN NOR	48	2004-2014
Macarena AGUILAR DIAZ ESP	47	2004-2016
Isabelle GULLDÉN SWE	47	2008-2020
Marta Elisabet MANGUE GONZALEZ ESP	46	2002-2016
Katalin PÁLINGER HUN	46	1998-2010
Heidi LØKE NOR	46	2008-2014, 2018-2020

EHF EURO GOALS IN ONE GAME TOP 10

Karolina KUDŁACZ POL	17 vs. FYR Macedonia 35:33W @ Göteborg SWE, 12.12.2006
Nathalie HAGMAN SWE	17 vs. Russia 39:30W @ Nantes FRA, 12.12.2018
Aleksandra PAWELSKA POL	16 vs. Lithuania 30:27W aet @ Herning DEN, 13.12.1996
Olena TSYGYTSA UKR	16 vs. Russia 28:24W @ București ROU, 16.12.2000
Marina NAOUKOVITCH RUS	16 vs. Hungary 39:29W @ Farum/Sjælland DEN, 10.12.2002
Olena REZNIR UKR	16 vs. Russia 24:28L @ Győr HUN, 15.12.2004
Simona GOGIRLA ROU	15 vs. Denmark 33:26W @ București ROU, 13.12.2000
Tanja LOGVIN AUT	15 vs. Romania 28:32L @ Debrecen HUN, 16.12.2004
Simona GOGIRLA ROU	14 vs. Hungary 24:25L @ București ROU, 16.12.2000
Ágnes FARKAS HUN	14 vs. Ukraine 32:30W aet @ București ROU, 17.12.2000
Ágnes FARKAS HUN	14 vs. Yugoslavia 43:39W @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002

EHF EURO MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

82	Yugoslavia vs. Hungary 39:43 (20:24) @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002
79	Hungary vs. Serbia 41:38 (21:19, 33:33) @ Beograd SRB, 16.12.2012
78	Belarus vs. Croatia 35:43 (18:21) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
77	Yugoslavia vs. FYR Macedonia 39:38 (14:16, 29:29, 32:32) @ București ROU, 15.12.2000
73	Norway vs. Hungary 44:29 (21:16) @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004

EHF EURO GOALS TOP 10

Player	Goals	Years
Cristina Georgiana NEAGU ROU	264	2008-2020
Ágnes FARKAS HUN	205	1994, 1998-2002
Isabelle GULLDÉN SWE	203	2008-2020
Carmen Dolores MARTIN BERENGUER ESP	200	2008-2020
Grit JURACK GER	194	1996, 2000, 2004-2010
Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth KOREN NOR	190	2004-2014
Marta Elisabet MANGUE GONZALEZ ESP	173	2002-2016
Jovanka RADIČEVIĆ MNE	171	2010-2014, 2018-2020
Nora MØRK NOR	169	2010, 2014-2020
Anita GÖRBICZ HUN	160	2002-2008, 2012, 2016

EHF EURO BIGGEST WINS TOP 10

23	Hungary vs. Austria 35:12 (13:6) @ Râmnicu Vâlcea ROU, 10.12.2000
23	Norway vs. Slovenia 41:18 (16:8) @ Győr HUN, 16.12.2004
23	Norway vs. Slovenia 43:20 (19:9) @ Göteborg SWE, 07.12.2006
22	Norway vs. The Netherlands 35:13 (18:9) @ Lillehammer NOR, 15.12.2010
21	Norway vs. Hungary 34:13 (19:7) @ Lillehammer NOR, 10.12.2010
19	Hungary vs. Austria 42:23 (15:12) @ Skövde SWE, 07.12.2006
19	Russia vs. FYR Macedonia 43:24 (15:12) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
19	Norway vs. Germany 42:23 (22:14) @ Kolding DEN, 05.12.2020
18	Norway vs. Lithuania 36:18 (17:9) @ Vejle DEN, 06.12.1996
18	Norway vs. Czech Republic 34:16 (15:9) @ Helsingborg SWE, 07.12.2016

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS TOP 5

10	Austria vs. Sweden 10:24 (5:11) @ Ohrid MKD, 04.12.2008
11	Austria vs. Norway 11:14 (6:8) @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
12	Austria vs. Hungary 12:35 (6:13) @ Râmnicu Vâlcea ROU, 10.12.2000
13	Austria vs. Croatia 13:14 (8:8) @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994
13	Slovakia vs. Germany 13:20 (8:10) @ Oldenburg GER, 19.09.1994
13	Sweden vs. Denmark 13:30 (6:13) @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 06.12.1996
13	FYR Macedonia vs. Norway 13:28 (10:17) @ Göteborg SWE, 13.12.2006
13	Ukraine vs. The Netherlands 13:25 (8:13) @ Larvik NOR, 07.12.2010
13	The Netherlands vs. Norway 13:35 (9:18) @ Lillehammer NOR, 15.12.2010

EHF EURO MOST GOALS TOP 5

44	Norway vs. Hungary 44:29 (21:16) @ Budapest HUN, 18.12.2004
43	Hungary vs. Yugoslavia 43:39 (24:20) @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002
43	Norway vs. Slovenia 43:20 (19:9) @ Göteborg SWE, 07.12.2006
43	Croatia vs. Belarus 43:35 (21:18) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
43	Russia vs. FYR Macedonia 43:24 (15:12) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008

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EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

- 25 Austria vs. Norway 11:14 (6:8) @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
- 27 Croatia vs. Austria 14:13 (8:8) @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994
- 31 Norway vs. Croatia 15:16 (10:10) @ Waiblingen GER, 19.09.1994
- 31 Denmark vs. Romania 15:16 (7:9) @ Herning DEN, 19.12.2010
- 33 Germany vs. Slovakia 20:13 (10:8) @ Oldenburg GER, 19.09.1994
- 33 Croatia vs. Germany 16:17 (7:8) @ Novi Sad SRB, 07.12.2012

EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

- 28 Russia vs. FYR Macedonia - 2nd half 43:24 (15:12)W @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
- 27 Hungary vs. Austria - 2nd half 42:23 (15:12)W @ Skövde SWE, 07.12.2006
- 25 Norway vs. Slovenia - 2nd half 41:18 (16:8)W @ Győr HUN, 16.12.2004
- 24 Hungary vs. Yugoslavia - 1st half 43:39 (24:20)W @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002
- 24 Norway vs. Slovenia - 2nd half 43:20 (19:9)W @ Göteborg SWE, 07.12.2006

EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

- 44 Yugoslavia vs. Hungary - 1st half 39:43 (20:24) @ Århus DEN, 15.12.2002
- 40 Russia vs. FYR Macedonia - 2nd half 43:24 (15:12) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
- 40 Hungary vs. Serbia - 1st half 41:38 (21:19, 33:33) @ Beograd SRB, 16.12.2012
- 40 Sweden vs. Germany - 1st half 39:32 (23:17) @ Varaždin CRO, 12.12.2014
- 39 Yugoslavia vs. Germany - 2nd half 34:28 (12:11) @ Râmnicu Vâlcea ROU, 13.12.2000
- 39 Belarus vs. Croatia - 1st half 35:43 (18:21) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008
- 39 Belarus vs. Croatia - 2nd half 35:43 (18:21) @ Skopje MKD, 08.12.2008

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

- 3 FYR Macedonia vs. Norway - 2nd half 13:28 (10:17)L @ Göteborg SWE, 13.12.2006
- 3 Serbia vs. France - 1st half 16:27 (3:11)L @ Osijek CRO, 10.12.2014
- 4 The Netherlands vs. Norway - 2nd half 13:35 (9:18)L @ Lillehammer NOR, 15.12.2010
- 5 Austria vs. Croatia - 2nd half 13:14 (8:8)L @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994
- 5 Slovakia vs. Germany - 2nd half 13:20 (8:10)L @ Oldeburg GER, 19.09.1994
- 5 Norway vs. Croatia - 2nd half 15:16 (10:10)L @ Waiblingen GER, 19.09.1994
- 5 Austria vs. Norway - 2nd half 11:14 (6:8)L @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
- 5 The Netherlands vs. Hungary - 1st half 19:28 (5:12)L @ Amsterdam NED, 13.12.1998
- 5 FYR Macedonia vs. Denmark - 1st half 20:19 (5:9)W @ București ROU, 08.12.2000
- 5 Austria vs. Sweden - 1st half 10:24 (5:11)L @ Ohrid MKD, 04.12.2008
- 5 Austria vs. Sweden - 2nd half 10:24 (5:11)L @ Ohrid MKD, 04.12.2008
- 5 Russia vs. Sweden - 1st half 19:19 (5:8)D @ Ohrid MKD, 06.12.2008
- 5 Ukraine vs. The Netherlands - 2nd half 13:25 (8:13)L @ Larvik NOR, 07.12.2010
- 5 Montenegro vs. France - 1st half 19:23 (5:12)L @ Herning DEN, 18.12.2010
- 5 Slovenia vs. Spain - 1st half 18:30 (5:14)L @ Stockholm SWE, 08.12.2016
- 5 France vs. The Netherlands - 2nd half 17:18 (12:7)L @ Kristianstad SWE, 08.12.2016
- 5 Croatia vs. Spain - 1st half 18:25 (5:15)L @ Montbéliard FRA, 01.12.2018
- 5 Poland vs. Sweden - 1st half 22:23 (5:10)L @ Nantes FRA, 04.12.2018
- 5 Croatia vs. France - 1st half 19:30 (5:15) @ Herning DEN, 18.12.2020

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAM TOP 5

- 11 Croatia vs. Austria - 2nd half 14:13 (8:8) @ Waiblingen GER, 18.09.1994
- 11 Norway vs. Croatia - 2nd half 15:16 (10:10) @ Waiblingen GER, 19.09.1994
- 11 Austria vs. Norway - 2nd half 11:14 (6:8) @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
- 13 Iceland vs. Romania - 2nd half 19:22 (13:15) @ Vršac SRB, 05.12.2012
- 14 Austria vs. Ukraine - 2nd half 24:16 (16:10) @ Waiblingen GER, 17.09.1994
- 14 Austria vs. Norway - 1st half 11:14 (6:8) @ Bonn GER, 21.09.1994
- 14 Denmark vs. FYR Macedonia - 1st half 19:20 (9:5) @ București ROU, 08.12.2000
- 14 FYR Macedonia vs. Norway - 2nd half 13:28 (10:17) @ Göteborg SWE, 13.12.2006
- 14 Serbia vs. France - 1st half 16:27 (3:11) @ Osijek CRO, 10.12.2014

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1	Norway	106	87	6	13	2993:2329	+664	180:32	(15)*	W12	84,91%
2	Denmark	98	63	4	31	2531:2358	+173	130:66	(15)*	L2	66,33%
3	Russia	94	49	11	34	2480:2284	+196	109:79	(14)	W1	57,98%
4	Hungary	94	50	5	39	2495:2429	+66	105:83	(15)*	L1	55,85%
5	Germany	89	46	5	38	2234:2227	+7	97:81	(15)*	L2	54,49%
6	France	75	46	3	26	1854:1730	+124	95:55	(12)*	L1	63,33%
7	Romania	87	44	4	39	2165:2150	+15	92:82	(14)*	L4	52,87%
8	Sweden	72	29	7	36	1791:1844	-53	65:79	(13)*	L4	45,14%
9	Spain	68	22	9	37	1675:1733	-58	53:83	(12)*	D1	38,97%
10	Croatia	54	25	0	29	1308:1396	-88	50:58	(12)*	W1	46,30%
11	Montenegro	38	22	1	15	955:934	+21	45:31	(7)*	D1	59,21%
12	The Netherlands	47	20	1	26	1183:1213	-30	41:53	(9)*	L1	43,62%
13	Ukraine	59	18	4	37	1428:1527	-99	40:78	(11)	L9	33,90%
14	Austria	47	18	0	29	1117:1240	-123	36:58	(8)	L6	38,30%
15	Serbia	35	9	2	24	905:989	-84	20:50	(9)*	L2	28,57%
16	Poland	33	9	1	23	776:892	-116	19:47	(8)*	D1	28,79%
17	Serbia and Montenegro	19	8	1	10	566:576	-10	17:21	(3)	L5	44,74%
18	North Macedonia	27	7	2	18	642:767	-125	16:38	(6)*	L3	29,63%
19	Czech Republic	34	7	0	27	787:870	-83	14:54	(7)	L11	20,59%
20	Slovenia	27	6	0	21	673:809	-136	12:42	(8)*	L3	22,22%
21	Belarus	18	2	5	11	460:509	-49	9:27	(4)	L1	25,00%
22	Slovakia	12	1	1	10	240:315	-75	3:21	(2)	L3	12,50%
23	Portugal	3	0	0	3	67:101	-34	0:6	(1)	L3	0,00%
24	Iceland	6	0	0	6	125:169	-44	0:12	(2)	L6	0,00%
25	Lithuania	6	0	0	6	124:183	-59	0:12	(1)	L6	0,00%
NR	Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)*	N/A	

* = Participating in Women's EHF EURO 2022
(participations incl. this year)

% = Win percentage

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(up to and including 2020 Women's EHF EURO)

MULTIPLE EURO WINNERS

There have been 43 multiple winners of champion's trophies in the Women's EHF EURO history, including seven Norwegians who will play at the EHF EURO 2021. As Veronica Kristiansen, Camilla Herrem, Sanna Solberg-Isaksen and Kari Brattset Dale miss the EHF EURO 2022 due to several reasons, this number is lower compared to 2020.

But there is one, who stands-out: Katrine Lunde, the 42-year-old Norwegian goalkeeper, can become the first handball player (male and female) ever to become EHF EURO champion for the sixth time after being on the winners' podium in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2020. Lunde is one of six Norwegians with five trophies on her tally, besides Camilla Herrem, Marit Malm Frafjord, Karoline Dyhre Breivang, Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren and Kari Aalvik Grimsbø.

Two more of Lunde's teammates can take their fifth trophy in Ljubljana on 20 November 2022: Stine Oftedal and two-time EHF EURO top scorer Nora Mørk, who both won the trophies in 2010, 2014, 2016 and 2020.

Only one non-Norwegian is among the 12 players with three EHF EURO trophies: Danish goalkeeper Lene Rantala, who featured in the three Denmark squads which won the trophy in 1994, 1996 and 2002.

As only Norway and Denmark have more than one trophy in their cabinet, no other nation is represented among the 43 multiple EHF EURO champions.



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Multiple Women's EHF EURO winners

(**bold** = participating in 2022)

FIVE TROPHIES

Katrine Lunde (Norway/2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2020)
Karoline Dyhre Breivang (Norway/2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2014)
Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren (Norway/2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2014)
Kari Aalvik Grimsbø (Norway/2006, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2016)
Camilla Herrem (Norway/2008, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020)
Marit Malm Frafjord (Norway/2006, 2008, 2020, 2016, 2020)

FOUR TROPHIES

Kari Mette Johansen (Norway/2004, 2006, 2008, 2010)
Stine Oftedal (Norway/2010, 2014, 2016, 2020)
Nora Mørk (Norway/2010, 2014, 2016, 2020)
Heidi Løke (Norway/2008, 2010, 2014, 2020)

THREE TROPHIES

Lene Rantala (Denmark/1994, 1996, 2002)
Silje Solberg (Norway/2014, 2016, 2020)
Emilie Hegh Arntzen (Norway/2014, 2016, 2020)
Veronica Kristiansen (Norway/2014, 2016, 2020)
Sanna Solberg-Isaksen (Norway/2014, 2016, 2020)
Else-Marthe Soerlie-Lybekk (Norway/1996, 2004, 2006)
Gro Hammerseng-Edin (Norway/2004, 2006, 2010)
Tonje Larsen (Norway/1996, 2008, 2010)
Kristine Lunde (Norway/2004, 2006, 2008)
Ragnhild Aamodt (Norway (2004, 2006, 2008)
Terese Pedersen (Norway/2004, 2006, 2008)
Tonje Nøstvold (Norway/2006, 2008, 2010)

TWO TROPHIES

Anja Andersen (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Camilla Andersen (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Gitte Sunesen (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Anne Dorthe Tanderup (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Heidi Astrup (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Janne Kolling (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Tonje Kjaergaard (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Susanne Munk Lauritzen (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Anette Hoffmann (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Marianne Florman (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Anja Hansen (Denmark/1994, 1996)
Mette Vestergaard (Denmark/1996, 2002)
Isabel Blanco (Norway/2004, 2008)
Katja Nyberg (Norway/2004, 2006)
Gøril Snorroeggen (Norway/2004, 2006)
Elisabeth Hilmo (Norway/1998, 2004)
Linn Jørum Sulland (Norway/2008, 2010)
Ida Alstad (Norway/2010, 2014)
Stine Skogrand (Norway/2016, 2020)
Malin Aune (Norway/2016, 2020)
Marta Tomac (Norway/2016, 2020)



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TOP SCORERS AND MVP AWARDS

Since 1996, a Norwegian player has been named Most Valuable Player (MVP) at a Women's EHF EURO five times. Denmark and Sweden have both been represented twice on the MVP list, joined by one player from each of Russia, Hungary, Netherlands and France.

Norway's Gro Hammerseng is the only player to be named MVP twice, in 2004 and 2006. Her wife Anja Edin-Hammerseng became MVP in 2012. The MVP has been a goalkeeper just once: Karin Mortensen in 2002 on home ground, when the Danes won their most recent trophy. The MVP has also been the top scorer just once, in Hungary/Croatia in 2014 when the award was won by Swedish star Isabelle Gulldén. Last MVP was French Estelle Nze Minko, who took this trophy, but lost the 2020 final at Herning against Norway

The top scorer of the 12 Women's EHF EURO events from 1996 to 2020 come from nine countries. Norway again tops the list with three top scorers – Kjersti Grini, Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren and Nora Mørk, the only player, who received the trophy twice, almost with the same number of goals: 2016 in Sweden by 53 goals and 2020 in Denmark by 52 strikes. Hungary is represented by two top scorers, including Bojana Radulovic, the all-time record holder with 72 goals on home ground in 2004.

Six IHF World Players of the year, winning the award 10 times in total, are among the MVP and top scorers including four-time IHF World Player Cristina Neagu, who was top scorer of the EHF EURO 2010. Radulovic was named World Player twice, while Ausra Fridrikas (Austria), Nadine Krause (Germany), Hammerseng and Riegelhuth have all been IHF Player of the Year once. Neagu, Nze Minko, and Mørk will all be on court in Denmark.

Top Scorers and MVP Awards

1994 in Germany

Top scorer: no award

MVP: no award

1996 in Denmark

Top scorer: Kjersti Grini (NOR) - 48 goals

MVP: Anja Andersen (DEN)

1998 in The Netherlands

Top scorer: Ausra Fridrikas (AUT) - 68 goals

MVP: Trine Haltvik (NOR)

2000 in Romania

Top scorer: Simona Gogirla (ROU) - 68 goals

MVP: Beata Siti (HUN)

2002 in Denmark

Top scorer: Agnes Farkas (HUN) - 58 goals

MVP: Karin Mortensen (DEN)

2004 in Hungary

Top scorer: Bojana Radulovic (HUN) - 72 goals

MVP: Gro Hammerseng (NOR)

2006 in Sweden

Top scorer: Nadine Krause (GER) - 58 goals

MVP: Gro Hammerseng (NOR)

2008 in Macedonia

Top scorer: Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren (NOR) - 51 goals

MVP: Kristine Lunde (NOR)

2010 in Norway and Denmark

Top scorer: Cristina Neagu (ROU) - 53 goals

MVP: Linnea Torstensson (SWE)

2012 in Serbia

Top scorer: Katarina Bulatovic (MNE) - 56 goals

MVP: Anja Edin-Hammerseng (NOR)

2014 in Croatia/Hungary

Top scorer: Isabelle Gulldén (SWE) - 58 goals

MVP: Isabelle Gulldén (SWE)

2016 in Sweden

Top scorer: Nora Mørk (NOR) - 53 goals

MVP: Nycke Groot (NED)

2018 in France

Top scorer: Katarina Krpež-Šlezak (SRB) - 50 goals

MVP: Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)

2020 in Denmark

Top scorer: Nora Mørk (NOR) - 52 goals

MVP: Estelle Nze Minko (FRA)



ALL-STAR TEAMS

All-star Team members

Record winners Norway are the top nation in terms of All-star Team members: 24 Norwegian players have been named among the best of the tournament.

The All-star Team announcement has become part of the Women's EHF EURO in 1998, since 2006, the best defender of the tournament is included in the All-star Team.

Looking at the biggest number of nominations, Lyudmila Bodniyeva is on top. The Russian line player was selected four consecutive times for EHF EURO All-star Teams (2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006). Three other players have three awards each, Norwegian goalkeeper Katrine Lunde, her long-term teammate and line player Heidi Løke and the Spanish right wing Carmen Martín.

1998

Goalkeeper: Cecilie Leganger (NOR)
Left wing: Sabina Soja (POL)
Left back: Ausra Fridrikas (AUT)
Centre back: Camilla Andersen (DEN)
Line player: Tonje Kjærgaard (DEN)
Right back: Kjersti Grini (NOR)
Right wing: Janne Kolling (DEN)

2000

Goalkeeper: Luminița Huțupan (ROU)
Left wing: Larisa Ferzalieva (MKD)
Left back: Olena Tsyhytsia (UKR)
Centre back: Beáta Siti (HUN)
Line player: Lyudmila Bodniyeva (RUS)
Right back: Melinda Szabó (FRA)
Right wing: Agnieszka Tobiasz (GER)

2002

Goalkeeper: Karin Mortensen (DEN)
Left wing: Line Daugaard (DEN)
Left back: Ausra Fridrikas (AUT)
Centre back: Kristine Andersen (DEN)
Line player: Lyudmila Bodniyeva (RUS)
Right back: Lina Olsson Rosenberg (NOR)
Right wing: Stéphanie Cano (FRA)

2004

Goalkeeper: Karin Mortensen (DEN)
Left wing: Olena Radchenko (UKR)
Left back: Tanja Logvin (AUT)
Centre back: Gro Hammerseng (NOR)
Line player: Lyudmila Bodniyeva (RUS)
Right back: Grit Jurack (GER)
Right wing: Josephine Touray (DEN)



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2006

Goalkeeper: Inna Suslina (RUS)
Left wing: Kari Mette Johansen (NOR)
Left back: Nadine Krause (GER)
Centre back: Gro Hammerseng (NOR)
Line player: Lyudmila Bodniyeva (RUS)
Right back: Ibolya Mehlmann (HUN)
Right wing: Annika Wiel Fredén (SWE)
Best defender: Isabelle Wendling (FRA)

2008

Goalkeeper: Katrine Lunde (NOR)
Left wing: Valentina Ardean-Elisei (ROU)
Left back: Tonje Larsen (NOR)
Centre back: Kristine Lunde (NOR)
Line player: Begoña Fernández (ESP)
Right back: Grit Jurack (GER)
Right wing: Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth (NOR)
Best defender: Nadezhda Muravyova (RUS)

2010

Goalkeeper: Katrine Lunde (NOR)
Left wing: Mie Augustesen (DEN)
Left back: Cristina Neagu (ROU)
Centre back: Gro Hammerseng (NOR)
Line player: Heidi Løke (NOR)
Right back: Nerea Pena (ESP)
Right wing: Maibritt Kviesgaard (DEN)
Best defender: Johanna Wiberg (SWE)

2012

Goalkeeper: Katrine Lunde (NOR)
Left wing: Polina Kuznetsova (RUS)
Left back: Sanja Damjanović (SRB)
Centre back: Andrea Lekić (SRB)
Line player: Heidi Løke (NOR)
Right back: Katarina Bulatović (MNE)
Right wing: Jovanka Radičević (MNE)
Best defender: Anja Althaus (GER)

2014

Goalkeeper: Silje Solberg (NOR)
Left wing: Maria Fisker (DEN)
Left back: Cristina Neagu (ROU)
Centre back: Kristina Kristiansen (DEN)
Line player: Heidi Løke (NOR)
Right back: Nora Mørk (NOR)
Right wing: Carmen Martín (ESP)
Best defender: Sabina Jacobsen (SWE)

2016

Goalkeeper: Sandra Toft (DEN)
Left wing: Camilla Herrem (NOR)
Left back: Cristina Neagu (ROU)
Centre back: Nycke Groot (NED)
Line player: Yvette Broch (NED)
Right back: Nora Mørk (NOR)
Right wing: Carmen Martín (ESP)
Best defender: Béatrice Edwige (FRA)

2018

Goalkeeper: Amandine Leynaud (FRA)
Left wing: Majda Mehmedović (MNE)
Left back: Noémi Háfra (HUN)
Centre back: Stine Oftedal (NOR)
Line player: Crina Pintea (ROU)
Right back: Alicia Stolle (GER)
Right wing: Carmen Martín (ESP)
Best defender: Kelly Dulfer (NED)

2020

Goalkeeper: Sandra Toft (DEN)
Left wing: Camilla Herrem (NOR)
Left back: Vladlena Bobrovnikova (RUS)
Centre back: Stine Oftedal (NOR)
Right back: Nora Mørk (NOR)
Right wing: Jovanka Radičević (MNE)
Line player: Ana Debelić (CRO)
Best defender: Line Haugsted (DEN)





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OFFICIAL MATCH BALL

For the seventh consecutive EHF EURO event since the Women's EHF EURO 2016, the final tournament's match ball is presented by the EHF's premium partner, Danish ball manufacturer SELECT Sport.

The 'Ultimate iBall' saw the light of day at the draw event in April 2022 at the Ljubljana Castle and will eventually star in all 47 matches at the Women's EHF EURO 2022. The ball has been exclusively designed for the championship. With elements in various colours it features the European Handball Federation's primary colour as well as those which are dominant in the host nations' flags.

With the EHF's ongoing partnership with KINEXON for the EHF EURO events, this SELECT Ultimate iBall has a built-in chip that tracks and distributes data in real-time: Shot detection, exact ball speed and position of the shot is captured, used and displayed on the EHF's owned and operated channels as well as on TV and brings fans and spectators closer to the game.

On EHF EURO level, the SELECT Ultimate iBall premiered at the final weekend of the Women's EHF EURO 2018 and has since been used at the Men's and Women's EHF EURO.

The hand-stitched ball is made of extremely hardwearing synthetic leather material. A zero-wing bladder inside the ball ensures optimal roundness. The specially developed 'shark skin foam' gives the ball an extremely soft feel and excellent grip. The ball is light and lively, but above all its constant balance ensures that there are no random bounces.



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TECHNOLOGIES

Video replay technologies

Several technological developments are in place at the Women's EHF EURO 2022. 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.

Video 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.



A new situation which can trigger the use of the video replay has been added to the previous four situations (Goal/No goal, Punishment, Wrong Buzzer use, Wrong substitution). The "game-changer" situation can occur in the last 30 seconds of the match, if the referees have serious reservations about a 7-meter throw decision or a technical foul committed by a player scoring a goal (i.e., steps, charging foul, goal area violation, double dribble).

Goal-line cameras

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 video replay (disqualification and consequences) 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



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Player tracking technology/KINEXON

Two years ago match data collection reached 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. Following successful cooperation at several showcase events both on the club and the national team level, the EHF EURO 2022 will again 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 EHF FINAL4, and will now serve to the needs of media professionals and fans at the continental national team competition again.

During the EHF EURO 2022, 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 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.



CHANGES TO THE RULES

Teams will use three new rules at EHF Euro 2022, with the aim to increase excitement and dynamism, and protect goalkeepers more

The Women's EHF EURO 2022 in Slovenia, North Macedonia and Montenegro will not only be the last played with 16 teams but also the first European Championship to adopt the amended rules of the game.

The International Handball Federation released the amendments on 1 July, stating that the latest changes will further boost handball's dynamic pace, and also contribute to the safety of the goalkeepers.

The following changes will be applied at the Women's EHF EURO 2022.

Passive play

In the Rule 7:12 the maximum number of passes an attacking team has, is reduced from six to four after the forewarning signal is shown and before a free throw is called. An attacking team is counted if the executed throw is blocked by a defending field-player and the ball comes back to an attacking player.

If the attacking team is awarded a formal throw (free throw or throw-in) after completing the fourth pass, they may play an additional pass to finish the attack. The criteria for when the referees should start signalling the passive play remain unchanged.

Hitting the goalkeeper in the head with the ball

There are two new factors in Rules 8.8 and 8.9 which concern situations when a shooter hits a goalkeeper's head with the ball. The rule extends from penalty throws to shots from an open play. Instead of a red card, the shooter receives an immediate two-minute suspension.

Exceptions include: if a shot comes from an unbalanced player due to a foul committed by a defending player, or from an indirect shot (i.e., after a rebound from a defending player or after a deflection from another part of the goalkeeper's body).

New throw-off area

The introduction of a new throw-off area that measures four metres will increase the speed of the game. (Rules 10, 10:3, 10:4). In the case of a throw-off, referees will whistle as soon as the ball and at least one foot of the player are inside the throw-off area.

The player can move inside the throw-off area, but not bounce the ball or jump. Opposing players must stay outside the area and cannot touch the ball or opponent until the throw-off is complete. Teammates must be in either their own half or in the throw-off area.

The player must throw the ball within three seconds after the referee has whistled. If she fails to do so, the defending team receives a free throw.

New rules explained to coaches

The EHF explained the latest changes to the Women's EHF EURO head coaches during their first pre-tournament seminar in the end of October.

Read more about the changes here: <https://www.eurohandball.com/en/news/en/rule-changes-make-handball-faster-and-fairer/>



ONLINE COVERAGE

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The official championship website is available in English and provides extensive information for media and fans alike throughout the tournament. Website features 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, ehfeuro.eurohandball.com will offer its users news updates almost 24/7 during the final tournament.

Home of Handball App



In 2021 the European Handball Federation launched its very first dedicated mobile app, Home of Handball.

The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from the club as well as from the national team side – under one roof.

The integration of highlights from EHFTV, as well as of live scores, club and player information, are key ingredients for an enriching user experience. The app features gamification elements and furthermore allows for each user to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

The app offers handball fans across the globe European handball at their fingertips while at the same time creates an entry point for new fans to enter the arena and learn about the excitement of handball.

During the EHF EURO 2022 also the match predictor and the All-star Team vote will be exclusively available on the official app.

EHFTV

Furthermore, all 47 matches will be streamed live with English commentary and are available on demand on EHFTV. 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/homeofhandball, 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 podcast dedicated to the EHF EURO 2022. The first episodes have already been aired ahead of the tournament and many more will guide handball enthusiasts through the 17 days of action with lots of exciting content, exclusive guests and behind-the-scenes peeks.

All episodes will be available on ehfeuro.eurohandball.com and on major podcast players.

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 has expanded incorporating TikTok and Twitch.

While TikTok had a debut already at the Women's EHF EURO 2018, Twitch is the latest addition and it will offer many live twitch shows throughout the tournament.



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