



**MEN'S EHF EURO 2024**

GERMANY  
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# MEN'S EHF EURO 2024 MEDIA GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Men's EHF European Handball Championship, the EHF EURO 2024, will be hosted by Germany from 10 to 28 January 2024.

For you, the media, the EHF Media and Communications Department has prepared this media guide to provide a comprehensive overview of all 24 teams participating. It contains an extensive summary of all records of players and teams, head-to-head statistics for the six preliminary groups, tournament history, and media contacts for each of the competing national federations. You can also find seven player profiles and the head coach profile for each team.

The defending champions from Sweden start in group E in Mannheim. After winning their first title for 20 years in 2022, Sweden will be determined to go deep into the tournament once more. Find out about the squad on page 103 of the media guide.

Spain missed out on becoming the second team in history to win three consecutive titles in 2022, but did pick up another silver medal to add to their extensive trophy cabinet. The Hispanos have reached every final weekend at the EHF EURO since 2012 and showed with 2023 World Championship bronze that they have the quality to get there again, by first progressing out of group B in Mannheim. Read about the team on page 49.

World champions Denmark won their first European medal for eight years in 2022 when they defeated Olympic champions France in the bronze medal match. They start their 2024 campaign in group F in Munich. Find about their squad on page 121.

Hosts Germany had a good tournament in 2022, finishing seventh, but they certainly have their eyes set on the final weekend in Cologne this time around. Their group A, including France, North Macedonia and Switzerland, begins in Dusseldorf in front of world record-breaking crowds of more than 50,000 before moving to Berlin for the rest of the preliminary round. Read more about Germany on page 35.

Three teams are set to make their EHF EURO debuts in Germany: the Faroe Islands, Georgia, and Greece. The Faroe Islands are in group D alongside 2020 bronze medallists Norway, Slovenia, and Poland. The Faroese team are profiled on page 97 of the guide.

Georgia have a tough group, drawn against Sweden, the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina in group E – discover more about them on page 115. Greece face Denmark, Portugal and Czechia in group F. You can learn about the squad on page 133.

Throughout the Men's EHF EURO 2024, the EHF Media and Communications Department will continually update the media with results and news relating to the tournament.

However, if you have any questions or queries, the department is only an email away, so please feel free to get in touch with the team on [media@eurohandball.com](mailto:media@eurohandball.com).

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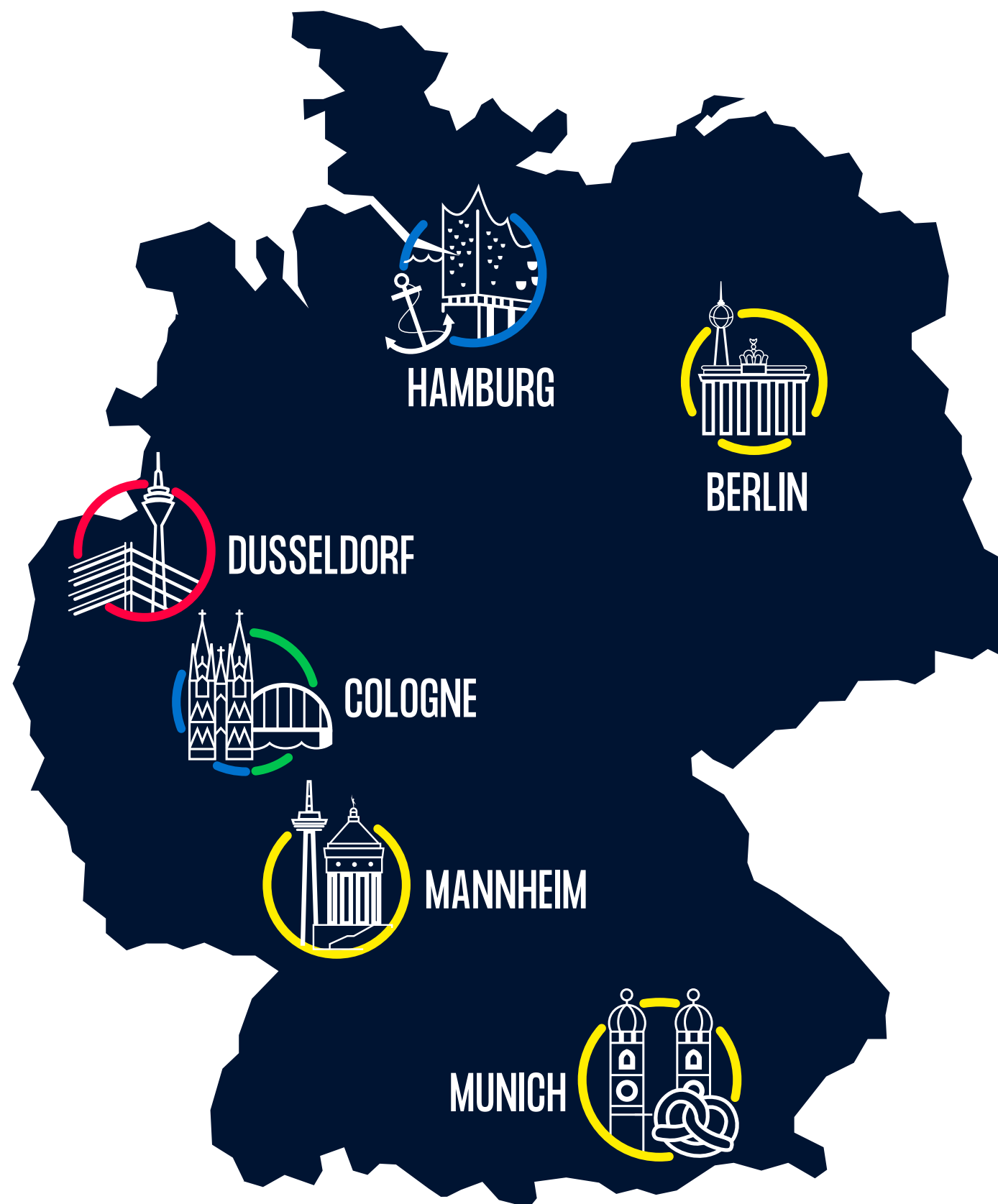
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# EHF EURO 2024 VENUES

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

The journey through Germany includes stops at the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Berlin, SAP Arena in Mannheim, and Olympiahalle in Munich for the preliminary round; Cologne and the Barclays Arena in Hamburg for the main round; and back to Cologne for the final weekend.



- OPENING GAME
- PRELIMINARY ROUND
- MAIN ROUND
- FINAL WEEKEND



# EHF EURO 2024 PLAYING SCHEDULE

## PRELIMINARY ROUND GROUPS A – F

## MAIN ROUND

## FINAL ROUND

Wed, Jan 10 Thu, Jan 11 Fri, Jan 12 Sat, Jan 13 Sun, Jan 14 Mon, Jan 15 Tue, Jan 16 Wed, Jan 17 Thu, Jan 18 Fri, Jan 19 Sat, Jan 20 Sun, Jan 21 Mon, Jan 22 Tue, Jan 23 Wed, Jan 24 Thu, Jan 25 Fri, Jan 26 Sat, Jan 27 Sun, Jan 28

**DUSSELDORF | MERKUR SPIEL-ARENA** **BERLIN | MERCEDES – BENZ ARENA** **GROUP A | GROUP D**

18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00
20:45	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30

**COLOGNE | LANXESS ARENA** **GROUP I | A B C** THE BASIC SCHEDULE FOR THE MAIN ROUND IS 15:30, 18:00 AND 20:30 MATCHES TO BE ASSIGNED ACCORDINGLY!

1.C vs. 2.B	1.C vs. 1.B	1.A vs. 2.B	1.A vs. 1.C
2.A vs. 2.C	1.A vs. 2.C	2.A vs. 1.C	2.A vs. 1.B
1.A vs. 1.B	2.A vs. 2.B	1.B vs. 2.C	2.B vs. 2.C

OPENING MATCH DAY

**MANNHEIM | SAP ARENA** **GROUP B | GROUP E**

18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00
20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30

**HAMBURG | BARCLAYS ARENA** **GROUP II | D E F** THE BASIC SCHEDULE FOR THE MAIN ROUND IS 15:30, 18:00 AND 20:30 MATCHES TO BE ASSIGNED ACCORDINGLY!

1.F vs. 2.E	1.F vs. 1.E	1.D vs. 2.E	1.D vs. 1.F
2.D vs. 2.F	1.D vs. 2.F	2.D vs. 1.F	2.D vs. 1.E
1.D vs. 1.E	2.D vs. 2.E	1.E vs. 2.F	2.E vs. 2.F

**MUNICH | OLYMPIAHALLE** **GROUP C | GROUP F**

18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00
20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30	20:30

**COLOGNE | LANXESS ARENA**

15:00	15:00
5/6 PLACEMENT MATCH	3/4 PLACEMENT MATCH
17:45	17:45
SEMI-FINAL I	FINAL
20:30	
SEMI-FINAL II	

RESTDAY

- |                 |                |                |                |                      |                |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>GROUP A</b>  | <b>GROUP B</b> | <b>GROUP C</b> | <b>GROUP D</b> | <b>GROUP E</b>       | <b>GROUP F</b> |
| FRANCE          | SPAIN          | ICELAND        | NORWAY         | SWEDEN               | DENMARK        |
| GERMANY         | AUSTRIA        | HUNGARY        | SLOVENIA       | NETHERLANDS          | PORTUGAL       |
| NORTH MACEDONIA | CROATIA        | SERBIA         | POLAND         | BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA | CZECHIA        |
| SWITZERLAND     | ROMANIA        | MONTENEGRO     | FAROE ISLANDS  | GEORGIA              | GREECE         |

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The EHF reserves the right to change the playing schedule and the match order on the respective playing days due to TV transmission requirements.



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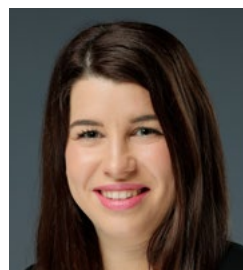
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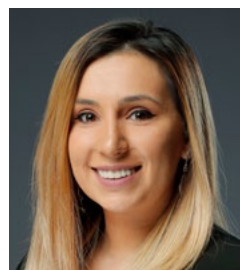
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# MEDIA CENTRES – OPENING HOURS

*[only media centres open before match day 1, media tribunes, mixed zone, etc. will open only from match day 1]*

## Dusseldorf

- 08/01 **12:00 – 18:00**  
 09/01 **10:00 – 22:00**  
*(preliminary round media calls and training sessions in the arena)*  
 10/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*

## Mannheim

- 09/01 **12:00 – 18:00**  
 10/01 **10:00 – 22:00**  
*(preliminary round media calls and training sessions in the arena)*  
 11–16/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match days)*  
*[if there is no training and/or media calls in the morning/mid-day, the opening hours can be adapted to 14:00 – 24:00]*

## Munich

- 09/01 **12:00 – 18:00**  
 10/01 **10:00 – 22:00**  
*(preliminary round media calls and training sessions in the arena)*  
 11–16/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match days)*  
*[if there is no training and/or media calls in the morning/mid-day, the opening hours can be adapted to 14:00 – 24:00]*

## Berlin

- 09/01 **12:00 – 18:00**  
 10/01 **10:00 – 22:00**  
*(preliminary round media calls and training sessions in the arena)*  
 11/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 12/01 **12:00 – 23:00**  
 13–16/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match days)*  
*[if there is no training and/or media calls in the morning/mid-day, the opening hours can be adapted to 14:00 – 24:00]*

## Hamburg

- 16/01 **12:00 – 23:00** *(main round media calls)*  
 17/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 19/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 21/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 23/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
*[if there is no training and/or media calls in the morning/mid-day, the opening hours can be adapted to 12:00 – 24:00]*  
 18/01 **12:00 – 23:00**  
 20/01 **12:00 – 23:00**  
 22/01 **12:00 – 23:00**  
*[can be adapted to 12:00-20:00, if there are no media calls/training sessions in the arena and no interest of media watching the matches from the parallel group]*

## Cologne

- 17/01 **12:00 – 23:00** *(main round media calls)*  
 18/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 20/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 22/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 24/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
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 23/01 **12:00 – 23:00**  
*[can be adapted to 12:00-20:00, if there are no media calls/training sessions in the arena and no interest of media watching the matches from the parallel group]*  
 25/01 **12:00 – 23:00** *(final weekend media calls/press conferences)*  
 26/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*  
 27/01 **10:00 – 19:00** *(media day)*  
 28/01 **10:00 – 24:00** *(match day)*







# ACCREDITATION CENTRES – OPENING HOURS

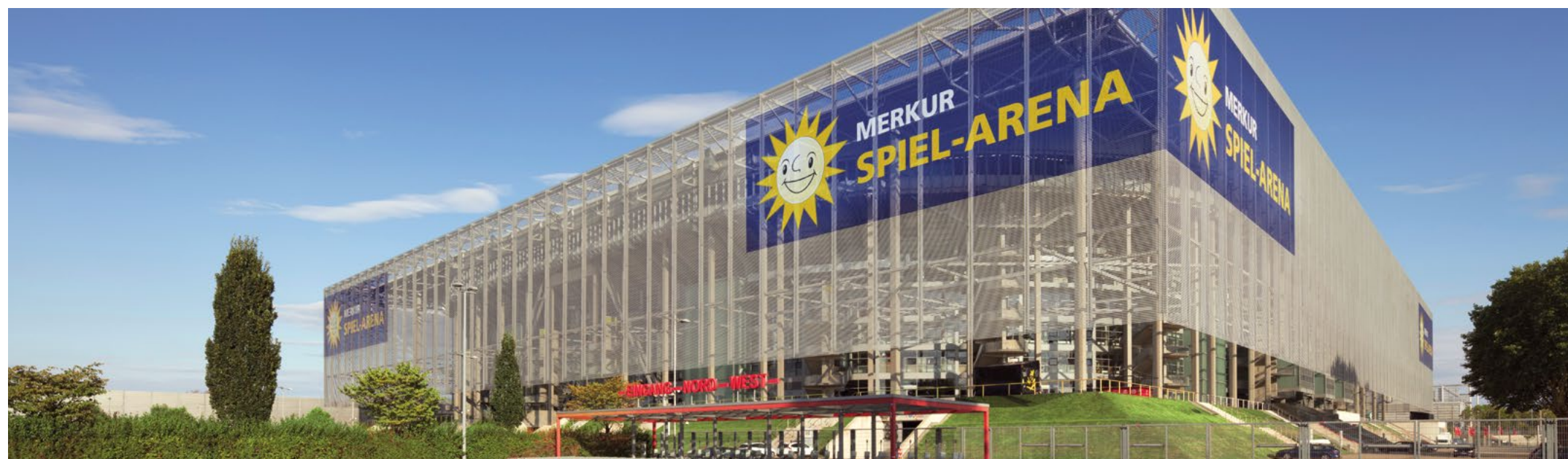
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# DUSSELDORF



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## OPENING MATCHES OF GROUP A

### COMPETITION VENUE

**MERKUR Spiel-Arena**  
**Arena-Straße 1, 40474 Dusseldorf**  
Capacity: 53,586

### TRANSPORT

Airport: Dusseldorf Airport  
Train station: Dusseldorf central station  
Public transport: [www.rheinbahn.com/](http://www.rheinbahn.com/)

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# BERLIN



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## PRELIMINARY ROUND GROUPS A & D

### COMPETITION VENUE

**Mercedes-Benz Arena**  
**Mercedes-Platz 1, 10243 Berlin**  
Capacity: 14,800

### TRANSPORT

Airport: Berlin Brandenburg Airport  
Train station: Berlin central station  
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## PRELIMINARY ROUND GROUPS B & E

### COMPETITION VENUE

**SAP Arena**  
**An d. Arena 1, 68163 Mannheim**  
Capacity: 13,200

### TRANSPORT

Airport: Frankfurt Airport  
Train station: Mannheim central station  
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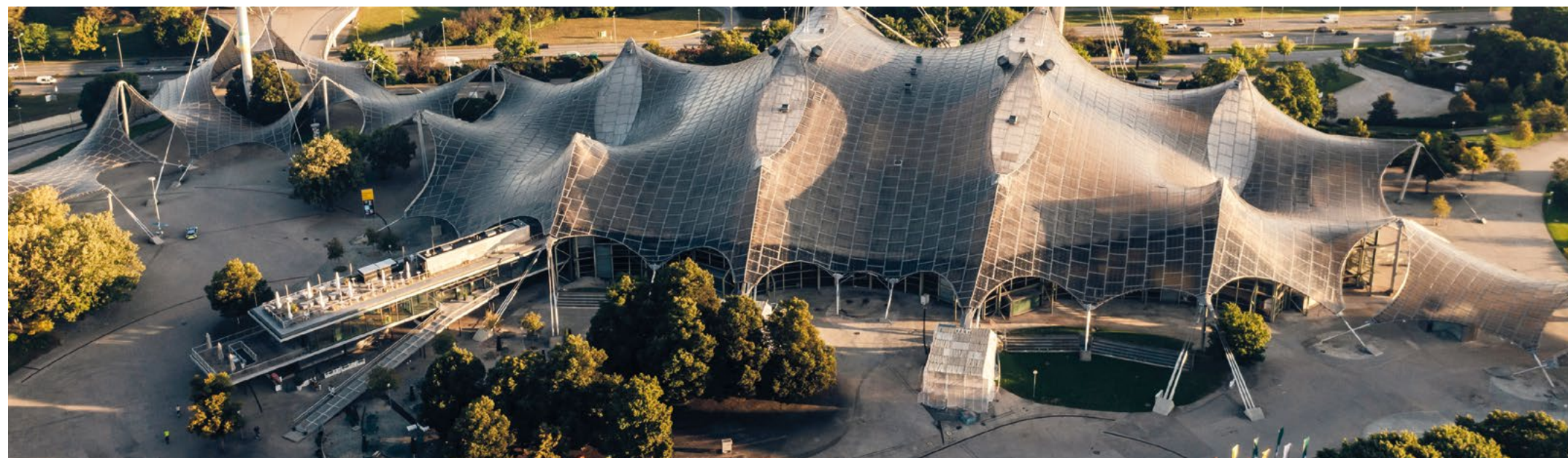
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# MUNICH



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## PRELIMINARY ROUND GROUPS C & F

### COMPETITION VENUE

**Olympiahalle Munich**  
**Olympiapark München, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 21,**  
**80809 München**  
Capacity: 12,000

### TRANSPORT

Airport: Munich Airport  
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# HAMBURG



## MAIN ROUND GROUP II

### COMPETITION VENUE

**Barclays Arena**  
Sylvesterallee 10, 22525 Hamburg  
Capacity: 13,300

### TRANSPORT

Airport: Hamburg Airport  
Train station: Hamburg central station  
Public transport: [www.hvv.de/en](http://www.hvv.de/en)

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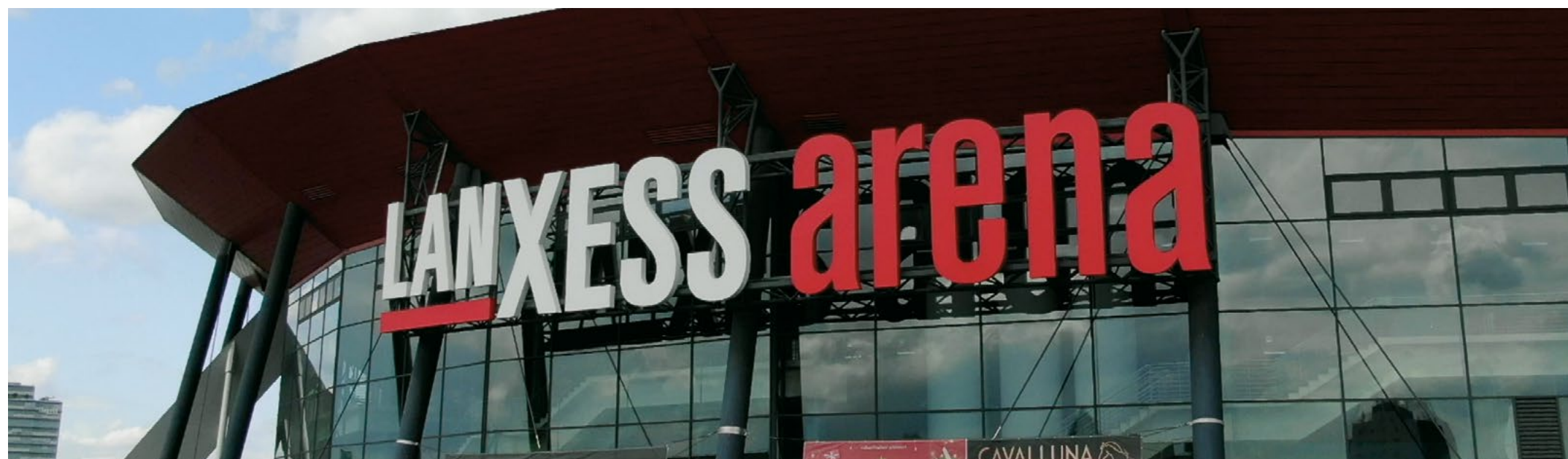
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## MAIN ROUND GROUP I & FINAL WEEKEND

### COMPETITION VENUE

**LANXESS Arena**  
Willy-Brandt-Platz 3, 50679 Cologne  
Capacity: 19,750

### TRANSPORT

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# MEDIA TIMETABLE

Date	Event	Time	Location
9 January	Media call (groups A) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
10 January	Media call (groups D, E, F) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
10 January	Photographers briefing (group A)	16:45	Media centre, Dusseldorf
11 January	Media call (groups B, C) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
16 January	Media call (MR I) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC, Hamburg
17 January	Media call (MR I) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC, Cologne
17 January	Photographers briefing (MR II)	14:15	Media centre, Hamburg
18 January	Photographers briefing (MR I)	14:15	Media centre, Cologne

Date	Event	Time	Location
25 January	Semi-final press conference Required: head coach and one key player	11:00-12:00	Press conference room, Cologne
25 January	Media call, teams playing 5/6 placement match	TBC	TBC
26 January	Photographers briefing	14:15	Media centre, Cologne
27 January	Media call with the finalists/bronze match Required: Head coach/ all players	10:00-12:00	LANXESS Arena, Cologne
27 January	EHF EURO 2024 Closing Press Conference Presentation of the future EHF EURO events WCh Draw Events Sian Rowland Media Award	14:00-15:30	Press conference room, Cologne
27 January	Media Handball Tournament	16:30-18:00	LANXESS Arena, Cologne
27 January	EHF EURO 2024 Media get-together	20:00	Brauhaus zur Malzmühle
28 January	Photographers briefing (final)	13:45	Media centre, Cologne



# 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 (pg. 8).

## TRANSPORT

### Discounted train tickets

The official event partner Deutsche Bahn is offering discounted train tickets for all media representatives travelling to the six playing venues by train.

A special fare has been arranged at a fixed price of €28.90 (2<sup>nd</sup> class), or €38.90 (1<sup>st</sup> class) for inter-city commutes to and between the six host cities (Dusseldorf, Cologne, Hamburg, Mannheim, Munich and Berlin). Bookings can be made immediately via the following link:

<https://bit.ly/MEURO24TrainBooking>

The validity period for the discounted tickets is from 8 to 30 January 2024. Please note that tickets cannot be cancelled or exchanged.

If you are travelling to your first venue by train from anywhere (e.g. from Stuttgart to Dusseldorf), please use one of the documents available here for the respective venue and print it out. You will have to show this to the ticket inspector in the train. This document is only valid for your first travel when you still do not have your accreditation.

For all travels between the venues and after the end of the EHF EURO, you will need your accreditation as a proof of validity.

### Free public transport

The German Handball Federation and the host cities have secured free public transport in all six host cities for all media representatives. Free public transport will be available only with a valid media accreditation.

## PARKING

All media representatives could have applied for a parking permit in each of the playing venues of the Men's EHF EURO 2024 until 19 December 2023.

Media parking places in all venues are limited and the principle of priority and "first come - first serve" basis applied. The priority is given to the persons with disabilities and the photographers & TV crews with heavy equipment.

With sustainability as one of the most important pillars of the upcoming event, the EHF and the German Handball Federation encourage media representatives to make use of the free public transport and discounted train tickets to arrive to the venues.

For any late parking requests, please send an email to: [quentin.muench@dhb.de](mailto:quentin.muench@dhb.de)

## CATERING

The media centre offers a snacking table for free with hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and light snacks at all times.

Warm meals for media representatives will be served between the matches. Exact times will be communicated in the media centre.

## 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 in the media centres as well as on the media tribune and photo positions in the court surrounding area. 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 [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](http://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.

To promote sustainability, the EHF and the Organising Committee urge media representatives to use the official website for statistics and request as little printed material as possible. QR codes leading to the official website and statistics will be available in the media centre and media tribune.

## ONLINE COVERAGE

Full coverage will be provided on the official website at [ehfeuro.eurohandball.com](http://ehfeuro.eurohandball.com) in English as well as on the event's social media channels. Official hashtags are [#ehfeuro2024](#) and [#heretoplay](#).



# MEDIA OPERATIONS

## MEDIA CENTRE

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

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

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

- Media bag collection
- Photo bib collection
- Documents printing on demand

Several online tools are available:

- EHF media portal (communications, stats, flash quotes, etc.):  
[https://bit.ly/Media\\_Portal](https://bit.ly/Media_Portal)
- Shared training calendar: contains days, times and venues for team training sessions, updated in real time:  
[https://bit.ly/MEURO24\\_trainingschedule](https://bit.ly/MEURO24_trainingschedule)
- Media calendar: Available within the Media Portal and updates in real time. It will feature all media activities organised by teams, the EHF and the organising committee

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.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

The press conference starts 20 mins after the end of the match, apart from the final and bronze medal match: it will start 20 mins after the end of the medal ceremony. Press conferences will feature coaches of both teams.

- Opening words and welcome media
- Statements from coaches should be made in the following order: coach winning team, coach 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.

## MEDIA TRIBUNE

Wi-Fi, cable internet and power outlets are available on the media tribune. For any assistance, get in touch with the volunteers, LOC media manager or EHF media supervisor.

Please note that media cannot book a position in the media tribune. In case of high interest, seating plan can be implemented. Priority will be given to the EHF media team, major agencies, team media staff and national media of the teams playing.

## MIXED ZONE

The mixed zone is a mandatory post-match procedure. Teams 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. Head coaches will only

go through the TV/radio part of the mixed zone (for right holders – RH1 & RH2, radio RH). The rest of the media (written press/NRH) will have the opportunity to speak to the coach at the press conference or after.

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 Right holders (RH1, RH2)
- Non-rights holders
- Radio
- Written press

## TRAINING SESSIONS AT / OUTSIDE COMPETITION VENUES

Team training sessions 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 sessions outside the competition venue are not open to the media unless the team also decides to invite the media to the training venue





# 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.

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

### 25 January

11:00-12:00

Semi-final 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

### 27 January

10:00-12:00

Media call with the finalists

14:00-15:30

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

16:30-18:00

Media handball tournament

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 available in the media portal.



# 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, it needs to be kept until the end of the respective photographer's stay at Men's EHF EURO 2024. If the photographer is changing the venue after the preliminary or main round, the bib must be returned at 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.

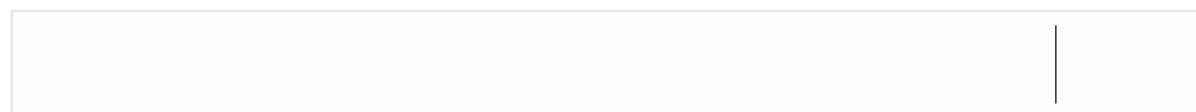
## MIXED ZONE AND PRESS CONFERENCE

Photographers are not allowed to access the mixed zone.

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

## LOCKER

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





# MEDAL CEREMONY

Time	Duration	Action
00:00:00	00:03:00	Final whistle + celebration + POTM awarding + (Super) Flash Interview + Studios
00:03:00	00:03:00	Show act + winners podium set-up
00:06:00	00:01:00	Start of the Medal Ceremony
00:07:00	00:00:20	Announcement of the Top Scorer & Awarder
00:07:20	00:00:30	Handover of Top Scorer Trophy
00:07:50	00:00:20	Announcement of the MVP & Awarder
00:08:10	00:00:30	Handover of the MVP Trophy
00:08:40	00:00:10	Introduction of Awarders of the Bronze Medallist
00:08:50	00:03:00	Presentation of the Bronze Medallist Team enters the court, goes to the podium & collects the bronze medal
00:11:50	00:00:30	Bronze Medallist leaves the podium to the left side
00:12:20	00:00:10	Introduction of Awarders of the Silver Medallist
00:12:30	00:03:00	Presentation of the Silver Medallist Team enters the court, goes to the podium & collects the silver medal
00:15:30	00:00:30	Silver Medallist leaves the podium to the right side
00:16:00	00:00:10	Introduction of the Awarders of the European Champion
00:16:10	00:03:00	Presentation of the European Champion Team enters the court, goes to the podium & collects the gold medal
00:19:10	00:01:30	Handover of the European Championship Plate
00:20:40	00:01:15	Winner Anthem & hoisting of flags
00:21:55	00:01:15	End of the EURO - closing words by the moderator
00:23:10	00:00:00	End of Broadcast

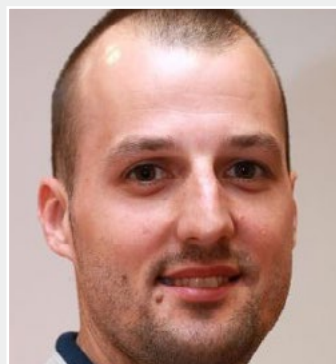




# REFEREES



Amar Konjicanin



Dino Konjicanin



Vaclav Horacek



Jiri Novotny



Mads Hansen



Jesper Madsen



Andreu Marin



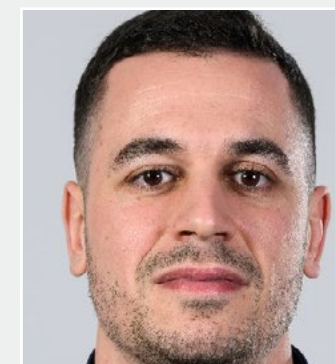
Ignacio Garcia



Charlotte Bonaventura



Julie Bonaventura



Karim Gasmi



Raouf Gasmi

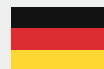




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Tanja Kuttler



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Tobias Tönnies



Jonas Eliasson



Anton Palsson



Vaidas Mazeika



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Alexei Covalciuc



Slave Nikolov



Gjorgji Nachevski



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Milos Raznatovic



Lars Jorum



Havard Kleven



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Arthur Brunner



Morad Salah



Mirza Kurtagic



Mattias Wetterwik



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# LEGAL PROCEDURES

## Presentation

At an EHF EURO, the administration of justice is in the hands of two bodies, the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury. The Disciplinary Commission constitutes the body of first instance, whose 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 cases, nominate 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
Monika Flixeder – Legal Management
Nico Julian Hofer – Legal Management

Second Instance – Jury
Markus Plazer – CoA President
CoA Member – nominated by President
CoA Member – nominated by President
EHF Office
Monika Flixeder – Legal Management
Nico Julian Hofer – Legal Management



Ioannis Karanasos  
CoH President



Markus Plazer  
CoA President



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#### EHF EURO

- 🥇 2006, 2010, 2014
- 🥈 2008, 2018

#### Olympic Games

- 🥇 2008, 2012, 2020
- 🥈 2016
- 🥉 1992

#### World Championships

- 🥇 1995, 2001, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017
- 🥈 1993
- 🥉 1997, 2003, 2005, 2019



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#### EHF EURO

- 🥇 2004, 2016
- 🥈 2002
- 🥉 1998

#### Olympic Games

- 🥇 1980\*
- 🥈 1984, 2004
- 🥉 2016

#### World Championships

- 🥇 1938, 1978, 2007
- 🥈 1954, 1970\*, 1974\*, 2003
- 🥉 1958, 1978\*, 1986\*

\*GDR



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### GROUP FIXTURES – ALL MATCHES ON

10.1.2024 18:00 France vs. North Macedonia  
10.1.2024 20:45 Germany vs. Switzerland

14.1.2024 18:00 Switzerland vs. France  
14.1.2024 20:30 North Macedonia vs. Germany

16.1.2024 18:00 North Macedonia vs. Switzerland  
16.1.2024 20:30 France vs. Germany

# FRANCE



Despite winning gold at the World Championship and Olympic Games recently – in 2017 and 2021, respectively – France have not been able to lift the trophy at a European championship since 2014.

If you only look at the statistics, things do not look too encouraging. It has been 16 years since “Les Bleus” were able to step on the podium at a EHF EURO in Olympic years. Last time, their trip to Trondheim for the EHF EURO 2020 turned into a disaster, with an elimination in the preliminary round and a coach replacement a few weeks later.

Things seem much more stable now than they were four years ago. Guillaume Gille has now found the core of his team, relying on some of the best players in the world. Just think about the potential of a roster made of Ludovic Fabregas, Dika Mem or Nédim Rémili, to which you would add the experience of the Karabatic brothers. To be honest, the potential seems endless.

But now is the time to translate it on the court. Results have been gradually improving since 2020, with an Olympic title in Tokyo in 2021, as well as a silver medal at the last World Championship. The motivation will be high in the French team to finally prove the statistics wrong, as well as to offer a last EHF EURO medal to Nikola Karabatic.

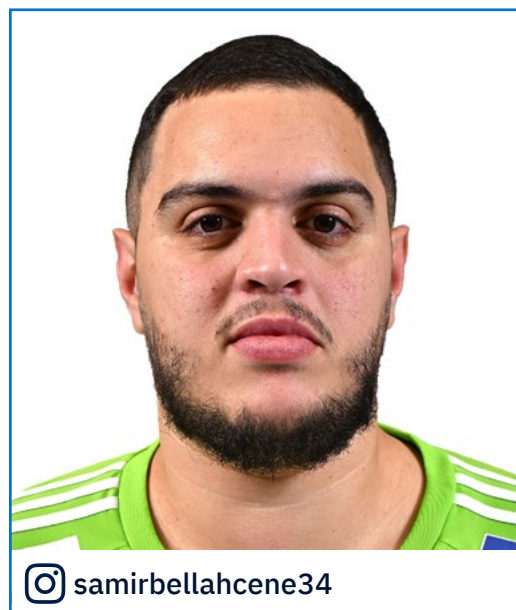
Karabatic has won the competition three times already, in 2006, 2010 and 2014, but the French superstar will be playing for the last time in Germany in January, before retiring at the end of the season. With a roster so talented and such a big motivation, no need to say that France are aiming high this time again.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualif.	8	6	1	1	185:157	+28	13:3	2nd Group 5
1994	Runners-Up	2	1	0	1	51:42	+9	2:2	Won vs. POL
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	148:148	0	5:7	6th Place
1996	Qualif.	6	3	0	3	139:132	+7	6:6	2nd Group 3
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	154:141	+13	8:4	7th Place
1998	Qualif.	6	5	1	0	158:124	+34	11:1	1st Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	140:153	-13	5:7	7th Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	41:33	+8	4:0	Won vs. ROU
2000	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	173:164	+9	9:5	4th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	2	2	180:167	+13	8:6	6th Place
2004	Play-off	2	2	0	0	53:36	+17	4:0	Won vs. GRE
2004	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	189:182	+7	7:7	6th Place
2006	Play-off	2	2	0	0	63:37	+26	4:0	Won vs. ISR
2006	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	243:192	+51	14:2	Winners
2008	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	231:207	+24	12:4	3rd Place
2010	Qualif.	8	6	0	2	251:192	+59	12:4	1st Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	2	0	225:196	+29	14:2	Winners
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	156:163	-7	5:7	11th Place
2014	Qualif. 2	6	6	0	0	177:134	+43	12:0	1st Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	259:227	+32	14:2	Winners
2016	Qualif. 2	6	6	0	0	201:145	+56	12:0	1st Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	210:182	+28	10:4	5th Place
2018	Qualif. 2	6	5	0	1	191:169	+22	10:2	1st Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	244:212	+32	14:2	3rd Place
2020	Qualif. 2	6	5	0	1	204:147	+57	10:2	1st Group 6
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	82:79	+3	2:4	14th Place
2022	Qualif. 2	6	4	1	1	156:114	+42	9:3	2nd Group 1
2022	EHF EURO	9	6	0	3	278:248	+30	12:6	4th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	222:148	+74	12:0	1st Group 8
<b>Total Qualif.</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2092:1610</b>	<b>+482</b>	<b>121:23</b>	
<b>Total EHF EURO</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2912:2661</b>	<b>+251</b>	<b>139:69</b>	



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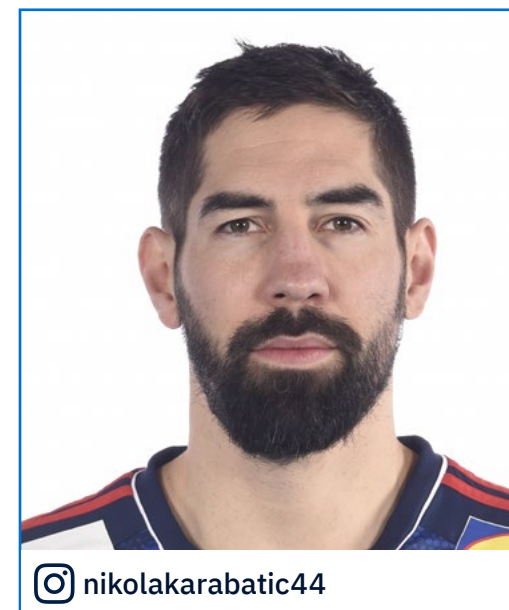


**Samir Bellahcene**

goalkeeper

current club: THW Kiel since 2023

- had his first matches for the national team in April 2023
- signed with THW Kiel after Vincent Gérard suffered a long-term injury during the pre-season
- was only 20 years old when he last played in CL, for Montpellier HB in the 2016/17 season
- only played for French teams (Montpellier HB, Massy Essonne Handball, Dunkerque HBGL) before joining the German Bundesliga



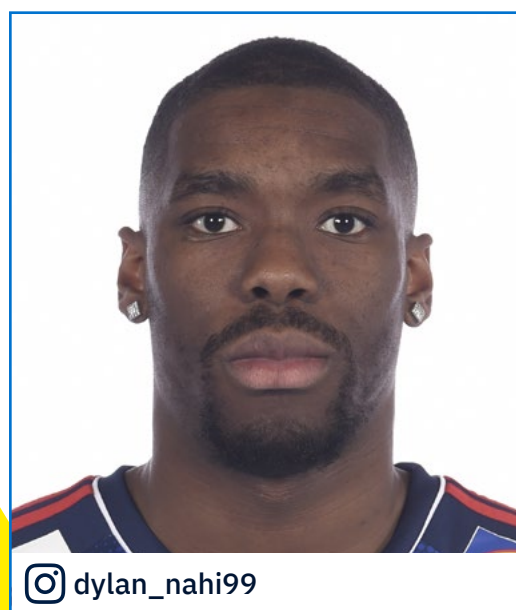
**Nikola Karabatic**

left back

current club: Paris Saint-Germain since 2015

- one of the all-time greats of the sport, will retire after the 2023/24 season
- won the CL three times with three different clubs, but not yet with Paris Saint-Germain
- missed most of 2020/21 following knee surgery and the decisive part of 2022/23 due to phlebitis
- twice EHF EURO MVP (2008, 2014); also named IHF World Handball Player of the Year three times
- won all major prizes at club level and with the French national team multiple times

EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2008, 2018; EC trophies: CL: 2003, 2007, 2015; OG: G 2008, 2012, 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, S 2023, B 2003, 2005, 2019



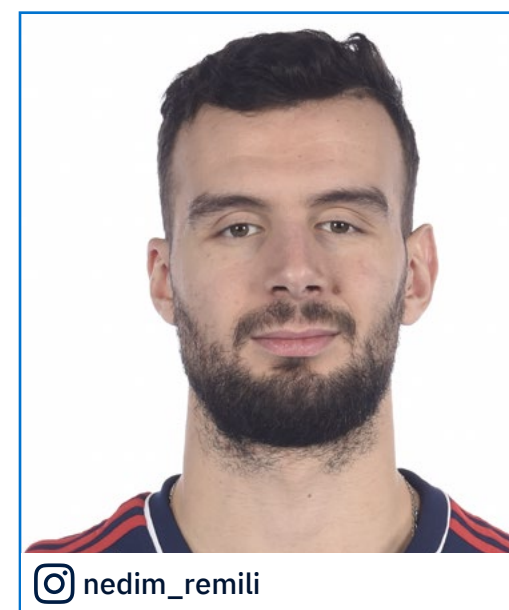
**Dylan Nahi**

left wing

current club: Industria Kielce since 2021

- joined Polish club Kielce from Paris Saint-Germain in 2021 after scoring 67 goals in his breakthrough CL season
- made debut in PSG's senior squad aged 15 in August 2015 and became youngest player ever at EHF FINAL4 in 2017, aged 17 years and 185 days
- first played for France in October 2017, remains the youngest player to ever play for France
- is in charge of the music in France's locker room, as he always carries with him a big ghetto-blaster

WCh: S 2023



**Nédim Rémili**

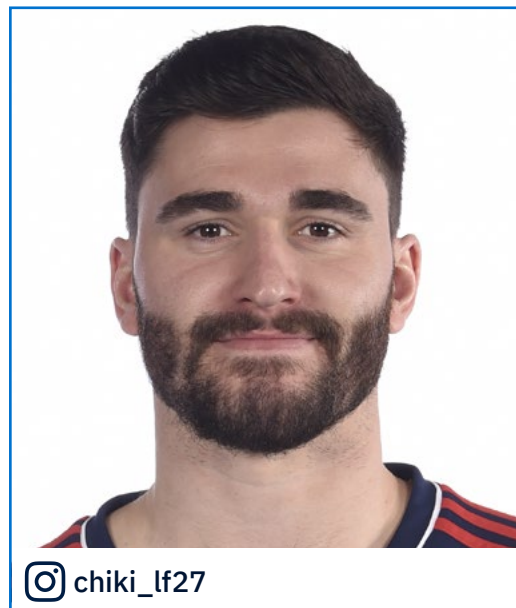
centre back

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2023

- arrived at Veszprém in February 2023 from Industria Kielce, where he had played since summer 2022, to replace long-term injured Egyptian Yahia Omar
- previously played six years for Paris Saint-Germain and was six times French champion
- All-star Team right back at the 2017 and 2023 WCh and the Tokyo 2020 OG, where he was best French scorer
- has won a full set of WCh medals
- his father Kamel was also a professional handball player

EURO: B 2018; OG: G 2020; WCh: G 2017, S 2023, B 2019





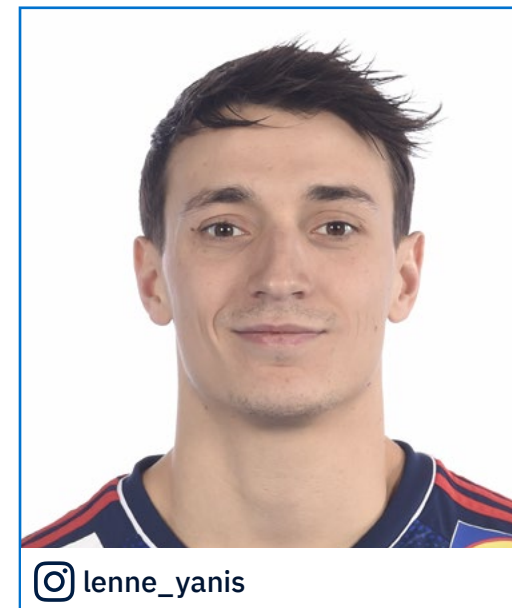
### Ludovic Fabregas

line player

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2023

- joined Veszprém in 2023 after winning the CL three times, once with Montpellier and twice with Barça
- CL All-star line player in 2016/17 and 2020/21, and best young player in 2018/19
- was youth world champion in mountain biking before turning to handball only at age 15
- first played for France in 2015, when aged 18, after skipping the U21 category thanks to his astonishing level

OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2023, B 2019  
EC trophies: CL 2018, 2021, 2022



### Yanis Lenne

right wing

current club: Montpellier HB since 2019

- has become a regular in the French national team since Luc Abalo retired in 2023
- returned to France in 2019 after two seasons with Barça – though he spent one of those years on loan at PAUC Handball
- has consistently scored more than 30 goals in each of Montpellier's last three European seasons: 37 in CL 2019/20, 35 in EL 2020/21, 47 in CL 2021/22
- his younger brother Arthur, who is a line player, also played briefly in the national team in 2022

WCh: S 2023



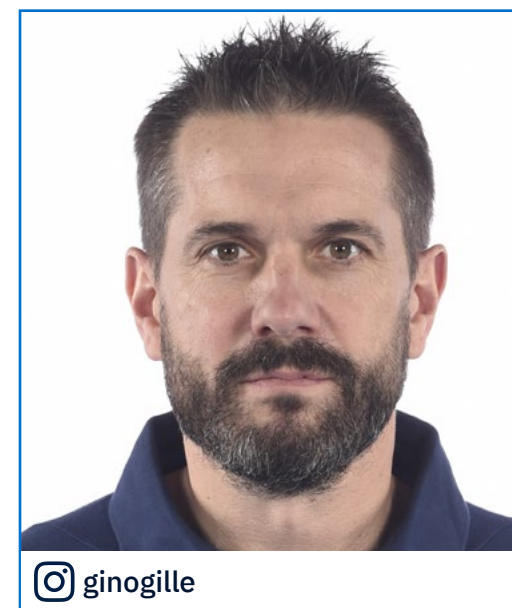
### Dika Mem

right back

current club: Barça since 2016

- French international, who joined Barça from French club Tremblay in 2016 at age 19
- contributed massively to Barça's back-to-back CL title wins, scoring 93 goals in CL 2020/21 and 100 in CL 2021/22 season
- was elected CL All-star right back three times: in 2017/18, 2020/21 and 2021/22
- won one OG and three WCh medals and EHF EURO bronze with France

EURO: B 2018; EC trophies: CL 2021, 2022  
OG: G 2020; WCh: G 2017, S 2023, B 2019



### Guillaume Gille

coach

- won EHF EURO twice as a player, in 2006 and 2010
- a former HSV Hamburg and Chambéry player, took over the coaching position in the national team in 2020
- before replacing Didier Dinart in 2020, was his assistant from 2017 to 2020
- played with some players who still wear the national jersey, including Nikola Karabatic

OG: G 2020; WCh: S 2023

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	36:21 (19:10) vs. Slovenia @ Västerås SWE, 31.01.2002
Biggest defeat:	21:29 (10:17) vs. Iceland @ Budapest HUN, 22.01.2022
Longest winning run:	11 matches (29.01.2006 – 23.01.2008)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (29.01.2006 – 23.01.2008)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (28.01.2004 – 01.02.2004)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (27.01.2000 – 25.01.2002)
Current run:	L2 (28.01.2022 – 30.01.2022)
Most goals:	41 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Denmark 32:35Laet @ Budapest HUN, 30.01.2022
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	30 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### FRA vs MKD

29.04.2015 Skopje MKD	MKD-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	25:27 (13:15)
03.05.2015 Toulouse FRA	FRA-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	35:24 (17:10)
15.01.2016 Kraków POL	FRA-MKD	ECh – Group A	30:23 (12:12)

#### SUI vs FRA

14.01.1954 Malmö SWE	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group B	11:11 (2:3)
07.03.1964 Praha TCH	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group C	14:15 (6:9)
01.03.1970 Caen FRA	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group C	15:12 (7:3)
23.02.1979 Cartagena ESP	FRA-SUI	B-WCh – Group B	16:17 (10:10)
28.02.1981 Rouen FRA	FRA-SUI	B-WCh – Place 5/6	18:21 (10:12)
25.02.1989 Paris FRA	FRA-SUI	B-WCh – Place 5/6	19:13 (10:8)
10.03.1993 Karlstad SWE	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group B	24:26 (10:8)
17.05.1995 Reykjavík ISL	SUI-FRA	WCh – Quarter-final	18:28 (7:15)
02.11.2014 Basel SUI	SUI-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	24:33 (11:15)
13.06.2015 Clermont-Ferrand FRA	FRA-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	31:23 (19:9)
18.01.2021 6th of October EGY	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group E	25:24 (14:14)

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13.01.1954 Kristianstad SWE	FRA-GER	WCh – Group B	4:27 (1:12)
01.03.1958 Berlin GDR	GER-FRA	WCh – Group B	31:12 (16:8)
03.03.1961 Kiel FRG	GER-FRA	WCh – Group B	21:7 (9:2)
31.07.1992 Granollers ESP	GER-FRA	OG – Group B	20:23 (9:10)
19.12.1993 Aschaffenburg GER	GER-FRA	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	26:22 (14:8)
09.01.1994 Paris FRA	FRA-GER	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	19:18 (10:7)
05.06.1994 Almada POR	FRA-GER	ECh – Group A	21:21 (10:11)
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27.01.2008 Lillehammer NOR	GER-FRA	ECh – Place 3/4	26:36 (9:18)
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28.07.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	FRA-GER	OG – Group A	30:29 (16:13)
25.01.2023 Gdańsk POL	FRA-GER	WCh – Quarter-final	35:28 (16:16)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Nikola Karabatic	71	2004-2022
Didier Dinart	57	1998-2012
Luc Abalo	55	2006-2020
Jerôme Fernandez	53	1998, 2002-2014
Daniel Narcisse	51	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Thierry Omeyer	51	2000-2016

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Nikola Karabatic	279	2004-2022
Luc Abalo	185	2006-2020
Jerôme Fernandez	172	1998, 2002-2014
Daniel Narcisse	163	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Michael Guigou	149	2006, 2010-2020



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For the first time in history, Germany are the hosts of a Men's EHF EURO – and therefore have a special anticipation, but also pressure for their 15th participation at the final tournament. Since 2016 – when they were EHF EURO champions and Olympic Games bronze medallists - Germany have not won any more medals at major tournaments. Now, it is the big hope and dream of the rejuvenated team to make it to at least the semi-finals on home soil.

Some experienced players such as Uwe Gensheimer and Hendrik Pekeler have quit playing for the national team, while other experienced players like Paul Drux or Fabian Wiede are ruled out of EHF EURO 2024 with injuries. But a new generation of stars have arrived in the German team: after Julian Köster and Juri Knorr (both 23 years old) made an impact at previous major tournaments, five players of the provisional squad are even younger – and became U21 world champions last summer in Germany. Goalkeeper

David Späth, World Championship MVP Nils Lichtlein and All-star Team line player Justus Fischer have good chances to be part of the EHF EURO 2024.

Knorr, goalkeeper Andreas Wolff and line player Johannes Golla are supposed to be the leading figures. All three were part of the All-star Teams at EHF EURO 2022 or the 2023 World Championship. Having been nominated on his 24th birthday in November 2021, Golla is the youngest ever team captain of the German team. Directly qualified as EHF EURO 2024 hosts, Germany played the EHF EURO Cup – and lost five of six matches against Denmark, Sweden and Spain. Despite those results, head coach Alfred Gislason is confident of his team playing a strong role in the tournament, boosted by the fans in the sold-out arenas.

In 2004, Germany became the first nation to win the full set of silverware at Men's EHF EURO events, winning bronze in 1998, silver in 2002 and gold in 2004 - but then it was not until their victorious event in Poland in 2016 to win a medal (gold) again.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	7	0	1	183:118	+65	14:2	1st Group 5
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	135:131	+4	5:7	9th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	139:123	+16	7:5	2nd Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	131:135	-4	3:9	8th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	144:123	+21	9:3	1st Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	177:159	+18	10:4	3rd Place
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	56:41	+15	4:0	Won vs. POL
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	129:136	-7	4:8	9th Place
2002	Play Off	2	2	0	0	52:45	+7	4:0	Won vs. SVK
2002	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	201:188	+13	11:5	Runners-up
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	244:208	+36	13:3	Winners
2006	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	223:193	+30	11:3	5th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	224:224	0	8:8	4th Place
2010	Qualification	8	8	0	0	300:191	+109	16:0	1st Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	157:165	-8	4:8	10th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	192:150	+42	9:3	1st Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	156:156	0	5:7	7th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	170:151	+19	6:6	3rd Group 2
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	172:145	+27	10:2	2nd Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	223:200	+23	14:2	Winners
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	173:137	+36	12:0	1st Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	156:145	+11	6:6	9th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	190:119	+71	12:0	1st Group 1
2020	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	232:202	+30	12:4	5th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	191:135	+56	12:0	1st Group 2
2022	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	194:192	+2	8:6	7th Place
Total Qualif.		68	56	3	9	1962:1478	+484	115:21	
Total EHF EURO		97	51	12	34	2582:2434	+148	114:80	



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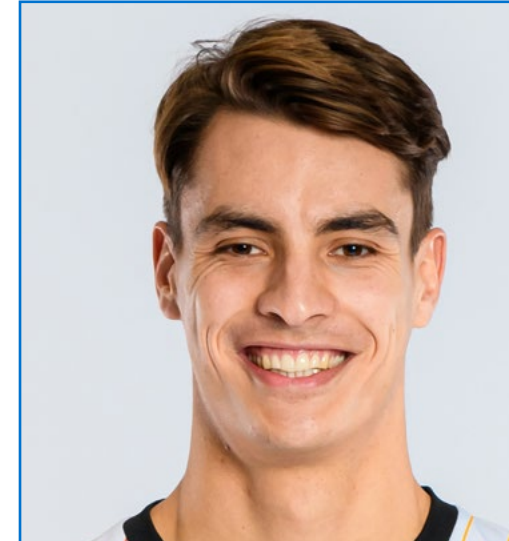
**Andreas Wolff**

goalkeeper

current club: **Industria Kielce since 2019**

- was the German hero at the victorious 2016 EHF EURO, saving more than 50 per cent of all shots faced in the final against Spain
- was awarded best goalkeeper at the EHF EURO 2016
- was German Handball Player of the Year twice (2015, 2016) and All-star Team goalkeeper at the 2023 World Championship
- started his career at Wetzlar, then transferred to THW Kiel in 2016 and from 2019 (until 2028) has played for Polish side Industria Kielce, playing two straight EHF Champions League finals in 2022 and 2023
- was ruled-out with a back injury from August to November, but is back now

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



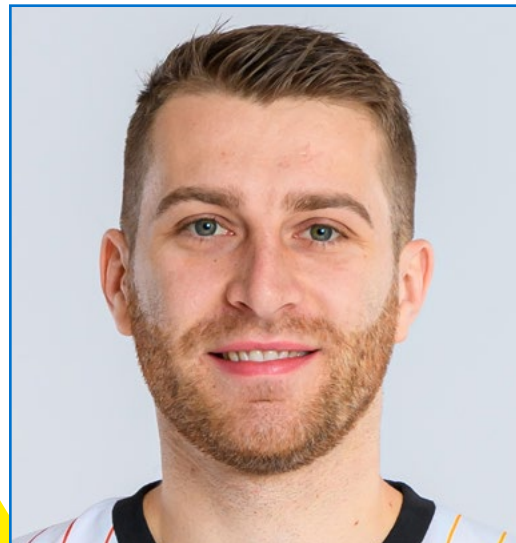
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**Julian Köster**

left back

current club: **VfL Gummersbach since 2020**

- was, besides Juri Knorr, the second player born in the 2000s to make his debut in the men's national team
- was formed in the famous youth academy of Bayer Dormagen, before joining VfL Gummersbach at the age of 20
- was a second division player when he made his debut in the men's team
- his star rose at EHF EURO 2022, when he was Germany's second best field goal scorer
- was an All-star Team player at the 2019 U19 WCh, when he steered Germany to silver



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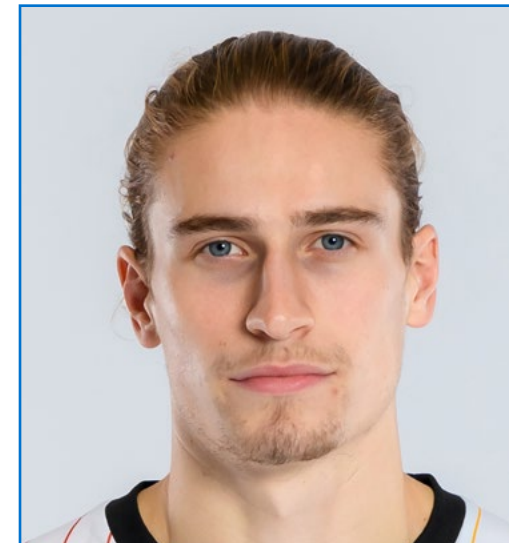
**Lukas Mertens**

left wing

current club: **SC Magdeburg since 2017**

- first became number one in his position at SC Magdeburg when Matthias Musche was ruled out with an injury, then became the regular left wing in the national team, where he shares the position with Rune Dahmke
- has played for CL winners Magdeburg since 2017, having started his career at Wilhelmshaven
- made his debut in the men's national team in November 2021 against Portugal
- scored 27 goals at the 2023 WCh, his first major tournament
- is a three-time IHF Super Globe champion

EC trophies: EL 2021, CL 2023



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**Juri Knorr**

centre back

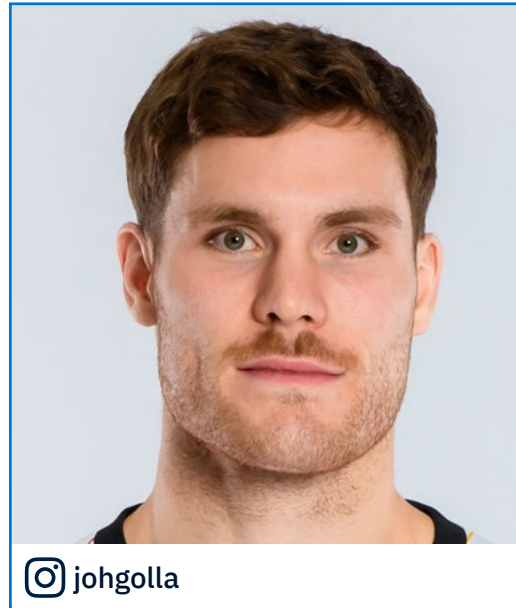
current club: **Rhein-Neckar Löwen since 2021**

- was as talented in football as in handball, choose handball, and went to the FC Barcelona youth academy at the age of 18
- made his debut in the men's national team against Bosnia and Herzegovina in November 2020 - also the first game for head coach Alfred Gislason
- has played for Rhein-Neckar Löwen since 2021, steered the club to the German cup in 2023 as the MVP of the final tournament and was second best overall scorer in the Bundesliga in 2022/23
- was by far Germany's best player at the 2023 WCh, was part of the All-star Team, and top German scorer
- will play his first ever EHF EURO after missing the 2022 edition





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**Johannes Golla**

line player

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2018

- is the youngest-ever captain of the German team, playing his first match as team captain in November 2021 against Portugal on his 24th birthday
- as a youth player he joined MT Melsungen, then went to Flensburg at the age of 21 and became the successor to Tobias Karlsson right away
- is a team leader, strong in defence and attack
- made his debut in the men's national team in March 2019 against Switzerland
- played in his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2020 and was awarded best defender at the EHF EURO 2022

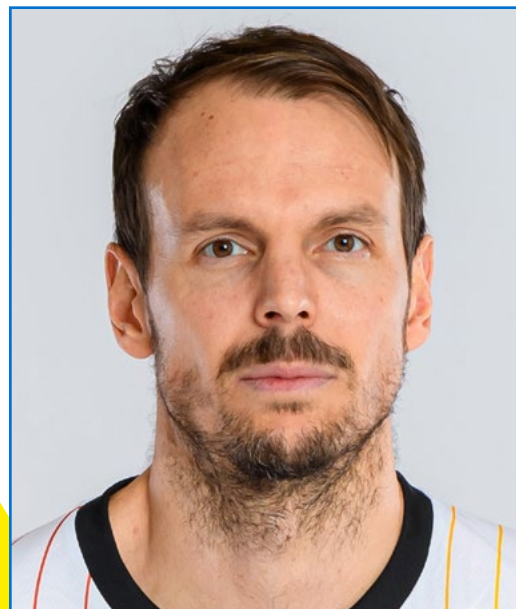


**Timo Kastening**

right wing

current club: MT Melsungen since 2020

- played for Hannover-Burgdorf until 2020, then joined MT Melsungen
- made his debut in the national team in March 2019 against Switzerland
- became number one choice in the right wing position during his first major tournament, EHF EURO 2020, replacing Tobias Reichmann and becoming Germany's top scorer
- right after EHF EURO 2020, he was awarded German Handball Player of the Year
- was ruled out by a torn ACL for almost a year until February 2023, making his comeback in the national team in November
- shares the position with the experienced Patrick Groetzki



**Kai Häfner**

right back

current club: TVB Stuttgart since 2023

- made his debut in the men's national team in 2010 after winning several medals with the German youth and junior teams
- played a crucial role in Germany's trophy win at EHF EURO 2016, when he replaced injured Christian Dissinger and scored the winner in the semi-final against Norway
- played for German clubs Göppingen, Balingen, Hanover and Melsungen before he joined Stuttgart in 2023
- one of the few German players who participated in the 2016 and 2021 Olympic Games

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



**Alfred Gislason**

coach

- succeeded Christian Prokop right after EHF EURO 2020, when Germany missed the semi-finals
- had been coach of the Iceland national team before, parallel to his job at VfL Gummersbach
- steered SC Magdeburg (2002) and THW Kiel (2010, 2012) to CL trophies, was the first coach to win the trophy with two different clubs
- has lived in Germany for almost 25 years
- won 25 domestic and international titles as coach of Magdeburg, Gummersbach and Kiel

EC trophies: CL 2002, 2010, 2012; EHF Cup 2001, 2019 (as coach)





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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	36:22 (15:13) vs. Ukraine @ Basel SUI, 31.01.2006
Biggest defeat:	26:36 (9:18) vs. France @ Lillehammer NOR, 27.01.2008
Longest winning run:	8 matches (18.01.2016 – 13.01.2018)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (18.01.2016 – 19.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (26.01.2008 – 19.01.2010)
	3 matches (23.01.2012 – 16.01.2016)
	3 matches (20.01.2022 – 23.01.2022)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (21.01.2000 – 27.01.2000)
Current run:	W1 (25.01.2022)
Most goals:	41 vs. Poland 41:32W @ Koper SLO, 24.01.2004
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. France 26:36L @ Lillehammer NOR, 27.01.2008
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#### GER vs SUI

12.08.1936 Berlin GER	GER-SUI	OG – Place 1-4	16:6 (9:3)
15.01.1954 Lund SWE	SUI-GER	WCh – Group B	9:20 (4:11)
03.11.1995 Basel SUI	SUI-GER	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	23:16 (7:7)
05.11.1995 Offenburg GER	GER-SUI	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	26:13 (9:6)
02.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	SUI-GER	OG – Place 7/8	16:23 (10:12)
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#### MKD vs GER

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21.01.2009 Varaždin CRO	MKD-GER	WCh – Group C	23:33 (14:13)
17.01.2012 Niš SRB	MKD-GER	ECh – Group B	23:24 (12:12)
20.01.2013 Barcelona ESP	GER-MKD	WCh – Last 16	28:23 (13:9)
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### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Klaus-Dieter Petersen	41	1994-2004
Henning Fritz	38	1996-2008
Pascal Hens	36	2002-2008, 2012
Daniel Stephan	36	1994-2004
Johannes Bitter	34	2006-2010, 2020-2022
Christian Schwarzer	34	1994-1998, 2002-2004
Volker Zerbe	34	1994-1996, 2000-2004

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Florian Kehrmann	139	2000-2008
Daniel Stephan	133	1994-2004
Stefan Kretschmar	131	1994-2002
Pascal Hens	115	2002-2008, 2012
Christian Schwarzer	108	1994-1998, 2002-2004



# NORTH MACEDONIA



The Macedonians secured a place at EHF EURO 2024 after finishing second in the qualifiers behind Portugal in group 1. The final tournament in Germany will be the team's seventh consecutive EHF EURO and additionally, Kiril Lazarov's third major tournament at the helm of the national team.

The Red and Yellows are placed in group A at EHF EURO 2024. Lazarov's men will have an incredibly difficult task to secure progress to the main round as they face the reigning Olympic champions France; hosts Germany; and the ambitious Switzerland.

The core of the squad has drastically changed over the past couple of years with Stole Stoilov and Filip Mirkulovski drawing the curtain on their illustrious playing careers and Goce Georgievski calling an end on his time with the national team.

Lazarov was tasked with conducting an inevitable as well as a necessary generational change and a lot of young and talented players have joined the senior squad. However, the

experienced captain Nikola Mitrevski is still part of the fold to help Lazarov's young guns and the same goes for Zharko Peshevski, Filip Taleski and Filip Kuzmanovski.

In a country where handball is the undisputed number one sport, there are always high expectations when it comes to the national team, and with the legendary Lazarov at the helm, the Macedonians will hope for a higher finish than 22nd at the EHF EURO 2022 and 27th at the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship. However, their continuity and stability is reflected in the fact this is their 13th major tournament in a row.

The passionate Macedonian supporters will undoubtedly be present at the opening match in Dusseldorf and afterwards in Berlin to support their favourites from the stands in hope of matching or bettering their all-time top result of fifth place, achieved in 2012.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	110:95	+15	6:2	1st Group A
1996	Qualification	6	2	1	3	147:162	-15	5:7	3rd Group 2
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	121:104	+17	6:2	1st Group B
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	181:181	0	6:6	2nd Group 1
1998	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	130:174	-44	1:11	12th Place
2000	Play Off	2	1	0	1	55:61	-6	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	48:52	-4	2:2	Lost vs. ISR
2004	Qualification	6	4	0	2	202:179	+23	8:4	2nd Group 5
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	62:64	-2	2:2	Lost vs. HUN
2006	Qualification	6	4	1	1	204:166	+38	9:3	1st Group 2
2006	Play Off	2	0	0	2	54:68	-14	0:4	Lost vs. HUN
2008	Qualification	6	4	1	1	185:179	+6	9:3	2nd Group 2
2008	Play Off	2	0	0	2	60:66	-6	0:4	Lost vs. SLO
2010	Qualification	8	4	1	3	231:223	+8	9:7	3rd Group 3
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	162:155	+7	7:5	2nd Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	185:175	+10	9:5	5th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	142:150	-8	6:6	2nd Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	141:167	-26	3:9	10th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	161:154	+7	7:5	2nd Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	6	0	2	4	157:176	-19	2:10	11th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	174:158	+16	7:5	1st Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	143:164	-21	5:7	11th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	168:160	+8	9:3	1st Group 3
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	79:84	-5	2:4	15th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	168:163	+5	10:2	2nd Group 7
2022	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	70:86	-16	0:6	22nd Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	182:162	+20	8:4	2nd Group 1
Total Qualif.		98	55	8	35	2817:2702	+115	118:78	
Total EHF EURO		37	8	6	23	905:1026	-121	22:52	



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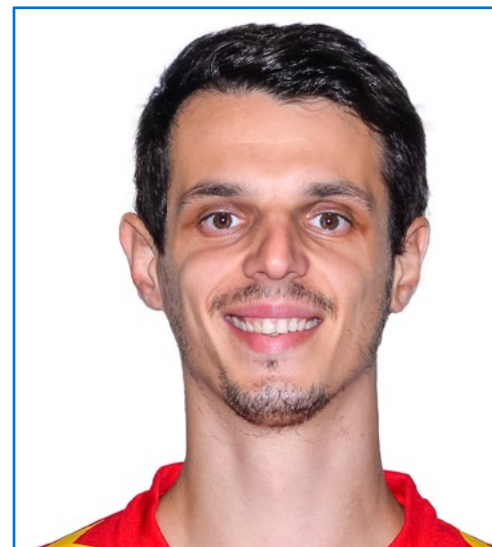
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**Nikola Mitrevski**

goalkeeper

current club: FC Porto since 2020

- Macedonian captain and the oldest player in the squad at 38 years of age
- part of the Macedonian squad which finished fifth at EHF EURO 2012, the nation's best-ever ranking at an ECh
- moved to FC Porto from HC Eurofarm Pelister in 2020
- was the joint sixth best goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2022 alongside Denmark's Niklas Landin with a 33 per cent save efficiency
- has played in the EHF's club competitions for several clubs throughout his career including HC Eurofarm Pelister, HC Vardar 1961 and HC Metalurg



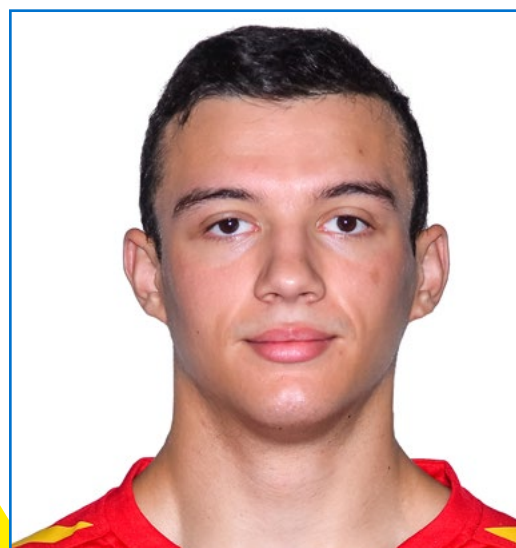
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**Filip Taleski**

left back

current club: SL Benfica since 2023

- one of the most experienced players in the Macedonian squad; has been part of the senior national team since 2013
- moved to SL Benfica in summer 2023 after spending three successful seasons at HC Vardar 1961 in Skopje
- the 27-year-old is a product of the renowned academy of HC Metalurg
- expected to play a key role and to be one of the squad's main attacking weapons at EHF EURO 2024
- EHF EURO 2024 will be his sixth ECh



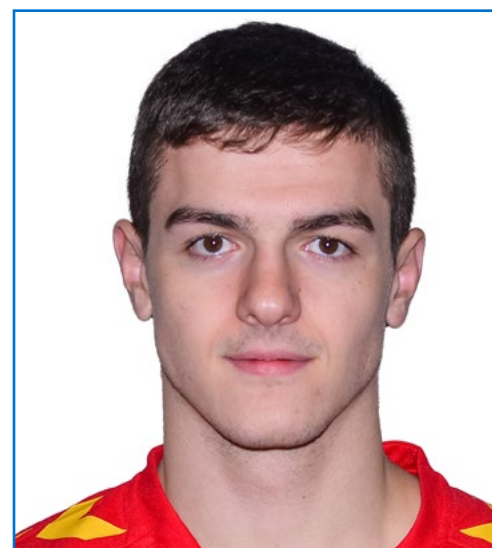
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**Petar Atanasijevikj**

left wing

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2023

- the 2023 WCh was his first major tournament with the senior national team
- part of the Macedonian squad which finished second at the Men's 19 EHF Championship 2021, where he was named All-star left wing
- shares playing time at club level with Cvetan Kuzmanoski and they are expected to do the same at EHF EURO 2024
- his twin brother Pavle also plays with him at HC Eurofarm Pelister
- one of the youngest players in the Macedonian national team



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**Marko Mitev**

centre back

current club: HC Alkaloid since 2022

- EHF EURO 2024 will be his second ECh with the senior national team after making his major tournament debut at EHF EURO 2022
- moved to HC Alkaloid from HC Butel Skopje last season, the club where he spent most of his youth career
- the 20-year-old is playing his breakout season with Alkaloid in the EL
- part of the Macedonian squad which finished second at the Men's 19 EHF Championship back in 2021, where he was named MVP
- one of the youngest members of the Macedonian squad
- a skilful and lightning-quick playmaker whose abilities make him hard to catch for the opponents' defences





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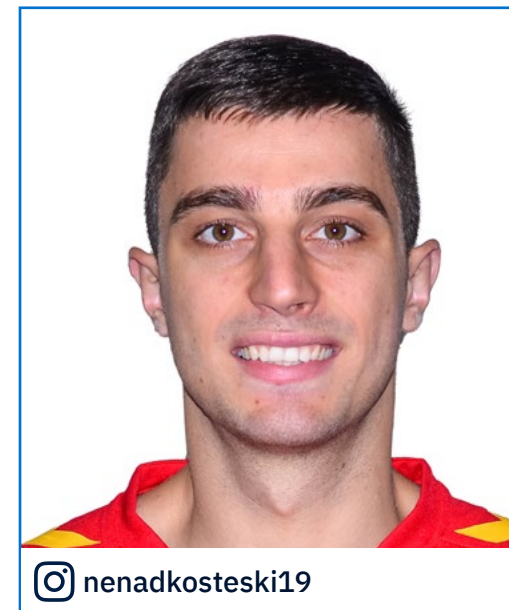


## Zharko Peshevski

line player

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2022

- one of the most experienced players in the Macedonian squad; the EHF EURO 2024 will be his fifth ECh
- moved back to his homeland in 2022 after spending four seasons in the German Bundesliga with TVB 1898 Stuttgart
- appointed captain of HC Eurofarm Pelister over the past summer after he played a pivotal role in winning the Macedonian Super League title last season
- expected to be the starting line player at EHF EURO 2024 after his mentor Stole Stoilov retired at the end of last season



## Nenad Kostaski

right wing

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2020

- EHF EURO 2024 will be his second ECh after making his debut at a major tournament at EHF EURO 2022
- one of HC Eurofarm Pelister's key players, playing an important role in securing the Macedonian Super League title after 18 years to bring Pelister back to the CL
- moved back to his homeland in 2020 after spending a season with HC Zagreb
- expected to be the starting right wing at EHF EURO 2024, the long-term successor of the legendary Goce Georgievski
- his older brother, Nikola, is also a handball player and is a right wing as well

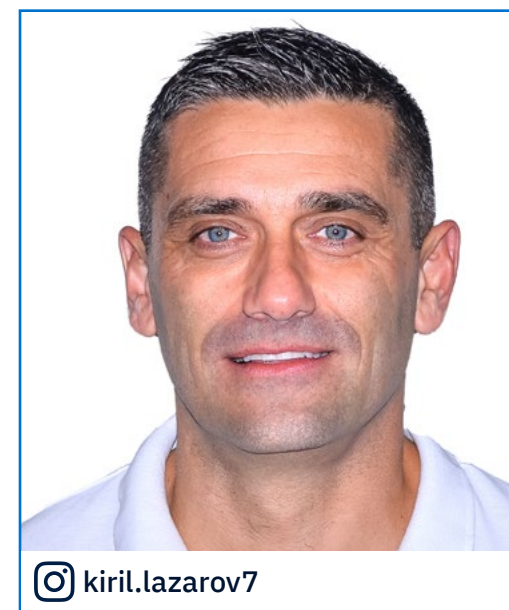


## Tomislav Jagurinovski

right back

current club: HC Vardar 1961 since 2023

- EHF EURO 2024 will be his second ECh with the senior national team
- played an important role in EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers by scoring 10 goals
- the 25-year-old is expected to share playing time with another talented right back, Martin Serafimov
- moved back to HC Vardar 1961 last season from HC Tinex Prolet for his third stint playing for the Red and Blacks
- a strong right back who plays a vital role in attack as well as in defence



## Kiril Lazarov

coach

current club: HC Alkaloid since 2022

- took over the national team in 2021 and led them to the EHF EURO 2022 as well as the 2023 WCh. The EHF EURO 2024 will be his third major tournament at the helm
- part of the Macedonian national team since 1999 both as a player and a coach; scored 1,603 goals and played 208 matches in his career
- Lazarov is the second-best goal-scorer at a single EHF EURO final tournament with 61 goals in 2012; also the all-time top goal-scorer at a single WCh, with 92 goals in 2009
- led HC Alkaloid to a historic second place in their first-ever season in the Macedonian top-tier last season, which secured them a place in the EL group stage this season

EHF CL 2015 (as a player)



# NORTH MACEDONIA



## MEN'S EHF EURO 2024

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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	27:21 (12:12) vs. Czech Republic @ Niš SRB, 19.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	18:38 (12:16) vs. Czech Republic @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Longest winning run:	3 matches (23.01.2012 – 27.01.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (23.01.2012 – 27.01.2012)
	3 matches (13.01.2018 – 17.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (18.01.2014 – 17.01.2016)
	5 matches (12.01.2020 – 17.01.2022)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (18.01.2014 – 27.01.2016)
Current run:	L5 (12.01.2020 – 17.01.2022)
Most goals:	32 vs. Denmark 32:33L @ Beograd SRB, 21.01.2012
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Czech Republic 18:38L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Most goals both teams:	65 vs. Denmark 32:33L @ Beograd SRB, 21.01.2012
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Czech Republic 18:38L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Serbia 22:19W @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	41 vs. Serbia 22:19W @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### FRA vs MKD

29.04.2015 Skopje MKD	MKD-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	25:27 (13:15)
03.05.2015 Toulouse FRA	FRA-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	35:24 (17:10)
15.01.2016 Kraków POL	FRA-MKD	ECh – Group A	30:23 (12:12)

#### MKD vs GER

03.06.1999 Cairo EGY	MKD-GER	WCh – Group B	25:36 (9:16)
21.01.2009 Varaždin CRO	MKD-GER	WCh – Group C	23:33 (14:13)
17.01.2012 Niš SRB	MKD-GER	ECh – Group B	23:24 (12:12)
20.01.2013 Barcelona ESP	GER-MKD	WCh – Last 16	28:23 (13:9)
17.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	GER-MKD	ECh – Group C	25:25 (12:11)

#### MKD vs SUI

15.01.2003 Kavadarci MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	24:31 (12:13)
19.01.2003 Zug SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	34:30 (19:8)
31.10.2012 Skopje MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	30:24 (17:9)
12.06.2013 Zürich SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	22:27 (11:12)
29.10.2014 Skopje MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	27:20 (12:8)
10.06.2015 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	17:26 (8:15)
07.11.2020 Schaffhausen SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	23:25 (10:10)
02.05.2021 Skopje MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	29:28 (16:16)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Stojanche Stoilov	29	2012-2022
Dejan Manaskov	28	2012-2020
Filip Mirkulovski	28	2012-2018, 2022
Borko Ristovski	28	2012-2020
Kiril Lazarov	27	2012-2020

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Kiril Lazarov	182	2012-2020
Dejan Manaskov	94	2012-2020
Stojanche Stoilov	83	2012-2022
Filip Mirkulovski	62	2012-2018, 2022
Goce Georgievski	49	2014-2022



# SWITZERLAND



After missing out on the 2022 edition, Switzerland return to the EHF EURO final tournament in 2024. In recent years, the team has been making steady progress under head Michael Suter. Switzerland did qualify in 2020 and also competed at the 2021 IHF World Championship in Egypt, where they even reached the main round. In the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers, Switzerland defeated Lithuania and Georgia twice, while they displayed some interesting handball during their confrontations with Hungary.

A glance at their squad confirms that Switzerland belong at the EHF EURO 2024. Goalkeeper Nikola Portner and Lucas Meister won the EHF Champions League with SC Magdeburg in June 2023, and many of the nation's brightest young talents have made the move to neighbouring Germany to make progress and gather more experience.

Talking of experience, Andy Schmid's will be key at EHF EURO 2024 for Switzerland one last time. The centre back, who competed with HC Kriens-Luzern in the EHF European League group matches this season, will be displaying his genius for the last time with his national team, having announce his retirement at the end of the 2023/24 season. Whoever can take pick up the torch in the forthcoming years remains to be seen, but for now, Schmid will remain the undoubted leader of this team.

In a group composed of France, Germany, and North Macedonia, Switzerland might be regarded the outsiders by many, by they have proven they can be dangerous opponents for any team, let alone in the inspiring surroundings of an EHF EURO final tournament.

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	247:235	+12	10:6	3rd Group 6
1996	Qualification	6	2	1	3	134:143	-9	5:7	3rd Group 5
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	4	0	2	152:135	+17	8:4	1st Group E
1998	Qualification	6	0	2	4	146:173	-27	2:10	4th Group 2
2000	Qualification	4	3	0	1	113:85	+28	6:2	2nd Group 4
2002	Qualification	6	5	0	1	157:138	+19	10:2	2nd Group 4
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	46:46	0	2:2	Won vs. HUN
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	78:91	-13	1:5	13th Place
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	183:150	+33	10:2	1st Group 5
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	53:52	+1	3:1	Won vs. TUR
2004	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	140:175	-35	2:10	12th Place
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	86:97	-11	1:5	14th Place
2008	Qualification	6	6	0	0	186:151	+35	12:0	1st Group 5
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	54:61	-7	2:2	Lost vs. BLR
2010	Qualification	10	4	1	5	295:188	+7	9:11	4th Group 2
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	172:198	-26	0:12	4th Group 7
2014	Qualification 1	3	2	1	0	84:64	+20	5:1	1st Group B
2014	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	135:172	-37	1:11	4th Group 1
2016	Play-off	2	1	0	1	65:58	+7	2:2	Won vs. EST
2016	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	135:176	-41	0:12	4th Group 6
2018	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	138:171	-33	0:12	4th Group 5
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	180:167	+13	6:6	2nd Group 2
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	77:87	-10	2:4	16th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	170:164	+6	4:8	3rd Group 7
2024	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	163:161	+2	8:4	2nd Group 6
Total Qualif.		111	49	7	55	3008:2988	+20	105:117	
Total EHF EURO		15	2	2	11	381:450	-69	6:24	



# SWITZERLAND



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**Nikola Portner**


goalkeeper

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2022

- made debut for Switzerland in 2011 and has 123 caps for the national team – including 25 goals
- signed for Magdeburg in summer 2022 together with his Swiss national teammate Lukas Meister
- Magdeburg is his sixth club in his career, after Grauholz, Bern Muri, Kadetten Schaffhausen, Montpellier, and Chambéry
- played the CL for six seasons with both Montpellier and Schaffhausen, winning in 2018 with Montpellier
- son of late Zlatko Portner, three-times CL winner and world champion in 1986 with Yugoslavia

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2023



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**Lenny Rubin**

left back

current club: HSG Wetzlar since 2018

- made his international debut in 2016, for two test games against Belarus, during which he scored seven and eight goals
- now has 66 international games under his belt prior to EHF EURO 2024
- has been playing for HSG Wetzlar, in Germany, since 2018, after playing for Wacker Thun for three seasons
- son of Martin Rubin, current coach of BSV Bern and former Swiss international player



 marvinlier

**Marvin Lier**

left wing

current club: Kadetten Schaffhausen since 2021

- played his 100th game for the Swiss national team just ahead of EHF EURO 2024
- moved from Pfadi Winterthur to Kadetten Schaffhausen in 2021
- played for Winterthur from 2012 to 2021 and became Swiss champion in 2021
- bronze medallist at the Universiade 2015 in Gwangju with the Swiss students' national team



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**Andy Schmid**

centre back

current club: HC Kriens-Luzern since 2022

- has played more than 200 international games for Switzerland and scored over 1,000 goals since 2003
- only member of Swiss national team who played at EHF EURO in both 2006 and 2020
- plays for HC Kriens-Luzern since 2022 after playing for 12 years for German side Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- has announced that the 2023/24 season will be his last
- previously played for Grasshopper and Amicitia in Zuerich as well as for Bjerringbro

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



# SWITZERLAND



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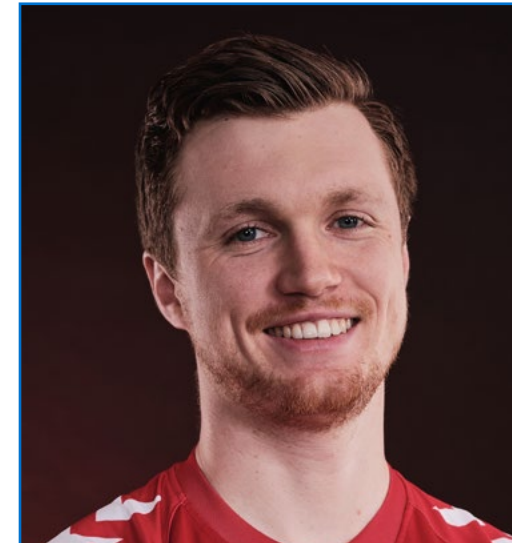
**Lucas Meister**

line player

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2022

- made his national team debut in 2015 before playing the EHF EURO 2020 but missed the 2021 WCh
- moved to Magdeburg in 2022 after playing for three seasons for fellow Bundesliga side GWD Minden
- had previously played four seasons for Kadetten Schaffhausen
- won the CL in his first season with Magdeburg, alongside fellow Swiss Nikola Portner

EC trophies: CL 2023



 maxgerbl28

**Maximilian Gerbl**

right wing

current club: TSV Hannover-Burgdorf since 2023

- made his national team debut in 2017, during WCh qualification games against Slovenia
- was part of the Switzerland team which played the EHF EURO 2020
- currently plays for TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, in Germany, after five seasons spent with Kadetten Schaffhausen
- before moving to Schaffhausen in 2017, started professional handball in Basel in 2012



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**Nicolas Raemy**

right back

current club: Wacker Thun since 2014

- with 81 caps and 227 goals, is among the more experienced players on the EHF EURO 2024 team
- scored four goals in Switzerland's three matches at EHF EURO 2020
- had a break from the national team due to injury but was able to come back to play his part at the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers
- played at HC Kriens-Luzern before moving to Wacker Thun in 2014, where he has been ever since



**Michael Suter**

coach

- former right wing, played 74 games for Switzerland and scored over 130 goals
- as a player, played for HC Bülach, Pfadi Winterthur and Kadetten Schaffhausen
- took over the national team coach position in 2016
- helped Switzerland to qualify for their first EHF EURO since 2006 in 2020, before the team reached the main round at the 2021 WCh

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	31:24 (14:12) vs. Poland @ Göteborg SWE, 12.01.2020
Biggest defeat:	20:34 (9:18) vs. Denmark @ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
Longest winning run:	1 match (25.01.2004)
	1 match (12.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (25.01.2002)
	1 match (25.01.2004)
	1 match (28.01.2006)
	1 match (12.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (26.01.2002 – 24.01.2004)
	4 matches (27.01.2004 – 26.01.2006)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (27.01.2004 – 29.01.2006)
Current run:	L1 (14.01.2020)
Most goals:	34 vs. Slovenia 34:34D @ Skövde SWE, 25.01.2002
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Ukraine 30:37L @ St. Gallen SUI, 29.01.2006
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. Slovenia 34:34D @ Skövde SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals:	20 vs. Russia 20:28L @ Velenje SLO, 22.01.2004
	20 vs. Denmark 20:34L @ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
Fewest goals opponent:	22 vs. Ukraine 25:22W @ Velenje SLO, 25.01.2004
Fewest goals both teams:	46 vs. Spain 22:24L @ Skövde SWE, 26.01.2002

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### GER vs SUI

12.08.1936 Berlin GER	GER-SUI	OG – Place 1-4	16:6 (9:3)
15.01.1954 Lund SWE	SUI-GER	WCh – Group B	9:20 (4:11)
03.11.1995 Basel SUI	SUI-GER	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	23:16 (7:7)
05.11.1995 Offenburg GER	GER-SUI	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	26:13 (9:6)
02.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	SUI-GER	OG – Place 7/8	16:23 (10:12)
05.11.2016 Zürich SUI	SUI-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	22:23 (11:12)
18.06.2017 Bremen GER	GER-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	29:22 (12:13)

#### SUI vs FRA

14.01.1954 Malmö SWE	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group B	11:11 (2:3)
07.03.1964 Praha TCH	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group C	14:15 (6:9)
01.03.1970 Caen FRA	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group C	15:12 (7:3)
23.02.1979 Cartagena ESP	FRA-SUI	B-WCh – Group B	16:17 (10:10)
28.02.1981 Rouen FRA	FRA-SUI	B-WCh – Place 5/6	18:21 (10:12)
25.02.1989 Paris FRA	FRA-SUI	B-WCh – Place 5/6	19:13 (10:8)
10.03.1993 Karlstad SWE	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group B	24:26 (10:8)
17.05.1995 Reykjavík ISL	SUI-FRA	WCh – Quarter-final	18:28 (7:15)
02.11.2014 Basel SUI	SUI-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	24:33 (11:15)
13.06.2015 Clermont-Ferrand FRA	FRA-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	31:23 (19:9)
18.01.2021 6th of October EGY	FRA-SUI	WCh – Group E	25:24 (14:14)

#### MKD vs SUI

15.01.2003 Kavadarci MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	24:31 (12:13)
19.01.2003 Zug SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. – Group 5	34:30 (19:8)
31.10.2012 Skopje MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	30:24 (17:9)
12.06.2013 Zürich SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 1	22:27 (11:12)
29.10.2014 Skopje MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	27:20 (12:8)
10.06.2015 St. Gallen SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	17:26 (8:15)
07.11.2020 Schaffhausen SUI	SUI-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	23:25 (10:10)
02.05.2021 Skopje MKD	MKD-SUI	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	29:28 (16:16)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Thomas Gautschi	12	2002-2006
Martin Stettler	12	2002-2006
Iwan Ursic	12	2002-2006
Antoine Ebinger	11	2002-2006
Manuel Liniger	11	2002-2006

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Robert Kostadinovic	62	2002-2004
Thomas Gautschi	46	2002-2006
Andre Schmid	38	2006, 2020
Iwan Ursic	30	2002-2006
Marco Kurth	23	2004-2006



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- 🥈 1996, 1998, 2006, 2016, 2022
- 🥉 2000, 2014

#### Olympic Games

- 🥉 1996, 2000, 2008, 2020

#### World Championships

- 🥇 2005, 2013
- 🥉 2011, 2021



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#### EHF EURO

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- 🥉 1994, 2012, 2016

#### Olympic Games

- 🥇 1996, 2004
- 🥉 2012

#### World Championships

- 🥇 2003
- 🥈 1995, 2005, 2009
- 🥉 2013



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Spain have been one of the most consistent teams – if not the most consistent – over the last six editions of the EHF EURO. “Los Hispanos” have made the semi-finals each time since 2012 and have won a medal in the past five editions, winning the title twice in 2018 and 2020, silver in 2016 and 2022, and bronze in 2014.

This era has coincided with the appointment of coach Jordi Ribera in 2016. He oversaw a great streak, with some excellent handball delivered by Spain over these years in an excellent playing system which worked wonders both in attack and in defence. Over the past five editions of the EHF EURO, Spain boast an overall 66 per cent winning efficiency in the competition.

For EHF EURO 2024, Spain will be once again one of the big favourites and will hope to create more magic in the preliminary round, where they face Romania, Austria, and

Croatia in Mannheim. They will hope to start the competition with three wins in a row, setting them up nicely for another semi-finals berth.

Players like Joan Cañellas, Gonzalo Pérez de Vargas, Rodrigo Corrales, or Adrian Figueras will surely bring the experience to the table, but overall Spain have plenty of talent, as well as experience, to challenge for the trophy once again, having featured in the last four finals of the EHF EURO.

“Los Hispanos” will rely once again on the same core, albeit an aging one, but with plenty of talent and experience at their disposal. And with the return of right back Alex Dujšebaev, who missed the 2022 edition with a shoulder injury, Spain are likely to be considered once again as main contenders in this edition of the European premium national team competition.

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	7	1	0	235:141	+94	15:1	1st Group 6
1994	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	142:126	+16	8:4	5th Place
1996	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:162	+11	10:4	Runner-up
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	162:137	+25	7:5	2nd Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	187:150	+37	11:9	Runner-up
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	57:44	+13	4:0	Won vs. AUT
2000	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:166	+7	10:4	3rd Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	186:173	+13	9:5	7th Place
2004	Play Off	2	2	0	0	68:54	+14	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	166:170	-4	4:8	10th Place
2006	Play Off	2	1	1	0	58:48	+10	3:1	Won vs. LTU
2006	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	255:231	+24	13:3	Runner-up
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	180:169	+11	6:6	9th Place
2010	Qualification	8	7	0	1	247:189	+58	14:2	1st Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	213:192	+21	9:5	6th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	174:125	+49	8:4	2nd Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	224:213	+11	11:5	4th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	179:115	+64	12:0	1st Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	239:218	+21	12:4	3rd Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:132	+52	10:2	1st Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	209:207	+2	11:5	Runner-up
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	202:130	+72	12:0	1st Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	225:189	+36	12:4	Winner
2020	EHF EURO	9	8	1	0	278:226	+52	17:1	Winner
2022	EHF EURO	9	7	0	2	249:232	+17	14:4	Runner-up
Total Qualif.		52	43	3	6	1566:1115	+451	89:15	
Total EHF EURO		111	75	7	29	3099:2824	+275	157:65	



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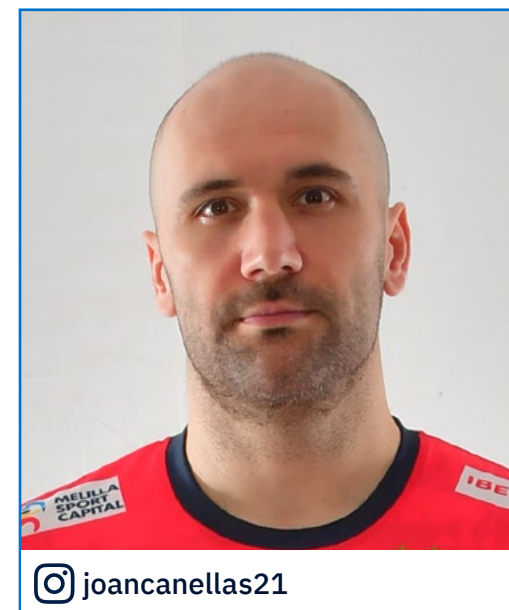
**Gonzalo Perez de Vargas**

goalkeeper

current club: Barça since 2014

- medallist at five consecutive EHF EUROs, starting in 2014, this will be his sixth EHF EURO edition
- represented Spain in all age categories; forms duo with Veszprém's Rodrigo Corrales
- formed in Barcelona; returned to the club in 2014 after stints with Granollers and Toulouse for gaining experience, became the club captain
- won his fourth CL title in 2021/22 season; was the CL 2016/17 All-star goalkeeper
- has a penchant for scoring goals, having 18 of them for the Spain national team

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016, 2022, B 2014; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021, 2023  
EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015, 2021, 2022



**Joan Cañellas**

left back

current club: Kadetten Schaffhausen since 2021

- top scorer at EHF EURO 2014, with 50 goals, this will be his sixth EHF EURO and he won a medal in every competition he played in for Spain at this level
- joined Kadetten from Pick Szeged in the summer of 2021
- started his career at Granollers before playing for Barça, Ciudad Real and Atletico Madrid in Spain; Hamburg and Kiel in Germany; and Vardar, where he won the CL in 2017
- passionate about science, stated that he could have been a chemist, after studying pharmacy
- his younger brother Marc is also a professional handball player

EURO: G 2020, G 2018, S 2016, S 2022, B 2014; WCh: G 2013, B 2011, 2021, 2023; EC trophies: CL 2017



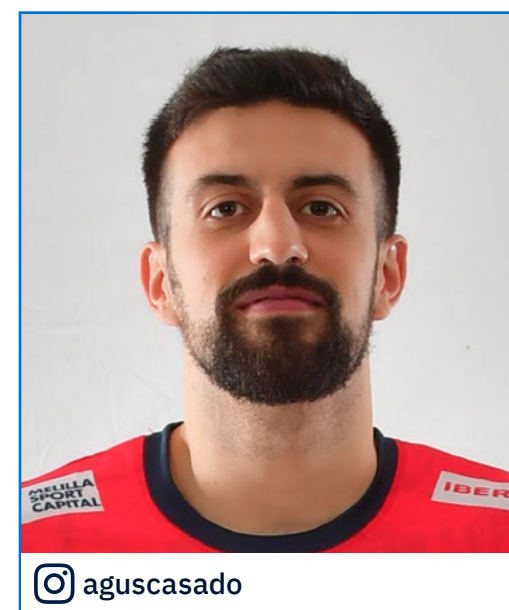
**Angel Fernandez**

left wing

current club: Limoges Handball since 2022

- named best left wing in Spain three times (2016-18) and the All-Star left wing at the 2023 WCh
- part of Spanish national team that won EHF EURO gold in 2018 and 2020, this will be his fourth EHF EURO
- played for La Rioja between 2013 and 2018, before moving to Kielce, returning to Barça and then signing for Limoges in the French league in 2022
- started playing football aged six in his local team Astillero before switching to handball

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2023  
EC trophies: CL 2022



**Agustín Casado**

centre back

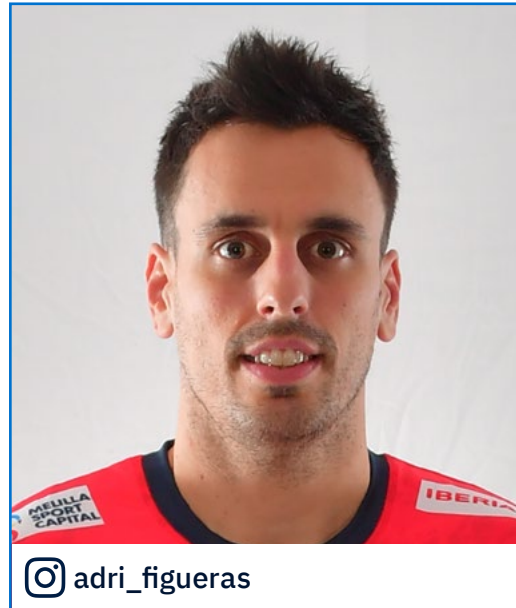
current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2023

- made national team debut in March 2021 and his first major tournament was EHF EURO 2022, where Spain won silver
- made his debut in the Spanish first division in 2014 for Huesca, aged 17, and has always played in Spain
- played at Melsungen in the 2022/23 season and then moved to Telekom Veszprém in the summer of 2023, his first two experiences outside Spain
- has played against his nephew, Alex Marcelo, who is two years older and still at Huesca

EURO: S 2022; WCh: B 2023



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**Adrian Figueras**

line player

current club: Chartres MHB since 2021

- made EHF EURO debut in 2018 and in 2020 scored 15 goals as Spain won gold, this will be his fourth EHF EURO
- has been a regular fixture in the Spanish national team since 2017
- joined Chartres in summer 2021 for two seasons
- spent all his professional career until the summer of 2020 in Catalonia, then transferred to Nantes

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021, 2023



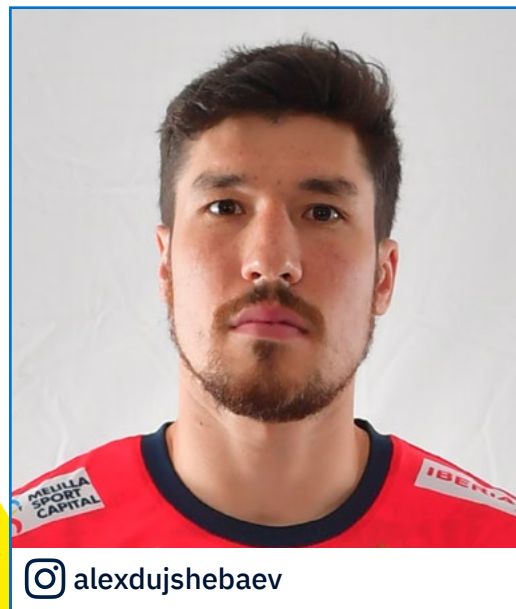
**Aleix Gómez**

right wing

current club: Barça since 2009

- has won two medals at the EHF EURO – gold in 2020 and bronze in 2022. This will be his third edition of the competition
- missed 2023 WCh through injury
- came through Barça's youth ranks as a young talent since 2009, developed into an established asset on the right wing, is a one-club man
- became CL top scorer in 2021/22 after netting 22 times at the EHF FINAL4 2022 and raising his season tally to 104
- made CL All-star Team in 2019/20 as best young player, and in 2020/21 and 2021/22 as right wing

EURO: G 2020, S 2022; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021  
EC trophies: CL 2021, 2022



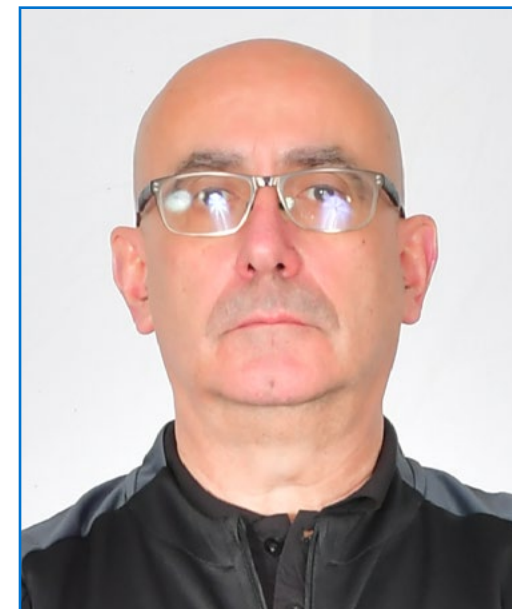
**Alex Dujshabaev**

right back

current club: Industria Kielce since 2017

- this will be his fourth EHF EURO, having already played in 2016, 2018 and 2020 for Spain
- important player for Spain, helped team win back-to-back EHF EURO titles in 2018 and 2020, but missed out on silver in 2022, due to an injury
- born in Spain, he is the son of Kielce's coach Talant Dujshabaev, joined Kielce at start of 2017/18 season and become CL top scorer the next season
- had a four-year stay in Vardar, winning first CL trophy in club's history in 2017

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2016; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021, 2023  
EC trophies: CL 2017



**Jordi Ribera**

coach

- under his command, Spain have won the EHF EURO twice, in 2018 and 2020
- the Spanish coach took on his first job at just 21
- took over his first national team in Argentina in 2004, before moving to Brazil then taking the job for Spain in 2016
- led Spain at three EHF EURO editions so far, he just extended his contract at the helm of the national team until 2028

EURO: G 2018, 2020, S 2022; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021, 2023





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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:15 (16:9) vs. Czech Republic @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Biggest defeat:	21:29 (13:16) vs. France @ Ciudad Real ESP, 29.05.1996 23:31 (13:17) vs. France @ Zürich SUI, 05.02.2006
Longest winning run:	9 matches (24.01.2018 – 20.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	17 matches (24.01.2018 – 21.01.2022)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (07.06.1994 – 08.06.1994) 2 matches (28.01.2004 – 29.01.2004) 2 matches (05.02.2006 – 17.01.2008) 2 matches (22.01.2008 – 23.01.2008) 2 matches (27.01.2012 – 29.01.2012)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (28.01.2004 – 26.01.2006)
Current run:	L1 (30.01.2022)
Most goals:	40 vs. Slovenia 40:32W @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Russia 30:36L @ Celje SLO, 28.01.2004
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Slovenia 39:33W @ Basel SUI, 02.02.2006 72 vs. Slovenia 40:32W @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Fewest goals:	17 vs. Germany 17:24L @ Kraków POL, 31.01.2016
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Czech Republic 32:15W @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Croatia 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### ESP vs CRO

27.05.1997 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	ESP-CRO	WCh – Last 16	31:25 (16:14)
29.05.1998 Meran-Merano ITA	CRO-ESP	ECh – Group B	18:18 (11:10)
21.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	CRO-ESP	ECh – Group A	22:27 (11:16)
28.01.2001 Besançon FRA	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group C	27:32 (9:16)
01.02.2003 Lisboa POR	ESP-CRO	WCh – Semi-final	37:39 (14:09, 26:26, 31:31)
22.01.2004 Ljubljana SLO	ESP-CRO	ECh – Group B	29:30 (17:14)
22.08.2004 Athína GRE	CRO-ESP	OG – Group A	30:22 (15:9)
27.01.2005 Sfax TUN	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group C	31:33 (15:15)
06.02.2005 Radès TUN	ESP-CRO	WCh – Final	40:34 (21:13)
28.01.2007 Mannheim GER	ESP-CRO	WCh – MR-Group II	28:29 (16:11)
01.02.2007 Köln GER	ESP-CRO	WCh – Place 5-8	27:35 (12:16)
10.08.2008 Beijing CHN	CRO-ESP	OG – Group A	31:29 (16:11)
24.08.2008 Beijing CHN	CRO-ESP	OG – Place 3/4	29:35 (14:12)
21.01.2009 Split CRO	CRO-ESP	WCh – Group B	32:22 (18:11)
10.03.2011 Ciudad Real ESP	ESP-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	24:26 (9:8)
13.03.2011 Split CRO	CRO-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	23:21 (15:12)
22.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	ESP-CRO	ECh – MR-Group 2	24:22 (11:14)
29.01.2012 Beograd SRB	CRO-ESP	ECh – Place 3/4	31:27 (13:12)
06.08.2012 London GBR	ESP-CRO	OG – Group B	25:30 (10:11)
19.01.2013 Madrid ESP	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group D	25:27 (13:15)
26.01.2014 Herning DEN	CRO-ESP	ECh – Place 3/4	28:29 (13:16)
29.01.2016 Kraków POL	ESP-CRO	ECh – Semi-final	33:29 (18:14)
24.01.2017 Montpellier FRA	ESP-CRO	WCh – Quarter-final	29:30 (15:17)
17.01.2019 München GER	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group B	19:23 (10:13)
22.01.2020 Wien AUT	CRO-ESP	ECh – MR-Group I	22:22 (11:12)
26.01.2020 Stockholm SWE	ESP-CRO	ECh – Final	22:20 (12:11)
05.01.2021 Poreč CRO	CRO-ESP	EHF EURO CUP	31:28 (17:14)
27.06.2021 Pontevedra ESP	ESP-CRO	EHF EURO CUP	34:22 (15:13)

#### ROU vs ESP

01.09.1972 Augsburg FRG	ROU-ESP	OG – Group C	15:12 (6:4)
01.03.1974 Rostock GDR	ROU-ESP	WCh – Group B	21:11 (12:8)
04.03.1982 Frankfurt am Main FRG	ESP-ROU	A-WCh – MR-Group II	22:20 (10:7)
25.02.1989 Paris FRA	ROU-ESP	B-WCh – Place 3/4	31:24 (12:10)
31.07.1992 Granollers ESP	ESP-ROU	OG – Group B	21:20 (14:9)
15.03.1993 Halmstad SWE	ESP-ROU	WCh – MR-Group I	20:16 (11:7)
28.05.1996 Ciudad Real ESP	ESP-ROU	ECh – Group B	26:21 (15:10)
26.01.2009 Pula CRO	ROU-ESP	WCh – Place 13-24	32:40 (16:19)
31.10.2010 Oradea ROU	ROU-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	20:35 (7:18)
12.06.2011 Guadalajara ESP	ESP-ROU	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	36:23 (18:11))

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### ESP vs AUT

25.11.1973 Wien AUT	AUT-ESP	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	18:17 (7:11)
15.12.1973 Madrid ESP	ESP-AUT	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	19:4 (8:2)
22.02.1979 Zaragoza ESP	ESP-AUT	B-WCh – Group C	23:11 (10:5)
15.02.1989 Grenoble FRA	ESP-AUT	B-WCh – Group B	20:22 (10:11)
10.03.1993 Umeå SWE	ESP-AUT	WCh – Group A	22:15 (9:7)
11.09.1999 Maria Enzersdorf AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh-Playoff	22:28 (9:13)
19.09.1999 Elche ESP	ESP-AUT	ECh-Playoff	29:22 (14:9)
31.05.2002 Dornbirn AUT	AUT-ESP	WCh-Playoff	26:28 (8:15)
08.06.2002 Ibiza-Eivissa/Ibiza ESP	ESP-AUT	WCh-Playoff	28:23 (14:10)
20.01.2014 Herning DEN	AUT-ESP	ECh – MR-Group 1	27:28 (12:14)
29.10.2014 Cangas do Morrazo ESP	ESP-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	27:16 (12:8)
10.06.2015 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	24:30 (12:16)
03.05.2017 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	29:30 (13:14)
06.05.2017 León ESP	ESP-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	35:24 (15:11)
11.04.2019 Dornbirn AUT	AUT-ESP	EHF EURO CUP	29:28 (14:11)
14.04.2019 Melilla (Africa) ESP	ESP-AUT	EHF EURO CUP	35:31 (18:15)
18.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh – MR-Group I	26:30 (16:17)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	60	2004, 2008-2020
Julen Aguinagalde Akizu	49	2008-2020
Gedeon Guardiola Villaplana	48	2012-2022
Eduardo Gurbindo Martinez	48	2010-2018, 2022
Viran Morros de Argila	48	2010-2020

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Alberto Entrerrios Rodriguez	152	2000-2012
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	143	2004, 2008-2020
Iker Romero Fernandez	143	2002-2012
Rafael Guijosa Castillo	132	1996-2002
Joan Cañellas Reixach	130	2012-2022



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Austria are one of just three teams – alongside France and Portugal – who came through the Men's EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers with a perfect record of six wins from six matches. The team of head coach Ales Pajovic will need to be at their very best again for the final tournament in Germany, where they face the likes two-time champions Spain and three-time runners-up Croatia in the preliminary round. Their tough group is completed by Romania, an opponent Austria have already met – and beaten – twice in the qualifiers.

The 2024 edition marks Austria's fourth straight appearance at the EHF EURO. Their debut came when they hosted the event in 2010 – but since then, Austria have failed to qualify only two times. Their fortunes at final tournaments have been varying: three times, Austria made it to the main round; in 2022, however, they suffered three straight defeats in the

preliminary round and finished 20th – their worst result at a European Championship. The same year, they faltered in qualification for the 2023 IHF World Championship.

Still, a closer look at Austria's squad gives them every reason to be hopeful for EHF EURO 2024. At age 27, team captain Nikola Bilyk, an EHF Champions League winner with THW Kiel, has arrived in the prime of his career; and the same goes for 28-year-old left wing Sebastian Frimmel, a key asset for OTP Bank - PICK Szeged who has grown into a more important role in the national team, too. Also, a new generation of talented players has become an integral part of coach Pajovic's team – most notably 23-year-old Lukas Hutecek, who can play left or centre back and who became Austria's top scorer at the 2021 IHF World Championship only one year after his debut in the national team.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	4	1	3	164:157	+7	9:7	2nd Group 3
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	43:45	-2	2:2	Lost vs. BLR
1996	Qualification	6	1	1	4	133:150	-17	3:9	4th Group 1
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:129	+12	7:5	2nd Group D
2000	Qualification	6	3	1	2	153:142	+11	7:5	2nd Group 2
2000	Play Off	2	0	0	2	44:57	-13	0:4	Lost vs. ESP
2002	Qualification	6	2	1	3	151:173	-22	5:7	3rd Group 1
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	182:136	+46	10:2	2nd Group 4
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	49:60	-11	2:2	Lost vs. POL
2006	Qualification	6	5	0	1	184:165	+19	10:2	1st Group 5
2006	Play Off	2	1	0	1	49:50	-1	2:2	Lost vs. SVK
2008	Qualification	6	3	0	3	183:178	+5	6:6	3rd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	184:187	-3	5:7	9th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	165:170	-5	7:5	3rd Group 5
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	185:173	+12	8:4	2nd Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	159:160	-1	4:8	11th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	148:161	-13	4:8	3rd Group 7
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	176:186	-10	6:6	2nd Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:99	-19	0:6	15th Place
2020	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	205:214	-9	7:7	8th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	157:175	-18	6:6	2nd Group 2
2022	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	86:99	-13	0:6	20th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	208:182	+26	12:0	1st Group 4
Total Qualif.		94	49	8	37	2515:2489	+26	106:82	
Total EHF EURO		25	7	2	16	714:759	-45	16:34	



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**Thomas Eichberger**

goalkeeper

current club: UHK Krems since 2022

- made national team debut in October 2018 in EHF EURO Cup match against Sweden
- visited handball academy in Graz as teenager, later played nine seasons for local club HSG in Austria's first division
- moved abroad in 2020, joining ThSV Eisenach in Germany's second division; returned to Austria and signed for Krems in February 2022
- calls Austrian Olympic ski legend Hermann Maier his idol



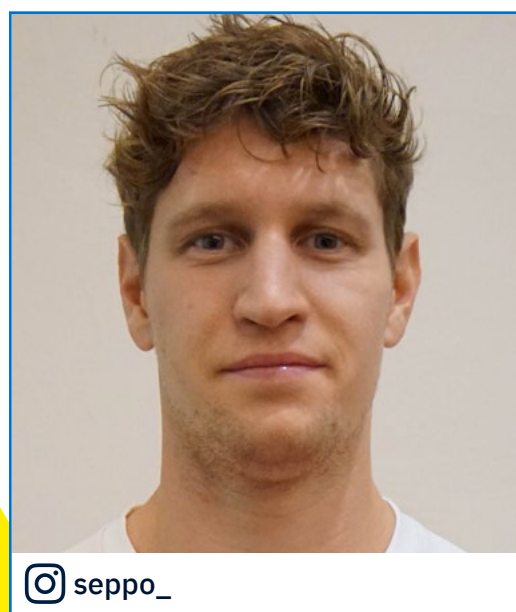
**Lukas Hutecek**

left back

current club: TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2021

- made national team debut in test match against Germany shortly before EHF EURO 2020, then played in every Austria match during final tournament
- named Player of the Year in Austria in 2020 and 2021
- was top scorer for Fivers in EHF European League 2020/21 with 65 goals, then joined TBV Lemgo Lippe for following season
- brother Sebastian is also professional handball player, with HSG Konstanz in Germany's second division

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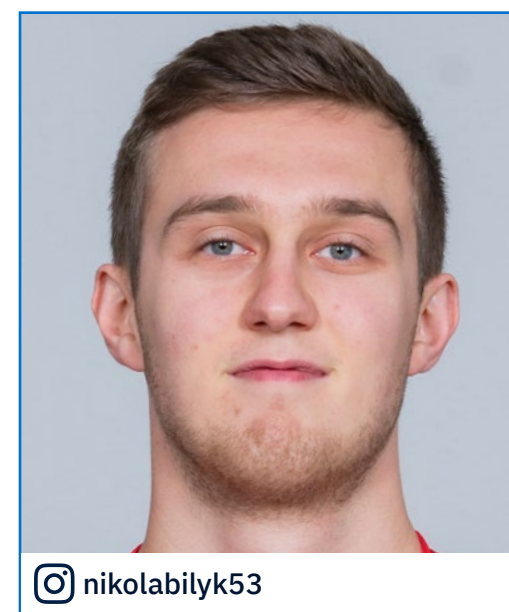
**Sebastian Frimmel**

left wing

current club: OTP Bank - Pick Szeged since 2021

- 1.9m-tall left wing, who has developed into one of Austria's key players
- has scored over 300 goals for national team, including 22 in Austria's three games at EHF EURO 2022
- was only 18 at time of his debut for Austria in 2014
- started professional career at West Wien in Vienna, then played three seasons for Kadetten Schaffhausen (2018-21) before joining Szeged
- has scored more than 160 CL goals in total for Kadetten and Szeged

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**Mykola Bilyk**

left/centre back

current club: THW Kiel since 2016

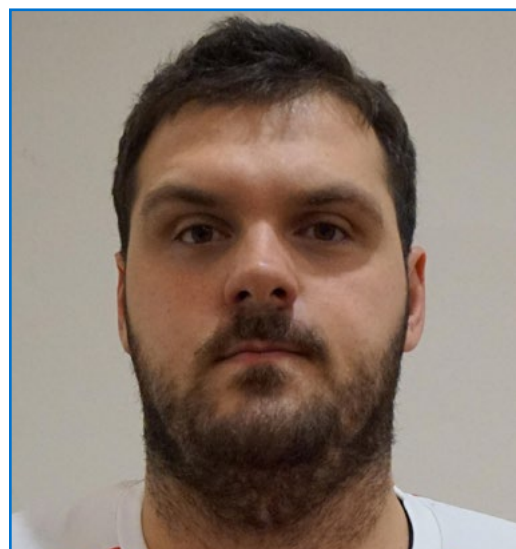
- team captain and Austria's top scorer with 46 goals at EHF EURO 2020
- was out for more than a year in 2020-21 due to knee injury; returned in time for EHF EURO 2022 but could not avoid Austria's preliminary round exit
- born in Tunis, where his father Serhij was goalkeeper at Esperance; they later played together at Viennese club Fivers
- became top scorer and MVP of M20 EHF EURO 2014, where Austria finished sixth
- at age 18, was youngest player at 2015 WCh in Qatar, signed for THW Kiel soon after

 nikolabilyk53

EC trophies: CL 2020, EHF Cup 2019



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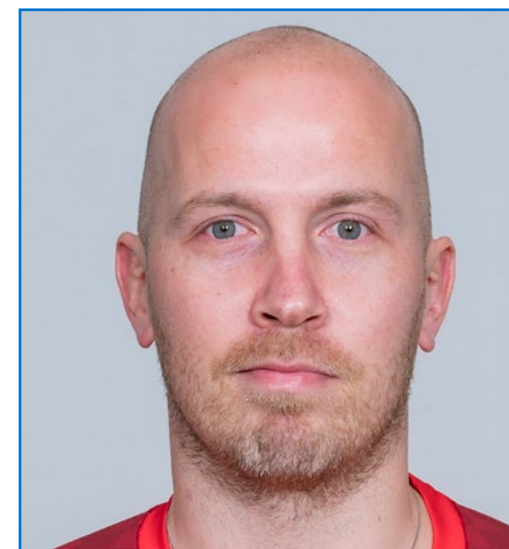
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**Tobias Wagner**

line player

current club: Bregenz Handball since 2023

- made national team debut in April 2015; EHF EURO 2024 is his fourth ECh
- powerful line player, who is able to block several defenders at the same time
- born in Vienna, started career at Fivers and was awarded Rookie of the Year in Austria in 2014
- was core player for Fivers in historic EL 2020/21 season before moving to Fenix Toulouse in France for two years
- returned to his native Austria in summer of 2023



 robertweber28

**Robert Weber**

right wing

current club: HSG Bärnback/Köflach since 2023

- longest-standing member of Austrian team, having played more than 210 matches since his debut two decades ago in April 2004
- 940 goals (until December 2023) make him the second-best scorer in Austria national team history, behind record holder Andreas Dittert with 1,089 goals
- returned to Austria in 2023 after 15 seasons abroad, mainly in Germany with SC Magdeburg (2009-19)
- joined Füchse Berlin for few months in 2023 and won EL with them
- started career at Alpla Hard, where his brother Thomas, a left wing, also played for many years

EC trophies: EL 2023



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**Janko Bozovic**

right back

current club: Al-Sulaibikhat SC since 2022

- among most experienced players in Austrian squad, with nearly 500 goals from over 175 games
- EHF EURO 2024 marks his fifth ECh appearance, 10 years after his 2014 debut
- joined Qatari club Al-Sulaibikhat in 2022; has now played for 15 clubs in 11 different countries
- born in Montenegrin part of former Yugoslavia in 1985 but grew up in Austria
- his mother Stanka Bozovic was also Austrian international

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017



**Ales Pajovic**

coach

- former Slovenian international who was appointed head coach of Austria in 2019, year after retiring as player
- steered Austria to their best-ever EHF EURO rank in 2020, finishing eighth
- scored 697 goals in 181 matches as left back for Slovenian national team
- won CL three times with Ciudad Real; also played for other European top clubs like Celje, Kiel, and Magdeburg
- was a master of defence in his active career

EURO: S 2004 (as player)  
EC trophies: CL 2006, 2008, 2009 (all as player)



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## EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	30:20 (14:9) vs. Czech Republic @ Herning DEN, 12.01.2014
Biggest defeat:	22:34 (13:16) vs. Germany @ Wien AUT, 20.01.2020
Longest winning run:	3 matches (10.01.2020 – 14.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (10.01.2020 – 14.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (14.01.2014 – 20.01.2014)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (16.01.2020 – 18.01.2022)
Current run:	L3 (14.01.2022 – 18.01.2022)
Most goals:	37 vs. Iceland 37:37D @ Linz AUT, 21.01.2010 37 vs. Serbia 37:31W @ Linz AUT, 23.01.2010
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Norway 28:39L @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	74 vs. Iceland 37:37D @ Linz AUT, 21.01.2010
Fewest goals:	21 vs. FYR Macedonia 21:22L @ Herning DEN, 16.01.2014
Fewest goals opponent:	20 vs. Czech Republic 30:20W @ Herning DEN, 12.01.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	43 vs. FYR Macedonia 21:22L @ Herning DEN, 16.01.2014

## HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

### AUT vs ROU

06.08.1936 Berlin GER	AUT-ROU	OG – Group B	18:3 (5:1)
04.11.2015 Maria Enzersdorf AUT	AUT-ROU	WCh-Qual. 1 – Group 2	27:24 (13:9)
14.01.2016 Baia Mare ROU	ROU-AUT	WCh-Qual. 1 – Group 2	32:29 (15:15)
13.10.2022 Graz AUT	AUT-ROU	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	36:32 (18:11)
26.04.2023 București ROU	ROU-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	30:35 (17:19)

### CRO vs AUT

27.09.1995 Zagreb CRO	CRO-AUT	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	27:21 (15:8)
01.10.1995 Bruck an der Mur AUT	AUT-CRO	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	24:29 (9:13)
21.10.1998 Bruck an der Mur AUT	AUT-CRO	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	22:30 (11:15)
24.10.1998 Labin CRO	CRO-AUT	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	30:21 (15:12)
26.01.2010 Wien AUT	AUT-CRO	ECh – MR-Group I	23:26 (10:11)
16.01.2015 Doha QAT	CRO-AUT	WCh – Group B	32:30 (16:13)
16.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-CRO	ECh – MR-Group I	23:27 (8:13)

### ESP vs AUT

25.11.1973 Wien AUT	AUT-ESP	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	18:17 (7:11)
15.12.1973 Madrid ESP	ESP-AUT	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	19:4 (8:2)
22.02.1979 Zaragoza ESP	ESP-AUT	B-WCh – Group C	23:11 (10:5)
15.02.1989 Grenoble FRA	ESP-AUT	B-WCh – Group B	20:22 (10:11)
10.03.1993 Umeå SWE	ESP-AUT	WCh – Group A	22:15 (9:7)
11.09.1999 Maria Enzersdorf AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh-Playoff	22:28 (9:13)
19.09.1999 Elche ESP	ESP-AUT	ECh-Playoff	29:22 (14:9)
31.05.2002 Dornbirn AUT	AUT-ESP	WCh-Playoff	26:28 (8:15)
08.06.2002 Ibiza-Eivissa/Ibiza ESP	ESP-AUT	WCh-Playoff	28:23 (14:10)
20.01.2014 Herning DEN	AUT-ESP	ECh – MR-Group 1	27:28 (12:14)
29.10.2014 Cangas do Morrazo ESP	ESP-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	27:16 (12:8)
10.06.2015 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 7	24:30 (12:16)
03.05.2017 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	29:30 (13:14)
06.05.2017 León ESP	ESP-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	35:24 (15:11)
11.04.2019 Dornbirn AUT	AUT-ESP	EHF EURO CUP	29:28 (14:11)
14.04.2019 Melilla (Africa) ESP	ESP-AUT	EHF EURO CUP	35:31 (18:15)
18.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-ESP	ECh – MR-Group I	26:30 (16:17)

## TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Robert Weber	25	2010, 2014-2022
Thomas Bauer	22	2010, 2014, 2018-2020
Janko Bozovic	19	2014, 2018-2022
Fabian Posch	15	2014, 2020-2022
Vytautas Ziura	15	2010, 2014, 2018

### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Robert Weber	104	2010, 2014-2022
Mykola Bilyk	79	2018-2022
Viktor Szilagyi	59	2010, 2014
Janko Bozovic	57	2014, 2018-2022
Roland Schlinger	48	2010, 2014





# CROATIA



Croatia qualified for their 16th EHF EURO in a row after exciting matches in qualification group 5. Croatians secured second place after two strong victories against Greece and Belgium and two well-fought duels against the Netherlands, ending in a draw and a defeat.

Croatia have never missed the EHF EURO and after three bronze and three silver medals, they are still dreaming about the only gold missing in their collection. Finishing eighth at the EHF EURO 2022 and ninth at the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship prompted new coaching changes.

Hrvoje Horvat was replaced by former Croatian player Goran Perkovac, who was part of the squad that won a bronze medal at their first-ever appearance at the EHF EURO 1994.

Perkovac introduced new additional young players to the team with an expansion of the base while keeping the core the same – the backcourt line of Domagoj Duvnjak, Igor Karacic and Luka Cindric.

Croatia hope to present a new style while bringing back their famous 3-2-1 defence into the mix and two young goalkeepers Matej Mandic and Dominik Kuzmanovic will welcome their first major competition having the main role.

Looking for another solid performance, with the first goal set to be in the main round, Croatia will try to overcome Spain at the start of the competition and later beat Austria and Romania. However, the hopes are high as the last EHF EURO 2022 marked their worst placement in 20 years.



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Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	214:166	+48	13:3	1st Group 4
1994	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	165:161	+4	8:6	3rd Place
1996	Qualification	6	5	0	1	161:137	+24	10:2	1st Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	154:151	+3	8:4	5th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	166:145	+21	8:4	1st Group 1
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	145:150	-5	5:7	8th Place
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	146:139	+7	7:5	6th Place
2002	Play Off	2	2	0	0	71:56	+15	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	70:89	-19	0:6	16th Place
2004	Play Off	2	1	1	0	62:52	+10	3:1	Won vs. BLR
2004	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	222:221	+1	10:6	4th Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	229:228	+1	10:6	4th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	212:203	+9	11:5	Runner-up
2010	Qualification	8	7	0	1	252:180	+72	14:2	1st Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	207:194	+13	13:3	Runner-up
2012	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	168:137	+31	12:0	1st Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	216:201	+15	11:5	3rd Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	161:135	+26	10:2	1st Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	229:206	+23	10:6	4th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	191:148	+43	10:2	1st Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	250:219	+31	10:6	3rd Place
2018	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	204:187	+17	10:4	5th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	174:148	+26	11:1	1st Group 2
2020	EHF EURO	9	7	1	1	227:205	+22	15:3	Runner-up
2022	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	185:181	+4	7:7	8th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	180:164	+16	9:3	2nd Group 5
Total Qualif.		62	50	4	8	1800:1468	+332	104:20	
Total EHF EURO		107	63	9	35	2861:2735	+126	135:79	

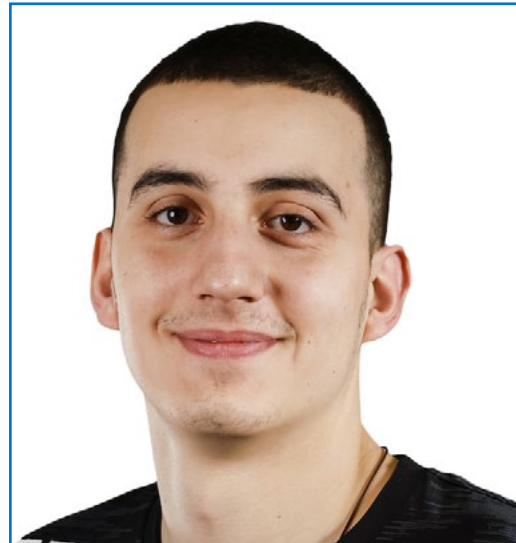


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### Matej Mandic

goalkeeper

current club: RK Zagreb since 2021

- young goalkeeper started his career in his hometown Ljubuski, coming from the same Izvidjac handball academy as former national team goalkeepers Mirko Alilovic and Marin Sego
- currently playing for CL club HC Zagreb
- was part of Croatia younger age categories, winning silver at the M19 EHF EURO 2021
- first called up to the national team in April 2021 for EHF EURO Cup matches
- left wing David Mandic is his third cousin



domagojduvnjak88

### Domagoj Duvnjak

left back / centre back

current club: THW Kiel since 2014

- All-star Team member at EHF EURO 2014 and WCh 2013 and 2017; MVP at EHF EURO 2020
- IHF World Handball Player of the Year 2013 and best Bundesliga player in 2012/13
- arrived at Kiel in 2014 after five seasons in Hamburg
- one of three THW team captains alongside Niklas Landin and Patrick Wiencek; also Croatia captain
- has 242 caps for Croatia, usually plays as centre back, but can also play left back when needed

EURO: S 2008, 2010, 2020, B 2012, 2016; OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2009, B 2013; EC trophies: CL 2013, 2020; EHF Cup 2019



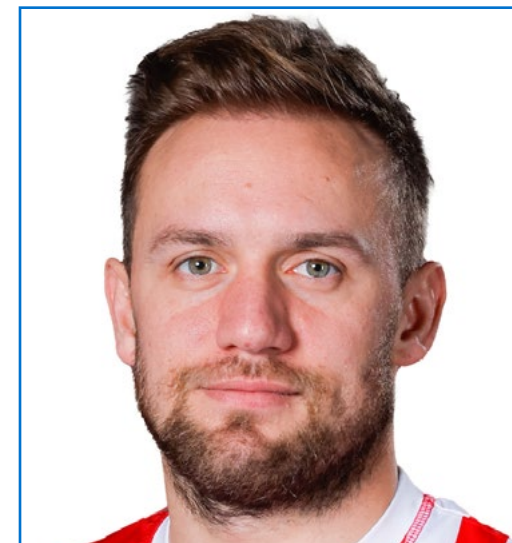
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### David Mandic

left wing

current club: MT Melsungen since 2022

- first called up to the national team in mid-2017
- reached EURO 2020 final with Croatia, and won gold at the 2018 Mediterranean Games
- started playing handball in Izdvidjac from Ljubuski
- joined MT Melsungen, his third club in career, from HC Zagreb in the summer of 2022
- besides being efficient in attack, he possesses great defensive skills



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### Luka Cindric

centre back

current club: Dinamo Bucuresti since 2023

- key member of the Croatia national team, played his first game in 2014
- joined Dinamo Bucuresti after four years in Barça; also played for Kielce, Vardar, Metalurg, Karlovac, Ogulin and Senj
- won the CL with Vardar in 2017 and with Barça in 2021 and 2022
- voted EHF Player of the Year in 2017, and best Croatian player in 2017, 2018, 2021 and 2022

EURO: S 2020, B 2016  
EC trophies: CL 2017, 2021, 2022



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**Marin Sipic**

line player

current club: HC Kriens Luzern since 2022

- started playing handball in Balic-Metlicic academy in Split, also played for Split, Varazdin, Nexe and PPD Zagreb
- in the summer of 2022 joined Swiss side HC Kriens Luzern
- member of the Croatia team that won gold at 2018 Mediterranean Games in Tarragona and was part of Croatia younger age categories
- got his first invite for the senior team in 2018, since has more than 55 caps for the national team
- as a child used to play football but chose indoor sport



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**Mario Sostaric**

right wing

current club: MOL-Pick Szeged since 2016

- joined Szeged from Slovenian side Velenje in 2016 on personal request by then coach Juan Carlos Pastor
- was among the team's best scorers in the CL 2022/23 season, with 45 goals
- has dual citizenship and played for the Slovenian national team until EHF EURO 2020; made debut for Croatia at 2023 WCh
- at junior level, was part of 2011 WCh and EHF EURO 2012 All-star Teams



ivanmartinovic\_5

**Ivan Martinović**

right back

current club: MT Melsungen since 2022

- made his debut for the Croatian national team in qualification for EHF EURO 2020, since scored more than 130 goals
- MVP of Junior WCh 2019
- born in Vienna, started playing handball at Fivers
- joined MT Melsungen in summer of 2022, also played TSV Hannover-Burgdorf and Gummersbach
- his brother Marin and sister Kristina are also handball players, representing Austria
- his role models are Ivano Balic and team captain Domagoj Duvnjak



**Goran Perkovic**

coach

- took over Croatia in February 2023, previously led national teams of Switzerland and Greece
- spent most of his playing and coaching career in Switzerland
- coached Pfadi Winterthur, Kadetten Schaffhausen, GWD Minded, TuS N-Lübbecke and Kriens Luzern
- former team captain that led Croatia to their first gold medal at the OG in Atlanta in 1996
- also won silver at WCh 1995 with Croatia and a bronze medal at OG 1988 with Yugoslavia

OG: G 1996, B 1988; WCh: S 1995 (as player)





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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	37:23 (15:10) vs. Poland @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Biggest defeat:	14:29 (8:12) vs. Russia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Longest winning run:	7 matches (26.01.2018 – 20.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	9 matches (26.01.2018 – 24.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (03.06.1998 - 21.01.2000)
	4 matches (29.01.2000 – 27.01.2002)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (27.01.2000 - 27.01.2002)
Current run:	D1 (26.01.2022)
Most goals:	38 vs. Ukraine 38:25W @ Szeged HUN, 17.01.2022
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Sweden 31:35L @ Split CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Sweden 31:35L @ Split CRO, 16.01.2018
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Russia 14:29L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Spain 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998
	18 vs. Ukraine 26:18W @ Rijeka CRO, 25.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Spain 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### ESP vs CRO

27.05.1997 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	ESP-CRO	WCh – Last 16	31:25 (16:14)
29.05.1998 Meran-Merano ITA	CRO-ESP	ECh – Group B	18:18 (11:10)
21.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	CRO-ESP	ECh – Group A	22:27 (11:16)
28.01.2001 Besançon FRA	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group C	27:32 (9:16)
01.02.2003 Lisboa POR	ESP-CRO	WCh – Semi-final	37:39 (14:09, 26:26, 31:31)
22.01.2004 Ljubljana SLO	ESP-CRO	ECh – Group B	29:30 (17:14)
22.08.2004 Athína GRE	CRO-ESP	OG – Group A	30:22 (15:9)
27.01.2005 Sfax TUN	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group C	31:33 (15:15)
06.02.2005 Radès TUN	ESP-CRO	WCh – Final	40:34 (21:13)
28.01.2007 Mannheim GER	ESP-CRO	WCh – MR-Group II	28:29 (16:11)
01.02.2007 Köln GER	ESP-CRO	WCh – Place 5-8	27:35 (12:16)
10.08.2008 Beijing CHN	CRO-ESP	OG – Group A	31:29 (16:11)
24.08.2008 Beijing CHN	CRO-ESP	OG – Place 3/4	29:35 (14:12)
21.01.2009 Split CRO	CRO-ESP	WCh – Group B	32:22 (18:11)
10.03.2011 Ciudad Real ESP	ESP-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	24:26 (9:8)
13.03.2011 Split CRO	CRO-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	23:21 (15:12)
22.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	ESP-CRO	ECh – MR-Group 2	24:22 (11:14)
29.01.2012 Beograd SRB	CRO-ESP	ECh – Place 3/4	31:27 (13:12)
06.08.2012 London GBR	ESP-CRO	OG – Group B	25:30 (10:11)
19.01.2013 Madrid ESP	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group D	25:27 (13:15)
26.01.2014 Herning DEN	CRO-ESP	ECh – Place 3/4	28:29 (13:16)
29.01.2016 Kraków POL	ESP-CRO	ECh – Semi-final	33:29 (18:14)
24.01.2017 Montpellier FRA	ESP-CRO	WCh – Quarter-final	29:30 (15:17)
17.01.2019 München GER	ESP-CRO	WCh – Group B	19:23 (10:13)
22.01.2020 Wien AUT	CRO-ESP	ECh – MR-Group I	22:22 (11:12)
26.01.2020 Stockholm SWE	ESP-CRO	ECh – Final	22:20 (12:11)
05.01.2021 Poreč CRO	CRO-ESP	EHF EURO CUP	31:28 (17:14)
27.06.2021 Pontevedra ESP	ESP-CRO	EHF EURO CUP	34:22 (15:13)

#### CRO vs AUT

27.09.1995 Zagreb CRO	CRO-AUT	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	27:21 (15:8)
01.10.1995 Bruck an der Mur AUT	AUT-CRO	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	24:29 (9:13)
21.10.1998 Bruck an der Mur AUT	AUT-CRO	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	22:30 (11:15)
24.10.1998 Labin CRO	CRO-AUT	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	30:21 (15:12)
26.01.2010 Wien AUT	AUT-CRO	ECh – MR-Group I	23:26 (10:11)
16.01.2015 Doha QAT	CRO-AUT	WCh – Group B	32:30 (16:13)
16.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-CRO	ECh – MR-Group I	23:27 (8:13)

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### CRO vs ROU

07.06.1994 Almada POR	CRO-ROU	ECh – Group A	24:23 (12:11)
25.09.1997 Kutina CRO	CRO-ROU	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	29:21 (13:8)
28.09.1997 Baia Mare ROU	ROU-CRO	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	22:25 (14:10)
28.10.2010 Karlovac CRO	CRO-ROU	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	34:22 (16:11)
14.01.2011 Malmö SWE	CRO-ROU	WCh – Group C	27:21 (11:13)
08.06.2011 Dobreta Turnu Severin-Mehedinti ROU	ROU-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	25:30 (14:14)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Zlatko Horvat	56	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Ivan Cupic	55	2006-2018, 2022
Igor Vori	54	2004-2014, 2018
Domagoj Duvnjak	49	2008-2020
Mirko Alilovic	47	2008-2018, 2022

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Ivan Cupic	188	2006-2018, 2022
Zlatko Horvat	155	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Domagoj Duvnjak	154	2008-2020
Ivano Balic	151	2002-2012
Manuel Strlek	139	2010-2018



# ROMANIA



No team in the history of the EHF EURO has waited more time than Romania between two appearances. After making the cut in 1994 and 1996, when they won a single match each time, Romania needed 28 years to secure their next berth, but they finally did it after a plethora of failures.

It was far from easy, as Romania were the only team in the qualifiers to make it from the second spot with only four points, after conceding two losses against Austria and one each against Ukraine and the Faroe Islands, with the only wins coming against the latter two sides in Bucharest.

While lucky in the draw for the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers, Romania have drawn the short straw for the final tournament, as they will face perennial contenders Spain, an experienced and well-versed side in Croatia, and once again Austria, with their underdog status confirmed once again.

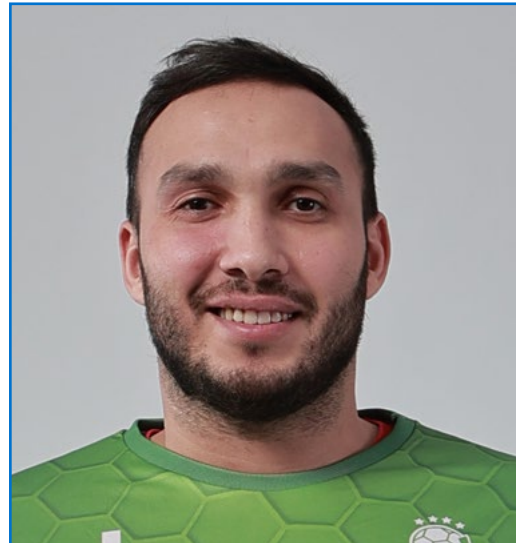
The lack of experience looks to be Romania's main issue, with the core of the team featuring in the domestic league, albeit several crucial players have been getting important minutes in the EHF European League Men this season for Dinamo Bucuresti and CSM Constanta, an important plus for the team's chances of delivering a surprise at the EHF EURO 2024.

Another big advantage is the coach, as Xavi Pascual returned on the bench after his previous stint, between 2016 and 2018, when Romania failed to qualify for any major international competition. A demanding and experienced coach, Pascual will have to do with what he has at his disposal, as he is striving to implement a system and build a better squad for the future, with plenty of the players being still some years away from hitting their prime.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	0	2	191:155	+36	12:4	2nd Group 1
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	151:156	-5	4:8	11th Place
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	145:138	+7	8:4	2nd Group 4
1996	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	145:161	-16	4:8	9th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	151:160	-9	6:6	3rd Group 1
2000	Qualification	4	4	0	0	94:74	+20	8:0	1st Group 5
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	33:41	-8	0:4	Lost vs. FRA
2002	Qualification	6	2	0	4	145:139	+6	4:8	3rd Group 4
2004	Qualification	6	3	0	3	177:175	+2	6:6	3rd Group 2
2006	Qualification	6	4	0	2	183:144	+39	8:4	2nd Group 3
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	51:60	-9	2:2	Lost vs. SCG
2008	Qualification	6	6	0	0	203:153	+50	12:0	1st Group 3
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	59:69	-10	2:2	Lost vs. SWE
2010	Qualification	8	3	1	4	242:247	-5	7:9	4th Group 1
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	138:186	-48	0:12	4th Group 2
2014	Qualification 1	3	3	0	0	100:55	+45	6:0	1st Group C
2014	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	161:204	-43	0:12	4th Group 6
2016	Play-off	2	1	0	1	61:62	-1	2:2	Lost vs. FIN
2018	Qualification 1	4	4	0	0	138:87	+51	8:0	1st Group C
2018	Play-off	2	2	0	0	62:48	+14	4:0	Won vs. ISR
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	151:160	-9	4:8	3rd Group 2
2020	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	129:157	-28	2:10	4th Group 6
2022	Qualification 2	6	1	1	4	156:167	-11	3:9	4th Group 8
2024	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	173:173	0	4:8	2nd Group 4
Total Qualif.		109	53	2	54	2943:2854	+89	108:110	
Total EHF EURO		12	4	0	8	296:317	-21	8:16	

 **ROMANIA**



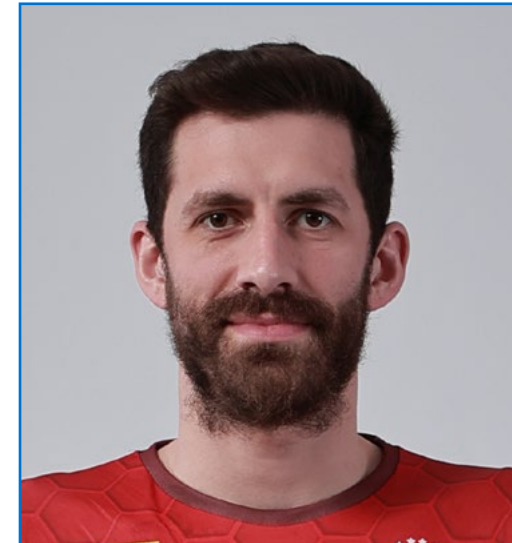
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**Ionut Ciprian Iancu**

goalkeeper

current club: CSA Steaua Bucuresti since 2021

- spent most of his career in Romania – at HCM Constanta, CSM București, HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta, and CSA Steaua București
- his only stint outside of Romania was in Hungary, at Tatabánya, between 2017 and 2018
- nicknamed “rubber man” by local media for his excellent skills between the posts
- has been No. 1 goalkeeper in the Romania national team for the past five years, being one of the most important players in the squad



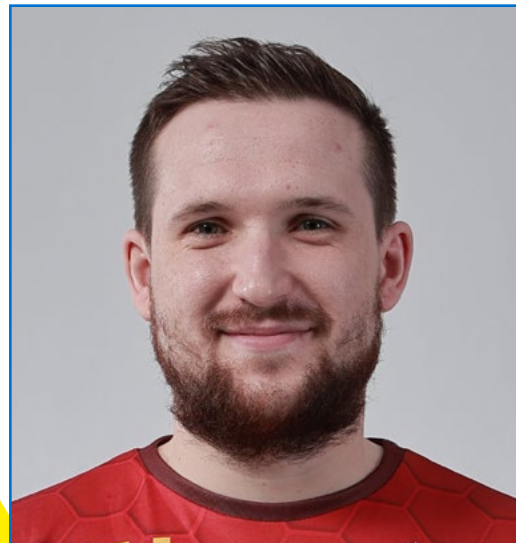
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**Dan Emil Racotea**

left back

current club: CS Dinamo Bucuresti since 2021

- left CSM București for Wisla Plock in 2014, joined Veszprém in 2019 and played on loan for Chartres and Bidasoa Irun, before returning to Dinamo in summer of 2021
- scored 117 goals in total during his four CL seasons at Plock
- wears tattoos with the numbers of his friends and fellow handball players, Robert Militaru and Vlad Rotaru, who have matching tattoos
- made his debut in Romanian national team aged 19, with the EHF EURO 2024 being his first major event



 nicunegru

**Andrei Nicusor Negru**

left wing

current club: CS Dinamo Bucuresti since 2018

- Romanian wing who has always played in his home country at HC Caras Severin and CSM Bucuresti before signing for Dinamo in 2018
- top scorer of Youth WCh in 2013 and Junior WCh in 2015
- he has been playing in 10 European seasons; apart from CL, also played in Challenge Cup, EHF Cup and the EHF Cup's successor, European League
- made his debut in the Romania senior team in 2016, has been the main left wing since then



**Andrei Dragan**

centre back

current club: CSM Constanta since 2022

- a talented centre back, he started handball in his hometown, Sfantu Gheorghe, when he was eight years old
- changed between six clubs until he signed at the age of 22 for Constanta, where he has been playing since 2022
- he has represented Romania at every age category before finally making his debut for the senior team in 2021
- scored 19 goals for Constanta in the group matches of the EL 2023/24, being one of the team's top scorers





# ROMANIA



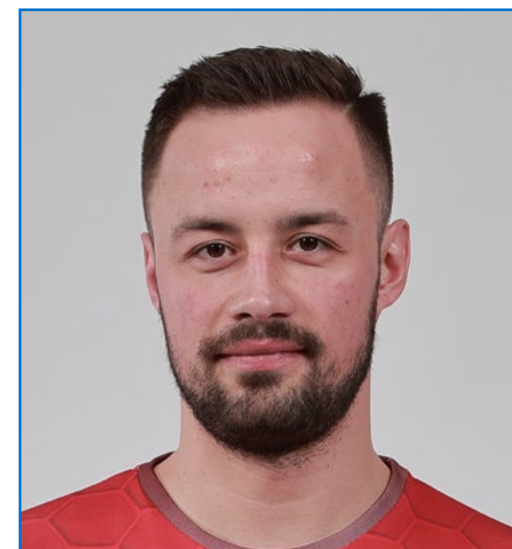
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**Calin Dedu**

line player

current club: CS Dinamo Bucuresti since 2021

- son of former CL winner and former Romanian Handball Federation president, Alexandru Dedu
- has a brother, Aron, who also plays handball and is featuring for a Romanian side, CSU Suceava
- 2.07m tall, he is one of the tallest players at the EHF EURO
- spent for six months on loan in Spain in 2022, playing for Cisne Balonmano



 i.nistor

**Ionut Nistor Ionita**

right wing

current club: CSM Constanta since 2017

- has been playing at CSM Constanta since 2017, now captain of the team
- the right wing has also been the captain of Romania's junior national team
- played for CSM București, Steaua and Targu Jiu before signing for Constanta, as he always featured in the Romanian league
- the EHF EURO 2024 will be his first major international competition



 demisgrigoras

**Demis Cosmin Grigoras**

right back

current club: Sport Lisboa a Benfica since 2021

- started handball in Romania, but moved to Hungarian side Tatabánya in 2016, before signing for French side Chambéry SMB HB and for Benfica in 2021
- top scorer at World University Handball Championship in 2016, scoring 53 goals in five games
- speaks Romanian, Hungarian, English and Portuguese, after spending time in different championships
- nicknamed “Demis the Menace” by the Romanian media, a pun on his first name



**Xavi Pascual**

coach

- legendary Spanish coach who joined Dinamo in 2021 after 12 highly successful seasons at the helm of Barça, winning more than 60 trophies, including three CL titles
- returned as Romania national team coach before the 2021/22 season after an earlier stint in 2016-18
- successfully guided the team through the qualifiers to reach an EHF EURO for the first time in 28 years
- former Barça player, who first became goalkeeper coach at the club in 2005 before taking over as head coach four years later
- won all possible titles with Barça in historic 2014/15 season, emulating Valero Rivera's success (7 out of 7) in 1999/2000

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2015, 2021 (as coach)

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	38:21 (18:11) vs. Portugal @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Biggest defeat:	24:33 (9:14) vs. Belarus @ Almada POR, 05.06.1994
Longest winning run:	2 matches (29.05.1996 – 31.05.1996)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (29.05.1996 – 31.05.1996)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (24.05.1996 – 28.05.1996)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (24.05.1996 – 28.05.1996)
Current run:	W2 (29.05.1996 – 31.05.1996)
Most goals:	38 vs. Portugal 38:21W @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Most goals opponent:	33 vs. Belarus 24:33L @ Almada POR, 05.06.1994
Most goals both teams:	59 vs. Portugal 38:21W @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Germany 19:25L @ Almada POR, 08.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	21 vs. Portugal 38:21W @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
	21 vs. Denmark 27:21W @ Ciudad Real ESP, 29.05.1996
Fewest goals both teams:	44 vs. Germany 19:25L @ Almada POR, 08.06.1994

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### AUT vs ROU

06.08.1936 Berlin GER	AUT-ROU	OG – Group B	18:3 (5:1)
04.11.2015 Maria Enzersdorf AUT	AUT-ROU	WCh-Qual. 1 – Group 2	27:24 (13:9)
14.01.2016 Baia Mare ROU	ROU-AUT	WCh-Qual. 1 – Group 2	32:29 (15:15)
13.10.2022 Graz AUT	AUT-ROU	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	36:32 (18:11)
26.04.2023 București ROU	ROU-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	30:35 (17:19)

#### ROU vs ESP

01.09.1972 Augsburg FRG	ROU-ESP	OG – Group C	15:12 (6:4)
01.03.1974 Rostock GDR	ROU-ESP	WCh – Group B	21:11 (12:8)
04.03.1982 Frankfurt am Main FRG	ESP-ROU	A-WCh – MR-Group II	22:20 (10:7)
25.02.1989 Paris FRA	ROU-ESP	B-WCh – Place 3/4	31:24 (12:10)
31.07.1992 Granollers ESP	ESP-ROU	OG – Group B	21:20 (14:9)
15.03.1993 Halmstad SWE	ESP-ROU	WCh – MR-Group I	20:16 (11:7)
28.05.1996 Ciudad Real ESP	ESP-ROU	ECh – Group B	26:21 (15:10)
26.01.2009 Pula CRO	ROU-ESP	WCh – Place 13-24	32:40 (16:19)
31.10.2010 Oradea ROU	ROU-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	20:35 (7:18)
12.06.2011 Guadalajara ESP	ESP-ROU	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	36:23 (18:11))

#### CRO vs ROU

07.06.1994 Almada POR	CRO-ROU	ECh – Group A	24:23 (12:11)
25.09.1997 Kutina CRO	CRO-ROU	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	29:21 (13:8)
28.09.1997 Baia Mare ROU	ROU-CRO	ECh-Qual. – Group 1	22:25 (14:10)
28.10.2010 Karlovac CRO	CRO-ROU	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	34:22 (16:11)
14.01.2011 Malmö SWE	CRO-ROU	WCh – Group C	27:21 (11:13)
08.06.2011 Dobreta Turnu Severin-Mehedinti ROU	ROU-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 2	25:30 (14:14)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Rudi Prisacaru	12	1994-1996
Eliodor Voica	12	1994-1996
Daniel Apostu	11	1994-1996
Adrian Popivici	11	1994-1996
Titel Raduta	11	1994-1996

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Eliodor Voica	48	1994-1996
Robert Licu	45	1994-1996
Titel Raduta	41	1994-1996
Ciprian Besta	32	1994-1996
Adrian Popivici	26	1994-1996





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12.1.2024 20:30 Hungary vs. Montenegro

14.1.2024 18:00 Montenegro vs. Iceland  
14.1.2024 20:30 Serbia vs. Hungary

16.1.2024 18:00 Serbia vs. Montenegro  
16.1.2024 20:30 Iceland vs. Hungary



Iceland were one of the big stories of the EHF EURO 2022, as they came close to clinching one of the semi-final places, only just missing out after a headline-grabbing campaign up to that point.

Iceland topped a competitive preliminary round group that included co-hosts Hungary, Portugal, and Netherlands — against all of whom Iceland won. The Nordic team finished third in the main round group that included back-to-back Olympic finalists Denmark and France. Iceland's record in that stage included their first ever EHF EURO victory against France, which was also their first win in an official encounter against the side since the London 2012 Olympics and France's biggest EURO defeat.

Iceland were exceptionally strong during the EHF EURO 2022 and took sixth place after three straight finishes outside the top 10, from 2016 to 2020. Iceland are looking

to replicate their biggest EHF EURO successes — two semi-finals, in 2002 and 2010, with the latter ending in the bronze medal — and seem poised to do it. They only just missed out on the top four in 2022 and were impacted by a number of Covid-19 cases — a fact that proves their strength, as Iceland kept recording big results even as key players were sidelined and less experienced players stepped up.

On an individual level, Iceland's players have grabbed the spotlight in the last year. Three of them play for EHF Champions League title holders Magdeburg: Gísli Kristjánsson, Janus Smarason and Ómar Ingi Magnússon. Kristjánsson was MVP of the EHF FINAL4 2023 as Magdeburg took the title. Although Smarason transferred after the title-winning season, he was part of the 2023 IHF Super Globe victory alongside his two compatriots.

Following a period sidelined with injury, Kristjánsson is expected to be back fully fit for the EHF EURO 2024.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	200:173	+27	11:5	3rd Group 4
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	131:131	0	8:4	3rd Group 4
1998	Qualification	6	2	1	3	157:158	-1	5:7	3rd Group 2
2000	Qualification	4	3	0	1	128:76	+52	6:2	1st Group 4
2000	Play Off	2	1	0	1	61:55	+6	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	147:162	-15	2:10	11th Place
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	56:50	+6	2:2	Won vs. BLR
2002	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	221:209	+12	10:6	4th Place
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	87:96	-9	1:5	13th Place
2006	Play Off	2	2	0	0	67:55	+12	4:0	Won vs. BLR
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	190:191	-1	5:7	7th Place
2008	Play Off	2	1	0	1	71:70	+1	2:2	Won vs. SRB
2008	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	157:172	-15	4:8	11th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	3	0	264:212	+52	13:3	1st Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	8	4	3	1	249:240	+9	11:5	3rd Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	188:178	+10	8:4	2nd Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	177:178	-1	5:7	10th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:176	+21	10:2	1st Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	199:199	0	9:5	5th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	191:137	+54	9:3	1st Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	92:101	-9	2:4	13th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	163:163	0	6:6	3rd Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	74:82	-8	2:4	13th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	185:151	+34	8:4	2nd Group 3
2020	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	191:195	-4	6:8	11th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	188:147	+41	8:4	2nd Group 4
2022	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	230:212	+18	10:6	6th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	185:136	+49	10:2	1st Group 3
Total Qualif.		82	52	8	22	2432:2068	+364	112:52	
Total EHF EURO		71	29	9	33	2014:2037	-23	67:75	

**Viktor Hallgrímsson**

goalkeeper

current club: HBC Nantes since 2022

- debuted in the Icelandic national team at 19 years old
- played three seasons for GOG in Denmark before joining HBC Nantes in France
- had an impressive performance at EHF EURO 2020, when he saved seven out of 16 penalty shots (44 per cent save efficiency)
- was part of the All-star Team at the EHF EURO 2022

**Aron Palm**

left back

current club: FH Hafnarfjörður since 2023

- set to make his eighth appearance at the EHF EURO, after his 2010 debut
- has international experience with some of the biggest clubs: THW Kiel (GER), Telekom Veszprém HC (HUN), Barça (ESP) and Aalborg Håndbold (DEN)
- played 14 consecutive seasons in the CL before returning to Iceland with FH Hafnarfjörður
- scored 33 goals at EHF EURO 2010, when Iceland won their last medal in a ECh (bronze)

EURO: B 2010  
EC trophies: CL 2010, 2012, 2021

**Bjarki Mar Elisson**

left wing

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2022

- was the fifth best goal-scorer at the 2023 WCh, with 45 goals and 76 per cent shooting efficiency
- played for three German clubs (Eisenach, Füchse Berlin and TBV Lemgo Lippe) before joining Veszprém in 2022
- was the top scorer for TBV Lemgo Lippe in the EL 2021/22 season, with 98 goals
- is a counter-attack and 7-metre specialist

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018

**Janus Smarason**

centre back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2023

- made his debut for Iceland in 2016
- left Haukar in 2017 to play for Aalborg in Denmark, then spent two seasons in Germany with Frisch Auf! Göppingen and one with Kolstad in Norway
- Icelandic players Gisli Kristjánsson and Ómar Ingi Magnusson are his teammates at Magdeburg
- a fast and flexible playmaker, he was a key player for Kolstad as they managed to win the Norwegian league

 arnarsson96**Arnar Freyr Arnarsson**

line player

current club: MT Melsungen since 2020

- played for IFK Kristianstad (SWE) and GOG (DEN) before joining Melsungen in 2020
- made his national team debut when he was 19 years old
- his first ECh was in 2018; he is set to make his fourth appearance at EHF EURO 2024
- a strong and effective line player, good at making himself available for teammates

 sigvaldigudjonsson**Sigvaldi Björn Gudjonsson**

right wing

current club: Kolstad Handball since 2022

- joined Kolstad in 2022 after two years with Kielce (POL); previously played for Aarhus (DEN) and Elverum (NOR)
- is Kolstad's team captain in the club's first CL season
- made his national team debut in 2018
- scored 45 goals for Iceland at EHF EURO 2022; currently standing at 51 goals for Kolstad in the CL 2023/24 season

 omaringim**Omar Ingi Magnusson**

right back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2020

- was top scorer at EHF EURO 2022 (59 goals), after missing the 2020 edition due to concussion
- helped Iceland earn an impressive win against France at EHF EURO 2022 (29:21), scoring 10 times
- spent four years in Denmark with Aarhus and Aalborg, before signing with Magdeburg
- won the Icelandic Sportsman of the Year award in 2021 and 2022
- missed the EHF FINAL4 in 2022/23 because of injury

EC trophies: EL 2021, CL 2023

**Snorri Steinn Gudjonsson**

coach

- started coaching the Icelandic national team in the summer of 2023
- a former handball player; he has international experience playing for clubs such as Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER) and GOG (DEN)
- helped Iceland win silver at the Beijing 2008 Olympics and the bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2010
- played for Valur at the beginning of his professional career; and later returned as coach

EURO: B 2010; OG: S 2008 (as player)

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	33:22 (15:9) vs. Switzerland @ Skövde SWE, 27.01.2002 34:23 (18:11) vs. Russia @ Malmö SWE, 13.01.2020
Biggest defeat:	22:33 (12:14) vs. Sweden @ Stockholm SWE, 02.02.2002
Longest winning run:	3 matches (14.01.2022 - 18.01.2022)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (29.01.2000 – 31.01.2002)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (21.01.2000 – 27.01.2000)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (21.01.2000 – 27.01.2000) 5 matches (02.02.2002 – 25.01.2004)
Current run:	L1 (28.01.2022)
Most goals:	38 vs. Russia 38:30W @ Wien AUT, 26.01.2010 38 vs. Belarus 38:39L @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Belarus 38:39L @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Most goals both teams:	77 vs. Belarus 38:39L @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Hungary 18:24L @ Malmö SWE, 16.01.2008
Fewest goals opponent:	21 vs. Hungary 27:21W @ Novi Sad SRB, 22.01.2012 21 vs. France 29:21W @ Budapest HUN, 22.02.2022
Fewest goals both teams:	42 vs. Hungary 18:24L @ Malmö SWE, 16.01.2008

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### ISL vs SRB

09.06.2007 Niš SRB	SRB-ISL	ECh-Playoff	30:29 (13:14)
17.06.2007 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-SRB	ECh-Playoff	42:40 (24:22)
19.01.2010 Linz AUT	ISL-SRB	ECh – Group B	29:29 (15:11)
29.04.2015 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	38:22 (16:10)
03.05.2015 Niš SRB	SRB-ISL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:25 (13:11)
16.01.2018 Split CRO	SRB-ISL	ECh – Group A	29:26 (12:12)

#### MNE vs ISL

02.11.2014 Bar MNE	MNE-ISL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:24 (14:12)
14.06.2015 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	34:22 (19:11)
26.01.2022 Budapest HUN	MNE-ISL	ECh – MR-Group I	24:34 (8:17)

#### ISL vs HUN

01.03.1958 Magdeburg GDR	HUN-ISL	WCh – Group C	19:16 (11:7)
09.03.1964 Bratislava TCH	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group B	12:21 (7:9)
26.02.1970 Mulhouse FRA	HUN-ISL	WCh – Group D	19:9 (9:3)
02.03.1979 Barcelona ESP	HUN-ISL	B-WCh – Place 3/4	32:18 (17:8)
02.03.1986 Basel SUI	ISL-HUN	A-WCh – MR-Group II	20:21 (12:11)
31.07.1992 Granollers ESP	ISL-HUN	OG – Group A	22:16 (8:3)
11.03.1993 Göteborg SWE	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group C	25:21 (11:8)
10.05.1995 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group A	23:20 (11:9)
29.05.1997 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	ISL-HUN	WCh – Quarter-final	25:26 (11:14)
25.11.1998 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-HUN	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	22:19 (13:10)
29.11.1998 Nyíregyháza HUN	HUN-ISL	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	24:20 (11:08)
23.01.2004 Celje SLO	HUN-ISL	ECh – Group C	32:29 (15:15)
29.01.2006 Sursee SUI	HUN-ISL	ECh – Group C	35:31 (16:14)
23.01.2008 Trondheim NOR	HUN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group II	28:36 (16:16)
14.01.2011 Norrköping SWE	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group B	32:26 (14:11)
22.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	HUN-ISL	ECh – MR-Group 2	21:27 (10:14)
08.08.2012 London GBR	ISL-HUN	OG – Quarter-final	33:34 (12:16, 27:27, 30:30)
14.01.2014 Aalborg DEN	HUN-ISL	ECh – Group B	27:27 (16:15)
15.01.2020 Malmö SWE	ISL-HUN	ECh – Group E	18:24 (12:9)
18.01.2022 Budapest HUN	HUN-ISL	ECh – Group B	30:31 (17:17)
14.01.2023 Kristianstad SWE	ISL-HUN	WCh – Group D	28:30 (17:12)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	59	2000-2020
Bjorgvin Pall Gustavsson	38	2010-2022
Asgeir Orn Hallgrimsson	38	2004-2018
Robert Gunnarsson	37	2004-2016
Aron Palmarsson	37	2010-2022

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	288	2000-2020
Ólafur Stefánsson	183	2000-2010
Snorri Steinn Gudjonsson	144	2004-2010, 2014-2016
Aron Palmarsson	125	2010-2022
Alexander Petersson	110	2006-2012, 2016, 2020



# HUNGARY



EHF EURO 2022 did not end up the way co-hosts Hungary hoped. The team led by Istvan Gulyas received massive support from the Hungarian fans but could not make it past the main round, partly due to injuries.

Two years later, some things have changed. Chema Rodriguez, once assistant coach, has taken over the head coach position. And various players have gained additional experience at top level, playing for some of the best clubs in Europe. Dominik Mathe has been wearing the Paris Saint-Germain HB colours for two seasons, Miklos Rosta plays under Xavi Pascual at Dinamo Bucuresti, and Gergo Fazekas has developed into a key asset for Orlen Wisla Plock.

Will it be enough for Hungary to finally deliver? Usually among the pre-tournament favourites on paper, Hungary

have not made it to the semi-finals of a major event again since the London 2012 Olympic Games. And this handball-crazy country is eager for success.

Their preliminary round group at EHF EURO 2024 looks well balanced – with Iceland, Montenegro, and Serbia all being able to win points against each other.

In the qualifiers, Hungary suffered one defeat – at home against Georgia, but in that game many of the stalwarts were rested to give the young guns some playing time. Otherwise, they easily got past Switzerland and Lithuania, earning themselves the first place of the group.

With the bright individual talents showing up in their squad list, there are no reasons why Hungary should not be able to go far at EHF EURO 2024.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	0	2	182:142	+40	12:4	1st Group 2
1994	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	128:131	-3	6:6	7th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	156:149	+7	7:5	2nd Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	144:158	-14	3:9	10th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	147:138	+9	9:3	1st Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	145:154	-9	6:6	6th Place
2000	Play Off	2	0	0	2	52:59	-7	0:4	Lost vs. SLO
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	46:46	0	2:2	Lost vs. SUI
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	64:62	+2	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	164:169	-5	6:6	9th Place
2006	Qualification	6	6	0	0	229:154	+75	12:0	1st Group 1
2006	Play Off	2	2	0	0	68:54	+14	4:0	Won vs. MKD
2006	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	84:89	-5	2:4	13th Place
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	59:53	+6	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	176:173	+3	7:5	8th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	241:179	+62	12:4	2nd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	80:96	-16	1:5	14th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	171:130	+41	12:0	1st Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	6	1	3	2	156:161	-5	5:7	8th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	161:153	+8	7:5	2nd Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	159:165	-6	4:8	8th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	178:151	+27	12:0	1st Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	142:166	-24	2:10	12th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	174:156	+18	9:3	2nd Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	77:92	-15	0:6	14th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	161:135	+26	11:1	1st Group 7
2020	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	176:189	-13	7:7	9th Place
2022	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	89:92	-3	2:4	15th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	226:168	+58	10:2	1st Group 6
Total Qualif.		80	60	5	15	2315:1929	+386	125:35	
Total EHF EURO		67	20	11	36	1720:1835	-115	51:83	



# HUNGARY



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**Roland Mikler**

goalkeeper

current club: OTP Bank-PICK Szeged since 2019

- regular in Hungarian national team, played his first international game in 2004, aged 20
- could enter the top 10 players with most matches played for Hungary at EHF EURO 2024; currently has 239 caps
- returned to Szeged in 2019 following five-year spell at domestic rivals Veszprém
- joined Veszprém after winning EHF Cup with Szeged in 2014
- earlier in his career he played an EHF Cup final as a teenager with Dunaferri in 2003

EC trophies: EHF Cup: 2014



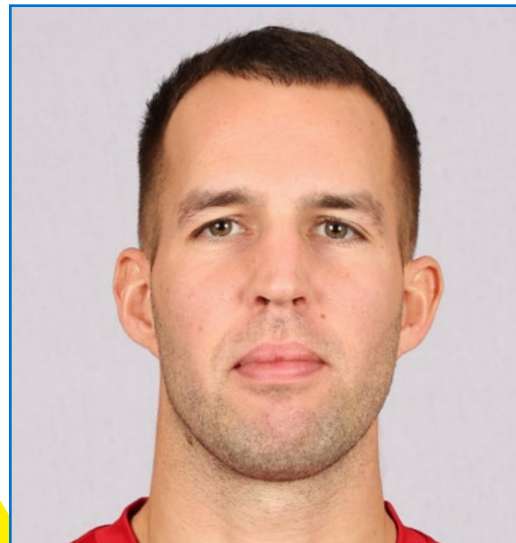
 bodoricsi9

**Richard Bodo**

left back

current club: OTP Bank-PICK Szeged since 2016

- one of Hungary's most experienced players, having made his national team debut in 2012
- known for his powerful shots, he has scored over 300 goals so far in the CL with Szeged
- joined Szeged in 2016 after playing for Dunaferri and Tatabánya
- first played in a European club competition in 2010/11, with Dunaferri in the EHF Cup
- named Hungarian player of the year in 2018



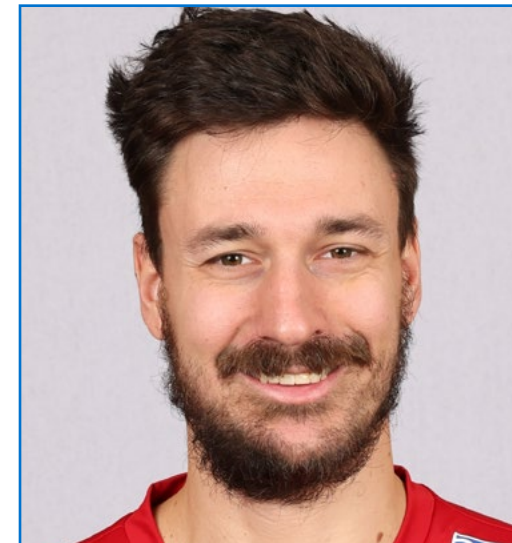
 bokabendi7

**Bendeguz Boka**

left wing

current club: Balatonfüredi KSE since 2017

- this will be his EHF EURO after 2020 and 2022
- made his debut in the national team in 2014, but was in and out of selection before becoming a regular in 2019
- played in Hungary all his career, including 2016/17 season at Szeged
- now plays for Balatonfüredi, since 2017, after a first stint from 2011 to 2016



 lekaimate

**Mate Lekai**

centre back

current club: FTC-Green Collect since 2022

- made his first international appearance with Hungary in 2009
- arrived at FTC in 2022 after eight seasons with Veszprém
- previously played for Celje, where his time was marred by several injuries; once played the second half of a domestic league final with a broken finger
- also had stints at Hungarian sides Pler and Szeged in the past
- is the son of Olga Juha, famous former high-jumper, who represented Hungary in the 80s





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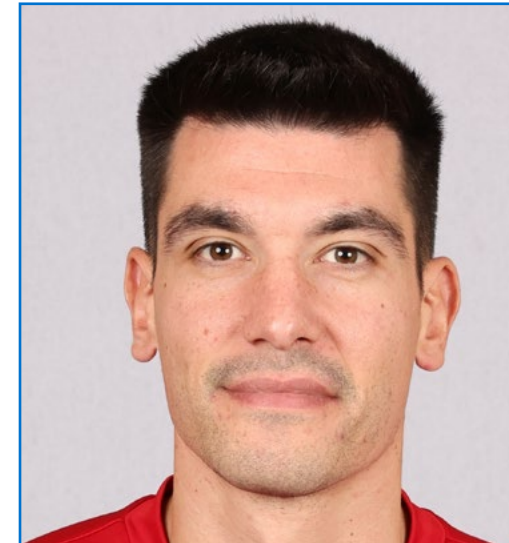
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**Bence Banhidi**

line player

current club: OTP Bank-PICK Szeged since 2016

- made national team debut for Hungary in 2014; played his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2016
- made the EHF EURO 2020 All-star Team
- picked up the game only at age 14, starting as a back-court player at his local club Győr
- arrived at Szeged in 2016 after four years with Balatonfüredi KSE; has become a key player for the Hungarian side



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**Pedro Rodríguez**

right wing

current club: MOL Tatabanya KC since 2022

- born in Vigo, Spain, took Hungarian nationality in 2018 after playing three international games with Spain back in 2015
- has since become a regular fixture in the Hungary national team, playing his first major competition at the 2021 WCh
- moved to the country in 2016 to play for Szeged, then transferred to Balatonfüredi in 2019 and Tatabanya in 2022



 mathedominik

**Dominik Mathe**

right back

current club: Paris Saint-Germain since 2022

- part of Hungarian squad that finished fifth at 2021 WCh, their best finish since 1997
- missed the 2023 WCh due to a knee injury, has come back to full form since then
- arrived at PSG in 2022 from Elverum in Norway, which was his first club abroad
- previously played for PLER KC for a year and for Balatonfüredi KSE for six years (2014-20)
- named Hungarian Junior Handball Player of the Year in 2018; played at 2019 WCh at age 19



**Jose Maria Rodriguez**

coach

- was coach of both Hungary and Benfica until the end of the 2022/23 before focusing only on the national team
- led Benfica to their first European club competition trophy in the 2021/22 season
- before moving into the head coach position with Hungary in 2022, was assistant to Istvan Gulyas for three years
- as a player, he won two CL titles with Ciudad Real and one WCh title with Spain

WCh: G 2005 (as player)

EC trophies: CL 2008, 2009 (as player); EL 2022 (as coach)



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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	29:20 (14:7) vs. FYR Macedonia @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998
Biggest defeat:	21:33 (10:16) vs. Russia @ Ciudad Real ESP, 25.05.1996
Longest winning run:	2 matches (05.06.1994 – 07.06.1994) 2 matches (03.06.1998 – 04.06.1998) 2 matches (22.01.2004 – 23.01.2004)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (22.01.2004 – 25.01.2004) 3 matches (16.01.2012 – 20.01.2012) 3 matches (14.01.2014 – 18.01.2014) 3 matches (11.01.2020 – 15.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (18.01.2016 – 17.01.2018)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (18.01.2016 – 17.01.2018)
Current run:	L1 (18.01.2022)
Most goals:	35 vs. Iceland 35:31W @ Sursee SUI, 29.01.2006 35 vs. Spain 35:28W @ Bergen NOR, 17.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Iceland 28:36L @ Trondheim NOR, 23.01.2008 36 vs. Norway 29:36L @ Malmö SWE, 17.01.2020
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Iceland 35:31W @ Sursee SUI, 29.01.2006
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Sweden 14:22L @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016
Fewest goals opponent:	17 vs. Slovenia 21:17W @ Sevilla ESP, 28.05.1996
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Sweden 14:22L @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### HUN vs MNE

16.01.2016 Gdańsk POL HUN-MNE ECh – Group D 32:27 (16:12)

#### SRB vs HUN

06.08.2012 London GBR HUN-SRB OG – Group B 26:23 (9:11)  
10.06.2016 Kraljevo SRB SRB-HUN WCh-Playoff 25:26 (8:13)  
15.06.2016 Veszprém HUN HUN-SRB WCh-Playoff 30:25 (17:12)

#### ISL vs HUN

01.03.1958 Magdeburg GDR HUN-ISL WCh – Group C 19:16 (11:7)  
09.03.1964 Bratislava TCH ISL-HUN WCh – Group B 12:21 (7:9)  
26.02.1970 Mulhouse FRA HUN-ISL WCh – Group D 19:9 (9:3)  
02.03.1979 Barcelona ESP HUN-ISL B-WCh – Place 3/4 32:18 (17:8)  
02.03.1986 Basel SUI ISL-HUN A-WCh – MR-Group II 20:21 (12:11)  
31.07.1992 Granollers ESP ISL-HUN OG – Group A 22:16 (8:3)  
11.03.1993 Göteborg SWE ISL-HUN WCh – Group C 25:21 (11:8)  
10.05.1995 Reykjavík ISL ISL-HUN WCh – Group A 23:20 (11:9)  
29.05.1997 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN ISL-HUN WCh – Quarter-final 25:26 (11:14)  
25.11.1998 Reykjavík ISL ISL-HUN WCh-Qual. – Group 4 22:19 (13:10)  
29.11.1998 Nyíregyháza HUN HUN-ISL WCh-Qual. – Group 4 24:20 (11:08)  
23.01.2004 Celje SLO HUN-ISL ECh – Group C 32:29 (15:15)  
29.01.2006 Sursee SUI HUN-ISL ECh – Group C 35:31 (16:14)  
23.01.2008 Trondheim NOR HUN-ISL ECh – MR-Group II 28:36 (16:16)  
14.01.2011 Norrköping SWE ISL-HUN WCh – Group B 32:26 (14:11)  
22.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB HUN-ISL ECh – MR-Group 2 21:27 (10:14)  
08.08.2012 London GBR ISL-HUN OG – Quarter-final 33:34 (12:16, 27:27, 30:30)  
14.01.2014 Aalborg DEN HUN-ISL ECh – Group B 27:27 (16:15)  
15.01.2020 Malmö SWE ISL-HUN ECh – Group E 18:24 (12:9)  
18.01.2022 Budapest HUN HUN-ISL ECh – Group B 30:31 (17:17)  
14.01.2023 Kristianstad SWE ISL-HUN WCh – Group D 28:30 (17:12)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Gergő Ivancsik	36	2004-2016
Roland Mikler	32	2006, 2012-2022
Gabor Csaszar	31	2004-2014, 2018
Ferenc Ilyes	29	2004-2014
Szabolcs Zubai	26	2006-2016

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Gergő Ivancsik	103	2004-2016
Gabor Csaszar	100	2004-2014, 2018
Istvan Pasztor	100	1994-1998, 2004
Laszlo Nagy	80	2004-2008, 2016
Bence Bánhidi	61	2016-2022
Ferenc Ilyes	61	2004-2014



# SERBIA



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Serbia hope the EHF EURO 2024 will cap off all the hard work they have done in the last three years since Spanish coach Toni Gerona took over the helm. Failing to progress further from the preliminary round at EHF EURO 2020 after numerous problems and finishing 11th at the IHF Men's World Championship did not show the real power of Gerona's team.

Serbia, after winning the silver medal at the EHF EURO 2012, have not featured among the top teams since and the last time they sealed a main round berth was at the EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia. Thus, their main goal is to leave their mark in Germany.

They already showed what they are capable of in qualification group 2. Their successes included beating

Norway 25:24 and leaving Slovakia and Finland without a place in the final tournament; just as they defeated the 2020 Olympic champions France 27:24 and drew the return fixture 26:26 in the EHF EURO 2022 qualification.

With the core of the team the same in recent years, and their experienced players now being in their 30s, Serbia are eyeing at least main round participation. Their key could be defence backed by duo Dejan Milosavljev and Vladimir Cupara between the posts as they have one of the most well-balanced groups in the competition – Hungary, Iceland and Montenegro.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
2008	Qualification	6	4	1	1	220:164	+56	9:3	1st Group 2
2008	Play Off	2	1	0	1	70:71	-1	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2010	Qualification	10	7	1	2	351:272	+79	15:5	2nd Group 2
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	83:94	-11	1:5	13th Place
2012	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	176:168	+8	10:6	Runner-up
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	171:162	+9	9:3	1st Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	73:77	-4	2:4	13th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	153:152	+1	8:4	2nd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	81:92	-11	1:5	15th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	175:173	+2	8:4	2nd Group 2
2018	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	160:191	-31	2:10	12th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	2	2	2	168:165	+3	6:6	3rd Group 2
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	72:81	-9	0:6	20th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	131:96	+35	11:1	1st Group 1
2022	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	76:75	+1	2:4	14th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	178:159	+19	10:2	2nd Group 2
Total Qualif.		54	34	10	10	1617:1414	+203	78:30	
Total EHF EURO		29	7	4	18	721:778	-57	18:40	



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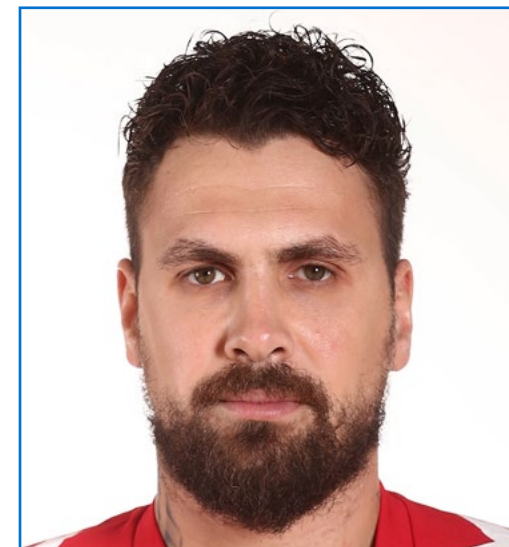
### Dejan Milosavljev

goalkeeper

current club: Fūchse Berlin since 2019

- arrived at Fūchse in the summer of 2019 from Vardar, shortly after winning CL with the Macedonian side
- was CL All-star Team goalkeeper in 2018/19
- made his national team debut at a major competition at EHF EURO 2018, due to injury and Covid-19 missed EURO 2020 and 2022
- with Fūchse won the EL in 2022/23
- makes a great duo with Dinamo Bucuresti goalkeeper Vladimir Cupara

EC trophies: CL 2019, EL 2023



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### Bogdan Radivojevic

left back

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2023

- made national team debut in 2012, has 82 caps for the national team
- was the team's top scorer in qualification for the EHF EURO 2024 with 29 goals
- arrived at Pelister in 2023 from Szeged
- won the CL in 2014 in his first season with Flensburg; also played for Rhein-Neckar Löwen before moving to Szeged in 2019

EC trophies: CL 2014



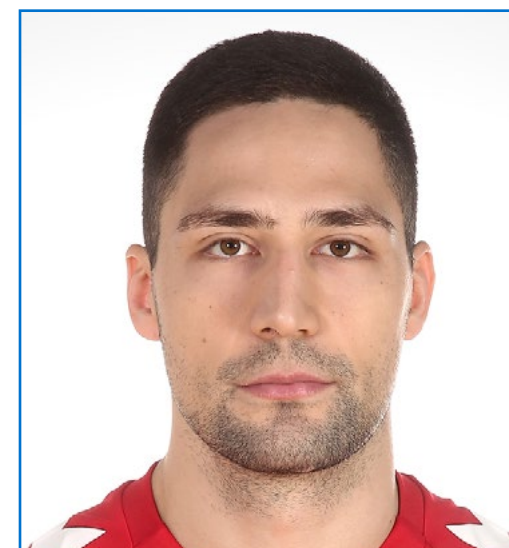
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### Nemanja Ilic

left wing

current club: FENIX Toulouse Handball since 2013

- one of the most experienced members of the Serbian team, with 137 caps since his debut in 2013
- EHF EURO 2022 will be his fifth ECh
- younger brother Vanja is also a professional handball player, and the duo will share a position at the EHF EURO 2024
- began his professional career at Partizan, before joining Toulouse in 2013
- spent 2018/19 on loan at Barça



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### Lazar Kukic

centre back

current club: Dinamo Bucuresti since 2022

- made national team debut in 2017 and has 53 caps ahead of EHF EURO 2024
- his major tournament debut was WCh 2019, he also played at EHF EURO 2020 and 2022
- joined Dinamo Bucuresti in 2022, also played for Benfica, Logroño La Rioja and Partizan
- voted player of the season at La Rioja and nominated as best ASOBAL League playmaker in 2017/18
- netted 14 times in qualifications for the EHF EURO 2024

EURO: S 2020, B 2016  
EC trophies: CL 2017, 2021, 2022

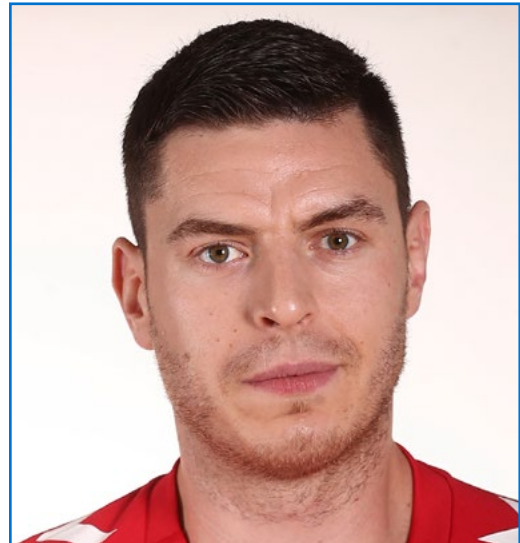


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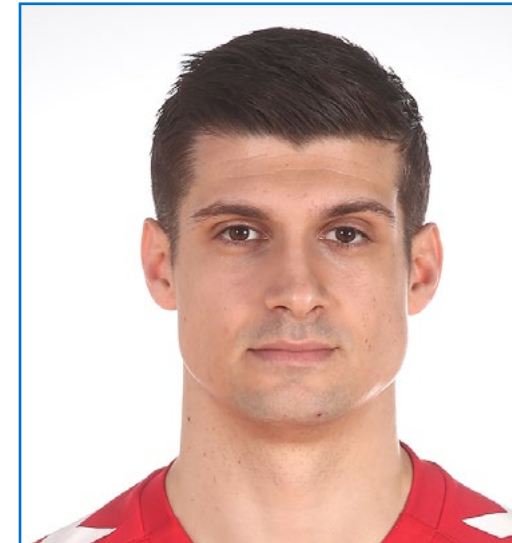
## Mijajlo Marsenic

line player

current club: Fūchse Berlin since 2018

- debuted for the national side at WCh 2013 and comes to EHF EURO 2024 as Serbia's second most-capped player, with 118 international matches
- began his career as a promising left back, before switching to line player
- joined Fūchse from Vardar in the summer of 2018
- won the CL in 2017 with Vardar and with Fūchse the EL in 2022/23
- also played for Partizan Belgrade and Metalurg

EC trophies: CL 2019, EL 2023



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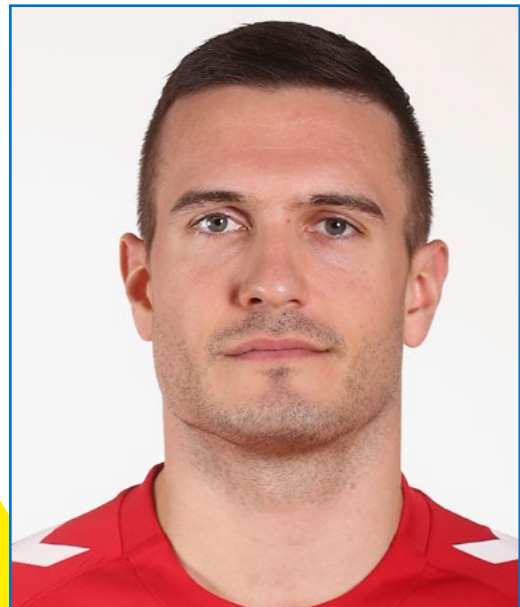
## Petar Djordjic

left back

current club: SL Benfica since 2019

- EHF EURO 2024 is his third European Championship, has 36 caps with Serbia
- won EL 2022 with Benfica and shared the top-scorer title with Croatian Halil Jaganajc, netting 108 goals; also won Cup Winners' Cup in 2012 with Flensburg
- also played for Hamburg and Wetzlar in Germany
- arrived at Benfica in 2019 after two seasons with Meshkov Brest in Belarus
- son of former international player Zoran Djordjic

EC trophies: EL 2021, Cup Winners' Cup 2012



## Milos Orbovic

right back

current club: HC Kriens Luzern since 2021

- made his major tournament debut for Serbia at EHF EURO 2016, but missed 2018 and 2020 editions
- has 25 official caps for Serbia
- joined Kriens Luzern in 2021 from HC Motor where he played in the CL
- used to play for Vrbas, Vojvodina, Timisoara and Bidasoa Irun
- left-handed player with good shot from the back



## Antonio Gerona

coach

- the Spanish coach took over Serbia in May 2020
- until the end of 2022/23 season also coached French club Chartres
- this is his third major tournament with Serbia; he coached Tunisia to 12th at the WCh 2019
- previously coached Barcelona youth teams, Ireland and El Jaish
- as an assistant coach at Barça won CL in 2005





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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	31:23 (17:11) vs. Ukraine @ Szeged HUN, 13.01.2022
Biggest defeat:	26:36 (16:19) vs. France @ Kraków POL, 17.01.2016 22:32 (9:14) vs. Croatia @ Split CRO, 12.01.2018
Longest winning run:	2 matches (15.01.2012 – 17.01.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (15.01.2012 – 23.01.2012)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (18.01.2018 – 13.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (15.01.2014 – 14.01.2018)
Current run:	L2 (15.01.2022 – 17.01.2022)
Most goals:	31 vs. Austria 31:37L @ Linz AUT, 23.01.2010 31 vs. Ukraine 31:23W @ Szeged HUN, 13.01.2022
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. France 30:39L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	69 vs. France 30:39L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Fewest goals:	19 vs. FYR Macedonia 19:22L @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012 19 vs. Denmark 19:21L @ Beograd SRB, 29.01.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Poland 22:18W @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Poland 20:19W @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### ISL vs SRB

09.06.2007 Niš SRB	SRB-ISL	ECh-Playoff	30:29 (13:14)
17.06.2007 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-SRB	ECh-Playoff	42:40 (24:22)
19.01.2010 Linz AUT	ISL-SRB	ECh – Group B	29:29 (15:11)
29.04.2015 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	38:22 (16:10)
03.05.2015 Niš SRB	SRB-ISL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:25 (13:11)
16.01.2018 Split CRO	SRB-ISL	ECh – Group A	29:26 (12:12)

#### SRB vs HUN

06.08.2012 London GBR	HUN-SRB	OG – Group B	26:23 (9:11)
10.06.2016 Kraljevo SRB	SRB-HUN	WCh-Playoff	25:26 (8:13)
15.06.2016 Veszprém HUN	HUN-SRB	WCh-Playoff	30:25 (17:12)

#### SRB vs MNE

29.10.2014 Beograd SRB	SRB-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:21 (10:9)
10.06.2015 Bar MNE	MNE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	23:23 (11:14)
11.01.2020 Graz AUT	MNE-SRB	ECh – Group A	22:21 (11:10)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Petar Nenadic	20	2010-2018
Zarko Sesum	20	2010-2012, 2016-2018
Bojan Beljanski	17	2012, 2016-2018
Ivan Nikcevic	17	2010-2016
Darko Stanic	17	2010-2016

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Petar Nenadic	64	2010-2018
Zarko Sesum	59	2010-2012, 2016-2018
Momir Ilic	56	2010-2014
Ivan Nikcevic	50	2010-2016
Nemanja Zelenovic	42	2014-2020



# MONTENEGRO



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The Golden Lions reached the EHF EURO 2022 main round for the first time in Montenegro's history under the previous coach, Zoran Roganovic. They finished 11th, a record-high ranking at the European championships, and followed that up with an 18th-place finish at the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship.

However, Roganovic's tenure came to an end after the World Championship and the results in the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers did not go to plan, as they lost three of their last four matches. But, they still successfully booked a place at EHF EURO 2024 under the newly-appointed Vlado Sola after they finished as one of the best-ranked third-placed teams.

The Montenegro squad is a perfect example of experience and youth, with the likes of goalkeeper Nebojsa Simic, left wing Milos Vujovic and right back Branko Vujovic now joined by centre backs Radojica Cepic and Vasilje Kaludjerovic as well as right wing Luka Radovic who are eager to stake a claim on the international stage.

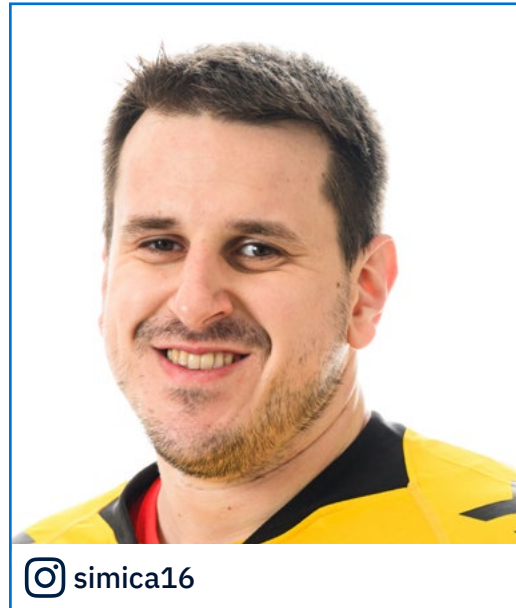
At the EHF EURO 2024 Montenegro are drawn in group C alongside Iceland, Hungary and neighbours Serbia. It will be a tough challenge for the Golden Lions, but they will certainly bring passion and the support of plenty of enthusiastic fans.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
2008	Qualification	6	5	1	0	200:171	+29	11:1	1st Group 4
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	63:55	+8	4:0	Won vs. POR
2008	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	152:192	-40	1:11	12th Place
2010	Qualification	8	4	0	4	229:240	-11	8:8	3rd Group 1
2012	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	161:196	-35	2:10	3rd Group 4
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	160:160	0	8:4	2nd Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	66:84	-18	0:6	16th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	146:152	-6	7:5	3rd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	76:90	-14	0:6	16th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	3	1	158:168	-10	7:5	2nd Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	66:89	-23	0:6	16th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	157:163	-6	7:5	2nd Group 8
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	70:84	-14	2:4	18th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	155:163	-8	6:6	2nd Group 8
2022	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	195:216	-21	6:8	11th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	173:163	+10	6:6	3rd Group 7
Total Qualif.		58	30	6	22	1602:1631	-29	66:50	
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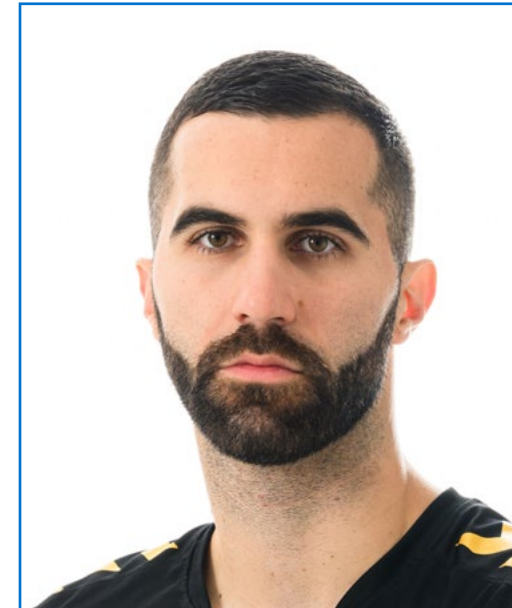
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## Nebojsa Simic

goalkeeper

current club: MT Melsungen since 2017

- a key player in the Montenegrin squad
- was nicknamed 'Minister of Defence' as well as 'Superman Simic' in his homeland after his excellent performances at EHF EURO 2022 for the Golden Lions
- EHF EURO 2024 will be his fifth appearance at a EHF EURO after featuring in four of the previous five editions
- his younger brother, Božidar is also a handball player as well as a part of the national team,
- father Goran was a goalkeeper and his mother played handball at right back

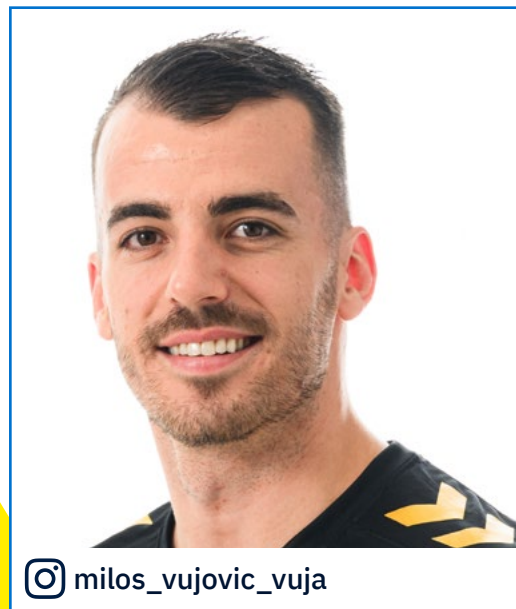


## Milos Bozovic

left back

current club: US Ivry Handball since 2021

- a key player in the Montenegrin squad and expected to play an important role in Germany
- an experienced international who has played across the continent in Spain, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia and France
- the EHF EURO 2024 will be his fifth appearance at an ECh
- a strong left back with a very precise shot



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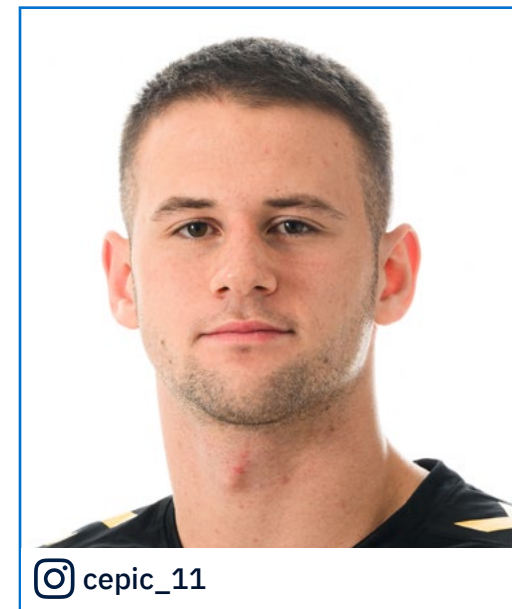
## Milos Vujovic

left wing

current club: VfL Gummersbach since 2023

- Montenegro's joint top scorer alongside Branko Vujovic during EHF EURO 2024 qualification, with 30 goals scored
- moved to VfL Gummersbach in 2023 after three successful years at Füchse Berlin, where he won the EL last season
- the EHF EURO 2024 in Germany will be his sixth EHF EURO with Montenegro after featuring at the previous five editions (2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022)
- part of the All-star Team at EHF EURO 2022, where he scored 41 goals and finished as the ninth top scorer overall

EC trophies: EL 2023



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## Radojica Cepic

centre back

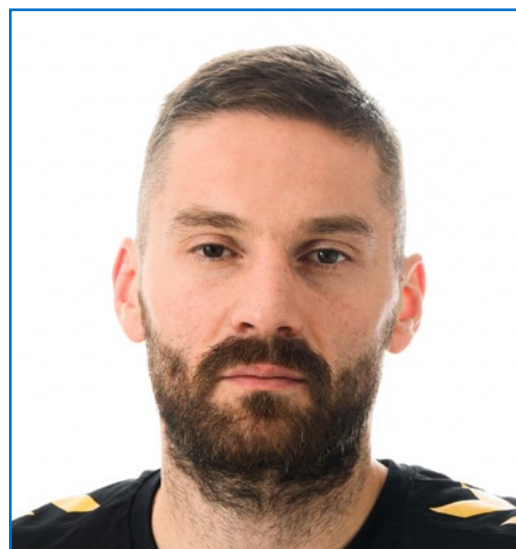
current club: HC Kriens-Luzern since 2023

- made his major tournament debut at EHF EURO 2022
- an explosive playmaker who can also play as a left back
- becoming an integral part of the Montenegrin national team despite his young age
- the 21-year-old is expected to evolve into a leader of the squad in the near future
- left HSG Wetzlar to join HC Kriens-Luzern this season, where he is playing in the EL





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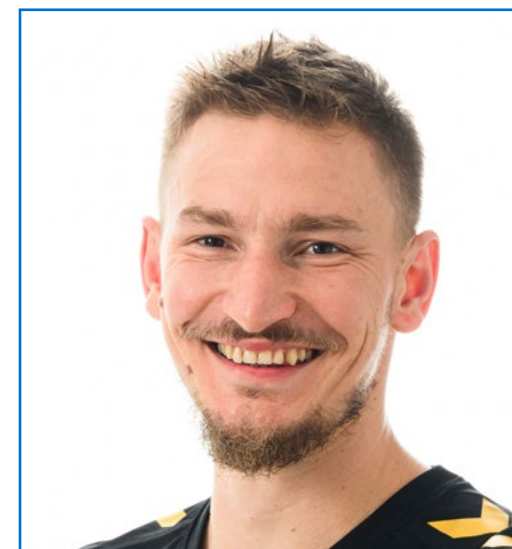
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**Vuk Lazovic**

line player

current club: HC Meshkov Brest since 2023

- one of the most experienced and oldest players in the squad who played a pivotal role in the national team's successes over the years
- plays an important role in Montenegro's defence as well as attack, a strong and robust line player
- scored 11 goals during the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers
- has played for many clubs throughout his career including HC Vardar 1961, HC Vojvodina and HC Partizan
- his wife Barbara Lazovic plays for Krim Mercator Ljubljana



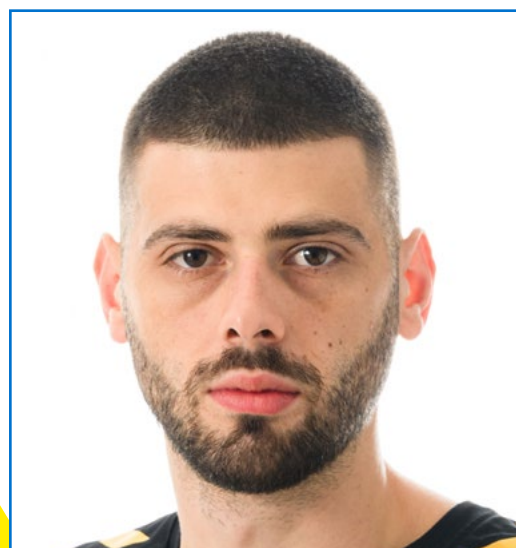
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**Mirko Radovic**

right wing

current club: HC Lovcen-Cetinje since 2023

- the 33-year-old is one of Montenegro's most experienced players as well as a captain of the national team
- moved back to his homeland and former club, HC Lovcen-Cetinje, after spending four years at HC Eurofarm Pelister in Bitola where he was also a captain and a massive fan-favourite
- EHF EURO 2024 is his sixth consecutive appearance at a ECh after featuring in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022
- known for his passionate approach as well as his celebrations; can also play as a right back



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**Branko Vujovic**

right back

current club: TSV Hannover-Burgdorf since 2022

- Montenegro's joint top scorer alongside Milos Vujovic during qualification for the EHF EURO 2024, with 30 goals scored
- one of Montenegro's main attacking weapons
- the upcoming tournament in Germany will mark the 25-year-old's third consecutive appearance at EHF EURO with Montenegro after 2020 and 2022
- currently on loan to Bundesliga side TSV Hannover-Burgdorf from Industria Kielce; has also played for RK Celje Pivovarna Laško



**Vlado Sola**

coach

- took over the Montenegrin national team in February after the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship, succeeding Zoran Roganovic
- the EHF EURO 2024 will be his first major tournament at the helm of Montenegro
- the 55-year-old is leading a national team as a head coach for the first time in his career
- Sola's coaching career has saw him lead various clubs across the globe from HC Zagreb to Al Duhail in Qatar and Beijing Sport University in China
- a former world (2003) and Olympic (2004) champion with Croatia as a goalkeeper





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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:26 (15:9) vs. Croatia @ Budapest HUN, 20.01.2022
Biggest defeat:	23:39 (13:19) vs. Poland @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Longest winning run:	3 matches (15.01.2022 – 20.01.2022)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (15.01.2022 – 20.01.2022)
Longest losing run:	15 matches (18.01.2008 – 09.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	16 matches (17.01.2008 – 09.01.2020)
Current run:	L3 (22.01.2022 – 26.01.2022)
Most goals:	33 vs. Slovenia 33:32W @ Debrecen HUN, 17.01.2022
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Poland 23:39L @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	65 vs. Slovenia 33:32W @ Debrecen HUN, 17.01.2022
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Germany 19:23L @ Zagreb CRO, 13.01.2018 19 vs. Slovenia 19:28L @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	21 vs. Serbia 22:21W @ Graz AUT, 11.01.2020
Fewest goals both teams:	43 vs. Serbia 22:21W @ Graz AUT, 11.01.2020

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### HUN vs MNE

16.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	HUN-MNE	ECh – Group D	32:27 (16:12)
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#### MNE vs ISL

02.11.2014 Bar MNE	MNE-ISL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:24 (14:12)
14.06.2015 Reykjavik ISL	ISL-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	34:22 (19:11)
26.01.2022 Budapest HUN	MNE-ISL	ECh – MR-Group I	24:34 (8:17)

#### SRB vs MNE

29.10.2014 Beograd SRB	SRB-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	25:21 (10:9)
10.06.2015 Bar MNE	MNE-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 4	23:23 (11:14)
11.01.2020 Graz AUT	MNE-SRB	ECh – Group A	22:21 (11:10)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Nemanja Grbovic	19	2014-2022
Vasko Sevaljevic	19	2014-2022
Marko Lasica	16	2014, 2018-2022
Milos Vujovic	16	2014-2018, 2022
Nebojsa Simic	15	2014, 2018-2022

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Milos Vujovic	58	2014-2018, 2022
Vasko Sevaljevic	57	2014-2022
Nemanja Grbovic	54	2014-2022
Branko Vujovic	40	2020-2022
Alen Muratovic	33	2008



# GROUP D



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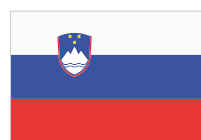
### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### EHF EURO

🥉 2020

#### World Championships

🥉 2017, 2019



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#### EHF EURO

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#### World Championships

🥉 2017



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11.1.2024 18:00 Slovenia vs. Faroe Islands  
11.1.2024 20:30 Norway vs. Poland

13.1.2024 18:00 Poland vs. Slovenia  
13.1.2024 20:30 Faroe Islands vs. Norway

15.1.2024 18:00 Poland vs. Faroe Islands  
15.1.2024 20:30 Norway vs. Slovenia



It was the EHF EURO 2016 where Norway saw their breakthrough international championship, as they went from 14th place at the previous edition all the way to the semi-finals. After that fourth place in Poland, Norway secured their first EHF EURO medal in 2020. They ranked fifth in 2022.

Since 2016, Norway have firmly established themselves among the top teams internationally, as they also reached the World Championship final twice in a row, in 2017 and 2019. They were defeated both times, but the first medals were something to celebrate.

Aside from the medals won, Norway also qualified for the Olympic Games for the first time, placing seventh at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

There have been successes, but a while since a piece of silverware — Norway will be eager to improve on their most recent positions and be part of the medal fight again in

2024. The Scandinavian team qualified for this edition of the EHF EURO as winners of their qualifiers group, above Serbia, after a campaign that saw only one loss.

Although the Norway men's team features a deep bench of world-class backs and lethal wings in particular, there is one standout name associated with the side: attacking juggernaut Sander Sagosen.

Now 28 years old, Sagosen has enough caps to make him one of the most experienced in the side, yet his games played-to-goal ratio is unsurpassed in the current and most squads, with an average of over five goals per match. He was named in the EHF EURO All-star Team three straight times, was top scorer of the EHF EURO in 2020, and adds another three All-star credits when including the EHF Champions League and World Championships. His goal count for 2020, 65, is the record for most goals scored in one EHF EURO.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	183:164	+19	10:6	3rd Group 2
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	155:88	+67	10:2	2nd Group C
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	136:157	-21	4:8	3rd Group 4
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	53:38	+15	4:0	Won vs. ITA
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	133:144	-11	3:9	8th Place
2002	Play Off	2	0	1	1	52:56	-4	1:3	Lost vs. POL
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	191:138	+53	10:2	1st Group 2
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	48:50	-2	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2006	Play Off	2	1	1	0	63:50	+13	3:1	Won vs. BIH
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	178:177	+1	4:8	11th Place
2008	EHF EURO	7	3	2	2	196:185	+11	8:6	6th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	2	1	266:226	+40	12:4	2nd Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	169:164	+5	6:6	7th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:152	+32	10:2	1st Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	80:87	-7	2:4	13th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	185:154	+31	8:4	2nd Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	77:84	-7	1:5	14th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	182:152	+30	10:2	2nd Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	235:232	+3	9:7	4th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	196:163	+33	8:4	2nd Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	191:172	+19	8:4	7th Place
2020	EHF EURO	9	8	0	1	273:236	+37	16:2	3rd Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	192:132	+60	10:2	1st Group 6
2022	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	246:211	+35	12:4	5th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:144	+53	10:2	1st Group 2
Total Qualif.		78	54	4	20	2283:1864	+419	112:44	
Total EHF EURO		62	32	5	25	1778:1692	+86	69:55	



 tsbergerud

### Torbjørn Bergerud

goalkeeper

current club: Kolstad Handball since 2022

- made his debut for the national team in 2013, when he was only 19 years old
- has gained experience in the German and Danish leagues, having played for Flensburg (three seasons) and GOG (one), before joining Kolstad
- this will be his sixth consecutive appearance at the EHF EURO
- despite Norway only finishing sixth at the 2023 WCh, he had the third best save percentage among goalkeepers (37 per cent, 81 saves)

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, S 2019



 sandersagosen

### Sander Sagosen

left back/centre back

current club: Kolstad Handball since 2023

- part of the All-star Team at the 2017 and 2019 WCh and EHF EURO 2016, 2018 and 2020
- top scorer at the EHF EURO 2020, with 65 goals
- participated in his first EHF EURO in 2014 and has not missed an edition since
- a skilled player that can perform as both left back and playmaker
- joined Aalborg Håndbold at only 19 years old, and has played in the CL for the last eight seasons (for PSG, Kiel and Kolstad)

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, S 2019  
EC trophies: CL 2020



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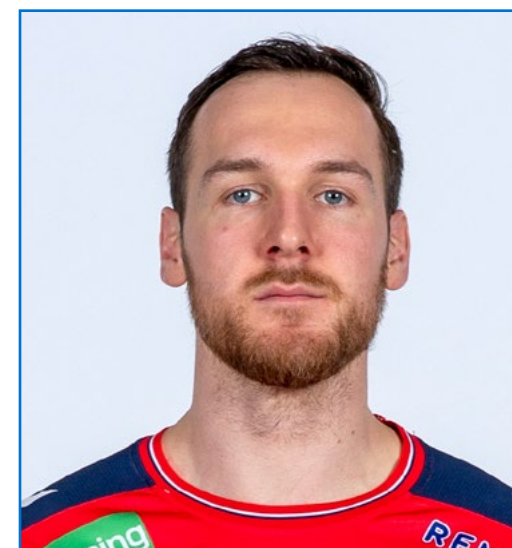
### Sebastian Barthold

left wing

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2017

- only played for two clubs in his career: Haslum Handballklubb (2011-2016) and Aalborg Håndbold
- made his first appearance at EHF EURO in 2014
- scored 42 goals at EHF EURO 2022, one fewer than his teammate Sander Sagosen
- won silver with Aalborg in the CL 2020/21 season

EC: EHF CL S 2021



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### Christian O'Sullivan

centre back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2016

- made his national team debut in 2012, aged 20, and will make his sixth consecutive appearance at the EHF EURO in 2024
- captain of both Magdeburg and Norway
- his best EHF EURO result with Norway was in 2020, when he took bronze, but has had more luck in club competitions, winning the EL 2020/21 and CL 2022/23
- son of a British handball international, he was asked to become captain of Great Britain's team for London 2012 Olympics, but he did not want to change citizenship

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, 2019  
EC trophies: EL 2021



### Magnus Gullerud

line player

current club: Kolstad Handball since 2022

- his first match for Norway was at 19 years old and has played over 170 games for the national team since
- joined Kolstad after two years at Magdeburg, where he won the EL in 2021
- before signing for Kolstad, his only experience in the domestic league was with Elverum, between 2010 and 2013
- the 2023/24 season is his first in the CL

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, S 2019  
EC trophies: EL 2021



### Kristian Bjørnsen

right wing

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2021

- tall wing (191 cm) and among the top scorers for Norway with over 650 goals in 181 matches
- has played in all Scandinavian countries: FyllingenBergen (NOR), IFK Kristianstad (SWE) and Aalborg Håndbold (DEN), as well as for HSG Wetzlar (GER)
- his younger sister, Line, was also a top-level handball player
- was part of the All-star Team at the 2017 WCh

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, S 2019



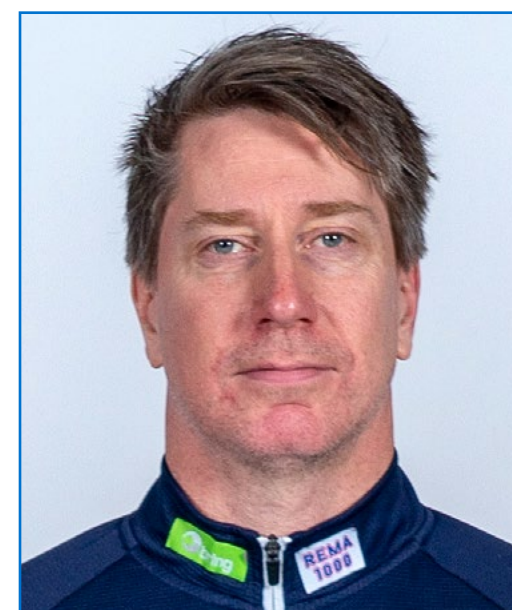
### Harald Reinkind

right back

current club: THW Kiel since 2018

- has been playing in Germany for the last 10 seasons, four of which were spent at Rhein-Neckar Löwen (between 2014 and 2018)
- part of the national team since 2011 and has played over 150 games for Norway
- apart from the 2018/19 season, he has scored at least 60 goals each year for THW Kiel in the CL
- became a father for the third time in November 2023

EURO: B 2020; WCh: S 2017, S 2019  
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019; CL 2020



### Jonas Wille

coach

- started as a coach for Norway in April 2022
- great experience in coaching club teams, working with teams from Denmark, Norway and Sweden
- was assistant coach to Christian Berge for less than a year
- his debut as a coach at the 2023 WCh brought Norway sixth place in the competition, the same as in 2021 when Christian Berge was at the helm
- has former Swedish handball player Martin Boquist as his assistant



### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:21 (15:10) vs. Russia @ Drammen NOR, 18.01.2008 39:28 (17:14) vs. Austria @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018 42:31 (21:15) vs. Poland @ Bratislava SVK, 20.01.2022
Biggest defeat:	24:31 (11:15) vs. Croatia @ Kraków POL, 31.01.2016
Longest winning run:	8 matches (24.01.2018 – 22.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	8 matches (24.01.2018 – 22.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	4 matches (18.01.2012 – 14.01.2014)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (18.01.2012 – 15.01.2016)
Current run:	W1 (28.01.2022)
Most goals:	42 vs. Poland 42:31W @ Bratislava SVK, 20.01.2022
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Sweden 34:36L aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Poland 42:31W @ Bratislava SVK, 20.01.2022
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals opponent:	16 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### NOR vs POL

07.03.1958 Berlin GDR	POL-NOR	WCh – Place 5/6	20:18 (11:8)
09.09.1972 München FRG	POL-NOR	OG – Place 9/10	20:23 (10:10, 19:19)
21.12.1975 Skien NOR	NOR-POL	OG-Qual. – Group 6	19:25 (0:0)
06.03.1976 Warszawa POL	POL-NOR	OG-Qual. – Group 6	25:17 (13:9)
22.02.1987 Meran-Merano ITA	POL-NOR	B-WCh – MR-Group I	34:24 (17:13)
25.03.1992 Graz AUT	POL-NOR	B-WCh – MR-Group II	23:28 (13:11)
03.06.2001 Radom POL	POL-NOR	ECh-Playoff	27:23 (12:14)
09.06.2001 Stord NOR	NOR-POL	ECh-Playoff	29:29 (15:12)
22.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	NOR-POL	ECh – MR-Group I	24:24 (13:12)
27.01.2009 Zadar CRO	POL-NOR	WCh – MR-Group II	31:30 (14:14)
23.01.2016 Kraków POL	POL-NOR	ECh – MR-Group 1	28:30 (15:16)
12.01.2017 Nantes FRA	POL-NOR	WCh – Group A	20:22 (10:12)
20.01.2022 Bratislava SVK	POL-NOR	ECh – MR-Group II	31:42 (15:21)

#### FAR vs NOR

11.11.1978 Baden SUI	NOR-FAR	C-WCh – Group C	27:15 (11:7)
06.02.1980 Klaksvík/Borðoy FAR	FAR-NOR	C-WCh – Group A	17:24 (10:14)
08.02.1982 Wilrijk BEL	NOR-FAR	C-WCh – Group A	23:17 (12:7)
07.01.2004 Ålesund NOR	NOR-FAR	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	36:24 (16:11)
10.01.2004 Tórshavn/Streymoy FAR	FAR-NOR	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	24:37 (8:20)

#### NOR vs SLO

24.10.1993 Velenje SLO	SLO-NOR	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	24:19 (10:8)
19.12.1993 Oslo NOR	NOR-SLO	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	23:19 (12:10)
25.01.2001 Dunkerque FRA	SLO-NOR	WCh – Group D	29:30 (12:18)
23.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	NOR-SLO	ECh – MR-Group I	29:33 (13:14)
16.01.2012 Vršac SRB	NOR-SLO	ECh – Group D	28:27 (14:14)
11.06.2016 Celje SLO	SLO-NOR	WCh-Playoff	24:18 (10:8)
15.06.2016 Stavanger NOR	NOR-SLO	WCh-Playoff	29:27 (15:13)
22.01.2020 Malmö SWE	NOR-SLO	ECh – MR-Group II	33:30 (14:13)
25.01.2020 Stockholm SWE	SLO-NOR	ECh – Place 3/4	20:28 (9:12)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Bjarte Myrhol	37	2006-2018
Christian O'Sullivan	34	2014-2022
Harald Reinkind	34	2014-2022
Sander Sagosen	34	2014-2022
Kristian Bjørnsen	33	2014-2022
Ole Erevik	33	2006-2016
Magnus Gullerud	33	2014-2022

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Sander Sagosen	171	2014-2022
Kristian Bjørnsen	120	2014-2022
Havard Tvedten	98	2006-2014
Kristian Kjelling	94	2006-2010, 2014
Bjarte Myrhol	91	2006-2018





# SLOVENIA



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Slovenia hope they will get back on track after a disappointing EHF EURO 2022 outing. From 14th place at the EHF EURO 2016, to eighth place in Croatia 2018 and fourth place at the EHF EURO 2020 after losing a bronze-medal match against Spain, coming in 16th at the previous European championship downgraded their hard work.

As a consequence, head coach Ljubomir Vranjes was sacked and was replaced by legendary player Uros Zorman. Zorman became Slovenia's 12th head coach in their history and they are coming to Germany with a new vision and ambition.

Slovenia showed their new approach already in qualification, winning group 7 ahead of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Montenegro, and Kosovo, losing only one match throughout. The squad is boosted with experience from back players like Jure Dolenc, Dean Bombac, Miha Zarabec, Aleks Vlah and impeccable wingers Blaz Janc and Gasper Marguc, together with some young talents.

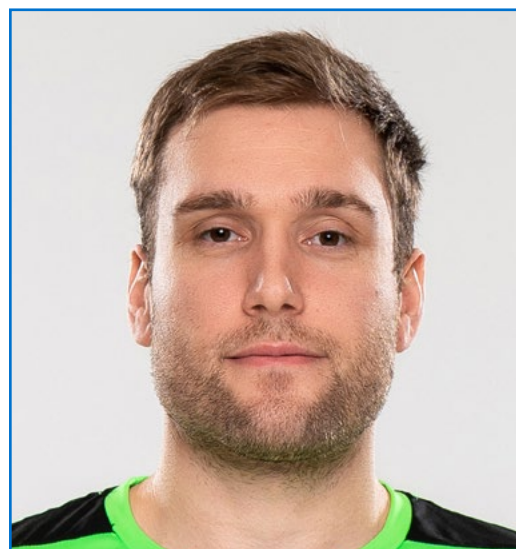
This will be Slovenia's 14th appearance in 16 European championships. Zorman's players hope the EHF EURO 2024 will show they can compete with the best and give them a chance to fight for their first EURO medal since winning silver in 2004.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	189:149	+40	10:6	2nd Group 2
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	38:38	0	2:2	Won vs. CZE
1994	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	112:139	-27	3:9	10th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:137	+4	7:5	2nd Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	120:139	-19	2:10	11th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	161:155	+6	6:6	3rd Group 3
2000	Qualification	6	6	0	0	195:144	+51	12:0	1st Group 2
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	59:52	+7	4:0	Won vs. HUN
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	154:155	-1	6:6	5th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	0	2	5	181:215	-34	2:12	12th Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	230:218	+12	11:5	Runner-up
2006	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	191:194	-3	6:6	8th Place
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	66:60	+6	4:0	Won vs. MKD
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	172:180	-8	6:6	10th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	293:221	+72	12:4	2nd Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	186:203	-17	4:8	11th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	194:179	+15	8:4	2nd Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	7	2	0	5	207:212	-5	4:10	6th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	192:179	+13	5:7	3rd Group 6
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	185:149	+36	9:3	2nd Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	66:72	-6	1:5	14th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	162:148	+14	7:5	2nd Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	162:152	+10	6:6	8th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	171:143	+28	10:2	1st Group 4
2020	EHF EURO	9	5	0	4	245:242	+3	10:8	4th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	188:152	+36	9:3	1st Group 5
2022	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	82:92	-10	2:4	16th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	185:158	+27	10:2	1st Group 7
Total Qualif.		82	55	5	22	2419:2064	+355	115:49	
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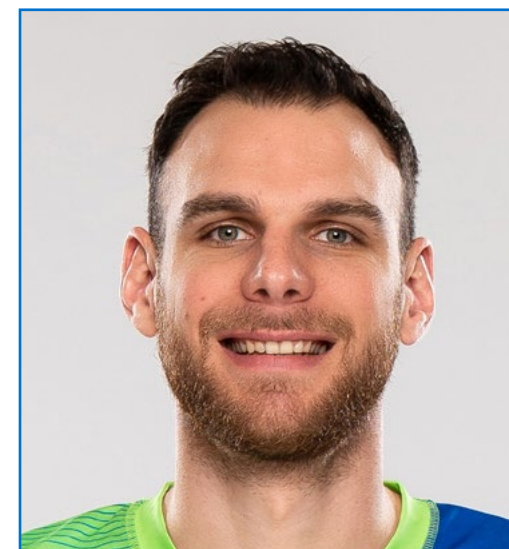
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**Klemen Ferlin**

goalkeeper

current club: HC Erlangen since 2020

- joined Erlangen in 2020 for his first international stint after two seasons with Slovenian club Celje Pivovarna Lasko
- also played for Gorenje Velenje and Trimo Trebnje
- had his first invitation to the national team in 2014
- was part of Slovenia's younger age categories
- made headlines with his performances at the EHF EURO 2020



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**Borut Mackovsek**

left back

current club: OTP Bank - Pick Szeged since 2020

- made his major tournament debut at EHF EURO 2012; this is his sixth ECh
- from Izola, started playing handball after he went to his brother's training session and later joined the team
- came to Pick Szeged in summer 2020 from their rivals Veszprém
- also played for Celje Pivovarna Lasko, Maribor, Al Sadd, TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, Dinamo Minsk, TSV Eisenach and Montpellier

WCh: B 2017



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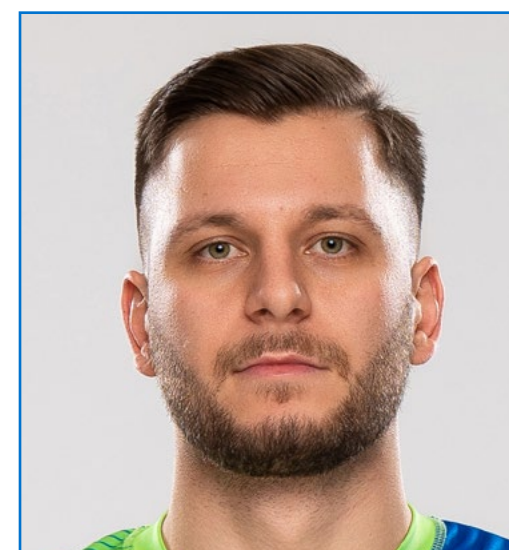
**Tilen Kodrin**

left wing

current club: VfL Gummersbach since 2022

- this is his second EHF EURO after debuting on the European stage in 2020
- won bronze at WCh 2017
- joined VfL Gummersbach in 2022 after eight years in Celje, where he started his career
- spent one season on loan in Maribor
- has worn national team jersey more than 70 times

WCh: B 2017



 aleksvlah

**Aleks Vlah**

centre back

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2023

- arrived in Aalborg in summer of 2023, joining after two years at Celje
- had a tremendous CL 2022/23 season at Celje with 88 goals, by far his personal best in a European season
- Aalborg are the fourth club in his career; he started at Koper before moving to Zagreb in 2019
- has been a regular in the Slovenia national team since 2017 and has more than 30 caps for Slovenia
- at 2023 WCh was team's top scorer, netting 31 times in six matches





# SLOVENIA



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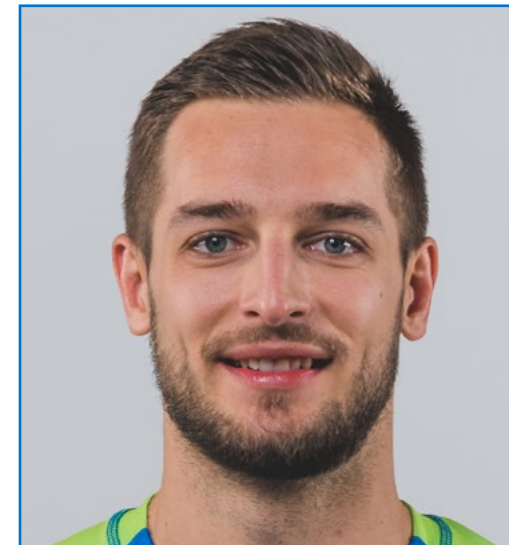
**Blaz Blagotinsek**

line player

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2023

- made national team debut for Slovenia at age 18 in 2012; now has more than 120 caps
- has played in the last four EHF EURO tournaments
- arrived in Flensburg in 2023 having previously played for one season for Frisch Auf Göppingen; also played at Telekom Veszprém and at Celje in his native Slovenia
- voted best defender of the CL in 2018/19 and again in 2019/20

WCh: B 2017



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**Gasper Marguc**

right wing

current club: Telekom Veszprém since 2014

- came to Veszprém in 2014 from Celje, where he had played since 2009
- makes a dynamic duo with Barça's Blaz Janc
- has two younger brothers, also professional handball players – Gal (RK Nexe) and Mai (Celje Pivovarna Lasko)
- once scored 18 goals from 18 attempts for Celje in two matches against THW Kiel's legendary goalkeeper Thierry Omeyer
- took part in WCh in 2013 when Slovenia placed fourth, and in 2017 when they won bronze

WCh: B 2017



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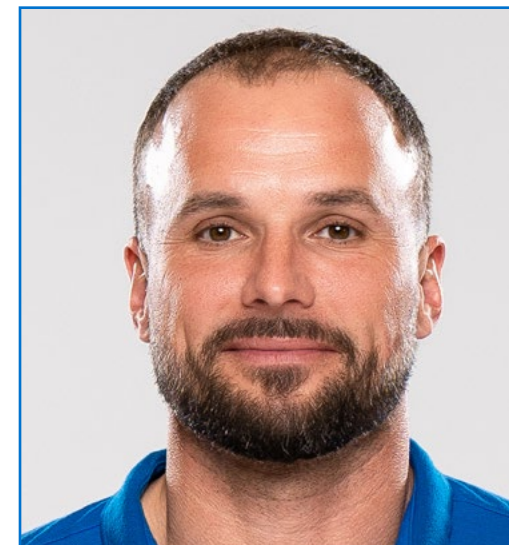
**Jure Dolenc**

right back

current club: Limoges Handball since 2021

- the most-capped player of the current Slovenian squad with 180 matches ahead of the EHF EURO 2024
- made EHF EURO debut in 2012; was Slovenia's top scorer in 2020 and 2022
- won bronze medal at WCh 2017
- spent four years in Barça before joining Limoges; previously played for Montpellier, Gorenje and Skofja Loka
- raised CL trophy with Barça in 2021

WCh: B 2017



 uros\_zorman23

**Uros Zorman**

coach

- former top player took over the helm in February 2022, replacing Ljubomir Vranjes after a disappointing result at the EHF EURO 2022; was assistant coach to Vranjes
- Slovenian four-time CL winner arrived in Trimo Trebnje in the summer of 2020 for his first job as head coach
- worked two seasons as an assistant to Talant Dujshbaev at Kielce, after he ended his playing career there in 2018
- won silver medal with Slovenia at EHF EURO 2012, won CL twice with Ciudad Real and once with Celje and Kielce
- also played for Slovan Ljubljana, Prule 67 and Ademar Leon

EURO: S 2004 (as player)  
EC trophies: CL 2004, 2008, 2009 and 2016 (as a player)



# SLOVENIA



## MEN'S EHF EURO 2024

GERMANY  
10-28 JANUARY

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	28:19 (14:13) vs. Montenegro @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018
Biggest defeat:	21:36 (10:19) vs. France @ Västerås SWE, 31.01.2002
Longest winning run:	4 matches (10.01.2020 – 17.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (23.01.2018 – 17.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (10.06.1994 – 29.05.1996)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (25.01.2002 – 02.02.2002) 7 matches (20.01.2010 – 18.01.2012) 7 matches (25.01.2012 – 15.01.2018)
Current run:	L2 (15.01.2022 – 17.01.2022)
Most goals:	37 vs. Czech Republic 37:33W @ Celje SLO, 23.02.2004
Most goals opponent:	40 vs. Spain 32:40L @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Spain 33:39L @ Basel SUI, 02.02.2006 72 vs. Czech Republic 35:37L @ Innsbruck AUT, 24.01.2010 72 vs. Spain 32:40L @ Innsbruck AUT, 28.01.2010
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Spain 16:24L @ Porto POR, 05.06.1994 16 vs. Germany 16:25L @ Sevilla ESP, 29.05.1996
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Denmark 19:19D @ Porto POR, 04.06.1994 19 vs. Montenegro 28:19W @ Zagreb CRO, 17.01.2018 19 vs. Sweden 21:19W @ Göteborg SWE, 12.01.2020
Fewest goals both teams:	38 vs. Denmark 19:19D @ Porto POR, 04.06.1994 38 vs. Hungary 17:21L @ Sevilla ESP, 28.05.1996

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### SLO vs FAR

No previous encounters

#### POL vs SLO

29.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	SLO-POL	ECh – Group A	33:29 (16:10)
28.01.2007 Halle (Westfalen) GER	SLO-POL	WCh – MR-Group I	27:38 (13:17)
18.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	POL-SLO	ECh – Group A	33:27 (23:14)
22.01.2010 Innsbruck AUT	POL-SLO	ECh – Group C	30:30 (12:13)
09.03.2011 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	30:28 (14:14)
12.03.2011 Zielona Góra POL	POL-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	32:27 (15:14)
15.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	SLO-POL	WCh – Group C	25:24 (11:14)
15.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	POL-SLO	OG – Group B	20:25 (13:13)
10.01.2020 Göteborg SWE	SLO-POL	ECh – Group F	26:23 (13:11)
09.03.2021 Celje SLO	SLO-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	32:29 (15:14)
29.04.2021 Opole POL	POL-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	27:26 (12:10)
14.01.2023 Katowice POL	POL-SLO	WCh – Group B	23:32 (11:17)

#### NOR vs SLO

24.10.1993 Velenje SLO	SLO-NOR	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	24:19 (10:8)
19.12.1993 Oslo NOR	NOR-SLO	ECh-Qual. – Group 2	23:19 (12:10)
25.01.2001 Dunkerque FRA	SLO-NOR	WCh – Group D	29:30 (12:18)
23.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	NOR-SLO	ECh – MR-Group I	29:33 (13:14)
16.01.2012 Vršac SRB	NOR-SLO	ECh – Group D	28:27 (14:14)
11.06.2016 Celje SLO	SLO-NOR	WCh-Playoff	24:18 (10:8)
15.06.2016 Stavanger NOR	NOR-SLO	WCh-Playoff	29:27 (15:13)
22.01.2020 Malmö SWE	NOR-SLO	ECh – MR-Group II	33:30 (14:13)
25.01.2020 Stockholm SWE	SLO-NOR	ECh – Place 3/4	20:28 (9:12)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Renato Vugrinec	41	1994-1996, 2000-2006, 2010
Uros Zorman	41	2002-2012, 2016
Ales Pajovic	39	2000-2010
Vid Kavticnik	36	2004-2010, 2016-2020
Gorazd Skof	33	2004-2012, 2016
Tomaz Tomsic	33	1994-1996, 2000-2004

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Ales Pajovic	147	2000-2010
Vid Kavticnik	145	2004-2010, 2016-2020
Renato Vugrinec	145	1994-1996, 2000-2006, 2010
Luka Zvizej	104	2006-2012, 2016
Uros Zorman	103	2002-2012, 2016

# POLAND



Poland start their quest to revive old glory under new leadership. After signing a five-year deal in March 2023, Marcin Lijewski enters his first major event as head coach at EHF EURO 2024. Lijewski's mission is clear: guide Poland back to where the four-time World Championship medallists and 1976 Olympic bronze winners once were – among the very best teams in Europe. Their last notable success was bronze from the 2015 IHF World Championship.

Lijewski has stepped in after Poland failed to deliver in three consecutive EHF EUROs. After making it to the quarter-finals of their 2016 home tournament, Poland did not even qualify in 2018 and had any medal hopes dashed soon in both 2020 (preliminary round) and 2022 (main round). Also, crashing out in the main round of the 2023 World Championship they co-hosted with Sweden was nothing short of a disappointment for Poland.

But if anyone knows how to win medals, then it is Lijewski. As a club player, he won the EHF Champions League with Hamburg in 2013; as a national team player, he helped Poland win silver at the World Championship in 2007 and bronze in 2009 while making the All-star Team as the tournament's best right back on both occasions.

Can he replicate the success as a coach? At least, Lijewski can work with a Polish squad that looks stronger than it has done for quite some time. Industria Kielce stars Szymon Sisko and Arkadiusz Moryto, both 26, are in the prime of their careers and will guide the team alongside experienced on-court leaders like Orlen Wisla Plock right back Michal Daszek and Paris Saint-Germain HB line player Kamil Syprzak. Poland look ready for the challenge in one of the toughest preliminary groups at EHF EURO 2024, which includes Norway, Slovenia, and the Faroe Islands.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	227:160	+67	11:5	2nd Group 6
1994	Runners-Up	2	1	0	1	42:51	-9	2:2	Lost vs. FRA
1996	Qualification	6	0	0	6	140:175	-35	0:12	4th Group 4
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	162:143	+19	10:2	1st Group D
1998	Qualification	6	0	0	6	128:153	-25	0:12	4th Group 5
2000	Qualification	6	5	0	1	165:133	+33	10:2	1st Group 1
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	41:56	-15	0:4	Lost vs. GER
2002	Play-off	2	1	1	0	56:52	+4	3:1	Won vs. NOR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	67:83	-16	0:6	15th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:49	+11	2:2	Won vs. AUT
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	86:108	-22	0:6	16th Place
2006	Qualification	3	2	0	1	103:70	+33	4:2	2nd Group 4
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:59	+1	2:2	Won vs. SWE
2006	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	163:185	-22	3:9	10th Place
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	72:47	+25	4:0	Won vs. NED
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	182:172	+10	7:5	7th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	1	2	242:198	+44	11:5	2nd Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	222:221	+1	9:7	4th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	172:147	+25	9:3	1st Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	173:160	+13	7:5	9th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	162:133	+29	10:2	2nd Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	191:184	+7	6:8	6th Place
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	193:194	-1	10:4	7th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	1	2	3	171:189	-18	4:8	4th Group 2
2020	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	152:139	+13	5:7	2nd Group 1
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	73:85	-12	0:6	21st Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	176:165	+11	6:6	3rd Group 5
2022	EHF EURO	7	2	1	4	193:208	-15	5:9	12th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	184:153	+31	8:4	2nd Group 8
<b>Total Qualif.</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2515:2272</b>	<b>+243</b>	<b>101:81</b>	
<b>Total EHF EURO</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1543:1600</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>47:65</b>	

# POLAND



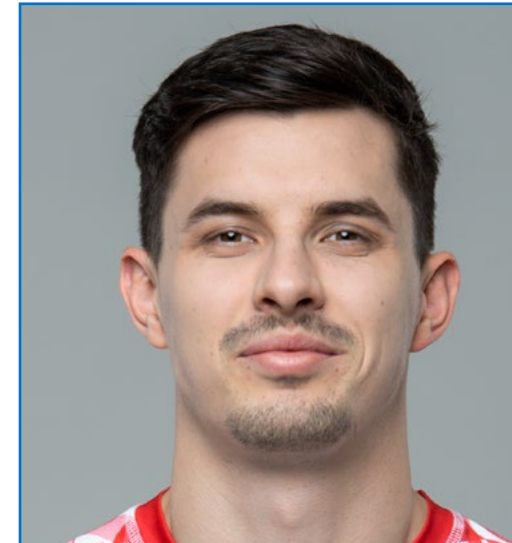
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**Adam Morawski**

goalkeeper

current club: MT Melsungen since 2022

- Polish international since 2013, when he joined Plock coming from sports school in Gdansk where he honed his handball skills
- EHF EURO 2024 is his third ECh, after 2020 and 2022
- played nine seasons for Plock – but spent one year on loan at Stettin – and reached the EHF Finals twice
- joined Melsungen in German Bundesliga in 2022 for his first club abroad
- his nickname ‘Loczek’ means ‘Curl’



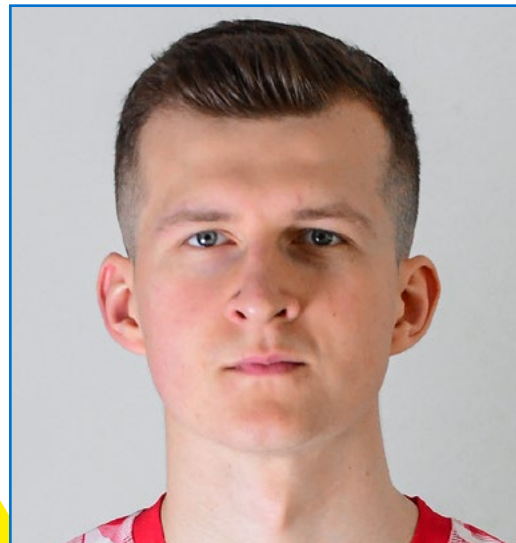
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**Szymon Sicko**

left back

current club: Industria Kielce since 2017

- among the most prolific scorers in Poland’s squad, netted 31 times at EHF EURO 2022
- made national team debut in 2017, the same year he was signed by Kielce
- spent first three seasons on loan with Hüttenberg in Germany and Zabrze before becoming integral part of Kielce team in 2020
- scored 70 goals in CL 2022/23 season when Kielce reached final
- classical shooter, successor of legendary left back Karol Bielecki



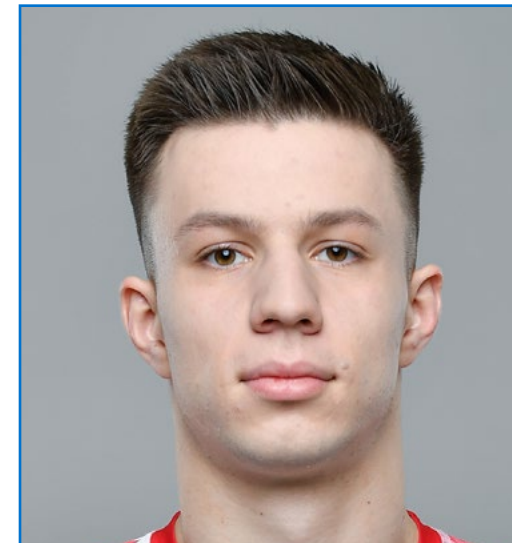
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**Mikolaj Czaplinski**

left wing

current club: Balonmano Torrelavega since 2022

- played for ORLEN Wisła Płock before joining Balonmano Torrelavega on loan
- grew up in Płock
- was only 19 years old when he started playing for Wisła, where he spent three seasons
- scored 98 goals in 30 matches in his first season in the Spanish league



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**Michal Olejniczak**

centre back

current club: Industria Kielce since 2020

- made national team debut under then coach Piotr Rzybecki in December 2018
- his first major event with Poland was EHF EURO 2020 at age 18, scoring three times in two matches
- has been regular in Polish team since 2021 WCh
- arrived at Kielce from Gdansk in 2020 when he was 19
- strong in reading the game and solving one-on-one situations

# POLAND



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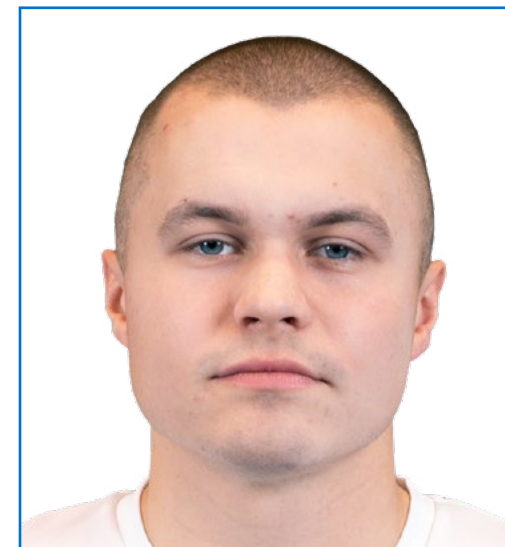
**Kamil Syprzak**

line player

current club: Paris Saint-Germain Handball since 2019

- leading player, who has scored more than 300 goals for the national team
- scored winning goal against Spain (29:28) in bronze medal match at 2015 WCh
- missed Poland's home WCh in 2023 because of calf injury; had also missed 2021 edition in Egypt due to Covid-19
- scored a personal best 103 goals for PSG in CL 2022/23 season
- moved from Plock to Barça in 2015 and after four seasons transferred to PSG

WCh: B 2015



 jakub.szyszko

**Jakub Szyszko**

right wing

current club: Górnik Zabrze since 2023

- arrived at Górnik Zabrze after three years at another Polish club, MMTS Kwidzyn
- this is his first appearance at the EHF EURO
- won the second place in the Polish Junior Championships twice
- his hobbies include cooking, music and Formula 1



 michaldaszek

**Michal Daszek**

right back

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2014

- made national team debut in 2013; was overlooked for EHF EURO 2014 but has been regular part of Polish team ever since
- versatile player who can also play at centre back and right wing
- arrived at Plock from MMTS Kwidzyn in 2014; named MVP of Polish league in 2018/19
- set Polish record by scoring 18 goals in domestic league match against Tarnów in February 2020

WCh: B 2015



 marcin\_lijewski

**Marcin Lijewski**

coach

- former Polish international, who became national team coach in March 2023 on five-year contract that runs until Los Angeles 2028 Olympics
- previously coached Polish clubs Gdansk and Zabrze between 2017 and 2022
- made national team debut as player in 1997; was right back who scored 711 times in 251 matches
- won medals with Poland at 2007 & 2009 WCh and made All-star Team both times
- spent 11 years of his playing career in Germany, with Flensburg and Hamburg; won CL with Hamburg in 2013 before returning to Poland
- his brother Krzysztof Lijewski, currently assistant coach at Kielce, also played for Polish national team

WCh: S 2007, B 2009 (as player)  
EC trophies: CL 2013 (as player)



# POLAND

## EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	41:24 (17:13) vs. Slovakia @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	23:37 (10:15) vs. Croatia @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Longest winning run:	3 matches (24.01.2008 – 20.01.2010) 3 matches (17.01.2014 – 21.01.2014) 3 matches (15.01.2016 – 19.01.2016)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (24.01.2008 – 26.01.2010)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (25.01.2002 – 25.01.2004)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (25.01.2002 – 25.01.2004) 6 matches (28.01.2006 – 17.01.2008)
Current run:	L1 (25.01.2022)
Most goals:	41 vs. Slovakia 41:24W @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Most goals opponent:	42 vs. Norway 31:42L @ Bratislava SVK, 20.02.2022
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Germany 32:41L @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004 73 vs. Norway 31:42L @ Bratislava SVK, 20.02.2022
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Serbia 18:22L @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012 18 vs. Sweden 18:28L @ Bratislava SVK, 21.01.2022
Fewest goals opponent:	20 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014 20 vs. Belarus 29:20W @ Bratislava SVK, 16.01.2022
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

## HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

### NOR vs POL

07.03.1958 Berlin GDR	POL-NOR	WCh – Place 5/6	20:18 (11:8)
09.09.1972 München FRG	POL-NOR	OG – Place 9/10	20:23 (10:10, 19:19)
21.12.1975 Skien NOR	NOR-POL	OG-Qual. – Group 6	19:25 (0:0)
06.03.1976 Warszawa POL	POL-NOR	OG-Qual. – Group 6	25:17 (13:9)
22.02.1987 Meran-Merano ITA	POL-NOR	B-WCh – MR-Group I	34:24 (17:13)
25.03.1992 Graz AUT	POL-NOR	B-WCh – MR-Group II	23:28 (13:11)
03.06.2001 Radom POL	POL-NOR	ECh-Playoff	27:23 (12:14)
09.06.2001 Stord NOR	NOR-POL	ECh-Playoff	29:29 (15:12)
22.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	NOR-POL	ECh – MR-Group I	24:24 (13:12)
27.01.2009 Zadar CRO	POL-NOR	WCh – MR-Group II	31:30 (14:14)
23.01.2016 Kraków POL	POL-NOR	ECh – MR-Group 1	28:30 (15:16)
12.01.2017 Nantes FRA	POL-NOR	WCh – Group A	20:22 (10:12)
20.01.2022 Bratislava SVK	POL-NOR	ECh – MR-Group II	31:42 (15:21)

### POL vs SLO

29.01.2006 St. Gallen SUI	SLO-POL	ECh – Group A	33:29 (16:10)
28.01.2007 Halle (Westfalen) GER	SLO-POL	WCh – MR-Group I	27:38 (13:17)
18.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	POL-SLO	ECh – Group A	33:27 (23:14)
22.01.2010 Innsbruck AUT	POL-SLO	ECh – Group C	30:30 (12:13)
09.03.2011 Ljubljana SLO	SLO-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	30:28 (14:14)
12.03.2011 Zielona Góra POL	POL-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 3	32:27 (15:14)
15.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	SLO-POL	WCh – Group C	25:24 (11:14)
15.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	POL-SLO	OG – Group B	20:25 (13:13)
10.01.2020 Göteborg SWE	SLO-POL	ECh – Group F	26:23 (13:11)
09.03.2021 Celje SLO	SLO-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	32:29 (15:14)
29.04.2021 Opole POL	POL-SLO	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	27:26 (12:10)
14.01.2023 Katowice POL	POL-SLO	WCh – Group B	23:32 (11:17)

### POL vs FAR

No previous encounters

## TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Karol Bielecki	42	2004-2016
Slawomir Szmal	39	2002-2010, 2014-2016
Bartosz Jurecki	35	2006-2016
Michal Jurecki	34	2008-2016
Patryk Kuchczynski	31	2006-2014

### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Karol Bielecki	171	2004-2016
Michal Jurecki	106	2008-2016
Bartosz Jurecki	103	2006-2016
Krzysztof Lijewski	84	2008-2016
Grzegorz Tkaczyk	84	2002-2008, 2012





# FAROE ISLANDS



The Faroe Islands are one of three teams making their EHF EURO debut in 2024. The successful qualification comes following concerted years of effort on the part of the Faroese Handball Federation to reach this point, after the team began to consistently participate in the qualifiers in 2020 – and since developed rapidly.

The concentration on developing the national squads has brought clear evidence of success: In men's competitions in 2023, the U19 national team debuted at the Youth World Championship and the U21 team returned for their second participation in the Junior World Championship, with both teams reaching the quarter-finals. Competing in slightly different age categories, the same squads debuted at the M18 and M20 EHF EUROs in the summer of 2022. On the women's side, the U19 team played their first Youth World Championship in 2022.

Handball is on the move in the Faroe Islands, and the qualification for the Men's EHF EURO 2024 is another big step. Two home wins in group 4, against Romania and Ukraine, were enough to secure the Faroe Islands the final tournament spot, as they were among the best third-ranked sides.

The Faroe Islands draw on key individual talents – and the future is bright, considering their standout players are all 21 or younger. The top scorers for the side in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers were Hákun West Av Teigum, Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu (both 21 years) and Óli Mittún (18). Skipagøtu was also the joint-top scorer of the Junior World Championship while Mittún grabbed that title on the youth level, and both received All-star Team nods. Mittún was named MVP of the M18 EHF EURO 2022.

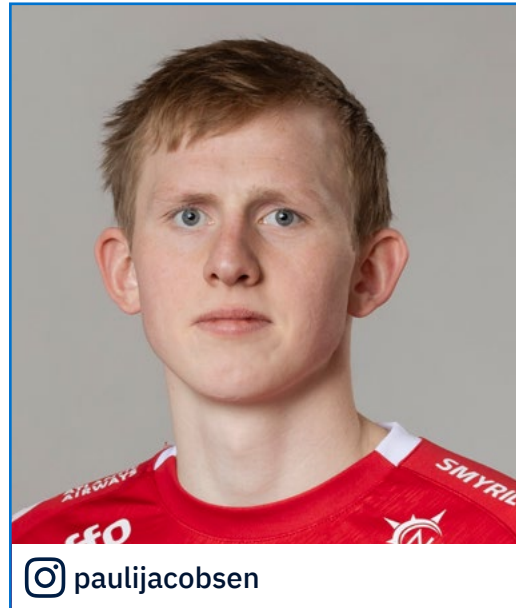
The Faroese stars have caught the attention of big clubs, with Skipagøtu joining THW Kiel for 2023/24 while West Av Teigum went to EHF European League winners Füchse Berlin.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
2002	Qualification	6	0	0	6	119:179	-60	0:12	4th Group 4
2004	Qualification	6	0	1	5	110:160	-50	1:11	4th Group 3
2010	Qualification	10	0	0	10	212:346	-134	0:20	6th Group 2
2020	Qualification 1	2	0	0	2	43:46	-3	0:4	3rd Group A
2020	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	131:171	-40	1:11	4th Group 8
2022	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	140:164	-24	2:10	4th Group 3
2024	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	164:174	-10	4:8	3rd Group 4
Total Qualification		42	3	2	37	919:1240	-321	8:76	



# FAROE ISLANDS



**Pauli Jacobsen**

goalkeeper

current club: HØJ Elite since 2023

- up-and-coming 21-year-old Faroese goalkeeper
- returned to Denmark and joined HØJ Elite, after playing for Skanderborg-Aarhus at the beginning of his career
- also played in the Faroes for H71 and in France for JS Cherbourg
- a wall in defence in the match against Ukraine, he managed 15 saves (37.50 per cent efficiency)

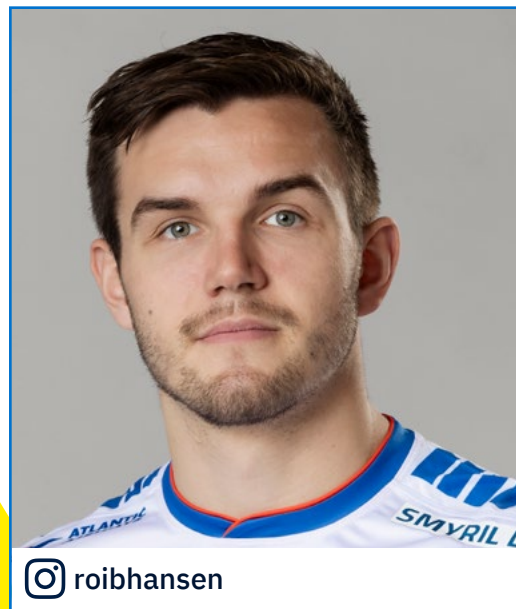


**Oli Mittun**

left back

current club: IK Sävehof since 2022

- aged 18, was described as an “exceptional talent” by his national team’s coach
- was teammates with his cousin Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu for one season at IK Sävehof
- top scorer at the 2023 Men’s Youth (U19) World Championship (87 goals) and part of the All-star Team
- named MVP at the M18 EHF EURO 2022



**Roi Berg Hansen**

left wing

current club: HØJ Elite since 2021

- stands out as a more experienced handball player in the Faroese roster, at 27 years old
- played in the Faroese national league before moving to Denmark
- is teammates with goalkeeper Pauli Jacobsen at both national and club level
- besides his professional handball career, he is studying pedagogy



**Elias Ellefsen á Skipagøtu**

centre back

current club: THW Kiel since 2023

- transferred to Kiel in the summer of 2023
- was named MVP of the Swedish league in 2022
- scored 70 goals for IK Sävehof in the EHF European League 2021/22 season
- Faroese teammate Óli Mittún is his cousin; his mother is president of the Faroe Islands Handball Federation
- at 21 years old, is already one of the most prominent Faroese handball players



# FAROE ISLANDS



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**Helgi Hildarson Hoydal**

line player

current club: Kristiansand Tophandball since 2022

- set to play for Kristiansand until 2024
- scored 9 goals for the Faroe Islands during qualifiers
- played for two Danish clubs (Viborg HC and Odder Håndbold) before moving to Norway
- a skilled player, who can play both in attack and defence



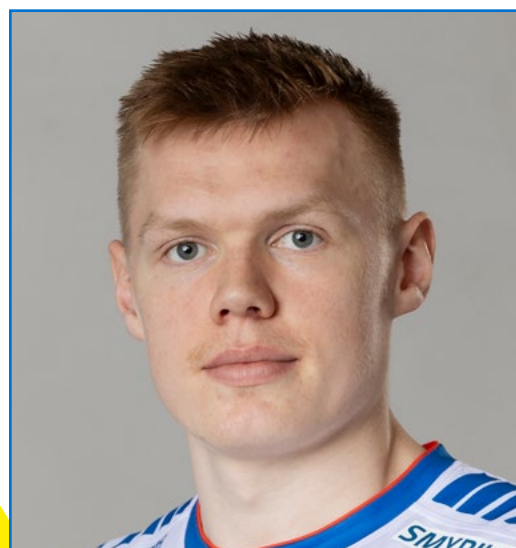
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**Hakun West av Teigum**

right wing

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2023

- young rising star of the Faroese national team
- started his professional career in 2020; playing for Skanderborg-Aarhus (DEN) before moving to Füchse
- top scorer for Skanderborg-Aarhus in the EHF European League 2022/23 season, netting 68 times
- helped the Faroe Islands record an impressive win against Romania in qualifiers (28:26), scoring 11 times



 vilhelm\_poulsen

**Vilhelm Poulsen**

right back

current club: Lemvig-Thyborøn Håndbold since 2022

- signed a three-year contract with the Danish club Lemvig-Thyborøn Håndbold last year
- played for Icelandic club Knattspyrnufélagið FRAM before signing with Lemvig
- a key player for his club team, he has scored 45 times so far this season
- a skilled goal-scorer, can also help his teammates with great assists when needed



**Peter Bredsdorff-Larsen**

coach

- steered the Faroe Islands to their first ever qualification at the EHF EURO
- born in Denmark, coached Bjerringbro-Silkeborg and was an assistant coach for the Danish national team
- won the gold medal at the EHF EURO 2008 while coaching Denmark
- extended his contract with the Faroese national team until 2026

EURO: G 2008 (as assistant coach)



# FAROE ISLANDS



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## EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

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

## HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

### SLO vs FAR

No previous encounters

### FAR vs NOR

11.11.1978	Baden SUI	NOR-FAR	C-WCh – Group C	27:15 (11:7)
06.02.1980	Klaksvík/Borðoy FAR	FAR-NOR	C-WCh – Group A	17:24 (10:14)
08.02.1982	Wilrijk BEL	NOR-FAR	C-WCh – Group A	23:17 (12:7)
07.01.2004	Ålesund NOR	NOR-FAR	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	36:24 (16:11)
10.01.2004	Tórshavn/Streymoy FAR	FAR-NOR	WCh-Qual. – Group 4	24:37 (8:20)

### POL vs FAR

No previous encounters

## TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
N/A		

### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
N/A		





# GROUP E



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#### EHF EURO

- 🥇 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2022
- 🥈 2018

#### Olympic Games

- 🥈 1992, 1996, 2000, 2012

#### World Championships

- 🥇 1954, 1958, 1990, 1999
- 🥈 1964, 1997, 2001, 2021
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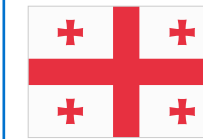
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11.1.2024 20:30 Sweden vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina

13.1.2024 18:00 Bosnia and Herzegovina vs. Netherlands  
13.1.2024 20:30 Georgia vs. Sweden

15.1.2024 18:00 Bosnia and Herzegovina vs. Georgia  
15.1.2024 20:30 Sweden vs. Netherlands



# SWEDEN



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Since Glenn Solberg was appointed as the coach of Sweden men's national team in 2020, their consistency has been nothing short of amazing. Sweden finished second at the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship, fifth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, won the EHF EURO 2022 and ended up fourth at the 2023 World Championship. Those results were a turnaround from a disappointing performance at their home EHF EURO 2020.

Solberg has been shaping up a strong team with a strong core of players led by stalwarts like Jim Gottfridsson, Hampus Wanne or Andreas Palicka, who came of age more or less at the same time.

At the EHF EURO, no team has won the title more times than five-time champions Sweden. Only Spain (nine medals) and Denmark (seven) have featured on the podium more times

than the Scandinavian side. But with a target on their backs after securing the trophy two years ago, Sweden will be once again one of the main favourites.

A mix of experience and the exuberance of youth from players like Eric Johansson will likely fuel the fire for Sweden once again. They will be heavily favoured to start the EHF EURO 2024 with three wins out of three matches against the Netherlands, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Georgia.

Next, tougher clashes against strong sides like Denmark might await. But Sweden made the semi-finals twice in the last three editions of the competition, and are one of the teams with the best winning efficiency in the European championships, having won 60 out of the 96 matches they played.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	8	0	0	204:147	+57	16:0	1st Group 3
1994	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	172:133	+39	14:0	Winner
1996	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	170:156	+14	8:6	4th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	156:139	+17	8:4	2nd Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	7	6	0	1	182:158	+24	12:2	Winner
2000	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	198:167	+31	14:0	Winner
2002	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	235:191	+44	14:2	Winner
2004	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	211:203	+8	8:6	7th Place
2006	Play Off	2	1	0	1	59:60	-1	2:2	Lost vs. POL
2008	Qualification	4	4	0	0	139:106	+33	8:0	1st Group 7
2008	Play Off	2	1	0	1	69:59	+10	2:2	Won vs. ROU
2008	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	208:190	+18	9:5	5th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	2	0	251:200	+51	14:2	1st Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	78:84	-6	0:6	15th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	176:144	+32	10:2	1st Group 4
2012	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	157:168	-11	4:8	12th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	174:141	+33	10:2	1st Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	166:158	+8	8:4	7th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	182:134	+48	11:1	1st Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	7	2	2	3	173:168	+5	6:8	8th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	166:125	+41	10:2	1st Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	218:216	+2	8:8	Runner-up
2020	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	182:169	+13	8:6	7th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	194:131	+63	12:0	1st Group 8
2022	EHF EURO	9	7	1	1	252:221	+31	15:3	Winner
Total Qualif.		60	50	3	7	1770:1386	+384	103:17	
Total EHF EURO		96	61	6	29	2602:2382	+220	128:64	



### Andreas Palicka

goalkeeper

current club: Paris Saint-Germain HB since 2022

- veteran goalkeeper and two-time CL winner, who was a cornerstone of Sweden's title run at EHF EURO 2022
- named best goalkeeper of 2021 WCh, he has featured at only three EHF EURO editions so far, despite making his debut in the national team in 2007
- spent most of his club career in German Bundesliga with THW Kiel (2008-2015) and Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2016-2022) before moving to Paris in 2022
- known for his unorthodox style, full of jumping and throwing legs around

EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021  
EC trophies: CL: 2010, 2012

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### Eric Johansson

left back

current club: THW Kiel since 2022

- joined Kiel in 2022, the same year he won the EHF EURO with Sweden, after having previously won the M18 EHF EURO 2018 title
- having played his formative senior seasons with hometown club Eskilstuna Guif, Elverum signed him in the summer of 2021
- became a key attacking player in his first season in Norway but left the club again after one year
- the 1.97m-tall left back has made a name for himself with his wicked shooting arm but he is also a refined assist giver
- will play his second EHF EURO, after winning the title in 2022

EURO: G 2022

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### Hampus Wanne

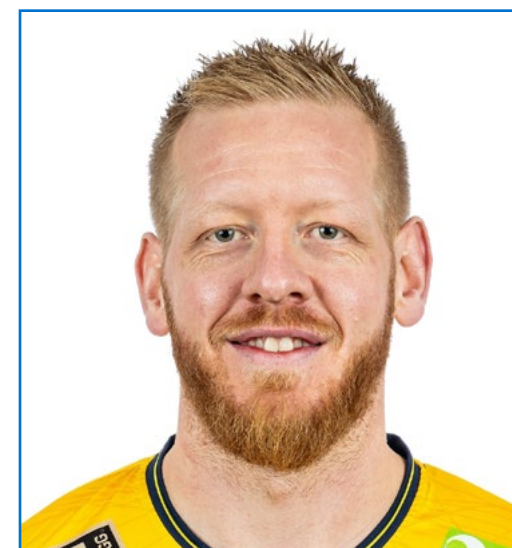
left wing

current club: Barça since 2022

- helped Sweden win EHF EURO silver in 2018 and gold in 2022, but missed the 2020 tournament, therefore this will be only his third ECh
- elected best left wing of the 2021 WCh and the 2022 CL
- born in 1993, he joined Flensburg in 2013, aged only 20, where he won the CL after only one season
- moved to Barça in the summer of 2022, after playing for nine seasons in Flensburg
- in a relationship with former Swedish national player Daniela Gustin

EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021  
EC trophies: CL 2014

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### Jim Gottfridsson

centre back

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2013

- was leading player for Sweden on their way to gold at the EHF EURO 2022, also holding the talk at the final time-out
- MVP of EHF EURO 2018 and 2022, All-star centre back of 2021 WCh
- this will be the fourth EHF EURO in his career, after 2018, 2020 and 2022
- comes from Ystad, like many other Swedish handball stars; played for local club Ystads IF from age eight to 21, before moving to Flensburg in 2013
- key player for Flensburg in CL semi-final and final in 2014, when they won the trophy

EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021  
EC trophies: CL 2014

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### Max Darj

line player

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2022

- one of the longest-tenured players from the current Sweden national team, having made his debut in 2014
- featured in three previous EHF EURO editions, in 2018, 2020 and 2022
- a very strong defender, he is also a dual-threat player, featuring also in attack for Sweden
- played at Alingsås HK for eight years before moving to Bergischer in 2017; then joined Füchse Berlin in 2022
- stated that Magnus Wislander is his all-time favourite player; was a line player from the start of his career, because he liked contact a lot

EHF EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021



### Sebastian Karlsson

right wing

current club: Montpellier HB since 2023

- spent his whole playing career at Sävehof before moving to Montpellier in 2023
- made his debut in the Sweden senior team in 2023, this will be his first-ever EHF EURO
- had his most productive season in 2017/18, scoring 142 goals in the Swedish league
- also talented soccer player, played at IFK Goteborg, and his father was a sporting director at former Swedish champions Hacken, but ultimately opted for handball
- All-star right wing at the 2013 Junior WCh

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2014

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### Albin Lagergren

right back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2023

- made his debut in the national team in 2016, this will be his fourth EHF EURO, after winning gold in 2022 and silver in 2018
- is in the 100-games club for the Sweden national team, scoring around 300 goals before the start of the EHF EURO
- spent his developing years in Sweden, at Redbergslids, Varberg and Kristianstad before moving to Germany, where he played for SC Magdeburg and Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- stated in an interview that he would likely work as a fireman or a policeman after finishing his handball career

EHF EURO: G 2022, S 2018; WCh: S 2021

 albinlagergren



### Glenn Solberg

coach

- Sweden is his first head coach job for a national team. He was assistant coach for Norway from 2014 to 2016
- led Sweden to the world final in 2021, less than one year after taking the job, then secured the gold medal at the EHF EURO 2022,
- the EHF EURO 2024 will be his fifth major tournament with Sweden and the second EHF EURO as a head coach in his career
- former Norwegian centre back, played for Nordhorn, Barça and Flensburg in the late 90s and early 2000s

EHF EURO: G 2022; WCh: S 2021 (as coach)





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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	41:24 (17:13) vs. Slovakia @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	23:37 (10:15) vs. Croatia @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Longest winning run:	3 matches (24.01.2008 – 20.01.2010) 3 matches (17.01.2014 – 21.01.2014) 3 matches (15.01.2016 – 19.01.2016)
Longest unbeaten run:	6 matches (24.01.2008 – 26.01.2010)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (25.01.2002 – 25.01.2004)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (25.01.2002 – 25.01.2004) 6 matches (28.01.2006 – 17.01.2008)
Current run:	L1 (25.01.2022)
Most goals:	41 vs. Slovakia 41:24W @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Most goals opponent:	42 vs. Norway 31:42L @ Bratislava SVK, 20.02.2022
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Germany 32:41L @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004 73 vs. Norway 31:42L @ Bratislava SVK, 20.02.2022
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Serbia 18:22L @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012 18 vs. Sweden 18:28L @ Bratislava SVK, 21.01.2022
Fewest goals opponent:	20 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014 20 vs. Belarus 29:20W @ Bratislava SVK, 16.01.2022
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### SWE vs BIH

19.01.2007 Visoko BIH	BIH-SWE	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	30:36 (15:15)
21.01.2007 Örebo SWE	SWE-BIH	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	27:25 (16:10)
12.06.2016 Växjö SWE	SWE-BIH	WCh-Playoff	27:19 (12:9)
15.06.2016 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-SWE	WCh-Playoff	27:27 (14:16)
13.01.2022 Bratislava SVK	SWE-BIH	ECh – Group E	30:18 (17:11)

#### GEO vs SWE

No previous encounters

#### SWE vs NED

03.11.2012 Almere NED	NED-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	31:33 (15:17)
16.06.2013 Alingsås SWE	SWE-NED	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	34:23 (15:10)
09.06.2018 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NED-SWE	WCh-Playoff	25:24 (13:12)
13.06.2018 Kristianstad SWE	SWE-NED	WCh-Playoff	26:20 (14:7)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Tomas Svensson	40	1994-1996, 2000-2004, 2008
Magnus Wislander	40	1994-2004
Stefan Lövgren	39	1994-2004
Staffan Olsson	39	1994-2004
Ola Lindgren	36	1994-2002

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Stefan Lövgren	203	1994-2004
Magnus Wislander	126	1994-2004
Johan Petersson	111	1996-2004, 2008
Staffan Olsson	109	1994-2004
Niclas Ekberg	107	2010-2018, 2022



# NETHERLANDS



Until 2020, the Netherlands never played a Men's EHF EURO final tournament. In 2024, they are a force to be reckoned with. EHF EURO 2024 marks the third straight participation for the Dutch team, who qualified in style by winning their group ahead of Croatia. The Netherlands remained unbeaten in the two qualifiers against the Balkan powerhouse, including a 32:27 home win. But in the same qualifying campaign, the team of head coach Staffan Olsson also showed they are still vulnerable at times, too.

Apart from a brief appearance at the 1961 World Championship, the Netherlands failed to make it to any major event for decades. But a few years after the women's national team started to make a name for themselves internationally, the men in orange followed suit. Their debut EHF EURO participation in 2020 stranded in the preliminary round, but two years later they made the headlines by downing co-hosts Hungary in their opening match and

silencing the 20,022-capacity crowd in the MVM Dome in Budapest. The Netherlands ultimately came up short against the likes of Denmark and France in the main round, but it was clear the team had made another step in their rapid progression.

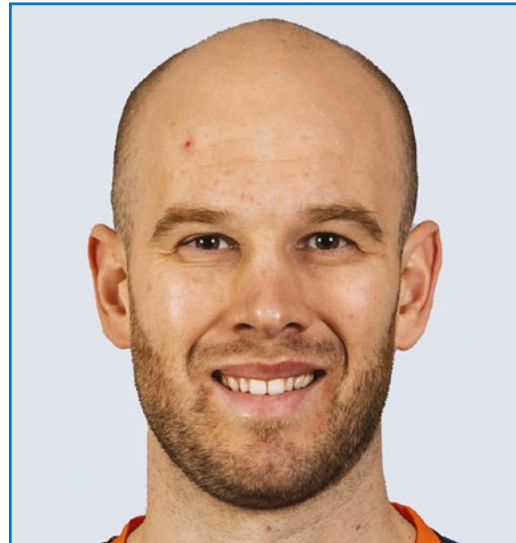
"We can cause the top nations troubles, but we still have to take one or two more steps to become really part of the international top ourselves," said Olsson, who also led the Netherlands to their first World Championship berth in over six decades in 2023. At EHF EURO 2024, the coach aims for that next step with a squad that includes Paris Saint-Germain HB star Luc Steins alongside a range of Bundesliga players like goalkeeper Bart Ravensbergen, and Dani Baijens. Kay Smits, who in 2023 became the first Dutch player to with the EHF Champions League (with SC Magdeburg) will miss the upcoming EHF EURO due to a subacute myocarditis.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	3	1	4	154:163	-9	7:9	3rd Group 5
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	2	1	1	97:95	+2	5:3	2nd Group A
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	0	1	5	130:164	-34	1:11	4th Group D
2000	Qualification	6	1	1	4	93:132	-39	3:9	4th Group 3
2002	Qualification	6	4	1	1	160:127	+33	9:3	2nd Group 5
2002	Play-off	2	0	0	2	45:54	-9	0:4	Lost vs. POR
2004	Qualification	6	1	0	5	129:153	-24	2:10	4th Group 6
2006	Qualification	3	1	0	2	82:89	-7	2:4	3rd Group 4
2008	Qualification	6	3	1	2	186:186	0	7:5	2nd Group 4
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	47:72	-25	0:4	Lost vs. POL
2010	Qualification	8	3	2	3	215:190	+25	8:8	3rd Group 7
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	155:202	-47	1:11	4th Group 6
2014	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	150:181	-31	2:10	3rd Group 5
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	155:174	-19	4:8	3rd Group 1
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	155:179	-24	4:8	3rd Group 1
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	167:159	+8	6:6	3rd Group 4
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	80:94	-14	2:4	17th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	168:167	+1	9:3	2nd Group 5
2022	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	200:215	-15	7:7	10th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	170:157	+13	9:3	1st Group 5
<b>Total Qualif.</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2458:2644</b>	<b>-186</b>	<b>79:119</b>	
<b>Total EHF EURO</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>280:309</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>9:11</b>	



# NETHERLANDS



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**Bart Ravensbergen**

goalkeeper

current club: Frisch Auf! Göppingen since 2023

- made national team debut at age 21 in 2014 when still playing in Dutch league; his first major event was EHF EURO 2020
- moved abroad to Sélestat in France in 2016 before joining Nordhorn-Lingen in Germany two years later
- consistently strong performances in Germany's second division and Dutch national team earned him transfer to Göppingen in 2023
- excelled for Dutch team at 2023 WCh with 63 saves in six matches



 danibaijens

**Dani Baijens**

centre back

current club: HSV Hamburg since 2022

- versatile playmaker who made debut for Netherlands at age 19 in 2016
- has rapidly developed into key player for both club and national team; able to play in several positions
- born in Rotterdam, played for two local clubs and first-division side Volendam before moving to Germany in 2017
- first played for Flensburg and had CL debut in 2018 before joining Lemgo in mid-season move
- arrived at Hamburg in 2022 but set to join PSG and become teammate of fellow Dutch international Luc Steins in summer of 2024



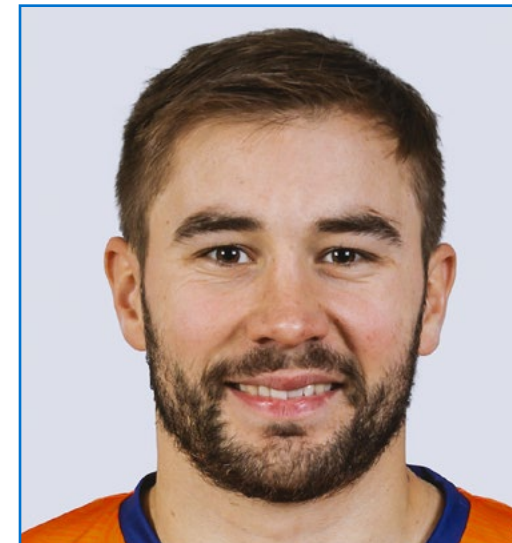
 rutgertenvelde

**Rutger ten Velde**

left wing

current club: TuS N-Lübbecke since 2022

- first played for the Dutch national team shortly after his 20th birthday, against Belgium in 2017
- fast wing player, who has developed into an important asset for the Netherlands
- has scored over 150 goals in more than 50 games for 'Oranje'
- has been playing in Germany since 2017, first for Wilhelmshaven and Ferndorf, since 2022 for second-division side Lübbecke



 luc\_steins

**Luc Steins**

centre back

current club: Paris Saint-Germain Handball since 2020

- experienced playmaker who has been part of 'Oranje' for more than 10 years
- loves to whirl through opponents' defence as his 1.73m height makes him difficult to stop
- joined PSG in November 2020 as replacement for injured Nikola Karabatic, but instantly made impact and quickly became key asset for French club
- first arrived in France as 21-year-old in 2016, played for Massy, Tremblay, and Toulouse until move to PSG
- used to play alongside older brother Ivo, but he retired from national team after EHF EURO 2022



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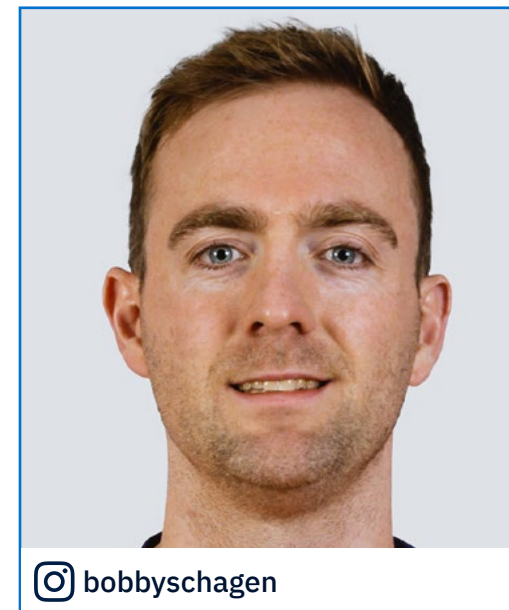


**Samir Benghanem**

line player

current club: Green Park Aalsmeer since 2014

- experienced line player, part of Dutch national team since October 2013
- one of very few Netherlands internationals who play in Dutch domestic league
- combines sports career with day-to-day job as tax advisor; once spent test period at Eisenach in Germany but ultimately decided against moving abroad
- among best Dutch scorers at EHF EURO 2022, with 18 goals
- also strong in defence, made top 10 for number of shots blocked at 2023 WCh




**Bobby Schagen**

right wing

current club: TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2019

- among most experienced Dutch internationals; has scored almost 400 goals for 'Oranje'
- first appeared on national team for EHF EURO Qualifier in 2009 against Belarus
- left the Netherlands and moved abroad that same year to pursue club career in Germany; Lemgo are his fifth club, won German cup in 2021
- missed 2023/24 season start following surgery on Achilles tendon but returned playing in autumn

 bobbyschagen



**Niels Versteijnen**

right back

current club: TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2022

- was 18 when he had his national team debut for the Netherlands in 2018; EHF EURO 2020 was his first major event with the team
- expected to get additional playing time due to the absence of Kay Smits
- his twin brother, Arjan, plays as goalkeeper and is also in the EHF EURO squad
- first played handball at Dutch local clubs White Demons and Tachos, before moving to Germany and joining Flensburg in 2018
- was part of Flensburg's senior team since 2019 and also spent time at Lübeck-Schwartau before joining Lemgo

 nielsversteijnen



**Staffan Olsson**

coach

- Swedish head coach, arrived in the Netherlands on two-year contract in September 2022 but has already extended his stay until at least 2026
- previously coached Swedish national team for eight years, winning Olympic silver in 2012
- in 2023, led the Netherlands to their first WCh participation in more than 60 years
- as player, part of golden Swedish generation which won four ECh and two WCh titles plus three OG silver medals; scored 921 goals in 358 matches as right back
- presented his own beer brand 'En Kul Lager' in 2020 in cooperation with Swedish brewery

EURO: G 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002; OG: S 1992, 1996, 2000 (all as player);  
OG: S 2012 (as coach); WCh: G 1990, 1999, S 1997, B 1993, 1995  
EC trophies: EHF Cup 1998, 2002; City Cup 1995 (all as player)



# NETHERLANDS

## EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:24 (16:10) vs. Latvia @ Trondheim NOR, 11.01.2020
Biggest defeat:	23:35 (12:21) vs. Denmark @ Budapest HUN, 24.01.2022
Longest winning run:	1 match (11.01.2020) 1 match (13.01.2022) 1 match (18.01.2022) 1 match (22.01.2022)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (11.01.2020) 1 match (13.01.2022) 1 match (18.01.2022) 1 match (22.01.2022)
Longest losing run:	1 match (09.01.2020) 1 match (13.01.2020) 1 match (16.01.2022) 1 match (20.01.2020) 1 match (24.01.2022)
Longest run without win:	2 matches (24.01.2022 – 26.01.2022)
Current run:	D1 (26.01.2022)
Most goals:	34 vs. Montenegro 34:30W @ Budapest HUN, 22.01.2022
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Spain 25:36L @ Trondheim NOR, 13.01.2020
Most goals both teams:	64 vs. Montenegro 34:30W @ Budapest HUN, 22.01.2022
Fewest goals:	23 vs. Germany 23:34L @ Trondheim NOR, 09.01.2020 23 vs. Denmark 23:35L @ Budapest HUN, 24.01.2022
Fewest goals opponent:	24 vs. Latvia 32:24W @ Trondheim NOR, 11.01.2020
Fewest goals both teams:	56 vs. Latvia 32:24W @ Trondheim NOR, 11.01.2020 56 vs. Croatia 28:28D @ Budapest HUN, 26.01.2022

## HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

### NED vs GEO

17.01.2002 Tbilisi GEO	GEO-NED	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	26:24 (14:10)
20.01.2002 Kwintsheul NED	NED-GEO	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	24:22 (11:10)

### BIH vs NED

30.01.1997 Aalsmeer NED	NED-BIH	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group D	25:25 (14:12)
02.02.1997 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-NED	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group D	26:20 (11:9)
09.01.2003 Emmen NED	NED-BIH	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	20:22 (11:10)
12.01.2003 Visoko BIH	BIH-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	25:19 (12:11)
07.01.2004 Goražde BIH	BIH-NED	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	29:28 (14:15)
11.01.2004 Volendam NED	NED-BIH	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	27:22 (13:10)
05.01.2006 Lukavac BIH	BIH-NED	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	29:30 (17:14)
08.01.2006 Panningen NED	NED-BIH	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	25:27 (14:10)

### SWE vs NED

03.11.2012 Almere NED	NED-SWE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	31:33 (15:17)
16.06.2013 Alingsås SWE	SWE-NED	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 5	34:23 (15:10)
09.06.2018 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NED-SWE	WCh-Playoff	25:24 (13:12)
13.06.2018 Kristianstad SWE	SWE-NED	WCh-Playoff	26:20 (14:7)

## TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Dani Bajens	10	2020-2022
Bobby Schagen	10	2020-2022
Ivo Steins	10	2020-2022
Luc Steins	10	2020-2022
Samir Benghanem	9	2020-2022

### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Kay Smits	67	2020-2022
Dani Bajens	36	2020-2022
Luc Steins	36	2020-2022
Samir Benghanem	23	2020-2022
Bobby Schagen	23	2020-2022



# BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



Bosnia and Herzegovina enter their third straight EHF EURO and their fourth major competition in their history after participating at the 2015 IHF Men's World Championship, EHF EURO 2020 and EHF EURO 2022.

They are coming to the final tournament with their new head coach, Irfan Smajlagic. The legendary former Croatian player took over the helm in September 2022, succeeding Ivica Obrvan who left the team a couple of days before qualification for the 2023 IHF Men's World Handball Championship. After failing to qualify, Bosnia and Herzegovina entered a new era with Smajlagic.

With Smajlagic debuting in his new job right ahead of the qualifications for the EHF EURO 2024, Bosnia and Herzegovina struggled in the first matches against

Montenegro and Slovenia, but they made a significant step forward in the rematches and with two convincing wins against Kosovo they finished second in group 7.

The 'Dragons' will once again rely on their most experienced players such as goalkeeper Benjamin Buric, his twin brother Senjamin on the line, Marko Panic and Mirsad Terzic. Still, there are a good number of younger players who are gaining experience in strong European clubs and also in the domestic league. That mixture could be Bosnia and Herzegovina's main force in a strong group with Sweden, the Netherlands and Georgia.

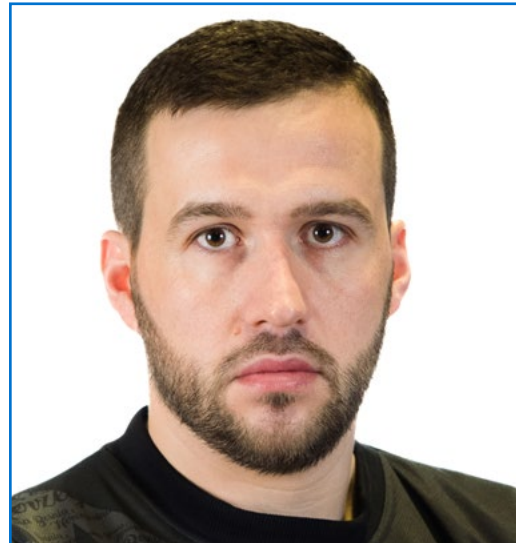
Still waiting for their first-ever win at the EHF EURO, Bosnia and Herzegovina are eager to make that happen and to top their two previous results at the European championship – 23rd place.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:131	+10	7:5	2nd Group D
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	2	2	2	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Group D
2000	Qualification	6	1	0	5	124:161	-37	2:10	4th Group 7
2002	Qualification	6	4	0	2	150:138	+12	8:4	2nd Group 3
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	33:46	-13	2:2	Lost vs. DEN
2004	Qualification	6	4	1	1	126:114	+12	9:3	2nd Group 6
2004	Play-off	2	0	0	2	40:56	-16	0:4	Lost vs. CZE
2006	Qualification	6	3	2	1	196:176	+20	8:4	2nd Group 2
2006	Play-off	2	0	1	1	50:63	-13	1:3	Lost vs. NOR
2008	Qualification	4	2	0	2	143:121	+22	4:4	2nd Group 7
2010	Qualification	10	6	1	3	298:278	+20	13:7	3rd Group 2
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	134:159	-25	1:11	4th Group 1
2014	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	143:175	-32	1:11	4th Group 7
2016	Play-off	2	2	0	0	55:45	+10	4:0	Won vs. GRE
2016	Qualification 2	6	1	2	3	136:140	-4	4:8	3rd Group 2
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	160:162	-2	4:8	3rd Group 3
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	160:153	+7	8:4	3rd Group 5
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	73:90	-17	0:6	23rd Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	137:142	-5	4:8	3rd Group 2
2022	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	61:85	-24	0:6	23rd Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	147:153	-6	8:4	2nd Group 7
<b>Total Qualif.</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2520:2557</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>94:106</b>	
<b>Total EHF EURO</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>134:175</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>0:12</b>	



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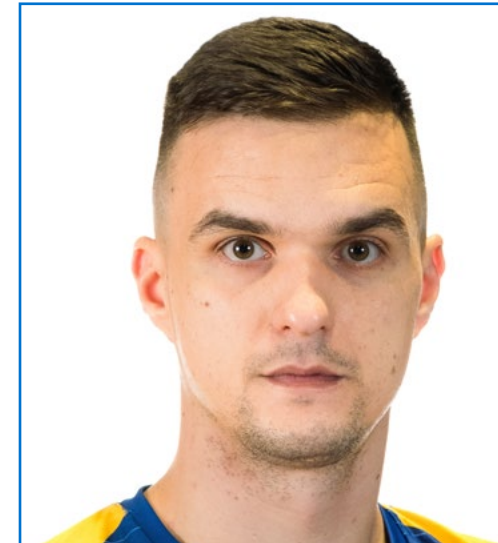
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**Benjamin Buric**

goalkeeper

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2018

- started playing handball when he was 13
- was part of the Bosnian team at WCh 2015, EHF EURO 2020 and 2022
- joined Flensburg in 2018, arriving from Wetzlar, and won Bundesliga in his first season with the club
- played for four clubs with his twin brother Senjamin – Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac and Gorenje – and both are Bosnian national team players
- made his name domestically with Borac, before joining Velenje in 2013 and Wetzlar in 2016
- selected in the Handball Bundesliga team of the season for 2016/17



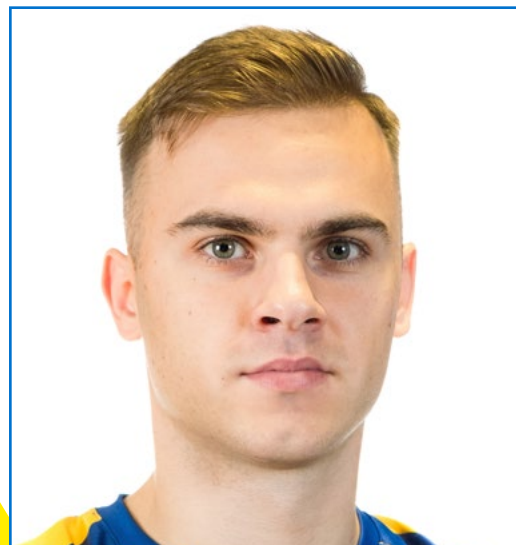
 mirkoherceg77

**Mirko Herceg**

left back

current club: Csurgói KK since 2021

- Bosnia's top scorer in the qualifications for the EHF EURO 2024, netting 24 times
- used to play for Croatia younger age categories
- from Ljubuski, started playing handball in Izvidjac
- spent three seasons at Croatian side Nexe before joining Massy Essonne Handball
- moved to Hungary and Gyöngyösi Kézilabda in 2020 and since 2021 plays for Csurgói KK



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**Marko Majstorovic**

left wing

current club: MRK Krka since 2019

- born and raised in Novo Mesto, Slovenia
- holds dual citizenship
- plays his whole life in MRK Krka, part of senior team since 2019/20
- made national team debut in October 2023 in two friendly matches against Czechia



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**Mirsad Terzic**

centre back

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2020

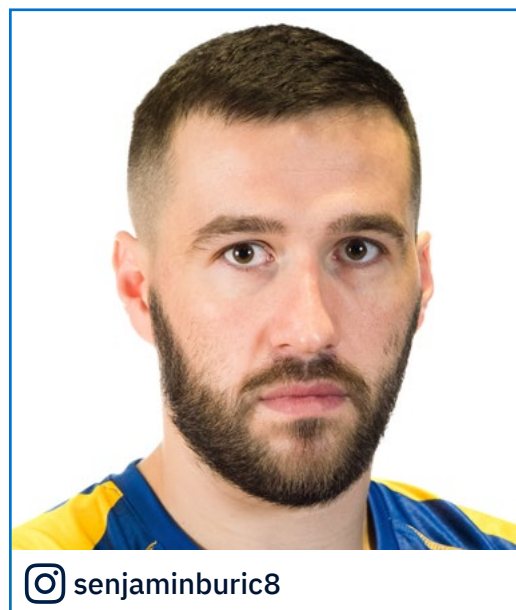
- one of the most experienced players in the team with almost 170 caps
- in 2020 joined Polish side Orlen Wisla Plock after 11 years spent in Veszprém
- with Veszprém played three EHF FINAL4 final matches
- from Priboj, also played for Zeljeznicar, Izvidjac, Zagreb and Celje
- important defensive player but also the team's all-time top scorer with his tally at 459 goals ahead of EHF EURO 2024







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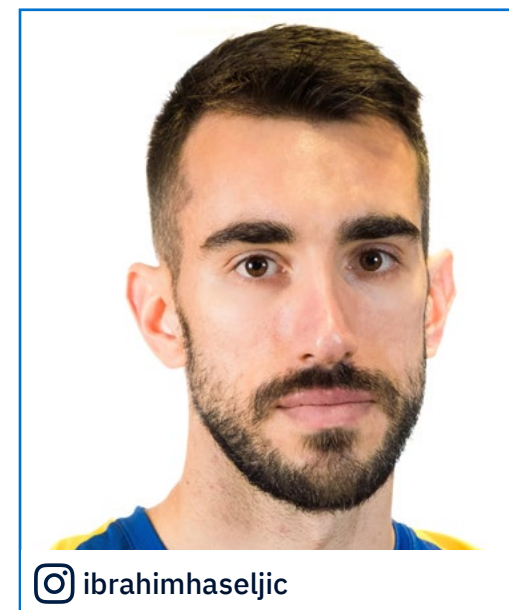


**Senjamin Buric**

line player

current club: Skjern Handbold since 2021

- joined Skjern Handbold in 2021 from PPD Zagreb
- also played for HBC Nantes, Gorenje Velenje, Borac, Izvidjac and Maglaj
- reached EHF FINAL4 final with Nantes in 2018
- in EHF EURO 2024 qualification was team's second-best top scorer with 19 goals
- twin brother Benjamin also plays for Bosnian national team, as a goalkeeper, and they played in four clubs together: Maglaj, Izvidjac, Borac and Velenje



**Ibrahim Haseljic**

right wing

current club: Gorenje Velenje since 2016

- made national team debut in WCh 2019 qualification matches; became number one wing thanks to performance during EHF EURO 2020 qualification
- joined Gorenje Velenje from HC Gradacac in 2016
- started playing handball at the age of 12
- EHF EURO 2024 is his third major competition



**Marko Panic**

right back

current club: Montpellier HB since 2021

- Bosnian back, joined Montpellier in 2021 after two seasons with Meshkov Brest
- from 2024/25 joining centre back Mirsad Terzic in Orlen Wisla Plock on a two-year contract
- played for another French club, Chambéry (2012-13), and made CL debut in 2012/13
- made national team debut in 2010, aged 19, and soon became key member of the team
- has a rare quality of shooting almost equally well with both hands



**Irfan Smajlagic**

coach

- took over the national team in September 2022 after Bosnia and Herzegovina parted ways with head coach Ivica Obrvan
- currently leads Borac Banja Luka, also coached Cakovec, Bosna Sarajevo, Zamet, Lokomotiva, Egypt and Croatia junior national team
- one of the best right wings, as a player used to play for Borac Banja Luka, Medvescak, Ivry Handball, USAM Nîmes Gard, PPD Zagreb, Zamet, HC Livry-Gargan, Girondins de Bordeaux HBC
- was part of Yugoslavia and Croatia national team, has two OG medals, WCh silver and EHF EURO 1994 bronze
- as an assistant coach to Lino Cervar in Croatia won gold at OG12 and WCh09

EURO: B 1994 (as player); OG: B 1988, G 1996; WCh: S 1995; OG: G 2004; WCh: G 2003 (as coach)



# BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA



**MEN'S EHF EURO 2024**  
GERMANY  
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## EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	N/A
Biggest defeat:	18:30 (11:17) vs. Sweden @ Bratislava SVK, 13.01.2022
Longest winning run:	N/A
Longest unbeaten run:	N/A
Longest losing run:	6 matches (10.01.2020 – 17.01.2022)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (10.01.2020 – 17.01.2022)
Current run:	L6 (10.01.2020 – 17.01.2022)
Most goals:	26 vs. Norway 26:32L @ Trondheim NOR, 10.01.2020
Most goals opponent:	32 vs. Norway 26:32L @ Trondheim NOR, 10.01.2020
Most goals both teams:	58 vs. Norway 26:32L @ Trondheim NOR, 10.01.2020
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Sweden 18:30L @ Bratislava SVK, 13.01.2022
Fewest goals opponent:	27 vs. Portugal 24:27L @ Trondheim NOR, 12.01.2020
	27 vs. Czech Republic 19:27L @ Bratislava SVK, 15.01.2022
Fewest goals both teams:	48 vs. Sweden 18:30L @ Bratislava SVK, 13.01.2022

## HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

### SWE vs BIH

19.01.2007 Visoko BIH	BIH-SWE	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	30:36 (15:15)
21.01.2007 Örebro SWE	SWE-BIH	ECh-Qual. – Group 7	27:25 (16:10)
12.06.2016 Växjö SWE	SWE-BIH	WCh-Playoff	27:19 (12:9)
15.06.2016 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-SWE	WCh-Playoff	27:27 (14:16)
13.01.2022 Bratislava SVK	SWE-BIH	ECh – Group E	30:18 (17:11)

### BIH vs NED

30.01.1997 Aalsmeer NED	NED-BIH	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group D	25:25 (14:12)
02.02.1997 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-NED	ECh-Pre-Qual. – Group D	26:20 (11:9)
09.01.2003 Emmen NED	NED-BIH	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	20:22 (11:10)
12.01.2003 Visoko BIH	BIH-NED	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	25:19 (12:11)
07.01.2004 Goražde BIH	BIH-NED	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	29:28 (14:15)
11.01.2004 Volendam NED	NED-BIH	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	27:22 (13:10)
05.01.2006 Lukavac BIH	BIH-NED	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	29:30 (17:14)
08.01.2006 Panningen NED	NED-BIH	WCh-Qual. – Group 1	25:27 (14:10)

### BIH vs GEO

19.01.2001 Visoko BIH	BIH-GEO	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	28:17 (13:07)
21.01.2001 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-GEO	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	26:24 (13:11)

## TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Benjamin Buric	6	2020-2022
Senjamin Buric	6	2020-2022
Ivan Karacic	6	2020-2022
Mirsad Terzic	6	2020-2022
Josip Peric	5	2020-2022
Nikola Prce	5	2020-2022
Vladimir Vranjes	5	2020-2022

### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Nikola Prce	23	2020-2022
Marko Panic	16	2020
Josip Peric	12	2020-2022
Senjamin Buric	11	2020-2022
Vladimir Vranjes	10	2020-2022



Georgia wrote handball history in 2023 when they qualified for an EHF EURO for the first time since gaining independency as a country three decades ago. At the Men's EHF EURO 2024, they will rub shoulders with some of the world's best teams.

Things all came down to one goal, though, as Georgia sensationally beat Hungary 31:30 in the last round of the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers, thanks to a last-second goal from Giorgi Tskhovrebadze. It marked their second win in the qualifiers and earned them a spot among the four best-ranked third-placed teams, securing them a ticket to Germany.

This qualification has not come out of nowhere, though, as Georgia have been making steady progresses in the last few years. They won the Men's IHF/EHF Trophy for the first time when hosting the tournament in 2021, when some of their talents arrived in the international spotlight.

Tskhovrebadze is the best-known player in the Georgian roster, having played for two-time EHF Champions League winners Montpellier HB in France and, on loan, for Pfadi Winterthur in Switzerland before moving VfL Gummersbach in the German in the summer of 2023.

Unfortunately, Georgia will arrive in Germany without another prominent name: left back Nikoloz Kalandadze, playing for Chambéry Savoie Mont Blanc in France, will miss the tournament injured.

Even if Georgia's squad hardly features any players over 30, they have been playing together for many years, also in the under-19 and under-21 national teams.

In a group with title-holders Sweden, Netherlands, and Bosnia Herzegovina, the main goal for Georgia will be to gather experience in their efforts to become a regular appearance at EHF EURO events in the future.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	0	0	8	126:225	-99	0:16	5th Group 2
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	0	0	6	107:143	-36	0:12	4th Group E
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	2	1	3	132:136	-4	5:7	3rd Group E
2000	Qualification	6	4	0	2	132:128	+4	8:4	2nd Group 6
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	48:63	-15	0:4	Lost vs. DEN
2002	Qualification	6	0	0	6	124:157	-33	0:12	4th Group 3
2004	Qualification	6	1	0	5	142:193	-51	2:10	4th Group 4
2008	Qualification	6	1	0	5	140:179	-39	2:10	4th Group 3
2012	Qualification 1	3	0	0	3	67:78	-11	0:6	4th Group B
2018	Qualification 1	4	2	0	2	92:100	-8	4:4	3rd Group B
2020	Qualification 1	4	0	0	4	97:120	-23	0:8	3rd Group C
2022	Qualification 1	3	2	0	1	102:71	+31	4:2	2nd Group B
2022	Relegation Round	2	0	1	1	45:61	-16	1:3	Lost vs. FIN
2024	Relegation Round	2	0	1	1	45:52	-7	1:3	Lost vs. FIN
2024	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	156:174	-18	4:8	3rd Group 6
<b>Total Qualification</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1555:1880</b>	<b>-325</b>	<b>31:109</b>	

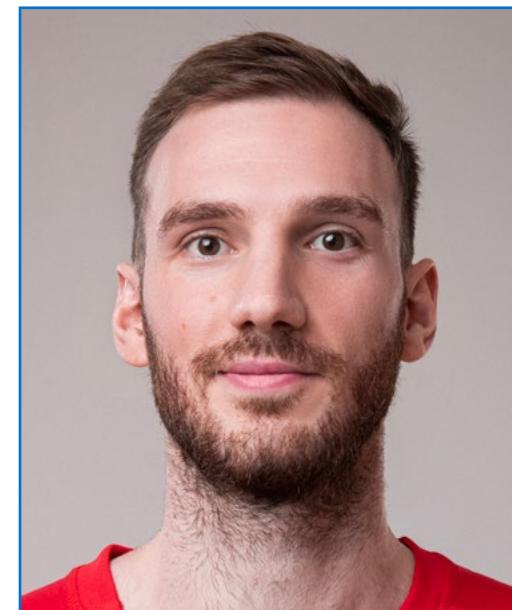


### Zurab Tsintsadze

goalkeeper

current club: KS Azoty-Pulawy since 2023

- moved to Poland and Azoty-Pulawy in 2023, after three seasons with GRK Ohrid in North Macedonia
- made his national team debut in 2018. EHF EURO 2024 will be his first major competition
- was elected Player of the Match at four of the six EHF EURO 2024 qualification games Georgia played



### Teimuraz Orjonikidze

left back

current club: GRK Ohrid since 2023

- left Georgia in 2015, after playing for all of his young years with GTU Shevardeni
- played for clubs in North Macedonia, Hungary, Romania and Finland before moving to GRK Ohrid in 2023
- scored 22 goals with Georgia during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers, including seven in the decisive game against Hungary

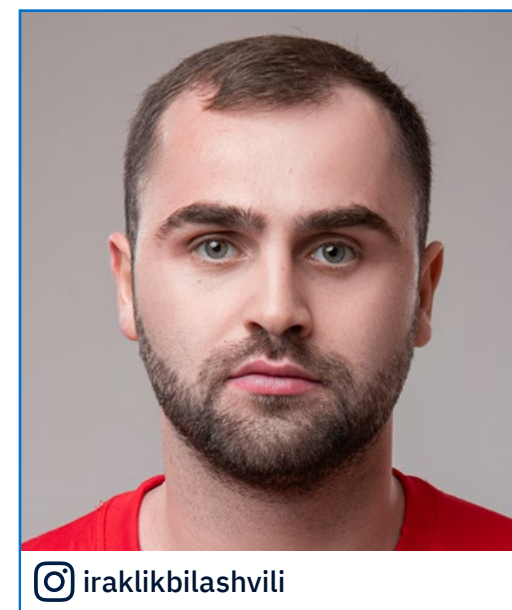


### Khazein Rustamov

left wing

current club: RK Prilep since 2021

- moved to North Macedonia two years ago, signing with RK Prilep
- had only played for two clubs before moving abroad: HC Kutaisi and Imedi Telavi
- made his international debut for Georgia in 2019, netted seven times in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers



### Irakli Kbilashvili

centre back

current club: AHC Potaissa Turda since 2023

- moved out of Georgia in 2019 to join Metalurg Skopje, a club with which he briefly played the EHF Cup
- then moved to Romania, where he played for Resita and Suceava before signing with Turda in 2023
- has been an international player since 2017, made his debut during the 2019 WCh qualifiers
- scored 25 goals during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers



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### Erekle Arsenashvili

line player

current club: Puente Genil since 2022

- chose to move abroad in 2017, when he signed with first foreign club Diomidis Argous, in Greece
- followed up his career in Portugal, where he played for Braga then Sporting Lisbon, before moving to Spain, where he wears Puente Genil's colours since 2022
- scored 24 during Sporting Lisbon's EL campaign in 2021/22
- an international player for Georgia since 2018,
- scored 24 goals during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers, including a total of nine in the two games against Hungary



### Giorgi Dikhaminjia

right wing

current club: HK Lovosice since 2023

- x plays for HC Lovozice, in Czechia, since 2023
- moved out of Georgia in 2016 to Denmark, before settling in different countries such as North Macedonia, Germany and Czechia
- made his international debut with Georgia in 2017
- scored 27 goals in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers



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### Giorgi Tskhovrebadze

right back

current club: VfL Gummersbach since 2023

- after learning handball in Georgia, moved to France and to Montpellier in 2017
- played his first professional game with the club in 2019, before going on loan to Pfadi Winterthur and signing with VfL Gummersbach in 2023
- was best scorer of the IHF/EHF tournament Georgia won in 2021
- scored the last-second goal which sent Georgia to their first ever EHF EURO
- his physical and technical abilities have made him a firm favourite on social media



 titekalandadze

### Tite Kalandadze

coach

- a former centre back, played for various clubs around Europe such as Vardar Skopje, Trieste and Ankara before finishing his career at GSAU Tbilisi
- became coach of the national team in 2017
- led Georgia to their first victories, including the IHF/EHF Tournament in 2021, before helping them qualify for their first ever EHF EURO
- his son, Nikoloz, plays for French side Chambéry



### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

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

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### NED vs GEO

17.01.2002 Tbilisi GEO	GEO-NED	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	26:24 (14:10)
20.01.2002 Kwintseul NED	NED-GEO	WCh-Qual. – Group 3	24:22 (11:10)

#### GEO vs SWE

No previous encounters

#### BIH vs GEO

19.01.2001 Visoko BIH	BIH-GEO	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	28:17 (13:07)
21.01.2001 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-GEO	ECh-Qual. – Group 3	26:24 (13:11)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
N/A		

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
N/A		





# GROUP F



**MEN'S EHF EURO 2024**  
GERMANY  
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#### EHF EURO

- 🥇 2008, 2012
- 🥈 2014
- 🥉 2002, 2004, 2006, 2022

#### Olympic Games

- 🥇 2016
- 🥈 2020

#### World Championships

- 🥇 2019, 2021, 2023
- 🥈 1967, 2011, 2013
- 🥉 2007



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11.1.2024	18:00	Portugal vs. Greece
11.1.2024	20:30	Denmark vs. Czechia

13.1.2024	18:00	Czechia vs. Portugal
13.1.2024	20:30	Greece vs. Denmark

15.1.2024	18:00	Czechia vs. Greece
15.1.2024	20:30	Denmark vs. Portugal





# DENMARK



## MEN'S EHF EURO 2024

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In global competitions, Denmark have been the team to beat lately, with three straight world titles and two consecutive appearances in the Olympic final — but the EHF EURO trophy has eluded the Scandinavian nation during what has been arguably the decorated side's most notable period of success.

Denmark came close to the top of Europe in 2022, returning to the EHF EURO semi-finals after a shock 2020 campaign that saw their lowest ranking ever. In 2022, Denmark lost to then reigning champions Spain in the semi-final before defeating France in extra time to clinch third — the national team's seventh EHF EURO medal and 16th across all competitions.

Denmark have taken the EHF EURO title twice, in 2008 and 2012. The bronze in 2022 was their first medal in the competition since silver in 2014. Prior to their first EHF EURO trophy in 2008, Denmark placed third three straight times.

On an individual level, Denmark are in the strong position of having big quality players competing for positions in the squad and almost unrivalled depth on the bench. Led by stalwart stars Mikkel Hansen and Niklas Landin, Denmark also keep unveiling newcomers with immediate impact.

At the World Championship held in January 2023, one year prior to the EHF EURO 2024, Simon Pytlick had his breakout national team tournament, ranking fourth on the top scorer list and earning a place in the All-star Team. Prior to Pytlick, it was one of the biggest stars in the game: Mathias Gidsel. Since his debut at the 2021 World Championship, Gidsel has not missed one All-star Team at a national team competition and was named MVP of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Pytlick was sidelined with an ankle injury through the end of 2023 but is expected back for the EHF EURO 2024.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	230:140	+90	13:3	1st Group 1
1994	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	150:152	-2	7:7	4th Place
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	145:137	+8	9:3	1st Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	0	0	6	132:158	-26	0:12	12th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	133:134	-1	7:5	3rd Group 5
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	63:48	+15	4:0	Won vs. GEO
2000	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	143:153	-10	4:8	12th Place
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	46:33	+13	2:2	Won vs. BIH
2002	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	212:189	+23	13:3	3rd Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	240:206	+34	12:4	3rd Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	253:233	+20	11:5	3rd Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	233:193	+40	14:2	Winner
2010	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	198:184	+14	10:4	5th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	207:176	+31	10:2	1st Group 7
2012	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	216:201	+15	12:4	Winner
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	247:222	+25	14:2	Runner-up
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	181:144	+37	12:0	1st Group 2
2016	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	195:180	+15	9:5	6th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	194:135	+59	11:1	1st Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	235:215	+20	10:6	4th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:153	+44	10:2	1st Group 8
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	1	1	85:83	+2	3:3	13th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	213:155	+58	10:2	1st Group 7
2022	EHF EURO	9	7	0	2	274:228	+46	14:4	3rd Place
Total Qualif.		54	42	4	8	1609:1255	+354	88:20	
Total EHF EURO		101	64	5	32	2813:2597	+216	133:69	



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### Niklas Landin

goalkeeper

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2023

- captain of world-title winning Denmark national team, with an unprecedented three straight trophies in that competition
- best goalkeeper of WCh 2013 and 2019; EHF EURO 2014; CL 2014, 2016 and 2020; and OG 2016; elected IHF World Player of the Year 2019 and 2021
- successor of legendary Kasper Hvidt after breaking through at WCh 2011; now shares his time between the national team posts with Emil Nielsen
- moved back to Denmark for the 2023/24 season after more than a decade in Germany, where he played for Kiel (2015–2023) and Rhein-Neckar Löwen (2012–2015)

EURO: G 2012, S 2014, 2022; OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023, S 2011, 2013; EC trophies: CL 2020; EHF Cup 2013, 2019



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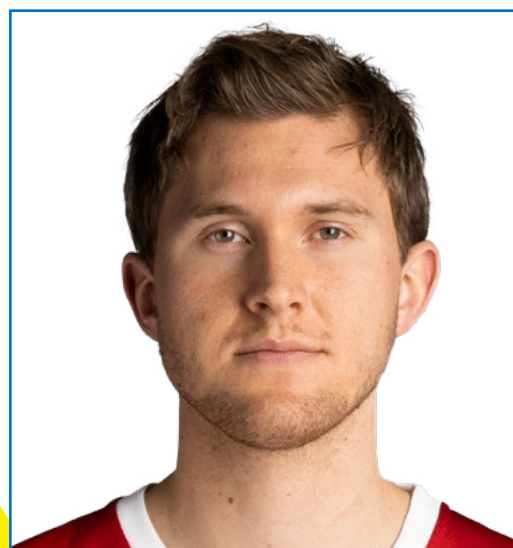
### Mikkel Hansen

left back

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2022

- MVP of the Rio 2016 OG and three WCh (2013, 2019 and 2021); named IHF World Player of the Year three times, in 2011, 2015 and 2018
- holds record for most CL goals in one season, 141 in 2015/16, and overall most goals scored at the OG
- has not missed an EHF EURO since his major tournament debut in 2012; named EHF EURO All-star left back four times (2012, 2014, 2018, 2022), plus another 10 All-star Team nods and three top scorer awards across CL, WCh and OG
- played for PSG for 10 years before relocating back to Denmark in 2022 to join Aalborg; has won all national team titles but never an international club trophy

EURO: G 2012, S 2014, B 2022; OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023, S 2011, S 2013



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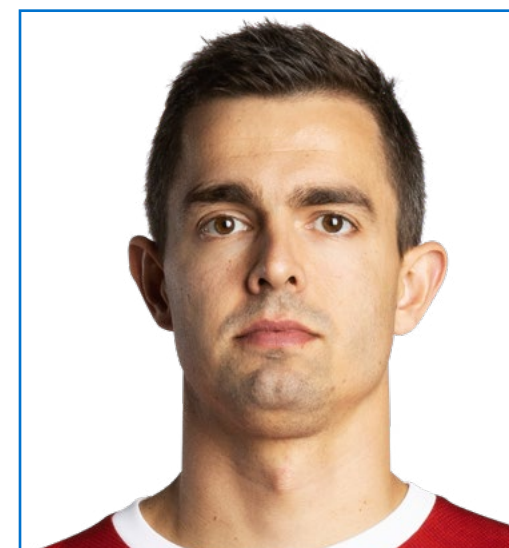
### Magnus Landin

left wing

current club: THW Kiel since 2018

- a tall wing (1.97m), who debuted in Denmark national team at age 20
- after taking bronze at EHF EURO 2022, has won medals at all major international championships plus the CL
- three-time back-to-back world champion and OG silver medallist
- joined THW Kiel at start of 2018/19 season; previously played for Nordsjaelland and KIF Kolding København
- younger brother of goalkeeper Niklas Landin, who he played with at Kiel for five seasons

EURO: B 2022; OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023  
EC trophies: CL 2020; EHF Cup 2019



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### Rasmus Lauge

centre back

current club: Bjerringbro-Silkeborg since 2023

- another national team stalwart who returned to Denmark for club handball after 10 years abroad, playing for powerhouse clubs THW Kiel, Flensburg and Veszprém
- often plays as a centre back as well as left back, especially in the national team
- critical in Denmark's win in the 2023 WCh final, scoring 10 goals against France
- made debut for Denmark in 2010, but did not become a regular starter until Thomas Mogensen ended his national team career after EHF EURO 2014
- an intelligent and inventive playmaker with a good shot and fine skills for breaking through the defence

EURO: G 2012, B 2022; OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2019, 2023, S 2011, 2013



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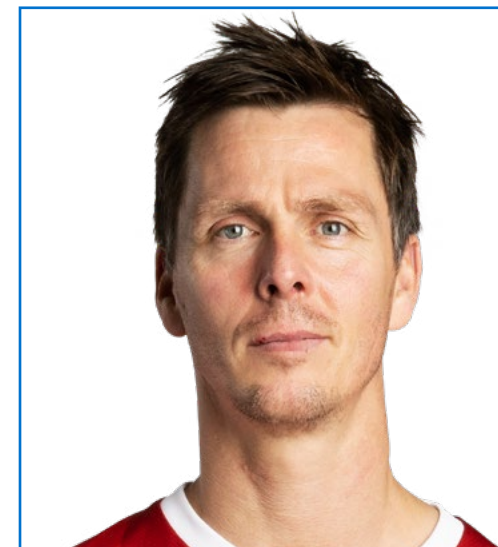
### Magnus Saugstrup

line player

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2021

- EHF EURO 2020 was his first major tournament in the Denmark national team
- an X-factor for Denmark who is important in attack and defence; has won four medals with the side since January 2021
- arrived in Magdeburg in summer of 2021 from Aalborg, where he had played since age 18, then won the CL in 2023
- was third best scorer for Aalborg, with 64 goals, in the CL 2020/21 season, when the Danish side reached the final

EURO: B 2022; OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021, 2023  
EC trophies: CL 2023



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### Hans Lindberg

right wing

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2016

- three-time top scorer of German Bundesliga, top scorer in the CL in 2013 and twice in the EHF Cup (2017, 2018); All-star Team right wing at 2013 WCh
- has won EHF EURO medals across a span of 14 years, with his first — gold — in 2008 and the bronze in 2022
- in February 2023, playing the EL, became the sixth male player with more than 1,000 goals in EHF club competitions
- broke his hand in an EL 2022/23 group match at Irun, but made a surprising comeback in the quarter-finals
- extended his contract with Füchse until 2024 just before the EHF Finals 2023

EURO: G 2008, G 2012, S 2014, B 2022; WCh: G 2019, 2023, S 2011, 2013, B 2007; EC trophies: CL 2013; EL 2023; EHF Cup 2018



 gidsel

### Mathias Gidsel

right back

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2022

- played his first international competition, the 2021 WCh, for Denmark aged 22, scoring 10 goals against Bahrain after just three games with the national team
- named in All-star Team at every national team tournament played, including MVP at 2023 WCh and Tokyo 2020 OG, best right back at 2021 WCh and EHF EURO 2022, top scorer of 2023 WCh
- played all his professional career for Danish club GOG, before moving to Füchse Berlin in 2022 and winning the EL in his first season
- named best right back of the season at the EHF Excellence Awards 2022/23

EURO: B 2022; OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021, 2023  
EC trophies: EL 2023



### Nikolaj Jacobsen

coach

- took over the coaching position for Denmark in 2017, while he was still coach for Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- finished fourth at EHF EURO 2018, his first competition as coach of Denmark, before leading the team to the WCh title three times in a row — a new record
- also at the helm as Denmark took their second consecutive OG medal — silver at Tokyo 2020
- a former left wing, he played for THW Kiel from 1998 to 2004 before moving back to Denmark to end his career
- was twice elected Danish player of the year, in 1993 and 1999

EURO: B 2022; OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021, 2023

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	34:20 (18:9) vs. Switzerland @ Celje SLO, 29.01.2004
Biggest defeat:	20:29 (8:14) vs. Russia @ Porto POR, 11.06.1994 32:41 (16:23) vs. France @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Longest winning run:	12 matches (21.01.2012 – 24.01.2014)
Longest unbeaten run:	12 matches (21.01.2012 – 24.01.2014)
Longest losing run:	11 matches (11.06.1994 – 23.01.2000)
Longest run without win:	11 matches (11.06.1994 – 23.01.2000)
Current run:	W1 (30.01.2022)
Most goals:	36 vs. Portugal 36:32W @ Ljubljana SLO, 22.01.2004 36 vs. Russia 36:31W @ Celje, 27.01.2004 36 vs. Poland 36:26W @ Stavanger NOR, 23.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	41 vs. France 32:41L @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. France 32:41L @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Sweden 16:22L @ Porto POR, 05.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	17 vs. Portugal 24:17W @ Porto POR, 03.06.1994 17 vs. Ukraine 21:17W @ Göteborg SWE, 30.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Germany 17:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 29.01.2000

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### DEN vs CZE

28.05.1996 Ciudad Real ESP	DEN-CZE	ECh – Group B	22:28 (9:12)
29.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	CZE-DEN	ECh – MR-Group I	25:31 (10:18)
28.01.2007 Mannheim GER	DEN-CZE	WCh – MR-Group II	33:29 (17:15)
16.01.2014 Herning DEN	DEN-CZE	ECh – Group A	33:29 (21:17)
15.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	CZE-DEN	ECh – Group D	28:27 (15:16)

#### GRE vs DEN

01.11.1996 Athína GRE	GRE-DEN	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	17:29 (11:13)
03.11.1996 Silkeborg DEN	DEN-GRE	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	33:15 (15:8)
23.09.1998 Roskilde/Sjælland DEN	DEN-GRE	WCh-Qual. – Group 6	42:20 (23:11)
27.09.1998 Athína (Ionikos) GRE	GRE-DEN	WCh-Qual. – Group 6	20:33 (9:16)
23.01.2005 Radès TUN	DEN-GRE	WCh – Group A	27:23 (14:15)

#### DEN vs POR

03.06.1994 Porto POR	POR-DEN	ECh – Group B	17:24 (5:11)
27.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	POR-DEN	ECh – Group B	26:28 (12:13)
26.01.2002 Helsingborg SWE	DEN-POR	ECh – Group B	27:20 (10:10)
22.01.2004 Ljubljana SLO	DEN-POR	ECh – Group B	36:32 (20:15)
30.07.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	POR-DEN	OG – Group B	28:34 (19:20)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Michael V. Knudsen	53	2000-2010, 2014
Lars Christiansen	52	1996, 2000-2012
Hans Lindberg	51	2008-2022
Niklas Landin Jacobsen	49	2010-2022
Mikkel Hansen	48	2010-2022

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Mikkel Hansen	261	2010-2022
Lars Christiansen	188	1996, 2000-2012
Michael V. Knudsen	170	2000-2010, 2014
Hans Lindberg	144	2008-2022
Joachim R. Boldsen	102	2000-2008



# PORTUGAL



Between 2006 and 2020, Portugal missed out on qualifying for the EHF EURO, but a great generation, led by Paulo Pereira from the bench, has returned in style, finishing in sixth place four years ago.

The surprise factor has somewhat evaporated, though, and Portugal ended up 19th in 2022, after conceding three losses in the preliminary round.

This time around, Portugal are coming in hot and aiming for the main round once again. They face Denmark, Czechia and Greece in Munich, and anything but a place between the top 12 teams in Europe would be considered a failure.

There have been changes in the team in the past years, but Portugal are still going strong, as underlined by their performance in the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers, where they were one of three teams with a 100 per cent record,

winning all six matches against North Macedonia, Türkiye and Luxembourg. Their goal tally of 210 goals made them the third best attack among the 32 teams taking part in the qualifiers.

With Pereira still at the helm Portugal are aiming for silverware in the future, especially as a new era is upon them. Right back Francisco Costa, the top goal scorer at the M20 EHF EURO 2022, might be still only 18 years old, but is a transcendental talent, as proven in the EHF European League Men where he scored nearly 200 goals in the past three seasons.

While only making his debut at the EHF EURO, the right back will have plenty of help from his teammates, some of them being already at their third edition of the EHF EURO. Portugal could certainly be a dark horse in the competition, as they were in 2020 and 2022.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	EHF EURO	6	0	0	6	117:154	-37	0:12	12th Place
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	4	0	2	117:105	+12	8:4	2nd Group F
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	151:163	-12	4:8	4th Group 1
2000	Qualification	6	4	0	2	133:120	+13	8:4	1st Group 6
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	52:51	+1	2:2	Won vs. YUG
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	153:160	-7	6:6	7th Place
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	54:45	+9	4:0	Won vs. NED
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	173:174	-1	6:8	9th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:48	+2	2:2	Won vs. NOR
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	91:101	-10	1:5	14th Place
2006	Qualification	4	2	1	1	113:106	+7	5:3	2nd Group 6
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	59:52	+7	2:2	Won vs. CZE
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:96	-16	0:6	15th Place
2008	Qualification	4	3	0	1	115:94	+21	6:2	1st Group 6
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	55:63	-8	0:4	Lost vs. MNE
2010	Qualification	8	5	0	3	234:229	+5	10:6	3rd Group 6
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	164:165	-1	5:7	3rd Group 3
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	147:166	-19	5:7	3rd Group 1
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	183:176	+7	4:8	3rd Group 5
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	148:165	-17	5:7	3rd Group 5
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	154:143	+11	9:3	2nd Group 6
2020	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	228:220	+8	8:8	6th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	185:158	+27	10:2	1st Group 4
2022	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	85:91	-6	0:6	19th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	210:151	+59	12:0	1st Group 1
Total Qualif.		86	48	5	33	2324:2200	+124	101:71	
Total EHF EURO		36	10	1	25	927:996	-69	21:51	

 **PORTUGAL**



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**Diogo Rema Marques**

goalkeeper

current club: FC Porto since 2020

- one of the youngest players in the Portugal squad at 19 years old, but seen as a huge talent for the future
- has been playing for Portuguese giants FC Porto since the start of his career
- was a crucial member of the Portugal team which earned the silver medal on their home court at the M20 EHF EURO 2022
- named All-star goalkeeper at the M18 EHF EURO 2022



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**Alexandre Cavalcanti**

left back

current club: HBC Nantes since 2019

- this will be his third EHF EURO appearance, after 2020 and 2022
- joined Nantes in 2019 aged 23 after playing for four seasons for SL Benfica
- mainly used in defence in his first season in France, before gaining more and more responsibility in attack for both club and country
- his brother, Gabriel, also plays handball, while his sister plays volleyball



**Leonel Fernandes**

left wing

current club: FC Porto since 2016

- made his debut in the national team in 2018 and has featured in only one EHF EURO edition so far, in 2022
- has played for FC Porto throughout his senior career
- loaned to Maia to gain some experience between 2016 and 2018
- he is the prototype of a modern winger, tall, standing at 1.91m, and very fast, can be very efficient in defence too



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**Rui Silva**

centre back

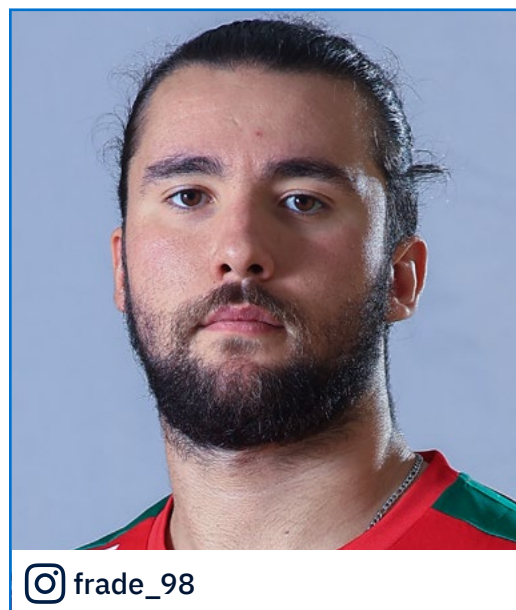
current club: FC Porto since 2015

- has featured in both EHF EURO editions Portugal played in the last years, 2020 and 2022
- after five years at Sporting CP, he arrived at domestic rivals FC Porto in 2015 and quickly became a key player for the club
- an intelligent athlete and essential in the team's attacking play
- hails from a handball family, as his brother, Nuno, also played handball, as well as father Miguel and mother Paula





# PORTUGAL



**Luis Frade**

line player

current club: Barça since 2020

- led Portugal to a fourth-place finish at the 2019 Junior WCh; picked for the All-star Team
- represented Portugal at the EHF EURO 2020, but missed out at the EHF EURO 2022 due to injury
- began professional career in his native Portugal at AA Aquas Santas in 2015, then moved to Sporting CP in 2018
- joined FC Barcelona during the transfer window in 2020, signing a four-year contract through to the 2023/24 season

EC trophies: CL 2021, 2022



**Pedro Portela**

right wing

current club: Sporting CP since 2023

- the EHF EURO 2024 will be his third ECh
- featured 11 years for Portuguese giants Sporting CP before moving to France, where he played for Tremblay and Nantes until 2023
- returned to Portugal in 2023 to finish his career at Sporting, where he is one of the most experienced players
- started playing handball at the age of six, following in the footsteps of his brother Luis, stated that he always broke things in the house by playing handball



**Francisco Costa**

right back

current club: Sporting CP since 2021

- extremely talented youngster, generally regarded as a future star of European handball
- made huge contribution to Portugal's run to silver at their home M20 EHF EURO 2022, being the top scorer of the competition and the All-star right back
- this will be his first-ever appearance at the senior EHF EURO
- arrived at Sporting in 2021 from league rivals Porto at age 16, and scored a stunning total of 61 goals in his first EL season for the club, added 97 goals in the second season
- plays alongside his older brother Martim, who is a left back at Sporting; their father and former international Ricardo Costa is the team's head coach



**Paulo Pereira**

coach

- named Coach of the Year in Portugal in 2020, after lifting his team to sixth place at the EHF EURO 2020, he also led the team at the EHF EURO 2022
- a globetrotter, Pereira assumed the role of the Portugal men's national team in 2016, after serving stints in Angola and Tunisia, as well for several teams in Spain and Romania
- a psychology aficionado, Pereira is usually using advanced techniques to motivate his players perform better
- completely changed the course of the Portuguese national team with his ideas, especially using aggressive, all-in tactics



# PORTUGAL



## MEN'S EHF EURO 2024

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### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	26:15 (12:6) vs. Israel @ Helsingborg SWE, 25.01.2002
Biggest defeat:	21:38 (11:18) vs. Romania @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Longest winning run:	2 matches (21.01.2000 – 22.01.2000) 2 matches (29.01.2000 – 25.01.2002) 2 matches (10.01.2020 – 12.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (21.01.2000 – 22.01.2000) 2 matches (29.01.2000 – 25.01.2002) 2 matches (10.01.2020 – 12.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (03.06.1994 – 10.06.1994)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (03.06.1994 – 10.06.1994) 6 matches (24.01.2004 – 29.01.2006)
Current run:	L4 (25.01.2020 – 18.01.2022)
Most goals:	35 vs. Sweden 35:25W @ Malmö SWE, 17.01.2020
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Romania 21:38L @ Almada POR, 10.06.1994
Most goals both teams:	68 vs. Denmark 32:36L @ Ljubljana SLO, 22.01.2004
Fewest goals:	17 vs. Denmark 17:24L @ Porto POR, 03.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Israel 26:15W @ Helsingborg SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	37 vs. Hungary 18:19L @ Porto POR, 05.06.1994

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### POR vs GRE

07.04.1990 Espoo-Esbo FIN	GRE-POR	C-WCh – Place 9/10	20:29 (15:12)
18.01.2007 Thessaloniki GRE	GRE-POR	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	27:26 (15:13)
21.01.2007 Lagos POR	POR-GRE	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	24:20 (10:10)

#### CZE vs POR

22.05.1997 Yamaga/Kyushu JPN	CZE-POR	WCh – Group C	28:24 (14:11)
04.06.2000 Plzeň CZE	CZE-POR	WCh-Playoff	19:15 (11:8)
11.06.2000 Viseu POR	POR-CZE	WCh-Playoff	27:22 (11:9)
23.01.2001 Montpellier FRA	POR-CZE	WCh – Group A	29:19 (14:10)
31.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	CZE-POR	ECh – MR-Group I	29:27 (14:14)
30.05.2004 Caminha POR	POR-CZE	WCh-Playoff	28:21 (14:12)
06.06.2004 Brno CZE	CZE-POR	WCh-Playoff	33:25 (15:11)
12.06.2005 Brno CZE	CZE-POR	ECh-Playoff	28:27 (15:10)
19.06.2005 Entroncamento POR	POR-CZE	ECh-Playoff	32:24 (13:9)
10.06.2009 Plzeň CZE	CZE-POR	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	30:26 (16:12)
20.06.2009 Fafe POR	POR-CZE	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	31:28 (14:9)

#### DEN vs POR

03.06.1994 Porto POR	POR-DEN	ECh – Group B	17:24 (5:11)
27.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	POR-DEN	ECh – Group B	26:28 (12:13)
26.01.2002 Helsingborg SWE	DEN-POR	ECh – Group B	27:20 (10:10)
22.01.2004 Ljubljana SLO	DEN-POR	ECh – Group B	36:32 (20:15)
30.07.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	POR-DEN	OG – Group B	28:34 (19:20)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Carlos Resende	22	1994, 2000-2004
Eduardo Coelho	19	2000-2006
Carlos Galambas	19	1994, 2000-2006
Rui Rocha	18	1994, 2000-2004
Ricardo Costa	16	2000-2006
Filipe Cruz	16	1994, 2000-2002

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Carlos Resende	108	1994, 2000-2004
Eduardo Coelho	80	2000-2006
Ricardo Costa	59	2000-2006
Rui Rocha	50	1994, 2000-2004
Filipe Cruz	44	1994, 2000-2002





# CZECHIA



A new era in Czech handball began in 2022 when Xavier Sabaté took over the national team; this is his first major tournament at the Czech helm. The Spaniard's tenure began with a narrow defeat in the double-header against North Macedonia for a place at the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship, but the Czechs have quickly bounced back and are looking towards their fourth consecutive European championship and their 12th appearance in total.

The 47-year-old led the national team to the EHF EURO 2024 final tournament in Germany by finishing second in group 3 of the qualifiers, just behind Iceland with whom the Czechs finished on equal points with only one loss.

Sabaté was tasked with conducting an inevitable generational change and in the past couple of years, the talented left back Matej Klima has established himself as one of the new forces in the squad with the 24-year-old being the top scorer during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers.

However, the team is still supported by the experienced THW Kiel goalkeeper Tomas Mrkva and the likes of Jakub Hrstka as well as Tomas Babak.

The Czechs are placed in group F at the EHF EURO 2024 alongside world champions Denmark, the ambitious Portugal and debutants Greece. With the squad disappointed by the latest EHF EURO appearance in 2022 when they finished in 13th place, they are motivated to leave a much better impression under Sabaté.

The Spaniard has instilled confidence among the squad and is building a new national team to bring smiles to the Czech fans for years to come. The Czechs' best ranking at a single EHF EURO tournament remains the record sixth place in 2018.

## EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	4	0	2	152:105	+47	8:4	2nd Group 7
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	38:38	0	2:2	Lost vs. SLO
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	169:134	+35	9:3	1st Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	155:152	+3	6:6	6th Place
1998	Qualification	6	2	2	2	141:146	-5	6:6	2nd Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	166:170	-4	2:10	10th Place
2000	Qualification	6	3	0	3	159:148	+11	6:6	2nd Group 7
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	47:43	+4	2:2	Won vs. FIN
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	180:205	-25	6:8	8th Place
2004	Play Off	2	2	0	0	56:40	+16	4:0	Won vs. BIH
2004	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	177:202	-25	3:9	11th Place
2006	Play Off	2	1	0	1	52:59	-7	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	64:56	+8	4:0	Won vs. LAT
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	88:97	-9	0:6	14th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	255:221	+34	12:4	2nd Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	8th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	178:147	+31	8:4	2nd Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	77:84	-7	2:4	14th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	156:144	+12	8:4	1st Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	73:87	-14	1:5	15th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	163:185	-22	5:7	3rd Group 6
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	161:161	0	6:6	2nd Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	173:186	-13	7:7	6th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	161:150	+11	8:4	1st Group 5
2020	EHF EURO	7	2	0	5	172:183	-11	4:10	12th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	163:150	+13	7:5	2nd Group 3
2022	EHF EURO	3	1	1	1	80:74	+6	3:3	13th Place
2024	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	160:141	+19	10:2	2nd Group 3
Total Qualif.		84	51	5	28	2275:2068	+207	107:61	
Total EHF EURO		57	17	5	35	1516:1620	-104	39:75	



# CZECHIA



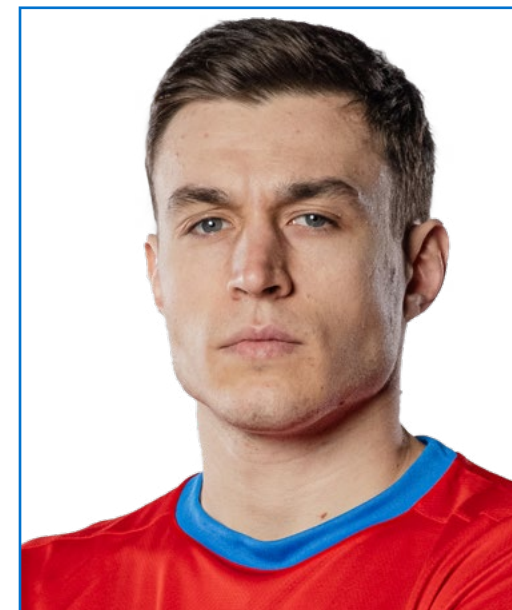
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**Tomas Mrkva**

goalkeeper

current club: THW Kiel since 2022

- one of the most experienced and key players of the Czech squad
- the EHF EURO 2024 in Germany will be Mrkva's fourth appearance at an ECh after 2018, 2020 and 2022
- was third in the goalkeeper rankings at EHF EURO 2022 by save efficiency with 34 per cent
- moved to THW Kiel from HC Bergischer in 2022. The 34-year-old has spent the last decade playing in the German Bundesliga

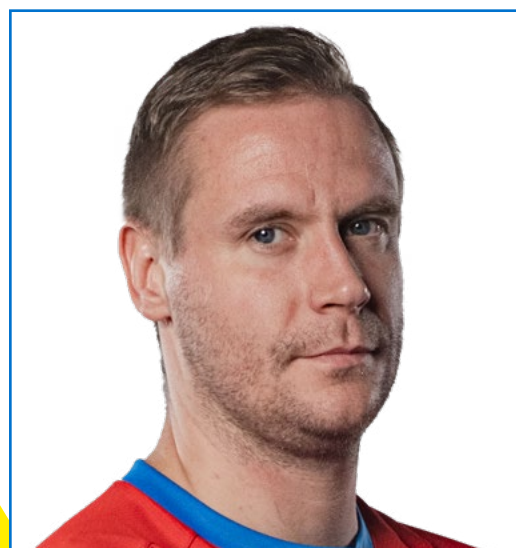


**Matej Klima**

left back

current club: SC DHfK Leipzig since 2022

- top scorer during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 35 goals
- the EHF EURO 2024 in Germany will be Klima's third appearance at an ECh with Czechia after 2020 and 2022
- moved to SC DHfK Leipzig from VfL Lübeck-Schwartau after EHF EURO 2022
- one of the young and talented players expected to become leaders of the Czech national team in the near future



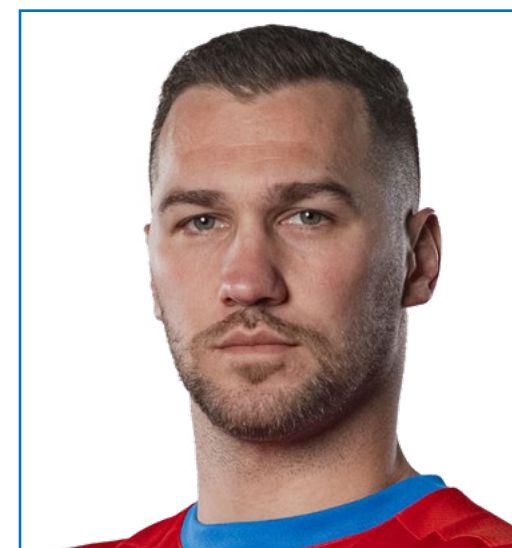
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**Jakub Hrstka**

left wing

current club: Dessau-Roßlauer HV since 2019

- the second-best scorer for Czechia during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 29 goals
- debuted in the men's national team in 2007 and played his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2014
- EHF EURO 2024 will be Hrstka's fifth appearance at an ECh after 2014, 2018, 2020 and 2022
- a key player of the squad and a deadly penalty taker who also scores goals from tight angles



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**Tomas Babak**

centre back

current club: Bergischer HC since 2016

- the EHF EURO 2024 will be Babak's fourth appearance at an ECh after 2014, 2020 and 2022
- one of the key players in the Czech squad who can also play as a left back
- was a teammate with Tomas Mrkva at club level before the goalkeeper departed for THW Kiel
- the third best scorer in the Czech squad at EHF EURO 2022 with nine goals



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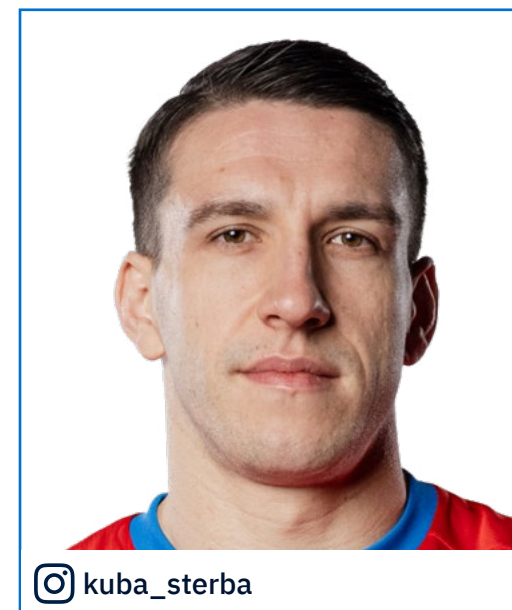


**Vit Reichl**

line player

current club: TV Hüttenberg since 2020

- expected to be the starting line player at EHF EURO 2024 after featuring regularly in the qualifiers
- EHF EURO 2024 will be his second appearance at an ECh after the 30-year-old made his debut at a major tournament at EHF EURO 2022
- the only player in the Czech squad at EHF EURO 2022 who had a perfect shot ratio by scoring six goals from as many attempts
- moved to TV Hüttenberg from Dukla Praha in 2020



**Jakub Sterba**

right wing

current club: ASV Hamm-Westfalen since 2023

- expected to be the starting right wing at EHF EURO 2024, although there is healthy competition on this position
- part of the Czech squad at EHF EURO 2022, but did not get a chance to play
- may score his debut goal at a major tournament in Germany
- moved to ASV Hamm-Westfalen last summer after spending four years at TSV Bayer Dormagen
- the 27-year-old scored 12 goals in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers

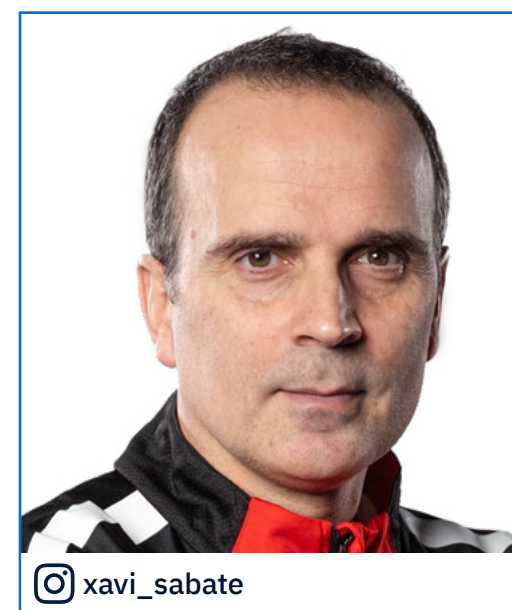


**Stanislav Kaspárek**

right back

current club: Dinamo Bucuresti since 2022

- one of the national team's top scorers during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 21 goals
- the EHF EURO 2024 will be his fourth appearance at an ECh after 2018, 2020 and 2022
- moved to Dinamo Bucuresti from HC Meshkov Brest in 2022; the 27-year-old plays in the EL with the Romanian club this season
- one of the main attacking weapons in the Czech squad, expected to play a key role in Munich



**Xavier Sabaté**

coach

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2018

- the Spaniard took over the helm of the Czech national team in 2022
- Czechia is the second national team in Sabaté's coaching career after the 47-year-old led Hungary until 2017, with a best finish of seventh at the WCh 2017
- head coach of Orlen Wisla Plock, where he coached current president of the Czech Handball Federation and legendary player, Ondrej Zdrahala
- an acclaimed international with plenty of experience by coaching the likes of Telekom Veszprém in the past

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	38:18 (16:12) vs. FYR Macedonia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Biggest defeat:	15:32 (9:16) vs. Spain @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Longest winning run:	2 matches (24.05.1996 – 25.05.1996) 2 matches (22.01.2010 – 24.01.2010) 2 matches (15.01.2018 – 17.01.2018) 2 matches (12.01.2020 – 14.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (24.05.1996 – 25.05.1996) 2 matches (22.01.2010 – 24.01.2010) 2 matches (28.01.2010 – 15.01.2012) 2 matches (15.01.2018 – 17.01.2018) 2 matches (23.01.2018 – 24.01.2018) 2 matches (12.01.2020 – 14.01.2020) 2 matches (15.01.2022 – 17.01.2022)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (29.05.1996 – 03.06.1998) 6 matches (29.01.2004 – 20.01.2010)
Longest run without win:	6 matches (29.05.1996 – 03.06.1998) 6 matches (29.01.2004 – 20.01.2010) 6 matches (17.01.2012 – 13.01.2018)
Current run:	D1 (17.01.2022)
Most goals:	38 vs. FYR Macedonia 38:18W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Lithuania 36:38L aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Most goals both teams:	74 vs. Lithuania 36:38L aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Spain 15:32L @ Varaždin CRO, 13.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. FYR Macedonia 38:18W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Fewest goals both teams:	41 vs. Sweden 17:24L @ Ciudad Real ESP, 29.05.1996 41 vs. France 20:21L @ Wiener Neustadt AUT, 20.01.2010 41 vs. Germany 19:22L @ Varaždin CRO, 19.01.2018

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### DEN vs CZE

28.05.1996 Ciudad Real ESP	DEN-CZE	ECh – Group B	22:28 (9:12)
29.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	CZE-DEN	ECh – MR-Group I	25:31 (10:18)
28.01.2007 Mannheim GER	DEN-CZE	WCh – MR-Group II	33:29 (17:15)
16.01.2014 Herning DEN	DEN-CZE	ECh – Group A	33:29 (21:17)
15.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	CZE-DEN	ECh – Group D	28:27 (15:16)

#### CZE vs POR

22.05.1997 Yamaga/Kyushu JPN	CZE-POR	WCh – Group C	28:24 (14:11)
04.06.2000 Plzeň CZE	CZE-POR	WCh-Playoff	19:15 (11:8)
11.06.2000 Viseu POR	POR-CZE	WCh-Playoff	27:22 (11:9)
23.01.2001 Montpellier FRA	POR-CZE	WCh – Group A	29:19 (14:10)
31.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	CZE-POR	ECh – MR-Group I	29:27 (14:14)
30.05.2004 Caminha POR	POR-CZE	WCh-Playoff	28:21 (14:12)
06.06.2004 Brno CZE	CZE-POR	WCh-Playoff	33:25 (15:11)
12.06.2005 Brno CZE	CZE-POR	ECh-Playoff	28:27 (15:10)
19.06.2005 Entroncamento POR	POR-CZE	ECh-Playoff	32:24 (13:9)
10.06.2009 Plzeň CZE	CZE-POR	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	30:26 (16:12)
20.06.2009 Fafe POR	POR-CZE	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	31:28 (14:9)

#### CZE vs GRE

03.02.2005 Radès TUN	GRE-CZE	WCh – MR-Group I	29:31 (16:16)
27.10.2010 Zlín CZE	CZE-GRE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	32:20 (14:8)
08.06.2011 Thessaloniki GRE	GRE-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	26:24 (11:10)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Martin Galia	39	2002-2004, 2008-2012, 2018-2020
Jan Filip	31	1998, 2002-2004, 2008-2012
Filip Jicha	25	2002-2004, 2010-2014
Roman Becvar	23	1996, 2014, 2018-2020
Pavel Horak	23	2008, 2012-2014, 2018-2020
Karel Nocar	23	2002-2004, 2008-2012

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Jan Filip	182	1998, 2002-2004, 2008-2012
Filip Jicha	131	2002-2004, 2010-2014
Ondrej Zdrahala	97	2010, 2018-2020
Stanislav Kasperek	70	2018-2022
Karel Nocar	64	2002-2004, 2008-2012



One of a few debutants at the EHF EURO 2024 in Germany, Greece secured their place after finishing third in group 5.

The 47-year-old coach Georgios Zaravinas is a familiar name in Greek handball as the retired left wing featured with the national team at their home Olympics back in 2004, one of only two major tournaments that Greece have played in – the other being the 2005 IHF Men's World Championship.

The Greek squad is led by the experienced captain Charalampos Mallios, but at the same time is aided by youth and talent with Achilleas Toskas spearheading the national team's attack through the qualifiers as the top scorer. The talented 19-year-old is one of the names who is expected to have a big saying in Greece's future as is the line player, Nikolaos Liapis.

The squad is predominantly composed of Olympiacos SFP players.

Greece are placed in group F at the EHF EURO 2024 in Munich alongside the world champions Denmark, up-and-coming Portugal and the consistent Czechia. Progression seems an uphill struggle, but Greece have already climbed a mountain by reaching their maiden European Championship.

When Mallios leads the squad onto the court for their opening match in Munich and the Greek national anthem echoes through the speakers, it will be a historic and proud sight for them as they have waited so long for that moment.

### EHF EURO HISTORY

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	1	1	6	149:197	-48	3:13	5th Group 5
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	0	1	3	74:90	-16	1:7	3rd Group B
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	98:96	+2	6:2	2nd Group C
2000	Qualification	6	2	0	4	113:133	-20	4:8	3rd Group 7
2002	Qualification	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3	6:6	3rd Group 3
2004	Qualification	6	3	0	3	135:135	0	6:6	2nd Group 1
2004	Play-off	2	0	0	2	36:53	-17	0:4	Lost vs. FRA
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	47:47	0	2:2	Lost vs. UKR
2008	Qualification	4	3	0	1	107:98	+9	6:2	2nd Group 6
2010	Qualification	8	3	0	5	199:223	-24	6:10	4th Group 4
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	156:172	-16	5:7	3rd Group 6
2014	Qualification 1	3	1	1	1	88:86	+2	3:3	3rd Group B
2016	Qualification 1	4	4	0	0	135:86	+49	8:0	1st Group B
2016	Play-off	2	0	0	2	45:55	-10	0:4	Lost vs. BIH
2018	Qualification 1	4	3	0	1	104:97	+7	6:2	2nd Group A
2020	Qualification 1	2	2	0	0	50:41	+9	4:0	1st Group A
2020	Qualification 2	6	1	1	4	145:168	-23	3:9	4th Group 3
2022	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	127:144	-17	4:8	3rd Group 1
2024	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	161:172	-11	6:6	3rd Group 5
<b>Total Qualification</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2117:2244</b>	<b>-127</b>	<b>79:99</b>	



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**Petros Boukovinas**

goalkeeper

current club: TV Großwallstadt since 2022

- one of the key players of the Greek squad and expected to be the starting goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2024 in Germany
- experience of playing in the EHF's club competitions with AEK Athens and Handball Esch among others
- moved to Germany to play in the 2. Bundesliga from AEK Athens in 2022
- scored four goals in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers for Greece



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**Savvas Savvas**

left back

current club: Olympiacos SFP since 2023

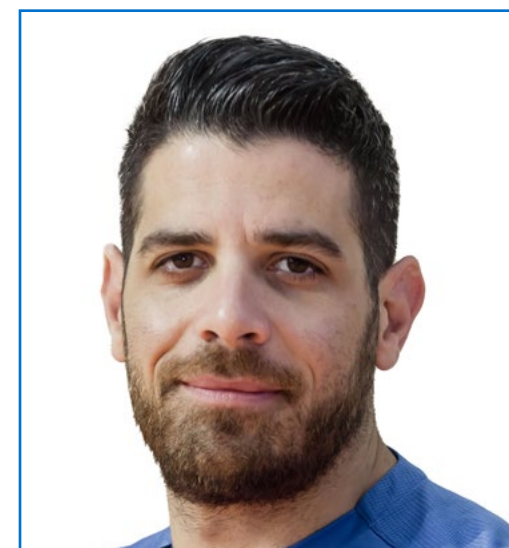
- the second top scorer for Greece in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 20 goals scored
- the 26-year-old is expected to be one of Greece's main attacking weapons in Munich
- played for various clubs in Germany through the years before returning to his homeland to join Olympiacos in the summer of 2023
- displayed quality performances in the qualifiers against Croatia and Netherlands, scoring 13 goals in total in these two games

**Georgios Papavasilis**

left wing

current club: Olympiacos SFP

- played for Greece's youth teams before joining the senior national team
- scored eight goals for Greece in the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers, including four goals away against Belgium
- featuring in the EHF European Cup with Olympiacos SFP for second consecutive season
- expected to be the starting left wing at the EHF EURO 2024



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**Charalampos Mallios**

centre back

current club: AEK Athens since 2023

- captain of the Greek squad and the most experienced player in the national team at the age of 36
- one of the top scorers during the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 17 goals
- played in the EHF's club competitions for various clubs throughout his career, including the EL this season
- an acclaimed international who has played across the continent in Germany, Türkiye and France among others
- moved back to his homeland and joined AEK Athens in 2023



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**Nikolaos Liapis**

line player

current club: AEK Athens since 2022

- joint top scorer for Greece in EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 21 goals scored
- a strong and tall line player who is expected to be one of the key players of Greece's national team going forward
- moved back to Greece in 2022 to join AEK Athens from Abanca Ademar Leon; the 24-year-old features in the EL this season
- scored in every single match of the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers



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**Dimitrios Tziras**

right wing

current club: Olympiacos SFP since 2023

- one of Greece's key and most experienced players, expected to be the starting right wing at EHF EURO 2024
- played across the EHF's club competitions during his career for several Greek clubs
- moved to Olympiacos SFP in summer 2023 from AEK Athens
- scored 16 times during EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers

**Achilleas Toskas**

right back

current club: G.C. Drama 1986

- played for Greece's youth categories before joining the senior national team
- Greece's joint top scorer in the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers with 21 goals
- top scorer in the Greek League in 2022/23 with 138 goals in just 18 matches
- one of the youngest members of the Greek squad, aged only 19
- an extremely talented player who is expected to evolve into an important player of the Greek national team
- played in the EHF European Cup in 2021/22 and scored 53 goals for G.C. Drama 1986

**Georgios Zaravinas**

coach

current club: Diomidis Argous since 2022

- played as a left wing for several clubs in his homeland
- represented Greece at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games when the hosts finished sixth
- took over the Greek national team back in 2021
- led Greece successfully through the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers and secured a place at an EHF EURO for the first time in their history
- also head coach of Diomidis Argous who competed in the EHF European Cup qualification round this season

### EHF EURO – TEAM RECORDS

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

### HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

#### POR vs GRE

07.04.1990 Espoo-Esbo FIN	GRE-POR	C-WCh – Place 9/10	20:29 (15:12)
18.01.2007 Thessaloniki GRE	GRE-POR	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	27:26 (15:13)
21.01.2007 Lagos POR	POR-GRE	ECh-Qual. – Group 6	24:20 (10:10)

#### GRE vs DEN

01.11.1996 Athína GRE	GRE-DEN	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	17:29 (11:13)
03.11.1996 Silkeborg DEN	DEN-GRE	WCh-Qual. – Group 5	33:15 (15:8)
23.09.1998 Roskilde/Sjælland DEN	DEN-GRE	WCh-Qual. – Group 6	42:20 (23:11)
27.09.1998 Athína (Ionikos) GRE	GRE-DEN	WCh-Qual. – Group 6	20:33 (9:16)
23.01.2005 Radès TUN	DEN-GRE	WCh – Group A	27:23 (14:15)

#### CZE vs GRE

03.02.2005 Radès TUN	GRE-CZE	WCh – MR-Group I	29:31 (16:16)
27.10.2010 Zlín CZE	CZE-GRE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	32:20 (14:8)
08.06.2011 Thessaloniki GRE	GRE-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 – Group 6	26:24 (11:10)

### TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

#### MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
N/A		

#### GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
N/A		







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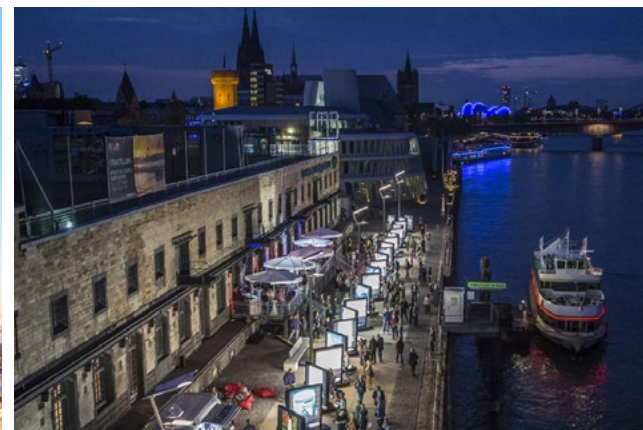
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# FAN ZONES



## BERLIN

**Pirates Bar**  
Mühlenstr. 78-80, 10243 Berlin

The Pirates Bar is just a seven minute walk away from the Mercedes Benz Arena, directly on the Spree and next to the East Side Gallery.

From 10 to 16 January, the fan zone is open daily from 17:00 CET to midnight. In addition to the public viewing of the preliminary round games on large screens the fan zone offers a wide ranging program including discussions with handball celebrities, contests and music on two floors and a covered terrace.

## MANNHEIM

**SAP ARENA South Side Hall**  
next to SAP ARENA

Handball fans in Mannheim can celebrate on ice, as the fan zone is located on the covered icy surface of the south side hall of the SAP Arena.

Even before the games in Mannheim start on 11 January, fans can watch the opening matchday on 10 January on large screens. From 11 to 16 January, the fan zone is open from 14:00 until 23:00 CET, and even until 1:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.

There are interview rounds, contests, but also lots of good food.

## MUNICH

**Bamberger Haus**  
Brunnerstrasse 2, 80804 Munich

A typical Bavarian beer garden and a pub cellar await the fans in Munich. In the traditional Bamberger house, around 25 minutes' walk from the Olympic Hall, handball fans can experience all of Bavaria's culinary specialties.

The preliminary round games will be shown in the Brauhauskeller (brewery cellar) from 10 to 16 January, and the fan zone is open daily from 16:30 CET. to midnight.

If you want, you can try your hand at curling outside for a fee.

## HAMBURG

**Blockbräu Bei den St. Pauli**  
Landungsbrücken, 320359 Hamburg

The famous Blockbräu brewery on the party mile at the famous Landungsbrücken is the meeting point for all fans in the Hanseatic city of course with a lot of Scandinavian entertainment on the program.

Located right near the harbor, the brewery has a straight connection to the Barclays Arena by bus and train. The Blockbräu opens daily at 11:00 CET, the fan program starts on 16 January with the live broadcast of the last German main round game. From 17 to 23 January, when the main round matches are staged in Hamburg, the fan zone will be open from 14:30 to 23:00 CET.

In addition to plenty of Hamburg (sea) food, there are also contests, discussion panels, music and much more.

## COLOGNE

**German Sports and Olympic Museum -**  
Im Zollhafen 1, 50678 Köln

If you want to soak up German sports history and then watch top handball matches live on large screens, the German Sport & Olympic Museum on the banks of the River Rhine is the right place for you.

Located in close proximity to the old town and with a straight train connection to the LANXESS arena, the Cologne fan zone is open from 18 to 28 January (except 25 and 27 January), from 14:30 to 22:30 CET.

The extensive program also includes numerous food trucks in front of the museum.



# PREVIOUS HOST NATIONS & WINNERS



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



# WHERE NEXT

## 2025 IHF WORLD MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN CROATIA, DENMARK AND NORWAY

The 29th IHF World Men's Championship will be held between 9 and 27 January 2025 in Croatia, Denmark and Norway. Alongside the three hosts, at least another 14 European teams will be part of this tournament.

The three best-ranked teams of the EHF EURO 2024 in Germany – excluding Croatia, Denmark and Norway – will directly qualify for the world championship. The remaining places will be decided in two parts of qualification phase 2.

Lithuania, Ukraine, Belgium, Italy, Slovakia, Estonia, Finland, and Luxembourg or Israel, will play qualification phase 2, part 1, in March 2024. The four winners will progress to qualification phase 2, part 2, in May 2024, alongside 18 teams participating at the EHF EURO 2024 who have not booked a direct place.

The venues for the world championship are:

- Telenor Arena, Oslo, Norway (capacity 15,000)
- Drammen Arena, Norway (12,000)
- Trondheim Spektrum, Norway (8,960)
- Stavanger Idrettshall, Norway (4,100)
- Arena Zagreb, Croatia (15,200)
- Spaladium Arena, Split, Croatia (11,000)
- Varaždin Arena, Croatia (5,200)
- Dubrovnik Arena, Croatia (5,200)
- Žatika Sport Centre, Poreč, Croatia (3,700)
- Denmark TBD

## MEN'S EHF EURO 2026 IN DENMARK, SWEDEN AND NORWAY

The 17th Men's EHF EURO marks the first time the three Nordic powerhouses have co-hosted a European Championship, although Sweden and Norway co-hosted alongside Austria in 2020. Denmark last hosted in 2014.

The tournament will be played between 15 January and 1 February 2026.

The joint bid was unanimously approved at the 14th EHF Extraordinary Congress on 20 November 2021, after Switzerland withdrew its bid for the tournament in favour of bidding for 2028 alongside Spain and Portugal.

The main concept of the tournament is 'Scandinavia connect'. The project will see Denmark, Sweden and Norway deliver an EHF EURO with innovation at its core. By connecting to new ways of exchanging best practices, new ways of reaching untapped audiences and new ways of hosting more sustainable events, Scandinavia will ultimately connect European handball to a stronger future.

In addition to the three hosts, who qualify automatically for the tournament, the EHF EURO 2024 champion – or the next best-ranked team, should one of the 2026 hosts win in Germany – will automatically qualify. These four teams will play the fourth edition of the Men's EHF EURO Cup in home and away matches at the same time as the eight qualification rounds for the 20 remaining spots for the EHF EURO 2026.





# EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

## EHF EURO MATCHES TOP 20

Player	Matches	Years
Nikola Karabatic FRA	71	2004-2022
Raul Entrerrios ESP	60	2004, 2008-2020
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson ISL	59	2000-2020
Didier Dinart FRA	57	1998-2012
Zlatko Horvat CRO	56	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Ivan Cupic CRO	55	2006-2018, 2022
Luc Abalo FRA	55	2006-2020
Igor Vori CRO	54	2004-2014, 2018
Michael V. Knudsen DEN	53	2000-2010, 2014
Jerôme Fernandez FRA	53	1998, 2002-2014
Lars Christiansen DEN	52	1996, 2000-2012
Hans O. Lindberg DEN	51	2008-2022
Daniel Narcisse FRA	51	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Thierry Omeyer FRA	51	2000-2016
Domagoj Duvnjak CRO	49	2008-2020
Niklas Landin DEN	49	2010-2022
Julen Aguinagalde ESP	49	2008-2020
Mikkel Hansen DEN	48	2010-2022
Gedeon Guardiola ESP	48	2012-2022
Eduardo Gurbindo ESP	48	2010-2018, 2022
Viran Morros ESP	48	2010-2020
Guillaume Gille FRA	48	1998, 2002-2012

## EHF EURO GOALS TOP 20

Player	Goals	Years
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson ISL	288	2000-2020
Nikola Karabatic FRA	279	2004-2022
Mikkel Hansen DEN	261	2010-2022
Stefan Lövgren SWE	203	1994-2004
Ivan Cupic CRO	188	2006-2018, 2022
Lars Christiansen DEN	188	1996, 2000-2012
Luc Abalo FRA	185	2006-2020
Ólafur Stefánsson ISL	183	2000-2010
Jan Filip CZE	182	1998, 2002-2004, 2008-2012
Kiril Lazarov MKD	182	2012-2020
Eduard Koksharov RUS	176	1998-2008, 2012
Jerôme Fernandez FRA	172	1998, 2002-2014
Sander Sagosen NOR	171	2014-2022
Karol Bielecki POL	171	2004-2016
Michael V. Knudsen DEN	170	2000-2010, 2014
Daniel Narcisse FRA	163	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Zlatko Horvat CRO	155	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Domagoj Duvnjak CRO	154	2008-2020
Alberto Entrerrios ESP	152	2000-2012
Ivano Balic CRO	151	2002-2012

## EHF EURO PIM TOP 10

Player	PIM	Years
Lars Troels Jørgensen DEN	96' (D2)	2000-2010
Michael V. Knudsen DEN	76'	2000-2010, 2014
Serguei Pogorelov RUS	68' (D4)	1996-2004, 2008
Oliver Roggisch GER	68' (D3)	2006-2012
Klaus-Dieter Petersen GER	62'	1994-2004
Volker Zerbe GER	62'	1994-1996, 2000-2004
Magnus Wislander SWE	60' (D)	1994-2004
Nikola Karabatic FRA	60'	2004-2022
Didier Dinart FRA	58'	1998-2012
Sverre Jakobsson ISL	56' (D4)	2008-2014

\* PIM = penalties in minutes; D2 = 2 disqualifications

# EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

## EHF EURO GOALS IN ONE GAME TOP 10

Kjetil Strand NOR	19 vs. Iceland 36:33W @ St. Gallen SUI, 02.02.2006
Yuriy Kostetskiy UKR	14 vs. Czech Republic 27:30L @ Göteborg SWE, 27.01.2002
Iker Romero ESP	14 vs. Czech Republic 37:25W @ Wiener Neustadt AUT, 19.01.2010
Filip Jicha CZE	14 vs. Hungary 33:26W @ Wiener Neustadt AUT, 22.01.2010
Gábor Csaszar HUN	14 vs. Croatia 24:24D @ Novi Sad SRB, 25.01.2012
Ondrej Zdrahala CZE	14 vs. Hungary 33:27W @ Varaždin CRO, 17.01.2018
Michal Tonar CZE	13 vs. Romania 32:25W @ Sevilla ESP, 24.05.1996
Lars Christiansen DEN	13 vs. Czech Republic 31:25W @ Göteborg SWE, 29.01.2002
Lars Christiansen DEN	13 vs. Russia 31:28W @ Drammen NOR, 20.01.2008
Kiril Lazarov MKD	13 vs. Denmark 32:33L @ Beograd SRB, 21.01.2012
Dragan Gajic SLO	13 vs. Hungary 32:30W @ Novi Sad SRB, 24.01.2012
Siarhei Rutenka BLR	13 vs. Sweden 22:30L @ Brøndby/Sjælland DEN, 15.01.2014
Ondrej Zdrahala CZE	13 vs. Croatia 27:28L @ Zagreb CRO, 26.01.2018
Kay Smits NED	13 vs. Iceland 28:29L @ Budapest HUN, 16.01.2022

## EHF EURO MOST GOALS TOP 5

42	Norway vs. Poland 42:31 (21:15) @ Bratislava SVK, 20.01.2022
41	Germany vs. Poland 41:32 (21:13) @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
41	Sweden vs. Slovakia 41:25 (20:12) @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
41	Poland vs. Slovakia 41:24 (17:13) @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
41	France vs. Denmark 41:32 (23:16) @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014

## EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS TOP 5

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

## EHF EURO BIGGEST WINS TOP 10

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

## EHF EURO MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

77	Belarus vs. Iceland 39:38 (17:18) @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
74	Lithuania vs. Czech Republic 38:36 (17:14, 30:30, 33:33) @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
74	Austria vs. Iceland 37:37 (17:20) @ Linz AUT, 21.01.2010
73	Poland vs. Germany 32:41 (13:21) @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
73	Denmark vs. France 32:41 (16:23) @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
73	Poland vs. Norway 31:42 (15:21) @ Bratislava SVK, 20.01.2022

## EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

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



# EHF EURO ALL-TIME STATS

## EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

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

## EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

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

## EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

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

## EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

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



# MULTIPLE EURO WINNERS

## Karabatic and Gille can make history together

The tournament in January 2024 in Germany will be the last EHF EURO for Nikola Karabatic, who will end his glorious career after the 2024 Olympic Games on home soil in Paris. In Germany, the prolific 39-year-old back court player will aim for his fourth EHF EURO trophy – and to become the first non-Swedish player to reach that number. Ola Lindgren, Staffan Olsson, Stefan Lövgren, Magnus Wislander, Martin Frandesjö hold the record by winning gold medals in 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2002, respectively. Karabatic and France won gold in 2006, 2010 and 2014.

In 2022 – and after a 20-year long wait – Sweden took the trophy for the fifth time by beating Spain in the final, and in doing so ended Spanish hopes of becoming the second team after Sweden to win the trophy three times in a row, after they succeeded in 2018 and 2020.

Still, Sweden are the first, last and only team to become European champions on home soil, when they triumphed in 2002. For Denmark, right wing Hans Lindberg is the “last survivor” of their 2008 gold medal-winning side, who is still part of the squad and can become the first Dane to be an EHF EURO champion for the third time.

As well as Karabatic, another Frenchman can make a different kind of history. Guillaume Gille, who was twice European champion as a player, can now become the first such player ever to take gold as a head coach, too. But Swede Staffan Olsson has the same goal, now coaching the Netherlands, having failed to take the title when coaching Sweden. The first one ever to win gold as a player and as part of the coaching staff was another Swede: Tomas Svensson, who was part of the Swedish teams in 1994 and 2002 and was goalkeeper coach of the gold medallists in 2022.

Only eight different coaches have steered their teams to EHF EURO glory, and again a Swede is on top of the table: Bengt Johansson, who gave the name to the “Bengan Boys” and died at the age of 79 in 2022, was a four-time champion. Only two coaches in Men’s EHF EURO history have steered a team other than their home country to the winners’ podium: Icelander Dagur Sigurdsson in 2016 with Germany and Norwegian Glenn Solberg with Sweden in 2022.

## All multiple Men's EHF EURO winners

*(bold = participating in 2024)*

### 4 EHF EURO trophies:

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

### 3 EHF EURO trophies:

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

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

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

### 2 EHF EURO trophies:

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

Tomas Svensson, Magnus Andersson (both Sweden/1994, 2002)  
Jan Stankiewicz, Andreas Lundquist, Henrik Andersson, Marcus Wallgren (all Sweden/1998, 2000)

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

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

Gonzalo Perez de Vargas, Rodrigo Corrales, Angel Fernandez, Raul Entrerrios, Alex Dujshebaev, Dani Dujshebaev, Daniel Sarmiento, Julen Aguinagalde, Ferran Sole, Adrian Figueras, Joan Cañellas, Viran Morros, Gedeon Guardiola (all Spain, all 2018 and 2020)

## Head coaches of the EHF EURO champions

4 trophies: Bengt Johansson (Sweden) - Sweden 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002

4 trophies: Ulrik Wilbek (Denmark) - women 1994, 1996; men 2008, 2012

3 trophies: Claude Onesta (France) - France 2006, 2010, 2014

2 trophies: Jordi Ribera (Spain) - Spain 2018, 2020

1 trophy: Vladimir Maximov (Russia) - Russia 1996

1 trophy: Heiner Brand (Germany) - Germany 2004

1 trophy: Dagur Sigurdsson (Iceland) - Germany 2016

1 trophy: Glenn Solberg (Norway) - Sweden 2022







# TOP SCORERS & MVP AWARDS

The top scorers and Most Valuable Players of the EHF EURO stand out for the contribution they have made to the tournament and their teams. But who has particularly stood out when it comes to winning these awards?

## Top scorers

The Czech Republic has generated the most top scorers, with Jan Filip (1998), Filip Jicha (2010) and Ondrej Zdrahala (2018) all making the list. Below the Czech Republic are Spain, with Joan Cañellas (2014) and Valero Rivera (2016); Croatia with Mirza Dzomba in 2004 and Ivano Balic in 2008; and Iceland, with Olafur Stefansson in 2002 and Ómar Ingi Magnusson in 2022.

The 2008 tournament was the only one with three top scorers: Lars Christiansen and Nikola Karabatic equalled Balic's total of 44 goals. In the whole history of the EHF EURO final tournaments, Christiansen is the only top scorer to have won gold. His fellow top scorers in 2008 also reached the podium, with Balic winning silver and Karabatic bronze. Many thought that Kiril Lazarov's 61 goals at the EHF EURO 2012 at Serbia would be a record for eternity, before Norwegian Sander Sagosen scored 65 goals at the EHF EURO 2020.

## Top scorers of all Men's EHF EURO events

- 1994: Vassili Kudinov (Russia), 50 goals
- 1996: Thomas Knorr (Germany), 41 goals
- 1998: Jan Filip (Czech Republic), 48 goals
- 2000: Oleg Velyky (Ukraine), 46 goals
- 2002: Olafur Stefansson (Iceland), 58 goals
- 2004: Mirza Dzomba (Croatia), 46 goals
- 2006: Siarhei Rutenka (Slovenia), 51 goals

- 2008: Ivano Balic (Croatia), Lars Christiansen (Denmark) and Nikola Karabatic (France), all 44 goals
- 2010: Filip Jicha (Czech Republic), 53 goals
- 2012: Kiril Lazarov (North Macedonia), 61 goals
- 2014: Joan Cañellas (Spain), 50 goals
- 2016: Valero Rivera (Spain), 48 goals
- 2018: Ondrej Zdrahala (Czech Republic), 55 goals
- 2020: Sander Sagosen (Norway), 65 goals
- 2022: Ómar Ingi Magnusson (Iceland), 59 goals

## Most Valuable Players

In 2022 Sweden's Jim Gottfridsson became the fourth MVP to also be crowned EHF EURO champion. He was the third Swede to achieve this feat, after Magnus Andersson in 1994 and Magnus Wislander in 2002. Frenchman Nikola Karabatic in 2014 is the other member of this exclusive quartet.

In 2008 and 2010 the MVP was also the top scorer: Nikola Karabatic and Filip Jicha.

The 15 MVPs represent seven different countries: Sweden (four), France (three), Croatia (three), Spain (two), Germany, the Czech Republic and Serbia.

Gottfridsson's 2022 award also meant he became the third player to receive the MVP award twice. Ivano Balic (Croatia) won it twice in a row (2004 and 2006), while Karabatic won it in 2008 and 2014. Gottfridsson previously won the MVP award in 2018.

For several players, the MVP award was something of a consolation prize, as they received the trophy right after losing the EHF EURO finals. The first was Talant Dujshabaev (Spain) in 1996, the second Serb Momir Ilic in 2012. Between 2016 and 2020 every MVP shared their fate: Raul Entrerrios (Spain), Jim Gottfridsson (Sweden) and Domagoj Duvnjak (Croatia), before Gottfridsson turned things around in 2022.

## MVPs at Men's EHF EURO events

- 1994: Magnus Andersson (Sweden)
- 1996: Talant Dujshabaev (Spain)
- 1998: Daniel Stephan (Germany)
- 2000: Jackson Richardson (France)
- 2002: Magnus Wislander (Sweden)
- 2004: Ivano Balic (Croatia)
- 2006: Ivano Balic (Croatia)
- 2008: Nikola Karabatic (France)
- 2010: Filip Jicha (Czech Republic)
- 2012: Momir Ilic (Serbia)
- 2014: Nikola Karabatic (France)
- 2016: Raul Entrerrios (Spain)
- 2018: Jim Gottfridsson (Sweden)
- 2020: Domagoj Duvnjak (Croatia)
- 2022: Jim Gottfridsson (Sweden)

# ALL-STAR TEAM

Record winners Sweden are the top nation in terms of All-star Team nominations: 16 Swedish players have been named among the best of the tournament, as well as winning four MVP awards.

Second-ranked is Spain (15 All-star nominations, plus two MVPs) ahead of Croatia (13 and three MVPs), Denmark (13), Germany (11 and one MVP), France (nine and three MVPs), Russia (six), Iceland (six), Norway (five), Slovenia and Poland (three), Czech Republic, Serbia (one All-star member and one MVP each), Hungary, Montenegro, the Netherlands and Portugal (one). This means the All-star Teams have included players from 17 nations.

At the EHF EURO 1998 there was no All-star Team, but individual trophies were awarded. Since 2010, the best defender of the tournament is included in the All-star Team.

Looking at the biggest number of nominations, again Nikola Karabatic is on top. Including the MVP awards in 2008 and 2014, he was selected five times for EHF EURO All-star Teams (2004, 2006, 2010).

Denmark's Mikkel Hansen has received four All-star Team nominations (2012, 2014, 2018, 2022). Several players have three nominations, including Swedish goalkeeper Peter Gentzel, Ivano Balic, Olafur Stefansson and Sander Sagosen. Balic also received two MVP awards.

## 1994

Goalkeeper: Thomas Svensson (SWE)  
 Left wing: Eric Hajas (SWE)  
 Left back: Vasiliy Kudinov (RUS)  
 Centre back: Magnus Anderson (SWE)  
 Right back: Jan Jorgensen (DEN)  
 Right wing: Pierre Thorsson (SWE)  
 Line player: Dimitry Torgovanov (RUS)

## 1996

*(no All-star team awarded, only MVP and best goalkeeper)*  
 Best goalkeeper: Jaume Fort Mauri (ESP)  
 Best player: Talant Dujshabaev (ESP)

## 1998

Goalkeeper: Peter Gentzel (SWE)  
 Left wing: Stephan Kretzschmar (GER)  
 Right wing: Johan Petterson (SWE)  
 Line player: Andrey Tschepkin (ESP)  
 Left back: Daniel Stephan (GER)  
 Centre back: Talant Dujshabaev (ESP)  
 Right back: Serguei Pogorelov (RUS)

## 2000

Goalkeeper: Peter Gentzel (SWE)  
 Left wing: Castillo Guijosa (ESP)  
 Left back: Carlos Resende (POR)  
 Centre back: Jackson Richardson (FRA)  
 Line player: Andrij Tschepkin (ESP)  
 Right back: Patrick Cazal (FRA)  
 Right wing: Irfan Smajlagic (CRO)

## 2002

Goalkeeper: Peter Gentzel (SWE)  
 Left wing: Lars Christiansen (DEN)  
 Left back: Stefan Lövgren (SWE)  
 Centre back: Daniel Stefan (GER)  
 Line player: Magnus Wislander (SWE)  
 Right back: Olafur Stefansson (ISL)  
 Right wing: Denis Krivoshlykov (RUS)

## 2004

Goalkeeper: Henning Fritz (GER)  
 Left wing: Eduard Koksharov (RUS)  
 Left back: Nikola Karabatic (FRA)  
 Centre back: Ivano Balic (CRO)  
 Line player: Michael Knudsen (DEN)  
 Right back: Volker Zerbe (GER)  
 Right wing: Vid Kavticnik (SLO)

## 2006

Goalkeeper: Thierry Omeyer (FRA)  
 Left wing: Eduard Koksharov (RUS)  
 Left back: Iker Romero (ESP)  
 Centre back: Ivano Balic (CRO)  
 Line player: Rolando Urios (ESP)  
 Right back: Olafur Stefansson (ISL)  
 Right wing: Sören Stryger (DEN)

## 2008

Goalkeeper: Kasper Hvidt (DEN)  
 Left wing: Lars Christiansen (DEN)  
 Left back: Daniel Narcisse (FRA)  
 Centre back: Ivano Balic (CRO)  
 Line player: Frank Loke (NOR)  
 Right back: Kim Andersson (SWE)  
 Right wing: Florian Kehrmann (GER)



# ALL-STAR TEAM

## 2010

Goalkeeper: Slavomir Szmal (POL)  
Left wing: Manuel Strlek (CRO)  
Left back: Filip Jicha (CZE)  
Centre back: Nikola Karabatic (FRA)  
Line player: Igor Vori (CRO)  
Right back: Olafur Stefansson (ISL)  
Right wing: Luc Abalo (FRA)  
Best defender: Jakov Gojun (CRO)

## 2012

Goalkeeper: Darko Stanic (SRB)  
Left wing: Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (ISL)  
Left back: Mikkel Hansen (DEN)  
Centre back: Uros Zorman (SLO)  
Line player: Rene Toft Hansen (DEN)  
Right back: Marko Kopljjar (CRO)  
Right wing: Christian Sprenger (GER)  
Best defender: Virán Morros (ESP)

## 2014

Goalkeeper: Niklas Landin (DEN)  
Left wing: Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (ISL)  
Left back: Mikkel Hansen (DEN)  
Centre back: Domagoj Duvnjak (CRO)  
Line player: Julen Aguinagalde (ESP)  
Right back: Krzysztof Lijewski (POL)  
Right wing: Luc Abalo (FRA)  
Best defender: Tobias Karlsson (SWE)

## 2016

Goalkeeper: Andreas Wolff (GER)  
Left wing: Manuel Strlek (CRO)  
Left back: Michal Jurecki (POL)  
Centre back: Sander Sagosen (NOR)  
Right back: Johan Jakobsson (SWE)  
Right wing: Tobias Reichmann (GER)  
Line player: Julen Aguinagalde (ESP)  
Best defender: Henrik Møllgaard (DEN)

## 2018

Goalkeeper: Vincent Gerard (FRA)  
Left wing: Manuel Strlek (CRO)  
Left back: Mikkel Hansen (DEN)  
Centre back: Sander Sagosen (NOR)  
Line player: Jesper Nielsen (SWE)  
Right back: Alex Dujshebaev (ESP)  
Right wing: Ferran Sole (ESP)  
Best defender: Jakov Gojun (CRO)

## 2020

Goalkeeper: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (ESP)  
Left wing: Magnus Jøndal (NOR)  
Left back: Sander Sagosen (NOR)  
Centre back: Igor Karacic (CRO)  
Line player: Bence Bánhidi (HUN)  
Right back: Jorge Maqueda (ESP)  
Right wing: Blaz Janc (SLO)  
Best defender: Hendrik Pekeler (GER)

## 2022

Goalkeeper: Viktor Hallgrímsson (ISL)  
Left wing: Milos Vujovic (MNE)  
Left back: Mikkel Hansen (DEN)  
Centre back: Luc Steins (NED)  
Right back: Mathias Gidsel (DEN)  
Right wing: Aleix Gómez (ESP)  
Line player: Johannes Golla (GER)  
Best defender: Oscar Bergendahl (SWE)





**MEN'S EHF EURO 2024**

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# OFFICIAL MATCH BALL

For the Men's EHF EURO 2024, the tournament's match ball is presented by the EHF's premium partner, Danish ball manufacturer SELECT Sport. The ball has been exclusively designed for the championship, featuring elements in various colours of the tournament's brand.

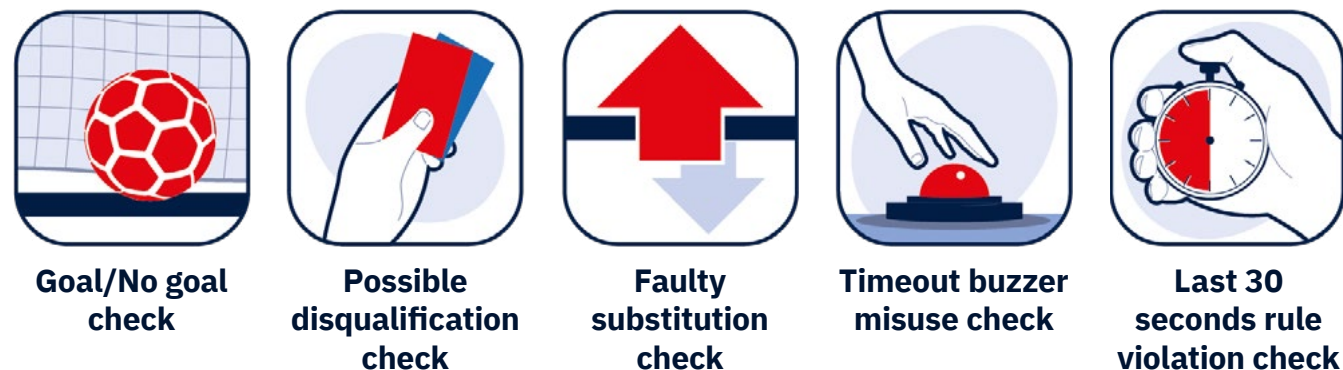
With the EHF's ongoing partnership with KINEXON for the EHF EURO events, this SELECT Ultimate iBall has a built-in chip that tracks and distributes data in real-time: Shot detection, exact ball speed and position of the shot is captured, used and displayed on the EHF's owned and operated channels as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



# OFFICIATING TECHNOLOGIES

The implementation of officiating technology in handball has been a demand of teams, fans, and the media. At the Men's EHF EURO 2024, several technical advancements have been put in place. Their use will also be highlighted to arena spectators via specific visual symbols shown on the arena cube.



## VIDEO REPLAY

Video replay offers referees the possibility of immediately watching a situation on a screen if they are 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 in addition to their view on the court.

Video replays will only get better at deducing what the human eye cannot, and reduce the number of controversial outcomes in games. The EHF uses video reviews to varying degrees, to aid officials in making the right calls.

## GOAL-LINE TECHNOLOGY

The goal-line technology allows referees to utilise a number of cameras fixed to the goal to check whether the entire 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 goal-line technology and video replay is solely the responsibility of the referees, and only they may determine whether or not to use it. The regulations governing the use of officiating technology in EHF competitions can be found [here](#).

## GOAL-LIGHT TECHNOLOGY

A series of (red) LED lights installed at the rear bars of the goal which light up at the same time as the buzzer sounds for team timeouts and at the end of each half. This provides all those involved in the match an additional visual 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 goal line or not.

## SUBSTITUTION AREA TECHNOLOGY

A system of micro cameras providing a detailed view of both substitution areas, offering video assistance in case of decisions that concern the substitution areas. The pictures are accessible for the EHF delegates in case of an unclear situation with player substitutions or team timeout buzzer use. Additionally, they are also accessible to referees to consult in case of any serious situation in the substitution area.

## ELECTRONIC TEAM TIMEOUT SYSTEM ("BUZZER")

An electronic team timeout system is used instead of the team timeout "green" cards. A button is linked to the official scoreboard system, and, when pressed, the time is immediately stopped. The timeout is also indicated by an audio signal (buzzer) to ensure that all parties are aware of it. The buzzer button is placed at the table, one toward the substitution area of each team.

In the event of a mistake (or misuse) of the team timeout buzzer, the following rules will apply:

- progressive punishment (or disqualification – a red card – depending on whether the action was on purpose (or not)
- a throw (penalty, free throw, or the corresponding throw) for the team which was in possession of the ball
- the team that called the irregular timeout will lose one timeout

The use of technological officiating aids aims to enhance the overall quality of refereeing at the EHF EURO. By improving referees' decision-making, the integrity of the game is protected and more qualitative content for fans is produced.

[Click here](#) for the full guidelines for the use of officiating technology in EHF competitions.



# ONLINE COVERAGE

## [ehfeuro.eurohandball.com](https://ehfeuro.eurohandball.com)

The official championship website is available in English and provides extensive information for media and fans alike throughout the tournament. The 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. Additionally, ehfeuro.eurohandball.com will offer its users regular news updates and exclusive features and interviews during the final tournament.

## [EHF EURO newsletter](#)

The EHF EURO newsletter arrives daily direct to fans' inboxes throughout the final tournament, bringing results, news and features and showcasing the best of the competition.

It will highlight the best stories from the EHF's team of expert journalists and ensure that fans are kept up to date with an easy-to-read digest of the latest from the courts.

## [Home of Handball App](#)

The EHF's dedicated mobile app, Home of Handball, is available on iOS and Android. It follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions 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 allows each user to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

During the EHF EURO 2024 the match predictor and the All-star Team vote will be exclusively available on the official app.

## [EHFTV](#)

All 65 matches will be streamed live with English commentary and will be available on demand on EHFTV. The EHF'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](https://www.youtube.com/homeofhandball), handball fans are able to enjoy near-live viral clips, daily highlights, the best goals and saves and much more.

## [Social media](#)

The EHF EURO social media family will reach more fans than ever before at the EHF EURO 2024, with its TikTok and Twitch accounts now well-established alongside X (formerly Twitter), Facebook and Instagram. Live Twitch shows throughout the tournament will accompany behind-the-scenes and action clips on Instagram and TikTok, while Facebook and X bring you regular updates, results and news.

Facebook: [EHFEURO](#)

Instagram: [EHFEURO](#)

YouTube: [Home of Handball](#)

X: [EHFEURO](#)

TikTok: [Home of Handball](#)

Twitch: [HomeofHandball](#)





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