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MEDIA GUIDE

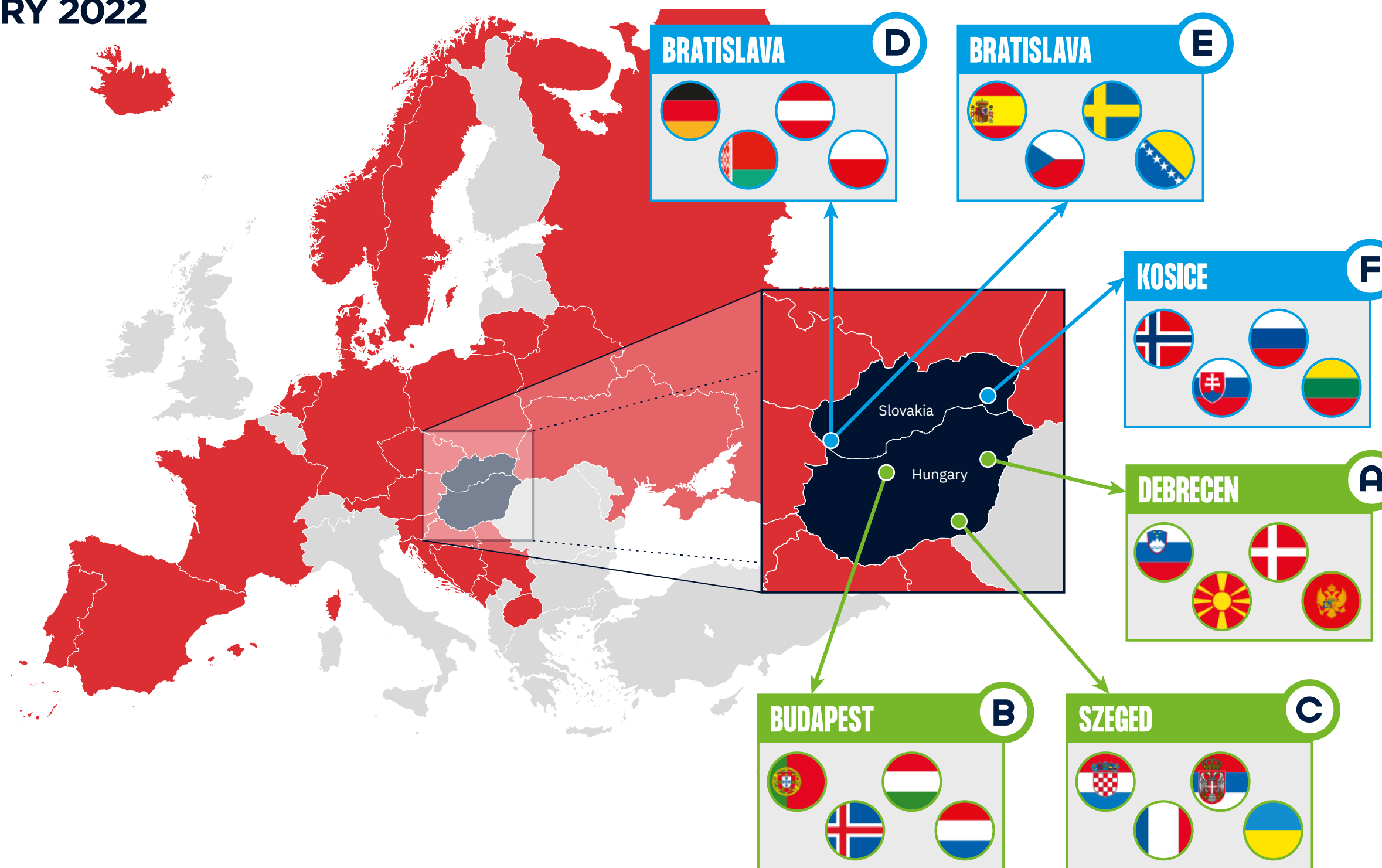
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MATCH SCHEDULE

PRELIMINARY ROUND

DATE	TIME	GAME	A
13/1	18:00	SLO v MKD	DEBRECEN
	20:30	DEN v MNE	
15/1	18:00	MKD v MNE	
	20:30	SLO v DEN	
17/1	18:00	MNE v SLO	
	20:30	MKD v DEN	

DATE	TIME	GAME	B
13/1	20:30	HUN v NED	BUDAPEST
14/1	20:30	POR v ISL	
16/1	18:00	POR v HUN	
	20:30	ISL v NED	
18/1	18:00	ISL v HUN	
	20:30	NED v POR	

DATE	TIME	GAME	C
13/1	18:00	SRB v UKR	SZEGED
	20:30	CRO v FRA	
15/1	18:00	FRA v UKR	
	20:30	CRO v SRB	
17/1	18:00	UKR v CRO	
	20:30	FRA v SRB	

DATE	TIME	GAME	D
14/1	18:00	GER v BLR	BRATISLAVA
	20:30	AUT v POL	
16/1	18:00	GER v AUT	
	20:30	BLR v POL	
18/1	18:00	POL v GER	
	20:30	BLR v AUT	

DATE	TIME	GAME	E
13/1	18:00	ESP v CZE	BRATISLAVA
	20:30	SWE v BIH	
15/1	18:00	CZE v BIH	
	20:30	ESP v SWE	
17/1	18:00	BIH v ESP	
	20:30	CZE v SWE	

DATE	TIME	GAME	F
13/1	18:00	RUS v LTU	KOSICE
	20:30	NOR v SVK	
15/1	18:00	SVK v LTU	
	20:30	NOR v RUS	
17/1	18:00	SVK v RUS	
	20:30	LTU v NOR	

MAIN ROUND

DATE	TIME	GAME	I
20/1	*	1C v 2B	BUDAPEST
	*	2A v 2C	
	*	1A v 1B	
22/1	*	1C v 1B	
	*	1A v 2C	
	*	2A v 2B	
24/1	*	1A v 2B	
	*	2A v 1C	
	*	1B v 2C	
26/1	*	1A v 1C	
	*	2A v 1B	
	*	2B v 2C	

DATE	TIME	GAME	II
20/1	*	1F v 2E	BRATISLAVA
	*	2D v 2F	
	*	1D v 1E	
21/1	*	1F v 1E	
	*	1D v 2F	
	*	2D v 2E	
23/1	*	1D v 2E	
	*	2D v 1F	
	*	1E v 2F	
25/1	*	1D v 1F	
	*	2D v 1E	
	*	2E v 2F	

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

FINAL WEEKEND

DATE	TIME	GAME	BUDAPEST
28/1	15:30	place 5/6	BUDAPEST
	18:00	semi-final 1	
	20:30	semi-final 2	

DATE	TIME	GAME	BUDAPEST
30/1	15:30	place 3/4	BUDAPEST
	18:00	final	



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FOREWORD



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Dear Media Representative,

The 15th edition of the Men's EHF European Handball Championship, the EHF EURO 2022, will be hosted by Hungary and Slovakia from 13 to 30 January 2022.

For you, the media, the EHF Media and Communications Department have 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, tournaments' 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 Spain start in group E in Bratislava eager to become the first team in history to win three consecutive EUROS, following their triumphs in 2018 and 2020. Go to page 104 in this media guide to find out more on the rejuvenated squad of the title defenders.

The runners-up from the EHF EURO 2020, Croatia, are one of the most decorated nations of the continental championship but they have never claimed the ultimate prize — the EHF EURO trophy. Croatia will embark on another title hunt in group C in Szeged in the company of Serbia, France and Ukraine. You can study more on their team on page 68.

After finally getting their hands on an EHF EURO medal at the 2020 event, where they won bronze, Norway will be keenly targeting another trip to the final weekend. Coach Christian Berge's side will play against the co-hosts Slovakia, Lithuania and Russia in group F. You can read more about their team on page 122.

Current world champions Denmark will play in group A together with three teams from former Yugoslavia: Montenegro, Slovenia and North Macedonia, whom they faced in the qualification. The Danes will surely be looking to make a statement in this preliminary group, following their early exit from the EHF EURO 2020 and their subsequent lowest ranking in history. To find out more about Denmark, go to page 36.

Throughout the Men's EHF EURO 2022, 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 in Budapest on media@eurohandball.com.

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DEBRECEN



Preliminary round group A

Competition venue

FŐNIX ARÉNA

Kassai út 28, 4028 Debrecen

Capacity : 6,514

Transport

Airport : Debrecen Airport; Budapest Airport

Train station: Debrecen Central Station

Media hotel

Centrum Hotel Debrecen

Kálvin tér 4, 4026 Debrecen

Distance to competition venue: 10 mins by car

Distance to airport: 15 mins by car

Distance to train station: 10 mins by tram

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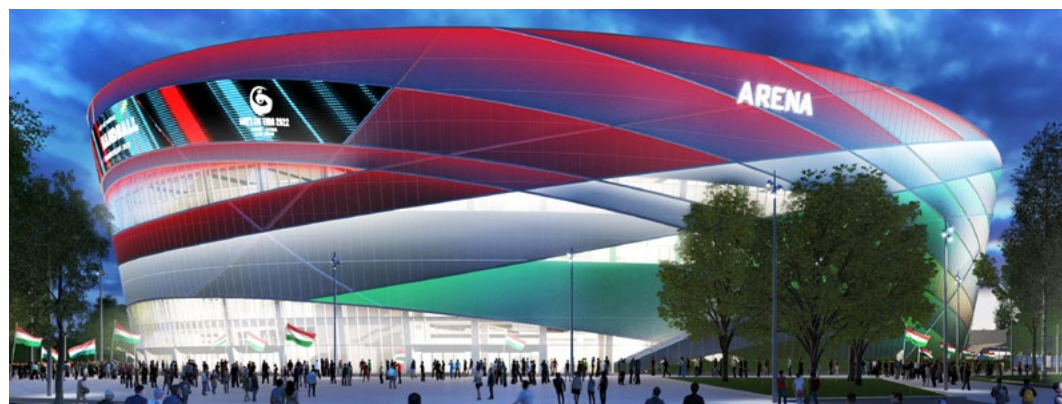
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- Be aware of all the symptoms of Covid-19 and notify medical staff if symptoms appear.

BUDAPEST



Preliminary round group B / Main round / Final weekend

Competition venue

BUDAPEST HANDBALL ARENA

Üllői út 131, 1098 Budapest
Capacity: 20,022

Transport

Airport: Budapest Airport
Train station: Budapest Keleti Station
Public transport: <https://bkk.hu/en/travel-information/public-transport/ehf-euro-2022-information/>

Media hotels

Verdi Grand Hotel Budapest

Üllői út 89b, 1091 Budapest
Distance to competition venue: 15 mins by bus
Distance to airport: 20 mins by car
Distance to train station: 20 mins by bus or metro

Mercure Budapest Korona Hotel

Kecskeméti u. 14, 1053 Hungary
Distance to competition venue: 10 mins by car
Distance to airport: 25 mins by car
Distance to train station: 7 mins by metro

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SZEGED



Preliminary round group C

Competition venue

PICK ARÉNA

Felső Tisza-Part 1-3, 6723 Szeged
Capacity: 8,143

Transport

Airport: Budapest Airport
Train station: Szeged Train Station

Media hotel

Novotel Hotel Szeged

Maros u. 1, 6721 Szeged

Distance to competition venue: 20 mins walk

Distance to airport: 1:40 hrs by car

Distance to train station: 20 mins by tram

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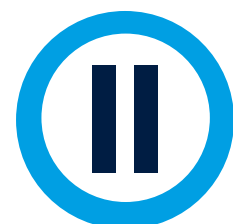


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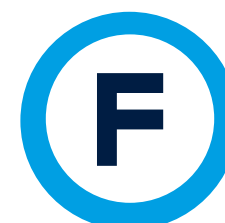
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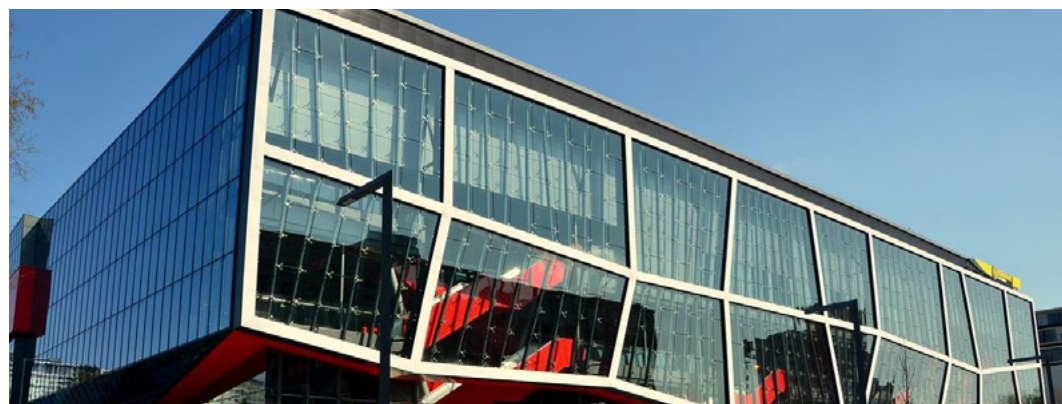
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BRATISLAVA



Preliminary round groups D & E / Main round

Competition venue

ONDREJ NEPELA ARENA

Odbojárov 9, 831 04 Nové Mesto
Capacity: 10,055

Transport

Airport: Bratislava Airport
Train station: Bratislava Central Station
Public transport: <https://imhd.sk/ba/public-transport>

Media hotels

Hotel Devin

Riečna 162, 811 02 Bratislava
Distance to competition venue: 10 mins by car
Distance to airport: 15 mins by car
Distance to train station: 20 mins by tram

Vienna House Hotel

Galvaniho 16880/28, 821 04 Bratislava
Distance to competition venue: 10 mins by car
Distance to airport: 20 mins by bus
Distance to train station: 30 mins by bus

Hotel Premium

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KOSICE



Preliminary round group F

Competition venue

STEEL ARENA

Nerudova 1627/12, 040 01 Košice

Capacity: 8,347

Transport

Airport: Košice airport

Train station: Košice train station

Media hotel

Hotel Crystal

Slovenskej Jednoty 1776/8, 040 01 Košice

Distance to competition venue: 10 mins by car

Distance to airport: 20 mins by car

Distance to train station: 5 mins by car

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MEN'S EHF EURO 2022

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CORONAVIRUS MEASURES

In order to receive media accreditation for the Men's EHF EURO 2022, every person needs to be either vaccinated or recovered from Covid-19. The vaccination respectively the immunisation status of every accredited media representative will be checked upon the pick-up of the accreditation. It is subsequently mandatory that every media representative when picking up the accreditation is in possession and provides the respective certificate that proves the required vaccination or immunization. Furthermore, a negative PCR test not older than 48 hours must be presented.

Upon every entry to a playing venue at the Men's EHF EURO 2020 it is mandatory to either provide a negative PCR test which is not older than 48 hours or a negative Antigen test which is conducted on the same day.

Testing locations can be found [here](#).

These measures are to be applied for all persons involved in the championship:

- Wash your hands several times a day with soap and water for 20 seconds or an alcohol-based hand disinfectant.
- All persons involved are recommended to carry a hand sanitizer with them.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Avoid busy places, large crowds of people and public transport if possible
- If presence at busy places and the use of public transport is not avoidable, always wear a FFP2 mask.
- Be aware of all the symptoms of Covid-19 and notify medical staff if symptoms appear.

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MEDIA TIMETABLE



Date	Event	Time	Location
10/11/12 January	Official photo/video shootings (all groups)	Individual	Team hotel, Budapest, Szeged, Debrecen, Bratislava & Kosice
12 January	Media managers meeting (groups A, B, C, E, F) Required: Team media manager	13:00	Team hotel, Budapest, Szeged, Debrecen, Bratislava & Kosice
12 January	Media calls (groups A, B, C, E, F) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
13 January	Media managers meeting (group D) Required: Team media manager	13:00	Team hotel, Budapest
13 January	Media call (group D) Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC
13 January	Photographer briefing (groups A, B, C, E, F)	17:15	Media Centre, Budapest, Szeged, Debrecen, Bratislava & Kosice
14 January	Photographer briefing (group D)	17:15	Media Centre Bratislava
19 January	Media Manager Meeting Required: Team media manager	17:00	Team hotel, Budapest & Bratislava
19 January	Media call Main Round I & II Required: Minimum of 5 players/head coach	TBC	TBC, Budapest & Bratislava
20 January	Photographer briefing (MR I & II)	14:45	Media centre, Budapest & Bratislava

Date	Event	Time	Location
27 January	Media managers meeting Required: Team media manager	13:00	Team hotel, Budapest
27 January	Semi-final press conference Required: head coach and 1 key player	11:00	Press conference room, MVM Dome
27 January	Media call, team playing 5/6 placement match	TBC	TBC
28 January	Photographers briefing	14:45	Media centre, Budapest
29 January	Media handball tournament	08:30	MVM Dome
29 January	Media call with the finalists Required: Head coach/all players	10:30	MVM Dome
29 January	Official EHF EURO 2022 Closing Press Conference Presentation of the future EHF EURO events WCh Draw Events	14:00	Press conference room, MVM Dome
29 January	EHF EURO 2020 Media get-together	20:00	TBC
30 January	Photographer briefing (final)	14:45	Media centre, Budapest

MEDIA SERVICES



ACCREDITATION

The accreditation centre opens three days before the first match and you can collect your accreditation there. If you have indicated another venue on the accreditation platform than the one you will actually collect it at, it will not be a problem. See exact dates and opening hours in competition venues (p. 8 & 12).

TRANSPORT

A media shuttle operates between the media hotels and the competition venues. The schedule of media shuttles is available in the media centres and in the media hotels.

PARKING

HUNGARY

Parking places are limited in all Hungarian venues and the parking stickers will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

There are different stickers for the venues and for different rounds of the competition. In each media centre, media representatives can get a sticker for the other venue.

For the media representatives arriving on 12 and 27 January, please send an email to media@eurohandball.com to obtain a one-day pass. Please designate a day and venue for which you are requesting a day pass.

On the last day of the preliminary round, the media representatives can request new stickers for the main round and the final weekend in all media centres.

SLOVAKIA

In Bratislava, there are no parking places in the Ondrej Nepela Arena. Drop off point for media representatives is in front of DoubleTree by Hilton.

Available public parking places are about 150 m from the arena:
NTC (National tennis centre)
<https://www.ntc.sk/news/showNew/parkovanie> 1 hour/1 €

NFC (National football stadium)

<https://www.narodnyfutbalovystadion.sk/#block-block-7> 1 hour/1 €

In Kosice, there are no parking places available in the Steel Arena. Drop off point for media representatives is at the end of Nerudova street (in front of the ramp).

Next to the Steel Arena there is a public park place. More information available [HERE](#).

Prices are:

Mon-Sun 07:00 - 22:00 - 1 Hour € 0.50

Mon-Sun 22:00 - 07:00 - 1 Hour € 0.30

CATERING

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

TECHNOLOGY

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

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

LIVE STREAMING

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

LIVE TICKER

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

STATISTICS

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

ONLINE COVERAGE

Full coverage will be provided on the official website at ehfeuro.eurohandball.com in English as well as on the event's social media channels. Official hashtags are **#ehfeuro2022** and **#watchgamesseemore**.

MEDIA OPERATIONS



MEDIA CENTRE

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

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

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

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

Several online tools are available:

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

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

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

PRESS CONFERENCE

Media presence will be possible for the post-match press conferences and media representatives covering the event remotely will also be able to join via MS Teams.

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

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

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

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

MEDIA TRIBUNE

A media tribune seating plan per match may be implemented and information can then be found at the info desk. The LOC media team can help you find your seat. Please note that media cannot book a position in the media tribune.

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

MIXED ZONE

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

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

The placing order in the mixed zone is as follows:

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

TRAINING SESSIONS AT / OUTSIDE COMPETITION VENUES

Team trainings can be held at the competition venue or in training halls outside the competition venue.

Please refer to the shared calendar.

- Training at the competition venue is open to media for the first 10 minutes.
- The team decides if the rest remains open to the media or not. If not, the media must vacate and go to the media centre (according to opening hours).
- TV studios are allowed to continue working in the arena and to film provided they do not directly film the training.
- Training outside the competition venue are not open to the media

MEDIA OPERATIONS

NON-RIGHTS HOLDERS

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

MEDIA CALLS

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

The media calls can be held online and with physical media presence. In case teams wish to organise a media call with accredited media physically present, these media calls may only take place in the main playing 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.

Media are not allowed to enter the team hotel at any time.

With the explicit permission of the team in question, one-on-one interviews between players and journalists may take place outside the team hotel. For all interview situations, it is mandatory for media representatives to wear an FFP2 mask and social distance rules must be obeyed.

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

27 January

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| 11:00-12:00 | Semi-finals press conference, with head coach and one player from each semi-final team |
| TBC | Teams playing placement match 5/6 need to organise a media call open to international media |

29 January

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| 08:30-09:30 | Media handball tournament |
| 10:30-12:30 | 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 |
| 20:00 | Media get-together offered by the EHF and the organising committee for the accredited journalists |

These media activities are in the shared media activities calendar.

PHOTO OPERATIONS

BIB

In order to photograph you have to wear your photo bib at all times, as well as your accreditation. You can collect your photo bib at the info desk on the media tribune with an ID or your press card and a deposit. 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.

Due to Covid-19 measures, photographers are not allowed to exchange bibs with other photographers. Once the bib has been taken, needs to be kept until the end of the respective photographers' stay at the Men's EHF EURO 2022. If the photographer is changing the venue after the preliminary or main round, the bib must be returned in the venue and the new one will be obtained in the next venue.

PHOTO POSITIONS

Photo positions are located behind the goals. You must wear your accreditation and your bib to be able to access them. Photographers are requested to take their places in the photo positions ahead of the start of each game.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The handover of the Player of the Match Award as well as the All-star Team Award will be carried out in a way that players collect their award by themselves from a podium.

Players who are part of the All-star Team and not playing at the final day will be awarded in an unofficial way (if there is a change to this the EHF will inform the DEN OC). The Player of the Match Award procedure will take place directly after both bronze and gold medal matches.

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

15:15	1'	Announcement
	2'	Reserve
15:18	12'	12 minute pre-match procedure
15:30	75'	Throw Off Final places 3/4
17:15		End of match places
17:15	2'	Teams shake hands and line up at the end of match (Best Player Award Ceremony)
17:17	1'	Announcement
17:18	5'	Presentation of medals and awarding of delegation ranked four - announcements
17:23		End of ceremony announced by the speaker

Rundown for Gold Medal Match

(times mentioned relate to the end of the match)

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

Ceremony run-down:

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

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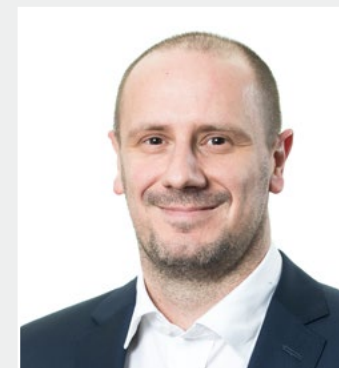
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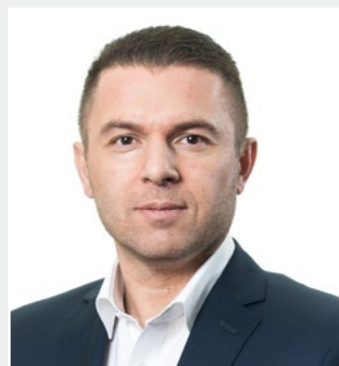
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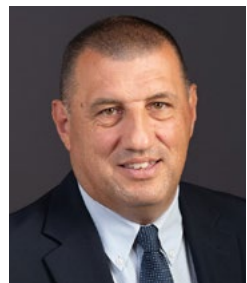
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LEGAL PROCEDURES

Presentation

At an EHF EURO, the administration of justice is in the hands of two bodies, i.e. the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury. The Disciplinary Commission constitutes the body of first instance, which decisions can be appealed to the Jury acting as a body in second instance. Both instances together may also be referred to as the ad hoc bodies. Both ad hoc bodies are composed by members of the Court of Handball and Court of Appeal acting as ad hoc bodies.

Composition

To rule upon a case, each 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
Sophia Touiker – Legal Management
Mihaly Kovacs – Legal Management

Second Instance – Jury
Markus Plazer – CoA President
CoA Member – nominated by President
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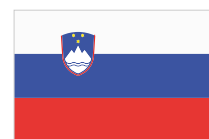
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GROUP FIXTURES - ALL MATCHES ON

13.1.2022	18:00	Slovenia vs. North Macedonia
13.1.2022	20:30	Denmark vs. Montenegro

15.1.2022	18:00	North Macedonia vs. Montenegro
15.1.2022	20:30	Slovenia vs. Denmark

17.1.2022	18:00	Montenegro vs. Slovenia
17.1.2022	20:30	North Macedonia vs. Denmark



SLOVENIA



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Slovenia has been rising up at the EHF EUROs in recent years. The 2004 silver medallists went from 14th place in 2016 to fourth place in 2020.

Coach Ljubomir Vranjes took over Slovenia only weeks before the start of EHF EURO 2020 and immediately went into battle for the bronze medal, only to lose to Norway 20:28 after a great clash against Spain in the semi-finals.

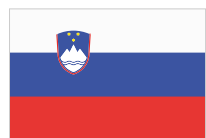
This time, Slovenia will give their maximum on the court trying to reach the same objective, starting against Montenegro, North Macedonia and Denmark in Debrecen. Their route to EHF EURO 2020 was achieved with four out of six wins in qualification, topping group 5.

Boosted with experience from backs Jure Dolenc and THW Kiel's Miha Zarabec or Barça right wing Blaz Janc, together with some young talent like Barça centre back Domen Makuc, Slovenia can be an amazing and dangerous mix.

The team's 13th appearance in 15 European championships proves good work is a constant in Slovenia. Their bronze medal at the IHF Men's World Championship 2017, their appearance in the EHF EURO 2020 final weekend and ninth at last year's World Championship shows they can compete with the best when everything clicks.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	189:149	+40	10:6	2nd Group 2
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	38:38	0	2:2	Won vs. CZE
1994	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	112:139	-27	3:9	10th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:137	+4	7:5	2nd Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	120:139	-19	2:10	11th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	161:155	+6	6:6	3rd Group 3
2000	Qualification	6	6	0	0	195:144	+51	12:0	1st Group 2
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	59:52	+7	4:0	Won vs. HUN
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	154:155	-1	6:6	5th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	0	2	5	181:215	-34	2:12	12th Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	230:218	+12	11:5	Runner-up
2006	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	191:194	-3	6:6	8th Place
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	66:60	+6	4:0	Won vs. MKD
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	172:180	-8	6:6	10th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	293:221	+72	12:4	2nd Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	186:203	-17	4:8	11th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	194:179	+15	8:4	2nd Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	7	2	0	5	207:212	-5	4:10	6th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	192:179	+13	5:7	3rd Group 6
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	185:149	+36	9:3	2nd Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	66:72	-6	1:5	14th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	162:148	+14	7:5	2nd Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	162:152	+10	6:6	8th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	171:143	+28	10:2	1st Group 4
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
Total Qualification		76	50	5	21	2234:1906	+328	105:47	
Total EHF EURO		76	26	9	41	2026:2121	-95	61:91	



SLOVENIA



@jozebaznik

Jozef Baznik

goalkeeper

current club: Cesson-Rennes since 2020

- made his debut for Slovenia in 2018, has only four official caps and this is his first ECh
- joined Cesson-Rennes in 2020 from Nimes, also played for PAUC Handball, Gorenje Velenje and Krka
- started his handball journey in Dobova
- became one of the first picks for goalkeeper thanks to his great performance in the French 1st division



@borut.mackovsek

Borut Mackovsek

left back

current club: Pick Szeged since 2020

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

WCh: B 2017



@tkodrin

Tilen Kodrin

left wing

current club: Celje Pivovarna Lasko since 2014

- played both the WCh 2017 and EHF EURO 2020 with Slovenia
- returned to Celje from loan to Maribor in 2014 as one of the most talented youngsters in his position
- has won six domestic league titles in six seasons with Celje, with seven CL seasons played
- has worn national team jersey more than 50 times

WCh: B 2017



@mzarabec

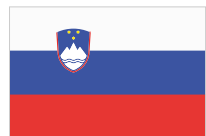
Miha Zarabec

centre back

current club: THW Kiel since 2017

- playing in his fourth EHF EURO
- was one of the Slovenian stars at the WCh 2017, steering the team to bronze
- playing his fifth season at Kiel; spent three years with Celje before
- a classical playmaker with strengths in one-against-one actions
- the shortest player in the squad at 1.78m

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



SLOVENIA



@blagi4

Blaz Blagotinsek

line player

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2016

- made national team debut for Slovenia at age 18 in 2012; now with more than 100 caps
- has played in the last three EHF EURO tournaments
- arrived in Veszprém in 2016 having previously played for four seasons at Celje in his native Slovenia
- voted best defender of the CL in 2018/19 and again in 2019/20

WCh: B 2017



@janc8

Blaz Janc

right wing

current club: Barça since 2020

- making his third EHF EURO appearance in 2022
- top scorer for Slovenia at the Rio 2016 OG, helped national team win bronze at WCh 2017 few months later
- one of the biggest talents of Slovenian handball; made CL debut at age 15 and scored more than 100 CL goals as a teenager
- joined Barça in summer 2020 from Kielce for four seasons
- a versatile left-hander who can play at right back and on the wing

WCh: B 2017
EC trophies: CL 2021



@juredolenc11

Jure Dolenc

right back

current club: Limoges Hand 87 since 2021

- the most-capped player of the current Slovenian squad with 161 matches played
- made EHF EURO debut in 2012; was Slovenia's top scorer in 2020 with 42 goals
- won bronze medal at WCh 2017
- spent four years in Barça, before joining Limoges; previously played for Montpellier, Gorenje and Loka
- raised CL trophy with Barça in 2021

WCh: B 2017
EC trophies: CL 2021



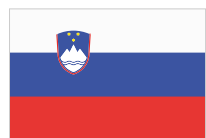
@ljubomirvranjes

Ljubomir Vranjes

coach

- appointed coach of Slovenian national team in December 2019 on a four-year deal, reached EHF EURO 2020 semi-final few weeks later
- previously led Serbia (2013) and Hungary (2017-18)
- won CL with Flensburg in 2014 and is still the only Swedish coach so far to achieve that feat
- also coached Kristianstad and Veszprém
- one of Sweden's all-time greats, won three EHF EURO trophies and a world title playing as centre back

EURO: G 1998, 2000, 2002; OG: S 2000;
WCh: G 1999, S 1997, 2001 (all as player) EC trophies: CL 2014 (as coach)



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EHF EURO QUALIFICATION - 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:	L3 (22.01.2020 - 25.01.2020)

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 MKD

09.06.2007 Maribor SLO	SLO-MKD	ECh-Playoff	33:28 (14:14)
16.06.2007 Skopje MKD	MKD-SLO	ECh-Playoff	32:33 (16:16)
27.01.2012 Beograd SRB	MKD-SLO	ECh - Place 5/6	28:27 (16:12)
25.01.2015 Doha QAT	SLO-MKD	WCh - Last 16	30:28 (16:15)
16.01.2017 Metz FRA	SLO-MKD	WCh - Group B	29:22 (16:10)
13.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	MKD-SLO	ECh - Group C	25:24 (11:11)
20.01.2021 Cairo EGY	MKD-SLO	WCh - MR-Group IV	21:31 (9:13)

SLO vs DEN

04.06.1994 Porto POR	SLO-DEN	ECh - Group B	19:19 (8:10)
31.05.1996 Sevilla ESP	SLO-DEN	ECh - Place 11/12	27:24 (12:11)
23.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	DEN-SLO	ECh - Group B	24:28 (9:13)
20.01.2003 São João de Madeira POR	DEN-SLO	WCh - Group D	33:24 (17:10)
24.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	SLO-DEN	ECh - MR-Group I	23:28 (11:15)
30.01.2015 Doha QAT	DEN-SLO	WCh - Place 5-8	36:33 (19:15)
17.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	DEN-SLO	OG - Quarter-final	37:30 (16:13)
19.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	SLO-DEN	ECh - MR-Group II	28:31 (14:16)

MNE vs SLO

22.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	SLO-MNE	ECh - MR-Group I	31:29 (16:13)
17.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	MNE-SLO	ECh - Group C	19:28 (13:14)

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



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Denmark owe everyone revenge. After delivering a lacklustre performance at the EHF EURO 2020 and seeing themselves eliminated even before the main round, the Danes are clearly back for more at the EHF EURO 2022. Since their failure in Malmö, they won the World Championship in Egypt last January as well as reaching the Olympic final in Tokyo.

Lately, it seems like the world stage is better suited for Denmark than the European one, as Mikkel Hansen and his teammates have not been able to step on the EHF EURO podium since 2014, when they suffered a home loss to France in the final. But they are double European champions from 2008 and 2012.

It might be time for a change. This Danish team seems more balanced on the court, thanks to Mathias Gisdal's arrival. The left-hander, who currently plays

for GOG, was a surprise for Denmark in the last two competitions they played, and will add even more danger for their opponents.

Coach Nikolaj Jacobsen should be able to count on most of his major players, while using this EHF EURO to add some young blood to his roster. The likes of Emil Jakobsen, Emil Nielsen and Jacob Holm might be encouraged to take even more responsibility than they did in the past.

At the EHF EURO 2022, Denmark will have to navigate through a group consisting of three Balkan teams, including North Macedonia. The side led by legend Kiril Lazarov defeated Denmark in the EHF EURO 2022 qualifiers back in January and could cause Jacobsen and his boys some trouble.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	230:140	+90	13:3	1st Group 1
1994	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	150:152	-2	7:7	4th Place
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	145:137	+8	9:3	1st Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	0	0	6	132:158	-26	0:12	12th Place
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	133:134	-1	7:5	3rd Group 5
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	63:48	+15	4:0	Won vs. GEO
2000	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	143:153	-10	4:8	12th Place
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	46:33	+13	2:2	Won vs. BIH
2002	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	212:189	+23	13:3	3rd Place
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	240:206	+34	12:4	3rd Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	253:233	+20	11:5	3rd Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	233:193	+40	14:2	Winner
2010	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	198:184	+14	10:4	5th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	207:176	+31	10:2	1st Group 7
2012	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	216:201	+15	12:4	Winner
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	247:222	+25	14:2	Runner-up
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	181:144	+37	12:0	1st Group 2
2016	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	195:180	+15	9:5	6th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	194:135	+59	11:1	1st Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	235:215	+20	10:6	4th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:153	+44	10:2	1st Group 8
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
Total Qualification		54	42	4	8	1609:1255	+354	88:20	
Total EHF EURO		92	57	5	30	2539:2369	+170	119:65	



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@niklaslandin

Niklas Landin

goalkeeper

current club: THW Kiel since 2015

- captain of world-title winning Danish national team, successor of legendary Kasper Hvidt after breaking through at WCh 2011
- best goalkeeper of WCh 2013 and 2019, EHF EURO 2014, CL 2014, 2016 and 2020, OG 2016; elected IHF World Player of the Year 2019
- joined Kiel in summer of 2015 after three seasons with Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- is undisputed No. 1 since departure of Andreas Wolff to Kielce in 2019

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



@mikkelhansen24

Mikkel Hansen

left back

current club: Paris Saint-Germain HB since 2012

- has not missed an EHF EURO since his major tournament debut in 2012; named EHF EURO All-star left back three times (2012, 2014, 2018)
- in his last season with PSG, set to go back to Denmark and join Aalborg in summer of 2022
- played EHF FINAL4 five times (Barça, Kobenhavn and PSG three times) but is yet to lift the trophy
- son of former Danish international Flemming, having grown into a top player at GOG
- holds record for most CL goals in one season: 141 in 2015/16

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



@magnuslandin

Magnus Landin

left wing

current club: THW Kiel since 2018

- EHF EURO 2022 is his third ECh; only played one match at EHF EURO 2020
- younger brother of goalkeeper Niklas Landin
- joined THW and his brother at the start of 2018/19 season
- tall wing (1.97m), who made debut in Danish national team at age 20
- previously played for Nordsjaelland and KIF Kolding Kobenhavn

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021
CL 2020; EHF Cup 2019



@jacobholm_

Jacob Holm

centre back

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2018

- aged 26, made his national team debut for Denmark in 2016
- was named to the EHF EURO 2020 squad, but did not actually take to the court
- played for Danish side Ribe-Esbjerg until 2018 before moving to Füchse Berlin
- looks like a younger Mikkel Hansen, with long hair and hairbands
- is able to play equally as well in the left-back and the centre-back position

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021



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@magnussaugstrup

Magnus Saugstrup

line player

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2021

- the EHF EURO 2020 was his first major tournament in the Danish national team
- arrived in Magdeburg in summer of 2021 from Aalborg, where he had played since age 18
- was third best scorer for Aalborg, with 64 goals, in the CL 2020/21 season, when the Danish side reached the final
- was the X-factor for Denmark at the WCh 2021, scoring 29 goals, 17 of them in the knock-out stage

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021



@lassesvan

Lasse Svan

right wing

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2008

- only Flensburg player to have won the WCh, EHF EURO, OG and CL in his career
- specialist for motivation and relaxing – as his business is mental coaching
- has gradually overtaken Hans Lindberg as first choice in right wing position for Danish national team
- a fast and technically skilled wing, good on fast breaks and with a huge variety of shots from his wing position
- only started playing handball at age of 17

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



@gidsel

Mathias Gidsel

right back

current club: GOG since 2017

- making ECh debut at EHF EURO 2022
- played his first international competition for Denmark aged 22, after just three games with the national team
- received the award for the best right back at the WCh 2021, his first-ever international competition
- six months later, was elected MVP of the Tokyo 2020 OG
- played all his professional career for Danish club GOG, is set to move to Füchse Berlin next summer

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2021



Nikolaj Jacobsen

coach

- took over the coaching position for Denmark in 2017, while he was still coach for Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- for his first competition as coach, finished fourth at EHF EURO 2018 before winning the WCh gold medal twice
- 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

OG: S 2020; WCh: G 2019, 2021



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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 (15.01.2020)
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 MNE

18.01.2008 Drammen NOR	MNE-DEN	ECh - Group B	24:32 (9:18)
18.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	MNE-DEN	ECh - Group D	28:30 (16:14)
10.04.2019 Podgorica MNE	MNE-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 8	32:31 (16:17)
13.04.2019 København/Sjælland DEN	DEN-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 8	37:26 (14:11)

SLO vs DEN

04.06.1994 Porto POR	SLO-DEN	ECh - Group B	19:19 (8:10)
31.05.1996 Sevilla ESP	SLO-DEN	ECh - Place 11/12	27:24 (12:11)
23.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	DEN-SLO	ECh - Group B	24:28 (9:13)
20.01.2003 São João de Madeira POR	DEN-SLO	WCh - Group D	33:24 (17:10)
24.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	SLO-DEN	ECh - MR-Group I	23:28 (11:15)
30.01.2015 Doha QAT	DEN-SLO	WCh - Place 5-8	36:33 (19:15)
17.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	DEN-SLO	OG - Quarter-final	37:30 (16:13)
19.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	SLO-DEN	ECh - MR-Group II	28:31 (14:16)

MKD vs DEN

25.01.2009 Zadar CRO	DEN-MKD	WCh - MR-Group II	32:24 (13:12)
21.01.2012 Beograd SRB	DEN-MKD	ECh - MR-Group I	33:32 (16:19)
18.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	DEN-MKD	WCh - Group B	33:30 (13:14)
12.01.2014 Herning DEN	DEN-MKD	ECh - Group A	29:21 (12:8)
24.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	MKD-DEN	ECh - MR-Group II	20:31 (12:12)
11.03.2021 Skopje MKD	MKD-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	33:29 (17:13)
14.03.2021 Aalborg DEN	DEN-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	37:21 (17:10)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Michael V. Knudsen	53	2000-2010, 2014
Lars Christiansen	52	1996, 2000-2012
Hans O. Lindberg	48	2008-2020
Lars Troels Jørgensen	45	2000-2010
Kasper Hvidt	44	2000-2010

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Mikkel Hansen	213	2010-2020
Lars Christiansen	188	1996, 2000-2012
Michael V. Knudsen	170	2000-2010, 2014
Hans O. Lindberg	140	2008-2020
Joachim R. Boldsen	102	2000-2008



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North Macedonia has a strong handball tradition with the whole country loving handball to its maximum. They come into their sixth consecutive EHF EURO with a special story: legendary player Kiril Lazaorv, who is still an important part of the HBC Nantes squad and in the national team as a right back, will act as player-coach.

Lazarov took over the team in February 2021 from Danilo Brestovac for qualification round 3 for the EHF EURO 2022. He led his teammates to an extraordinary win over Denmark, with experienced centre back Filip Mirkulovski by his side.

Both coach and assistant coach scored for their country in qualification, and will probably do so again in the final tournament. They come to

Debrecen as second in qualification group 7, with five out of six wins.

North Macedonia face tough clashes in group A against Denmark, Montenegro and Slovenia. Previously, they finished 15th at EHF EURO 2020 after being 11th twice and 10th in 2014. Their all-time best ranking was fifth at EHF EURO 2012.

Although they underperformed at the IHF Men's World Championship 2021, finishing 23rd without a win, North Macedonia still have confidence of EURO success. And with Lazarov, line player Stojanche Stoilov, and the goalkeeper duo Martin Tomovski and Nikola Mitrevski among others, they can be a hard nut to crack.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	110:95	+15	6:2	1st Group A
1996	Qualification	6	2	1	3	147:162	-15	5:7	3rd Group 2
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	121:104	+17	6:2	1st Group B
1998	Qualification	6	3	0	3	181:181	0	6:6	2nd Group 1
1998	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	130:174	-44	1:11	12th Place
2000	Play Off	2	1	0	1	55:61	-6	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	48:52	-4	2:2	Lost vs. ISR
2004	Qualification	6	4	0	2	202:179	+23	8:4	2nd Group 5
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	62:64	-2	2:2	Lost vs. HUN
2006	Qualification	6	4	1	1	204:166	+38	9:3	1st Group 2
2006	Play Off	2	0	0	2	54:68	-14	0:4	Lost vs. HUN
2008	Qualification	6	4	1	1	185:179	+6	9:3	2nd Group 2
2008	Play Off	2	0	0	2	60:66	-6	0:4	Lost vs. SLO
2010	Qualification	8	4	1	3	231:223	+8	9:7	3rd Group 3
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	162:155	+7	7:5	2nd Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	185:175	+10	9:5	5th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	142:150	-8	6:6	2nd Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	141:167	-26	3:9	10th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	161:154	+7	7:5	2nd Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	6	0	2	4	157:176	-19	2:10	11th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	174:158	+16	7:5	1st Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	143:164	-21	5:7	11th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	168:160	+8	9:3	1st Group 3
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
Total Qualification		92	51	8	33	2635:2540	+95	110:74	
Total EHF EURO		34	8	6	20	835:940	-105	22:46	



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Martin Tomovski

goalkeeper

current club: HC Vardar 1961 since 2021

- making his EHF EURO debut in 2022
- will have to fill the void after the starting goalkeeper Nikola Mitrevski dropped out of the squad due to Covid-19
- played for the youth and junior national team in 2016 and 2017
- was part of the Macedonian squad at WCh 2021
- began career at HC Metalurg, recruited by Vardar in 2021



@filip_kuzmanovski

Filip Kuzmanovski

left back

current club: TSV Hannover-Burgdorf since 2020

- made senior national team debut at EHF EURO 2016
- was part of last four major competitions
- joined Hannover-Burgdorf in summer of 2020 after spending one season at another German club, Magdeburg
- started career at Pelister Bitola before moving to Metalurg in 2015, and to Eurofarm Rabotnik in 2018



@madzovski06

Bojan Madzovski

left wing

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2019

- made national team debut in 2019; EHF EURO 2020 was his first major tournament
- first played in Metalurg, where he had his CL debut in 2014/15
- spent two years (2016-18) with Eurofarm Pelister then returned to Metalurg, now is back in Pelister
- twin brother Borjan is also a handball player, a left back



@mirkulovski

Filip Mirkulovski

centre back

current club: HSG Wetzlar since 2015

- EHF EURO 2022 is his sixth ECh; he made his tournament debut in 2012, but missed the 2020 tournament
- his first major competition with national team was WCh 2009
- serves as assistant coach to Lazarov and also plays as centre back
- started playing handball at 13, his professional career begun in 2003 in Metalurg
- he moved to Germany in 2015, spent short time in Hannover-Burgdorf before joining Wetzlar



NORTH MACEDONIA



@sstole555

Stojanche Stoilov

line player

current club: HC Vardar 1961 since 2010

- excelled at EHF EURO 2012, where North Macedonia finished 5th
- first choice in the line player position in the Macedonian national team
- joined Vardar in 2010 from city rivals Metalurg, after a brief spell with Odorheiu Secuiesc
- as team captain he led Vardar to two CL trophies, in 2017 and 2019

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2019



Goce Georgievski

right wing

current club: HC Vardar since 2020

- enters his fourth EHF EURO with 120 caps and 280 goals for the national team already to his name
- debuted in the national team in 2009
- began his career in Metalurg, also played for Toulouse and CSM Bucuresti before joining Vardar in 2020
- won EHF Challenge Cup in 2019 with Bucuresti

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2019



@velkovski30

Martin Velkovski

right back

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2019

- played junior WCh in 2017 before debuting for senior team
- EHF EURO 2022 will be his third ECh
- has more than 30 caps for the team, scoring six times in EHF EURO 2022 qualification
- part of Eurofarm Pelister, previously played in Metalurg
- second right back after coach-player Kiril Lazarov

EURO



@klazarov77

Kiril Lazarov

coach / right back

current club: HBC Nantes since 2017

- the Macedonian legend took over national team in February 2021
- second-best scorer at single EHF EURO (61 goals in 2012) and all-time top scorer at WCh (92 goals in 2009)
- joined the Macedonian national team in 1999 and has more than 206 international matches to his name
- joined Nantes in 2017 and is still a leading player at age 41 going into 2021/22 season
- scored more than 1,000 CL goals and was the competition's top scorer in 2006 and 2008, won title with Barça in 2015

EC trophies: CL 2015 (as player)



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Biggest win:	27:21 (12:12) vs. Czech Republic @ Niš SRB, 19.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	18:38 (12:16) vs. Czech Republic @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 04.06.1998
Longest winning run:	3 matches (23.01.2012 - 27.01.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (23.01.2012 - 27.01.2012)
	3 matches (13.01.2018 - 17.01.2018)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (18.01.2014 - 17.01.2016)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (18.01.2014 - 27.01.2016)
Current run:	L2 (12.01.2020 - 14.01.2020)
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)

SLO vs MKD

09.06.2007 Maribor SLO	SLO-MKD	ECh-Playoff	33:28 (14:14)
16.06.2007 Skopje MKD	MKD-SLO	ECh-Playoff	32:33 (16:16)
27.01.2012 Beograd SRB	MKD-SLO	ECh - Place 5/6	28:27 (16:12)
25.01.2015 Doha QAT	SLO-MKD	WCh - Last 16	30:28 (16:15)
16.01.2017 Metz FRA	SLO-MKD	WCh - Group B	29:22 (16:10)
13.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	MKD-SLO	ECh - Group C	25:24 (11:11)
20.01.2021 Cairo EGY	MKD-SLO	WCh - MR-Group IV	21:31 (9:13)

MKD vs MNE

15.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	MNE-MKD	ECh - Group C	28:29 (16:15)
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MKD vs DEN

25.01.2009 Zadar CRO	DEN-MKD	WCh - MR-Group II	32:24 (13:12)
21.01.2012 Beograd SRB	DEN-MKD	ECh - MR-Group 1	33:32 (16:19)
18.01.2013 Sevilla ESP	DEN-MKD	WCh - Group B	33:30 (13:14)
12.01.2014 Herning DEN	DEN-MKD	ECh - Group A	29:21 (12:8)
24.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	MKD-DEN	ECh - MR-Group II	20:31 (12:12)
11.03.2021 Skopje MKD	MKD-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	33:29 (17:13)
14.03.2021 Aalborg DEN	DEN-MKD	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	37:21 (17:10)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Dejan Manaskov	28	2012-2020
Borko Ristovski	28	2012-2020
Stojanche Stoilov	28	2012-2020
Kiril Lazarov	27	2012-2020
Ace Jonovski	25	2012-2018
Filip Mirkulovski	25	2012-2018

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Kiril Lazarov	182	2012-2020
Dejan Manaskov	94	2012-2020
Stojanche Stoilov	81	2012-2020
Filip Mirkulovski	60	2012-2018
Goce Georgievski	48	2014-2020



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Montenegro hope their sixth EHF EURO will bring them to the main round for the first time. After finishing 12th, then three times 16th and most recently 18th in 2020, Montenegro want to take a step further at EHF EURO 2022.

Coach Zoran Roganovic, who took over in August 2018, plans to reach the desired goal with a new, different style of play. In the almost-all Balkan group A, adding Denmark to Slovenia and North Macedonia, Montenegro will try to take advantage of knowing their opponents.

The Montenegrin squad has good individuals with experience of playing at EHF EUROs and exciting matches. They proved that already in qualification group 8, winning three out of six matches and finishing second behind Sweden.

Montenegro boast a good defensive line with Nebojsa Simic between the posts to guard it, and an effective attack with players like the young Kielce right back Branko Vujovic, and experienced left backs Vasko Sevaljevic and Miloš Božovic. Together, they want to prove that the main round is a possibility and a best-ever finish is on the cards.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
2008	Qualification	6	5	1	0	200:171	+29	11:1	1st Group 4
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	63:55	+8	4:0	Won vs. POR
2008	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	152:192	-40	1:11	12th Place
2010	Qualification	8	4	0	4	229:240	-11	8:8	3rd Group 1
2012	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	161:196	-35	2:10	3rd Group 4
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	160:160	0	8:4	2nd Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	66:84	-18	0:6	16th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	146:152	-6	7:5	3rd Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	76:90	-14	0:6	16th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	3	1	158:168	-10	7:5	2nd Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	66:89	-23	0:6	16th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	157:163	-6	7:5	2nd Group 8
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
Total Qualification		52	27	6	19	1429:1468	-39	60:44	
Total EHF EURO		18	1	1	16	473:587	-114	3:33	



MONTENEGRO



@simica16

Nebojsa Simic

goalkeeper

current club: MT Melsungen since 2017

- in four EHF EURO 2022 qualification matches had 28 saves
- played 27 matches for Montenegro prior to EHF EURO 2022
- began playing handball at local club in his hometown of Bar
- made his name in Swedish league, joining H43 Lund at 19
- also played for Malmö (SWE) and Kristianstad (SWE), before joining Bundesliga side MT Melsungen (GER) in 2017



@sevaljevic21

Vasko Sevaljevic

left back

current club: Saran Loiret Handball since 2021

- player with the most caps and all-time goals record for Montenegro
- set to play at his fifth consecutive EHF EURO
- plays both left and centre back
- scored memorable winning goal against Sweden in 2012, which brought Montenegro their first and only WCh berth to date
- 2021/22 is his seventh season in France, having joined Saran in 2021 after previously representing Toulouse, Tremblay and Istres; also had a short stop in Vardar



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Milos Vujovic

left wing

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2020

- scored 16 times in EHF EURO 2022 qualification
- made national team debut in 2012 and has played at three previous EHF EUROs - 2014, 2016 and 2018
- started playing handball in Lovcen, also played for Ulcinj, Budvanska Riviera, Pesci and Tatabanya before joining Füchse
- top scorer of Hungarian League in 2019



@milosb_02

Miloš Božovic

left back

current club: US Ivry Handball since 2021

- second-best scorer for Montenegro at EHF EURO 2018
- an experienced player with 27 caps ahead of EHF EURO 2022
- joined Ivry for 2021/22 season from Tatabanya
- previously played for PPD Zagreb, Gorenje Velenje, Valladolid, Ciudad Real and Budvanska Rivijera



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@nemanjagrbo

Nemanja Grbovic

line player

current club: CSA Steaua Bucuresti since 2018

- played in the last four editions of the EHF EURO
- an integral part of the Montenegrin national team
- known for bravery, spirit and well-rounded skillset at both ends of the court
- has played for Lovcen and Buducnost (MNE) as well as Vardar (MKD) and Radnicki (SRB)
- spent three seasons in Hungary with Cegledi before joining Steaua Bucuresti (ROU) in 2018



@marko_lasica

Marko Lasica

right wing

current club: Al-Shabab since 2021

- made ECh debut at EHF EURO 2014; missed 2016 tournament
- uncles Dejan and Goran Lasica were also handball players, who influenced his career path
- began playing professionally at boyhood club Sutjeska
- won EHF Cup in 2014 with Pick Szeged
- three-time Montenegrin league champion with Buducnost

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



@brankovujovic_2

Branko Vujovic

right back

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2015

- made his national team debut in 2015 in EHF EURO 2016 qualifiers
- played first major tournament at EHF EURO 2020
- spent two years on loan to Celje, returning to Kielce for 2019/20
- joins TSV Hannover-Burgdorf on a three-year deal in summer 2022, however still remains under contract with Kielce until 2027



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Zoran Roganovic

coach

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



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Biggest win:	22:21 (11:10) vs. Serbia @ Graz AUT, 11.01.2020
Biggest defeat:	23:39 (13:19) vs. Poland @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Longest winning run:	1 match (11.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (17.01.2008)
	1 match (11.01.2020)
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:	L1 (13.01.2020)
Most goals:	29 vs. Slovenia 29:31L @ Stavanger, 22.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. Poland 23:39L @ Stavanger NOR, 24.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	63 vs. Belarus 27:36L @ Graz AUT, 13.01.2020
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)

DEN vs MNE

18.01.2008 Drammen NOR	MNE-DEN	ECh - Group B	24:32 (9:18)
18.01.2016 Gdańsk POL	MNE-DEN	ECh - Group D	28:30 (16:14)
10.04.2019 Podgorica MNE	MNE-DEN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 8	32:31 (16:17)
13.04.2019 København/Sjælland DEN	DEN-MNE	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 8	37:26 (14:11)

MKD vs MNE

15.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	MNE-MKD	ECh - Group C	28:29 (16:15)
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MNE vs SLO

22.01.2008 Stavanger NOR	SLO-MNE	ECh - MR-Group I	31:29 (16:13)
17.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	MNE-SLO	ECh - Group C	19:28 (13:14)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Rade Mijatovic	13	2008, 2014-2018
Nemanja Grbovic	12	2014-2020
Mirko Milasevic	12	2008, 2014-2016
Vasko Sevaljevic	12	2014-2018-2020
Vladan Lipovina	10	2014-2020
Mirko Radovic	10	2014-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Vasko Sevaljevic	45	2014-2020
Alen Muratovic	33	2008
Nemanja Grbovic	32	2014-2020
Vladan Lipovina	31	2014-2020
Drasko Mrvaljevic	28	2008



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GROUP FIXTURES - ALL MATCHES ON

13.1.2022	20:30	Hungary vs. Netherlands
14.1.2022	20:30	Portugal vs. Iceland

16.1.2022	18:00	Portugal vs. Hungary
16.1.2022	20:30	Iceland vs. Netherlands

18.1.2022	18:00	Iceland vs. Hungary
18.1.2022	20:30	Netherlands vs. Portugal



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At the EHF EURO 2020, Portugal won the same number of games, four, as they had done in the previous five editions of the competition they took part in combined. They were the feel-good story, the plucky underdog who takes the competition by storm and wins big, including handing hosts Sweden their biggest home loss in history.

After their sixth place in January 2020, the Portuguese side finished 10th at the IHF Men's World Championship and came ninth in their first-ever participation at the Olympic Games.

Some would say that is a great resumé for a team that perhaps lacks tradition, but the results surely did not satisfy such a demanding coach as Paulo Pereira. The Portuguese mastermind has consistently reiterated that his team should aim higher and higher, possibly even for a medal. It is unclear whether they really have

the credentials for a title run, but everything is possible with a team that wears its heart on its sleeve.

The stage is certainly set for Portugal to climb even higher. Their core of players is even more experienced now, with two years of competing at top level, both in international handball and at club level.

Some players, like Miguel Martins, have switched from Portuguese clubs to European powerhouses and developed even further, while Pereira improved his aggressive style of handball to wreak even more havoc against opponents.

Portugal have a big hole to cover between the goalposts after Alfredo Quintana's untimely death in February, but every player has said that they will take the court in every game with the late goalkeeper in mind. That emotion could take Portugal a long way.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	EHF EURO	6	0	0	6	117:154	-37	0:12	12th Place
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	4	0	2	117:105	+12	8:4	2nd Group F
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	151:163	-12	4:8	4th Group 1
2000	Qualification	6	4	0	2	133:120	+13	8:4	1st Group 6
2000	Play-off	2	1	0	1	52:51	+1	2:2	Won vs. YUG
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	153:160	-7	6:6	7th Place
2002	Play-off	2	2	0	0	54:45	+9	4:0	Won vs. NED
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	173:174	-1	6:8	9th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:48	+2	2:2	Won vs. NOR
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	91:101	-10	1:5	14th Place
2006	Qualification	4	2	1	1	113:106	+7	5:3	2nd Group 6
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	59:52	+7	2:2	Won vs. CZE
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:96	-16	0:6	15th Place
2008	Qualification	4	3	0	1	115:94	+21	6:2	1st Group 6
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	55:63	-8	0:4	Lost vs. MNE
2010	Qualification	8	5	0	3	234:229	+5	10:6	3rd Group 6
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	164:165	-1	5:7	3rd Group 3
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	147:166	-19	5:7	3rd Group 1
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	183:176	+7	4:8	3rd Group 5
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	148:165	-17	5:7	3rd Group 5
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	154:143	+11	9:3	2nd Group 6
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
Total Qualification		80	42	5	33	2114:2049	+65	89:71	
Total EHF EURO		33	10	1	22	842:905	-63	21:45	



PORTUGAL



@gustavocapdeville

Gustavo Capdeville

goalkeeper

current club: SL Benfica since 2011

- this will be his second EHF EURO after EHF EURO 2020, where he featured in one game, against Germany
- with Humberto Gomes retiring and Alfredo Quintana's untimely death, Capdeville quickly became the number one option for Portugal
- a no-nonsense goalkeeper, Capdeville has been touted as the next best shot-stopper in the Portuguese side after making his debut in 2020
- started handball at Benfica, where he was champion with all the junior and youth teams; loaned to Madeira SAD for two years, before coming back in 2019



@angelda94_

Angel Hernandez

left back

current club: Kuwait SC since 2021

- will make his international debut in competitive games for Portugal at EHF EURO 2022
- born in Cuba, started handball in his local team, Matanzas, before moving to Portugal in the 2015/16 season
- after receiving Portuguese citizenship, Hernandez moved to Qatari side Al Duhail, before signing for Kuwait SC in 2021
- a sharpshooter, Hernandez scored 50 goals in three seasons in European competitions for Porto
- he had a superb average in the Portuguese league, with over 750 goals in 153 games played for the 'Dragons'



@diogobranquinho_

Diogo Branquinho

left wing

current club: FC Porto since 2017

- made his debut for Portugal against Germany in 2016 and represented the national team at the EHF EURO 2020
- after several years at ABC - and winning the EHF Challenge Cup with them in 2015/16 - he joined FC Porto in 2017
- won all domestic titles (league, cup, Super Cup) with ABC and again with Porto
- his father is an engineer, while his mother is a physical education teacher. Branquinho is also studying engineering and wants to become an engineer after his playing career is over

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2016



@ruiisilva14

Rui Silva

centre back

current club: FC Porto since 2015

- scored 12 goals and dished 13 assists at EHF EURO 2020
- scored the most important goal in Portugal's history, in the Tokyo 2020 qualifying tournament, which sealed Portugal's first-ever OG berth
- both his parents and his older brother played handball and he took up the sport aged 4, becoming the top goal scorer in the Portuguese league when he was only 16 years old
- considered a phenomenon since early in his career, Silva is an excellent playmaker, with a great eye for passes and plenty of creativity
- tattooed the portrait of his friend, Alfredo Quintana, on his right arm after the goalkeeper's untimely death



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@miguelmartins10

Miguel Martins

centre back

current club: Pick Szeged since 2021

- finished 12th in the top assists standings at the EHF EURO 2020, his debut in the competition, dishing 25 to his teammates. He also scored 19 goals
- spent seven years at FC Porto between 2014 and 2021, before moving to Hungarian outfit Pick Szeged
- was superb for Porto, scoring at least 43 goals in three consecutive European seasons, one in the Men's EHF Cup and two in the CL
- made his debut in the Portuguese national league at 15 years and 11 months, becoming the second-youngest-ever player to take the court in the competition



@pedroportela4

Antonio Areia

right wing

current club: FC Porto since 2015

- debuted for the national team against Romania in 2014, made ECh debut at EHF EURO 2020
- has played over 60 games and scored over 180 times for Portugal
- arrived at FC Porto in 2015 after five seasons with league rivals Benfica
- previously played for Belenenses from 2008-10
- left-handed wing, who is a true expert from the penalty line, has constantly been one of the top scorers for his team in the last seasons



@victorituriza04

Victor Iturriza

line player

current club: FC Porto since 2016

- born in Cuba, he came to Portugal in 2014, at 24, and made his debut in the Portuguese national team in 2020
- he will make his debut at the EHF EURO, after playing at the IHF Men's World Championship and at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games for Portugal
- a mainstay in defence for both Portugal and FC Porto, Iturriza was nominated as All-Star line player in the CL in 2020/21
- he always plays with an Alfredo Quintana shirt underneath his own during games, in tribute to his lost friend



Paulo Pereira

coach

- named Coach of the Year in Portugal in 2020, after lifting his team to sixth place at the EHF EURO 2020
- 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



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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:	L1 (25.01.2020)
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 ISL

26.02.1977 Klagenfurt AUT	ISL-POR	B-WCh - Group C	29:14 (14:9)
22.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	ISL-POR	ECh - Group B	25:28 (13:14)
24.01.2001 Montpellier FRA	ISL-POR	WCh - Group A	22:19 (10:11)
23.01.2003 Viseu POR	POR-ISL	WCh - Group B	28:29 (13:14)
12.06.2016 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-POR	WCh-Playoff	26:23 (13:10)
16.06.2016 Porto POR	POR-ISL	WCh-Playoff	21:20 (10:7)
19.01.2020 Malmö SWE	POR-ISL	ECh - MR-Group II	25:28 (12:14)
14.01.2021 New Administrative Capital EGY	POR-ISL	WCh - Group F	25:23 (11:10)
06.01.2021 Matosinhos POR	POR-ISL	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 4	26:24 (14:11)
10.01.2021 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-POR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 4	32:23 (12:13)

POR vs HUN

05.06.1994 Porto POR	POR-HUN	ECh - Group B	18:19 (8:7)
29.10.2014 Miskolc HUN	HUN-POR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	31:30 (19:15)
10.06.2015 Santo Tirso POR	POR-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	25:26 (15:12)
22.01.2020 Malmö SWE	POR-HUN	ECh - MR-Group II	34:26 (16:14)

NED vs POR

28.11.1976 Lisboa POR	POR-NED	C-WCh - Group A	19:19 (14:11)
01.04.1990 Espoo-Esbo FIN	NED-POR	C-WCh - Group B	24:17 (12:8)
02.06.2001 Aalsmeer NED	NED-POR	ECh-Playoff	23:31 (9:18)
09.06.2001 Viseu POR	POR-NED	ECh-Playoff	23:22 (11:10)

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



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There has been a plethora of changes in the Hungarian national team over the last decade, but everything looks to be on the up after former star centre back Istvan Gulyas was appointed as head coach in 2019, with two other former excellent players, Chema Rodriguez and Laszlo Nagy, assisting him.

At EHF EURO 2020, Hungary got their best finish since 2014, ninth. One year later, at the IHF Men's World Championship in Egypt, Hungary were fifth, their best result since 1997.

This is a team which mixes exuberant youth and experienced players masterfully. Stalwarts like Roland Mikler, Mate Lekai or Adrián Sipos are doubled by breakout stars such as EHF EURO 2020 All-Star line

player Bence Bánhidi, or Dominik Mathe, who is poised to become a household name in the next years. The relative lack of experience could show in inconsistency and Hungary still have one of the youngest rosters in the competition.

Yet the feeling is Hungary are up to something, especially in defence, where Bánhidi makes a strong partnership with Sipos and Patrik Ligetvári, shielding an excellent goalkeeper in Mikler. But the attack, led by Lekai and inspired by Mathe, should also take a step forward.

A best-ever EHF EURO finish – topping sixth place in 1998 – is not out of the question.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	0	2	182:142	+40	12:4	1st Group 2
1994	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	128:131	-3	6:6	7th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	156:149	+7	7:5	2nd Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	144:158	-14	3:9	10th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	147:138	+9	9:3	1st Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	145:154	-9	6:6	6th Place
2000	Play Off	2	0	0	2	52:59	-7	0:4	Lost vs. SLO
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	46:46	0	2:2	Lost vs. SUI
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	64:62	+2	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	164:169	-5	6:6	9th Place
2006	Qualification	6	6	0	0	229:154	+75	12:0	1st Group 1
2006	Play Off	2	2	0	0	68:54	+14	4:0	Won vs. MKD
2006	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	84:89	-5	2:4	13th Place
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	59:53	+6	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	176:173	+3	7:5	8th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	241:179	+62	12:4	2nd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	80:96	-16	1:5	14th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	171:130	+41	12:0	1st Group 1
2012	EHF EURO	6	1	3	2	156:161	-5	5:7	8th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	161:153	+8	7:5	2nd Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	159:165	-6	4:8	8th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	178:151	+27	12:0	1st Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	142:166	-24	2:10	12th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	174:156	+18	9:3	2nd Group 1
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	77:92	-15	0:6	14th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	161:135	+26	11:1	1st Group 7
2020	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	176:189	-13	7:7	9th Place
Total Qualification		74	55	5	14	2089:1761	+328	115:33	
Total EHF EURO		64	19	11	34	1631:1743	-112	49:79	



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@miklerroland

Roland Mikler

goalkeeper

current club: Pick Szeged since 2019

- will play at the EHF EURO for the eighth time, a record for the Hungarian national team, 16 years after making his debut at EHF EURO 2006
- has nearly 20 years of experience at the highest level, starting his professional career in Dunaferri, in 2002, and winning five domestic titles with Veszprém and Szeged
- named male Player of the Year in Hungary in 2014 and male Goalkeeper of the Year seven times; also the All-star goalkeeper of the CL in 2015
- his hobby since his teenage years has been DJing, also serving as a DJ in his spare time and producing mixtapes for warm-up sessions for his clubs and national team

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2014



@ligetvarip

Patrik Ligetvári

left back

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2012

- will play in his third EHF EURO, after featuring in 2018 and 2020
- made his debut in the Hungarian national team in 2016, but was used mainly as a defensive player, due to his imposing height of 2.01m
- missed WCh 2021 in Egypt, due to not recovering in time from the lingering effects of a COVID-19 infection
- born near Veszprém and bred in the Hungarian side's academy, he was also loaned to Balatonfüredi, Abanca Ademar León and BM Logrono



@bokabendi7

Bendegúz Bóka

left wing

current club: Balatonfüredi KSE since 2018

- this will be the second EHF EURO for Boka, who also played in 2020, converting 16 of his 17 shots for a 94% shooting efficiency
- played in Hungary all his career, including the 2016/17 season at Szeged, for one season
- made his debut in the national team in 2014, but was in and out of the selection



@lekaimate

Mate Lekai

centre back

current club: Veszprém HC since 2014

- named the best male Hungarian player of the year in 2017, Lekai has been constantly hampered by injuries, so has played just three EHF EUROs (2010, 2014 and 2018)
- started his career at PLER, moved to Pick Szeged in 2010, then to Celje in 2012, before coming back to Hungary to play for Veszprém in 2014
- suffered from several injuries at Celje and once famously played second half of domestic league final with broken finger
- at the start of his career he was compared to Anita Görbicz, Hungary's best-known handball player
- he started playing as number 6, as a tribute to former Hungarian player Jozsef Eles, but switched to 66, after 6 was not available in the Hungarian national team



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@banhidibence27

Bence Bánhidi

line player

current club: Pick Szeged since 2016

- his excellent performances led him to be named in the EHF EURO 2020 All-star Team, as best line player
- started handball by following his friends at age 14, as a back-court player at his local club Győr, after trying both football and basketball
- he was first used as a left back, nicknamed the “small Bodo”, as a tribute to international Richard Bodo, but switched to become a line player, due to his lack of stamina
- named junior handball player of the year in Hungary in 2015, a year after his debut in the national team at age 18



@bujdosobendeguz

Bendegúz Bujdosó

right wing

current club: Ferencvaros TC since 2015

- made his debut for the Hungarian national team in 2021, therefore EHF EURO 2022 will be his first major international tournament
- usually plays as number 94 in his club, the year he was born, but will wear 29 in the Hungarian national team
- joined Ferencvaros in 2015, when the team was in the second division, due to his grandfather being a great fan of the club
- his wife, Fanny Gerhath, is also a handball player, currently plying her trade in MTK Budapest in the first league



@mathedominik

Dominik Mathe

right back

current club: Elverum Handball since 2020

- despite being one of the youngest players at EHF EURO 2020, when he was only 20, Mathe scored 14 goals in his first European tournament
- was the second top scorer at M20 EHF EURO 2018, with 56 goals, one less than top scorer Gregor Ocvirk (SLO)
- after developing his skills for six years at Balatonfüredi, he took an unusual path, signing for Norwegian champions Elverum. He will join PSG Handball from the summer of 2022
- idolised former Hungarian right back Laszlo Nagy when growing up, and got the chance to work with him at the Hungarian national team once he broke through



Istvan Gulyas

coach

- led a resurgence of the Hungarian national team after he took over in 2019, finishing ninth at EHF EURO 2020 and fifth at WCh
- became a coach immediately after ending his playing career in Austria and Kuwait, before returning to Hungary and leading several teams, including his beloved Veszprém
- one of the best-ever centre backs in the history of Hungarian handball, he was elected male Player of the Year in 1995
- won seven domestic titles, and the EHF Cup Winners' Cup with Veszprém in 1992. He spent 15 years at the club and his number 7 shirt was retired in 2018

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 1992 (as player)



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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:	L2 (21.01.2020 - 22.01.2020)
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 NED

28.02.1985 Lillestrøm NOR	HUN-NED	B-WCh - MR-Group II	25:19 (14:9)
06.11.2016 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NED-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	27:28 (17:13)
18.06.2017 Veszprém HUN	HUN-NED	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	35:30 (16:13)

POR vs HUN

05.06.1994 Porto POR	POR-HUN	ECh - Group B	18:19 (8:7)
29.10.2014 Miskolc HUN	HUN-POR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	31:30 (19:15)
10.06.2015 Santo Tirso POR	POR-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	25:26 (15:12)
22.01.2020 Malmö SWE	POR-HUN	ECh - MR-Group II	34:26 (16:14)

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 (11:8)
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)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Gergő Ivancsik	36	2004-2016
Gabor Csaszar	31	2004-2014, 2018
Ferenc Ilyes	29	2004-2014
Roland Mikler	29	2006, 2012-2020
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
Ferenc Ilyes	61	2004-2014



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Will mastermind Aron Palmarrsson be fit (enough) for the EHF EURO 2022? This is the main question for Icelandic handball, after the superstar was injured twice since his transfer to Danish side Aalborg last summer.

Iceland already had to replace Palmarrsson at the IHF Men's World Championship 2021 in Egypt and finished only in 20th position. Two years ago, at the EHF EURO 2020 - when Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson played his last major event - Iceland finished eleventh, a little better than at the two previous final tournaments, when they finished 13th both times.

Coach Gudmundur Gudmundsson - who steered Iceland to their biggest successes in his first stint in the job, silver at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and bronze at EHF EURO 2010 in Austria - can still count on some highly decorated players.

In particularly outstanding form is right back Ómar Ingi Magnusson, who was top scorer in the Bundesliga, EHF European League winner and IHF Super Globe winner with SC Magdeburg, all in 2021. But Magnusson has not had such an impact in the national team so far, as he was ruled out by injuries in 2020 and 2021, playing only four matches at the World Championship. Besides Palmarrsson, Gudmundsson also has at his disposal some highly experienced players such as goalkeeper Björgvin Pall Gustavsson and left wing Bjarki Mar Elisson, but did not nominate line player Kari Kristjansson.

In the EHF EURO 2022 qualification, Iceland finished second in their group below Portugal.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	200:173	+27	11:5	3rd Group 4
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	131:131	0	8:4	3rd Group 4
1998	Qualification	6	2	1	3	157:158	-1	5:7	3rd Group 2
2000	Qualification	4	3	0	1	128:76	+52	6:2	1st Group 4
2000	Play Off	2	1	0	1	61:55	+6	2:2	Won vs. MKD
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	147:162	-15	2:10	11th Place
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	56:50	+6	2:2	Won vs. BLR
2002	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	221:209	+12	10:6	4th Place
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	87:96	-9	1:5	13th Place
2006	Play Off	2	2	0	0	67:55	+12	4:0	Won vs. BLR
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	190:191	-1	5:7	7th Place
2008	Play Off	2	1	0	1	71:70	+1	2:2	Won vs. SRB
2008	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	157:172	-15	4:8	11th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	3	0	264:212	+52	13:3	1st Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	8	4	3	1	249:240	+9	11:5	3rd Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	188:178	+10	8:4	2nd Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	177:178	-1	5:7	10th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	197:176	+21	10:2	1st Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	199:199	0	9:5	5th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	191:137	+54	9:3	1st Group 4
2016	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	92:101	-9	2:4	13th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	163:163	0	6:6	3rd Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	74:82	-8	2:4	13th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	185:151	+34	8:4	2nd Group 3
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
Total Qualification		76	47	8	21	2247:1932	+315	102:50	
Total EHF EURO		63	24	9	30	1784:1825	-41	57:69	



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@bjoggi

Björgvin Pall Gustavsson

goalkeeper

current club: Valur Reykjavik since 2021

- saved 26% of shots at EHF EURO 2020, and 34% at WCh 2021
- made his national team debut 15 years ago as part of the Iceland “golden generation”
- at 36, is the oldest player in the Icelandic squad, having played almost 250 international matches for Iceland
- played for clubs in Germany (Magdeburg, Bergischer), Switzerland (Kadetten) and Denmark (Skjern), before he moved back to Iceland in 2020
- is famous for his tattoos and his eccentric style

EHF EURO B 2010; OG S 2008



@aronpalm

Aron Palmarsson

left back

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2021

- set to play in his seventh EHF EURO after his 2010 debut
- joint top scorer for Iceland with 23 goals at EHF EURO 2020
- missed out on WCh 2021 due to injury, and also missed much of the current club season due to a strain
- won the CL with Kiel in 2010 and 2012 and with Barça in 2021; holds record for EHF FINAL4 participations, playing his 10th in 2021
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2014 and again in 2016; youngest-ever male All-star Team member at the age of 21 at the London 2012 OG

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



@bjarkimar90

Bjarki Mar Elisson

left wing

current club: TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2019

- Iceland's joint-best scorer at EHF EURO 2020 (23 goals) and top scorer at the WCh 2021 (38)
- has succeeded legendary Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson in left wing - and is as efficient as “Goggi”
- plays in Germany since 2013, first for Eisenach, then at Fühse Berlin before moving to TBV Lemgo
- was third-best scorer in the 2020/21 Bundesliga season with 254 strikes
- is the counter-attack and penalty specialist of Iceland

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018



Elvar Jonsson

centre back

current club: MT Melsungen since 2021

- debuted in the national team in 2018, and has played all major tournaments since WCh 2019
- Is currently the number one as centre back, as Janus Dadi Smarason is injured
- comes from the handball-crazy city of Selfoss, from where he transferred to Danish side Skjern in 2019
- joined fellow Icelanders Arnar Freyr Arnarsson and Alexander Petersson at German side MT Melsungen in summer 2021
- is a movable and clever playmaker



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@arnarsson96

Arnar Freyr Arnarsson

line player

current club: MT Melsungen since 2020

- made national team debut at the age of 19, played his first major tournament at WCh 2017 in France
- played five matches at EHF EURO 2020; EHF EURO 2022 is his third ECh
- strong and effective line player, good at making himself available for teammates
- joined Melsungen for the 2020/21 season after a year with GOG
- likes off-road-driving in the highlands of Iceland



@sigvaldigudjonsson

Sigvaldi Björn Gudjonsson

right wing

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2020

- scored 16 goals at WCh 2021 and 15 at EHF EURO 2020
- made national team debut in 2018
- is the new number 1 in this position, after Arnor Thor Gunnarsson retired from the national team
- played at Aarhus (DEN) and Elverum (NOR), before he joined former CL winners Kielce (POL) in 2020 and will move to Norwegian club Kolstad in 2022
- advanced to the role of team captain after just one season in Elverum



@omaringim

Ómar Ingi Magnusson

right back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2020

- missed EHF EURO 2020 due to a concussion, and played only four matches at the WCh 2021
- made national team debut for Iceland at age 18, and bronze and was member of All-star Team at Junior WCh in 2015
- had the best season of his life in 2020/21, when he became top scorer of the Bundesliga with 274 goals and was second-best scorer in the EL
- joined Magdeburg in summer of 2020 after four years in Denmark, with Aarhus and Aalborg, respectively

EC trophies: EL 2021



Gudmundur Gudmundson

coach

- coached Iceland to OG silver in 2008 and EHF EURO bronze in 2010
- started coaching in 1999, worked at several Icelandic clubs before he took over the Icelandic national team for the first time in 2001
- currently in his third stint as Iceland's head coach, since 2018
- played 230 international matches for Iceland including the OG 1984 and 1988
- steered Rhein-Neckar Löwen to the EHF Cup trophy in 2013 and Denmark to OG gold in 2016

EHF EURO: B 2010; OG G 2016, S 2008
EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



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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:	2 matches (26.01.2002 - 27.01.2002) 2 matches (30.01.2002 - 31.01.2002) 2 matches (26.01.2010 - 28.01.2010) 2 matches (18.01.2014 - 20.01.2014) 2 matches (24.01.2014 - 15.01.2016) 2 matches (11.01.2020 - 13.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (29.01.2000 - 31.01.2002)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (21.01.2000 - 27.01.2000)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (21.01.2000 - 27.01.2000) 5 matches (02.02.2002 - 25.01.2004)
Current run:	L2 (21.01.2020 - 22.01.2020)
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
Fewest goals both teams:	42 vs. Hungary 18:24L @ Malmö SWE, 16.01.2008

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

POR vs ISL

26.02.1977 Klagenfurt AUT	ISL-POR	B-WCh - Group C	29:14 (14:9)
22.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	ISL-POR	ECh - Group B	25:28 (13:14)
24.01.2001 Montpellier FRA	ISL-POR	WCh - Group A	22:19 (10:11)
23.01.2003 Viseu POR	POR-ISL	WCh - Group B	28:29 (13:14)
12.06.2016 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-POR	WCh-Playoff	26:23 (13:10)
16.06.2016 Porto POR	POR-ISL	WCh-Playoff	21:20 (10:7)
19.01.2020 Malmö SWE	POR-ISL	ECh - MR-Group II	25:28 (12:14)
14.01.2021 New Administrative Capital EGY	POR-ISL	WCh - Group F	25:23 (11:10)
06.01.2021 Matosinhos POR	POR-ISL	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 4	26:24 (14:11)
10.01.2021 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-POR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 4	32:23 (12:13)

ISL vs NED

03.03.1977 Linz AUT	ISL-NED	B-WCh - MR-Group II	26:20 (13:8)
28.02.1979 Barcelona ESP	NED-ISL	B-WCh - MR-Group II	14:28 (5:11)
22.02.1981 Lyon FRA	ISL-NED	B-WCh - Group A	23:17 (12:8)
06.03.1983 Zwolle NED	NED-ISL	B-WCh - Place 7-12	17:23 (5:15)
23.02.1989 Strasbourg FRA	ISL-NED	B-WCh - MR-Group II	31:17 (18:10)
19.03.1992 Linz AUT	ISL-NED	B-WCh - Group A	30:20 (12:9)
10.06.2012 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-NED	WCh-Playoff	41:27 (17:14)
16.06.2012 Geleen NED	NED-ISL	WCh-Playoff	24:32 (12:15)

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 (11:8)
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)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	59	2000-2020
Asgeir Orn Hallgrímsson	38	2004-2018
Robert Gunnarsson	37	2004-2016
Vignir Svarvarsson	36	2006-2016
Bjorgvin Pall Gustavsson	34	2010-2020
Alexander Petersson	34	2006-2012, 2016, 2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson	288	2000-2020
Ólafur Stefánsson	183	2000-2010
Snorri Steinn Gudjonsson	144	2004-2010, 2014-2016
Aron Palmársson	111	2010-2020
Alexander Petersson	110	2006-2012, 2016, 2020



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The Netherlands played their first ever EHF EURO in 2020 in Norway, and their result was pretty satisfying, with a 32:24 win in the preliminary round against Latvia. They might not have made it to the main round, after finishing behind future champions Spain and Germany, but they showed great future potential.

Now they are back, after an impressive qualifying phase that saw them finishing level with Slovenia in group 5 and three points in front of Poland, a much more experienced team.

Dutch players have been gaining individual experience in some of the best clubs in Europe since 2020. Luc Steins was signed by Paris Saint-Germain while left-handed Kay Smits made the trip to Germany to play with SC Magdeburg. Bobby Schagen and goalkeeper Bart Ravensbergen have also proved themselves to

be late bloomers, taking responsibilities in Lemgo and Nordhorn, also in the Bundesliga.

With their key players on top form and playing in the biggest leagues in Europe, could the Netherlands hope for an even better result at EHF EURO 2022 than two years previously?

In group B, they will face tough opposition. Portugal, a side that will want to repeat their 2020 triumph where they reached the main round, hosts Hungary and ever-dangerous Iceland will give the Dutch a hard time.

But during the qualifiers, the Netherlands proved that they could remain composed even in hostile territories. They did not lose any of their away games during the qualifying campaign, showing that they could well be a threat at EHF EURO 2022.

EHF EURO RECORD

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
Total Qualification		93	30	10	53	2288:2487	-199	70:116	
Total EHF EURO		3	1	0	2	80:94	-14	2:4	



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Bart Ravensbergen

goalkeeper

current club: HSG Nordhorn-Lingen since 2018

- like many others in the Dutch squad, played his first ever international competition at EHF EURO 2020
- was one of the first Dutch players to ever play in the French first division, in Sélestat, from 2016 to 2018
- then moved to the Bundesliga and Nordhorn, his current club



@jappieadams

Jasper Adams

left back

current club: Kembit-Lions since 2018

- part of the Dutch EHF EURO 2020 squad
- aged 32, he played for four seasons in the Bundesliga with TV Emsdetten, until 2018
- made the choice to move back to the Netherlands, joining the Kembit-Lions in Limburg
- while his offensive qualities are obvious, plays mainly in defence in the national team



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Jeffrey Boomhouwer

left wing

current club: Bergischer HC since 2018

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



@luc_steins

Luc Steins

centre back

current club: Paris Saint-Germain HB since 2020

- was the second top scorer for the Netherlands at EHF EURO 2020, with 14 goals in three matches
- joined PSG in November 2020 as a replacement for injured Nikola Karabatic, but instantly made an impact
- arrived in France in 2016, first played for Massy in the national second league, before joining Tremblay, then Toulouse
- his older brother Ivo is also a regular fixture in the Dutch national team
- at 1.73m, is one of the shortest players in the CL and in the Dutch team



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Ivo Steins

line player

current club: **Kembit-Lions since 2010**

- played nine minutes over three matches at EHF EURO 2020, scoring one goal
- shares the position with Samir Benghanem, as the two split offensive and defensive duties
- unlike his younger brother Luc, never played for a club outside of the Netherlands
- played for only one club in his career so far: Kembit-Lions
- made his debut for the Netherlands in 2015, aged 21



@bobbyschagen

Bobby Schagen

right wing

current club: **TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2019**

- made his international debut with the Netherlands in 2009, for a EHF EURO qualifying game against Belarus
- the most-capped player in the EHF EURO 2022 squad, with 97 international matches and 321 goals
- left the Netherlands in 2009 to pursue his career in Germany, now plays since 2019 in Lemgo
- his personal record includes a German Cup won with Lemgo in 2021



@kay_smits

Kay Smits

right back

current club: **TTH Holstebro since 2018**

- in his early 20s already an important pillar of national team; was top scorer with 22 goals in three matches at EHF EURO 2020
- earned first cap at age 19, in a match against Poland in June 2016
- joined TTH Holstebro in 2018, and reached EHF Cup Finals in first season with Danish side, scoring 34 goals
- previously reached EHF Cup group phase and played CL qualification with Dutch side OCI-Lions
- brother Jorn and sister Inger also play for the Dutch national team, just like their father Gino between 1989-1992



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Erlingur Richardsson

coach

- drove the Netherlands to their first ever international tournament at the EHF EURO 2020
- the 49-year-old coach played his whole career in Iceland before starting coaching, also in his native country
- took over the Iceland national team in 2012 before moving to Austria and starting his Netherlands national coach job in 2017
- his personal records include a IHF Super Globe trophy, won with Füchse Berlin in 2016



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Biggest win:	32:24 (16:10) vs. Latvia @ Trondheim NOR, 11.01.2020
Biggest defeat:	23:34 (13:15) vs. Germany @ Trondheim NOR, 09.01.2020 25:36 (13:17) vs. Spain @ Trondheim NOR, 13.01.2020
Longest winning run:	1 match (11.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (11.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	1 match (09.01.2020) 1 match (13.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	1 match (09.01.2020) 1 match (13.01.2020)
Current run:	L1 (13.01.2020)
Most goals:	32 vs. Latvia 32:24W @ Trondheim NOR, 11.01.2020
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Spain 25:36L @ Trondheim NOR, 13.01.2020
Most goals both teams:	61 vs. Spain 25:36L @ Trondheim NOR, 13.01.2020
Fewest goals:	23 vs. Germany 23:34L @ Trondheim NOR, 09.01.2020
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

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

HUN vs NED

28.02.1985 Lillestrøm NOR	HUN-NED	B-WCh - MR-Group II	25:19 (14:9)
06.11.2016 's-Hertogenbosch NED	NED-HUN	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	27:28 (17:13)
18.06.2017 Veszprém HUN	HUN-NED	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	35:30 (16:13)

ISL vs NED

03.03.1977 Linz AUT	ISL-NED	B-WCh - MR-Group II	26:20 (13:8)
28.02.1979 Barcelona ESP	NED-ISL	B-WCh - MR-Group II	14:28 (5:11)
22.02.1981 Lyon FRA	ISL-NED	B-WCh - Group A	23:17 (12:8)
06.03.1983 Zwolle NED	NED-ISL	B-WCh - Place 7-12	17:23 (5:15)
23.02.1989 Strasbourg FRA	ISL-NED	B-WCh - MR-Group II	31:17 (18:10)
19.03.1992 Linz AUT	ISL-NED	B-WCh - Group A	30:20 (12:9)
10.06.2012 Reykjavík ISL	ISL-NED	WCh-Playoff	41:27 (17:14)
16.06.2012 Geleen NED	NED-ISL	WCh-Playoff	24:32 (12:15)

NED vs POR

28.11.1976 Lisboa POR	POR-NED	C-WCh - Group A	19:19 (14:11)
01.04.1990 Espoo-Esbo FIN	NED-POR	C-WCh - Group B	24:17 (12:8)
02.06.2001 Aalsmeer NED	NED-POR	ECh-Playoff	23:31 (9:18)
09.06.2001 Viseu POR	POR-NED	ECh-Playoff	23:22 (11:10)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Jasper Adams	3	2020
Dani Baijens	3	2020
Samir Benghanem	3	2020
Jeffrey Boomhouwer	3	2020
Gerrie Eijlers	3	2020
Ephraim Jerry	3	2020
Toon Leenders	3	2020
Bart Ravensbergen	3	2020
Tim Remer	3	2020
Bobby Schagen	3	2020
Robin Schoenaker	3	2020
Iso Sluijters	3	2020
Kay Smits	3	2020
Ivo Steins	3	2020
Luc Steins	3	2020
Niels Versteijnen	3	2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Kay Smits	22	2020
Luc Steins	14	2020
Jeffrey Boomhouwer	9	2020
Iso Sluijters	7	2020
Toon Leenders	6	2020



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- 2008, 2010, 2020
- 1994, 2012, 2016

OLYMPIC GAMES

- 1996, 2004
- 2012

World Championships

- 2003
- 1995, 2005, 2009
- 2013



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- 2008, 2018

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- 2008, 2012, 2020
- 2016
- 1992

World Championships

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



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13.1.2022	18:00	Serbia vs. Ukraine
13.1.2022	20:30	Croatia vs. France

15.1.2022	18:00	France vs. Ukraine
15.1.2022	20:30	Croatia vs. Serbia

17.1.2022	18:00	Ukraine vs. Croatia
17.1.2022	20:30	France vs. Serbia



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Croatia secured their spot at their 15th EHF EURO with a silver medal from the 2020 edition, losing to Spain 20:22 in the finals. They have been part of the EHF EURO story since 1994 and they are coming to Szeged with new coach Hrvoje Horvat, who has served as an assistant coach to Lino Cervar since 2017.

The team will have a hard task to repeat the success of 2020, when they added a third silver to their collection alongside three bronze medals. The EHF EURO crown continues to be a dream, and is the only gold missing in a rich trophy collection.

While their group opponents, France, Serbia and Ukraine, were going through qualification, Croatia played six matches in the EHF EURO Cup. They finished second with EHF EURO 2022 co-hosts

Hungary first, leaving defending champions Spain and the other co-host, Slovakia behind.

After failing to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, coach Horvat introduced new and young players into the team, giving them more time on the court. With many experienced players and the backbone of the team, Domagoj Duvnjak, combining with young stalwarts like Ivan Martinovic, Croatia will try to present a new style and the future of the team while aiming for the top step of the podium.

Their powerful attack and sturdy defence with the emphasis on 5-1, will characterise the Croatian play as they look for another solid performance. Having finished fifth or better in the last nine EHF EUROs, there is a lot to live up to.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	214:166	+48	13:3	1st Group 4
1994	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	165:161	+4	8:6	3rd Place
1996	Qualification	6	5	0	1	161:137	+24	10:2	1st Group 1
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	154:151	+3	8:4	5th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	166:145	+21	8:4	1st Group 1
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	145:150	-5	5:7	8th Place
2000	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	146:139	+7	7:5	6th Place
2002	Play Off	2	2	0	0	71:56	+15	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	70:89	-19	0:6	16th Place
2004	Play Off	2	1	1	0	62:52	+10	3:1	Won vs. BLR
2004	EHF EURO	8	4	2	2	222:221	+1	10:6	4th Place
2006	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	229:228	+1	10:6	4th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	212:203	+9	11:5	Runner-up
2010	Qualification	8	7	0	1	252:180	+72	14:2	1st Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	207:194	+13	13:3	Runner-up
2012	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	168:137	+31	12:0	1st Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	216:201	+15	11:5	3rd Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	161:135	+26	10:2	1st Group 4
2014	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	229:206	+23	10:6	4th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	191:148	+43	10:2	1st Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	5	0	3	250:219	+31	10:6	3rd Place
2018	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	204:187	+17	10:4	5th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	174:148	+26	11:1	1st Group 2
2020	EHF EURO	9	7	1	1	227:205	+22	15:3	Runner-up
Total Qualification		56	46	3	7	1620:1304	+316	95:17	
Total EHF EURO		100	60	8	32	2676:2554	+122	128:72	



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Ivan Pesic

goalkeeper

current club: TVB Stuttgart since 2021

- has 58 caps for Croatia since his debut in 2008, but did not feature in the squad for EHF EURO 2020
- won gold at the U18 EHF EURO in 2006
- joined TVB Stuttgart from Meshkov Brest in November 2021; from 2022/23 season will join HBC Nantes
- had a kidney removed after being stabbed in 2009 night club incident, in which Veszprém teammate Marian Cozma was killed
- practised taekwondo successfully in his childhood



Domagoj Duvnjak

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
- also 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 225 caps for Croatia and over 1,380 goals in the Bundesliga
- usually plays as centre back, but can also play left back when needed

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

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David Mandic

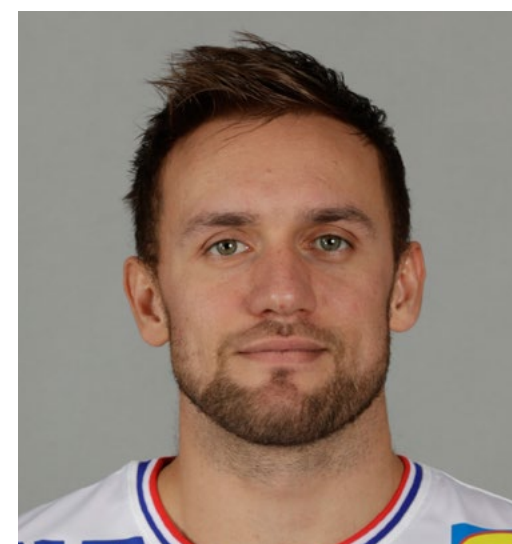
left wing

current club: HC PPD Zagreb since 2018

- reached the EURO 2020 final with Croatia, and won gold at the 2018 Mediterranean Games
- first called up to the national team in mid-2017
- joined Zagreb from Izvidac (BIH) in the summer of 2018
- besides being efficient in attack, he possesses great defensive skills

EURO: S 2020

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Luka Cindric

centre back

current club: Barça since 2019

- EHF EURO 2022 is his fourth ECh
- key member of the Croatia national team
- joined Barça for four seasons in the summer of 2019, arriving after one season in Kielce
- won the CL with Vardar in 2017 and with Barça in 2021
- voted EHF Player of the Year in 2017, and best Croatian player in 2017 and 2018

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

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Leon Susnja

line player

current club: **Orlen Wisla Plock since 2019**

- made his debut for Croatia in 2018
- this is his first EHF EURO appearance
- started playing handball in Kutina with his older brother
- spent six years in PPD Zagreb, in 2019 transferred to Wisla Plock
- plays both ways, good defence is his strength



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Ivan Cupic

right wing

current club: **HC PPD Zagreb in 2021**

- despite losing a finger in an accident in 2008, he has remained an important player for his club teams and the Croatian national side with 159 caps for Croatia
- after EHF EURO 2018, missed WCh 2019 and EHF EURO 2020 before reappearing in the squad for WCh 2021
- still the only player ever to win the EHF FINAL4 two years in a row: first with Kielce in 2016, then with Vardar in 2017
- second-best scorer of OG 2012 handball tournament
- joined PPD Zagreb after five years in Vardar, and in total 16 years abroad

EURO: S 2008, 2010, B 2012, 2016; OG: B 2012; WCh: S 2009, B 2013
EC trophies: CL 2016, 2017, 2019



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Ivan Martinovic

right back

current club: **TSV Hannover-Burgdorf since 2019**

- made his debut for the Croatian national team in qualification for EHF EURO 2020
- MVP of Junior WCh 2019
- born in Vienna, started playing handball at Fivers
- plays for TSV Hannover-Burgdorf, previously spent time in Gummersbach, will join MT Melsungen from 2022
- his brother Marin and sister Kristina are also handball players playing for Austria
- his role models are Ivano Balic and team captain Domagoj Duvnjak



Hrvoje Horvat

coach

- took over national team in February 2021, was an assistant coach to Lino Cervar for three years
- used to coach Dubrava and Nexe, quit Nexe to focus mainly on the national team
- former successful beach handball player, with seven medals from major competitions, including WCh gold
- cut his playing career short to focus on coaching
- son of legendary Croatian playmaker Hrvoje Horvat Cveba



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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)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (27.01.2000 - 27.01.2002)
Current run:	L1 (26.01.2020)
Most goals:	37 vs. Iceland 37:28W @ Katowice POL, 19.01.2016 37 vs. Poland 37:23W @ Kraków POL, 27.01.2016
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Sweden 31:35L @ Split CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Sweden 31:35L @ Split CRO, 16.01.2018
Fewest goals:	14 vs. Russia 14:29L @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Spain 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998 18 vs. Ukraine 26:18W @ Rijeka CRO, 25.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Spain 18:18D @ Meran-Merano ITA, 29.05.1998

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

CRO vs FRA

03.06.1994 Almada POR	FRA-CRO	ECh - Group A	27:25 (11:11)
21.05.1995 Reykjavík ISL	FRA-CRO	WCh - Final	23:19 (11:6)
02.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	FRA-CRO	OG - Semi-final	20:24 (8:12)
06.06.1998 Bolzano-Bozen ITA	FRA-CRO	ECh - Place 7/8	30:28 (16:12)
27.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	CRO-FRA	ECh - Group A	26:26 (11:12)
27.01.2002 Jönköping SWE	FRA-CRO	ECh - Group D	29:27 (10:12)
25.01.2003 Funchal/Madeira POR	CRO-FRA	WCh - Group C	23:22 (11:10)
05.02.2005 Radès TUN	CRO-FRA	WCh - Semi-final	35:32 (15:14)
04.02.2006 Zürich SUI	FRA-CRO	ECh - Semi-final	29:23 (12:10)
30.01.2007 Köln GER	CRO-FRA	WCh - Quarter-final	18:21 (9:10)
26.01.2008 Lillehammer NOR	CRO-FRA	ECh - Semi-final	24:23 (11:9)
14.08.2008 Beijing CHN	FRA-CRO	OG - Group A	23:19 (11:9)
22.08.2008 Beijing CHN	FRA-CRO	OG - Semi-final	25:23 (12:11)
27.01.2009 Zagreb CRO	CRO-FRA	WCh - MR-Group I	22:19 (11:7)
01.02.2009 Zagreb CRO	CRO-FRA	WCh - Final	19:24 (12:11)
31.01.2010 Wien AUT	CRO-FRA	ECh - Final	21:25 (12:12)
24.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	FRA-CRO	ECh - MR-Group 2	22:29 (12:11)
10.08.2012 London GBR	FRA-CRO	OG - Semi-final	25:22 (12:10)
23.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	FRA-CRO	WCh - Quarter-final	23:30 (12:13)
19.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	FRA-CRO	ECh - MR-Group 2	27:25 (18:17)
23.01.2016 Kraków POL	FRA-CRO	ECh - MR-Group 1	32:24 (16:10)
13.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	CRO-FRA	OG - Group A	29:28 (14:12)
24.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	CRO-FRA	ECh - MR-Group I	27:30 (13:19)
23.01.2019 Köln GER	FRA-CRO	WCh - MR-Group I	20:23 (11:11)
12.03.2021 Montpellier FRA	FRA-CRO	OG - Qual. Tournament II	30:26 (12:15)

CRO vs SRB

19.01.2011 Malmö SWE	SRB-CRO	WCh - Group C	24:24 (13:12)
27.01.2012 Beograd SRB	SRB-CRO	ECh - Semi-final	26:22 (13:14)
31.07.2012 London GBR	SRB-CRO	OG - Group B	23:31 (9:13)
12.01.2018 Split CRO	CRO-SRB	ECh - Group A	32:22 (14:9)
11.04.2019 Beograd SRB	SRB-CRO	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	25:25 (13:13)
14.04.2019 Zadar CRO	CRO-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	27:23 (17:11)
13.01.2020 Graz AUT	SRB-CRO	ECh - Group A	21:24 (10:8)

UKR vs CRO

25.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	CRO-UKR	ECh - Group A	26:18 (13:9)
31.01.2001 Marseille FRA	CRO-UKR	WCh - Last 16	34:37 (11:15, 29:29, 33:33)
21.01.2010 Graz AUT	UKR-CRO	ECh - Group A	25:28 (14:12)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Zlatko Horvat	56	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Igor Vori	54	2004-2014, 2018
Domagoj Duvnjak	49	2008-2020
Ivan Cupic	48	2006-2018
Mirko Alilovic	45	2008-2018

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Ivan Cupic	159	2006-2018
Zlatko Horvat	155	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Domagoj Duvnjak	154	2008-2020
Ivano Balic	151	2002-2012
Manuel Strlek	139	2010-2018



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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
Total Qualification		48	29	10	9	1439:1255	+184	68:28	
Total EHF EURO		26	6	4	16	645:703	-58	16:36	

After underperforming in recent major competitions, in 2020 Serbia decided to turn things around and bring a foreigner to the helm. Spanish coach Antonio Gerona took over with a clear idea of leading Serbia to EHF EURO 2022. It turned out to be a good decision.

These qualification results, together with good performances by players in their clubs all over Europe, will be a good boost for Serbia ahead of exciting matches in Szeged where they will face France, Croatia and Ukraine.

Serbia, after winning silver medal at EHF EURO 2012, have not featured among the top teams since. At EHF EURO 2020 they finished 20th; they were 18th at the IHF Men's World Championship 2019 and failed to qualify for the 2021 edition as well as the last two Olympic Games.

Eyeing main round participation, Serbia's key will be a strong defence backed up by Dejan Milosavljev and Vladimir Cupara between the posts.

But sparked by Gerona's inspiration, they looked revitalised in qualifying for EHF EURO 2022 in first place in group 1. Their successes included beating 2020 Olympic champions France 27:24 and drawing the return fixture 26:26.



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@cupara16

Vladimir Cupara

goalkeeper

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2019

- debuted for Serbia national team in 2016; played his second EHF EURO in 2020
- came to Veszprém in 2019 from Kielce, where he spent one season after a three-year stint at Ademar Leon
- started professional career at boyhood club Red Star Belgrade
- loves to express his emotions on the court and share them with the fans



@djordjic17

Petar Djordjic

left back

current club: SL Benfica since 2019

- played at EHF EURO 2018 but missed out on the squad for 2020
- 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
- 1.97m-tall player who scored 149 goals in his first 20 league matches for Benfica
- son of former international player Zoran Djordjic

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2012



@nemanjailic19

Nemanja Ilic

left wing

current club: Fenix Toulouse since 2013

- one of the most experienced members of the Serbian team, with 95 caps since his debut in 2013
- EHF EURO 2022 will be his fourth ECh
- younger brother Vanja is also a professional handball player, and an occasional Serbia national team member
- began his professional career at Partizan, before joining Toulouse in 2013
- spent 2018/19 on loan at Barça



@lazar_kukic

Lazar Kukic

centre back

current club: SL Benfica since 2020

- made national team debut in 2017 and has won 30 caps ahead of EHF EURO 2022
- his major tournament debut was WCh 2019, he also played at EHF EURO 2020
- joined Benfica in 2020, from 2022 will play for Meshkov Brest
- voted player of the season at La Rioja and nominated as the best ASOBAL League playmaker in 2017/18



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@mikimarsenic93

Mijajlo Marsenic

line player

current club: Fūchse Berlin since 2018

- debuted for national side at WCh 2013 and comes to EHF EURO 2022 as Serbia's most-capped player, with 95 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 and two SEHA League titles with Vardar
- also played for Partizan Belgrade and Metalurg

EC trophies: CL 2017



@radivojevicbogdan41

Bogdan Radivojevic

right wing

current club: Pick Szeged since 2019

- has said: "I would trade everything I ever won for a EURO medal with Serbia"
- missed out on EHF EURO 2016, but has played every other ECh since 2014
- named CL Player of the Month in September 2019 after joining Pick Szeged (HUN)
- won CL with Flensburg in 2014
- two of his younger brothers also play handball

EC trophies: CL 2014



@milosorbovic

Milos Orbovic

right back

current club: HC Kriens Luzern since 2021

- made his major tournament debut for Serbia at EHF EURO 2016, but was not selected in 2018 and 2020
- has 11 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, also coaches French club Chartres
- this is his first major tournament with Serbia; he coached Tunisia to 12th at the WCh 2019
- previously coached Barcelona youth teams and El Jaish
- as an assistant coach at Barça won CL in 2005



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Biggest win:	22:18 (11:7) vs. Poland @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012 26:22 (13:14) vs. Croatia @ Beograd SRB, 27.01.2012
Biggest defeat:	26:36 (16:19) vs. France @ Kraków POL, 17.01.2016 22:32 (9:14) vs. Croatia @ Split CRO, 12.01.2018
Longest winning run:	2 matches (15.01.2012 - 17.01.2012)
Longest unbeaten run:	5 matches (15.01.2012 - 23.01.2012)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (18.01.2018 - 13.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	7 matches (15.01.2014 - 14.01.2018)
Current run:	L6 (18.01.2018 - 13.01.2020)
Most goals:	31 vs. Austria 31:37L @ Linz AUT, 23.01.2010
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. France 30:39L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Most goals both teams:	69 vs. France 30:39L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Fewest goals:	19 vs. FYR Macedonia 19:22L @ Beograd SRB, 25.01.2012 19 vs. Denmark 19:21L @ Beograd SRB, 29.01.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Poland 22:18W @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Poland 20:19W @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

SRB vs UKR

No previous encounters

CRO vs SRB

19.01.2011 Malmö SWE
27.01.2012 Beograd SRB
31.07.2012 London GBR
12.01.2018 Split CRO
11.04.2019 Beograd SRB
14.04.2019 Zadar CRO
13.01.2020 Graz AUT

SRB-CRO WCh - Group C 24:24 (13:12)
SRB-CRO ECh - Semi-final 26:22 (13:14)
SRB-CRO OG - Group B 23:31 (9:13)
CRO-SRB ECh - Group A 32:22 (14:9)
SRB-CRO ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2 25:25 (13:13)
CRO-SRB ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2 27:23 (17:11)
SRB-CRO ECh - Group A 21:24 (10:8)

FRA vs SRB

17.01.2014 Aarhus DEN
17.01.2016 Kraków POL
22.01.2018 Zagreb CRO
12.01.2019 Berlin GER
05.01.2021 Zrenjanin SRB
09.01.2021 Créteil FRA

SRB-FRA ECh - Group C 28:31 (12:17)
SRB-FRA ECh - Group A 26:36 (16:19)
SRB-FRA ECh - MR-Group I 30:39 (12:19)
FRA-SRB WCh - Group A 32:21 (15:12)
SRB-FRA ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1 27:24 (14:11)
FRA-SRB ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1 26:26 (12:15)

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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



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A brand-new French team will be going for the title again at the EHF EURO 2022. Their last attempt ended on a historical low with France failing to make it to the main round, after being eliminated by Norway and a surprising Portugal side.

Since 2020, a lot of changes have taken place in the French camp. Coach Didier Dinart was replaced by Guillaume Gille while two captains came and went: Cédric Sorhaindo and Michaël Guigou.

To imagine the extent of the turnover of the past few years, just one statistic is enough. Of the 16 players that stepped on the court at the Jyske Bank Boxen in Herning in 2014, when France last won the European title, only three are still active with the national team: the Karabatic brothers, Nikola and Luka, as well as new captain Valentin Porte.

With a new generation made of Nedim Remili, Dika Mem, Hugo Descat and Ludovic Fabregas, well-known in the EHF Champions League, France have become ambitious again. Just take a look at their results from the latest competition: they finished fourth at the IHF Men's World Championship 2021 before snatching gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games last summer.

France's EHF EURO hopes are slightly dented by injuries to Remili and Luka Karabatic, and left back Elohim Prandi after a recent stabbing attack, but they remain hungry.

France will face some tough opponents right from the preliminary round, having to deal with Croatia and Serbia, two sides that will be backed up by their fans in Szeged. But taking points against these opponents will be mandatory for Guillaume Gille and his boys if they want to play a role in the competition.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	6	1	1	185:157	+28	13:3	2nd Group 5
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	51:42	+9	2:2	Won vs. POL
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	148:148	0	5:7	6th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	0	3	139:132	+7	6:6	2nd Group 3
1996	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	154:141	+13	8:4	7th Place
1998	Qualification	6	5	1	0	158:124	+34	11:1	1st Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	140:153	-13	5:7	7th Place
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	41:33	+8	4:0	Won vs. ROU
2000	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	173:164	+9	9:5	4th Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	2	2	180:167	+13	8:6	6th Place
2004	Play Off	2	2	0	0	53:36	+17	4:0	Won vs. GRE
2004	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	189:182	+7	7:7	6th Place
2006	Play Off	2	2	0	0	63:37	+26	4:0	Won vs. ISR
2006	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	243:192	+51	14:2	Winner
2008	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	231:207	+24	12:4	3rd Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	251:192	+59	12:4	1st Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	8	6	2	0	225:196	+29	14:2	Winner
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	156:163	-7	5:7	11th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	177:134	+43	12:0	1st Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	259:227	+32	14:2	Winner
2016	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	201:145	+56	12:0	1st Group 6
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	210:182	+28	10:4	5th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	191:169	+22	10:2	1st Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	244:212	+32	14:2	3rd Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	204:147	+57	10:2	1st Group 6
2020	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	82:79	+3	2:4	14th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	156:114	+42	9:3	2nd Group 1
Total Qualification		66	53	3	10	1870:1462	+408	109:23	
Total EHF EURO		95	59	9	27	2634:2413	+221	127:63	



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@gerardvin

Vincent Gerard

goalkeeper

current club: Paris Saint-Germain HB since 2019

- named best goalkeeper at WCh 2017 and at EHF EURO 2018
- former player of Dunkerque, Istres and Montpellier
- signed for PSG in summer of 2019 to replace retired Thierry Omeyer, after also doing so in the national team
- his exuberant celebrations instantly made him a fan favourite

EURO: G 2014, B 2018; OG: S 2016, G 2020; WCh: G 2017, B 2019
EC trophies: CL 2018



@nikolakarabatic44

Nikola Karabatic

left back

current club: Paris Saint-Germain HB since 2015

- twice EHF EURO MVP (2008, 2014) and top scorer in 2008; also EHF EURO All-star centre back in 2010 and left back in 2004
- three-time World Handball Player of the Year, who won all major prizes in the sport on club level and with the French national team
- won CL with all his previous clubs but not yet with PSG, despite three trips to Cologne
- missed almost entire 2020/21 season following knee surgery in October 2020, but returned to the courts seven months later, just in time for the EHF FINAL4 2021

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



@Hdescat

Hugo Descat

left wing

current club: Montpellier HB since 2019

- aged 29, will take part in the first EHF EURO of his career
- played for Créteil and Dinamo Bucaresti before joining Montpellier in 2019
- was elected best left wing at the Tokyo 2020 OG

OG: G 2020



@kentinmahe35

Kentin Mahe

centre back

current club: Telekom Veszprém HC since 2018

- made debut in French national team in 2010, now one of the key players
- playing in his third EHF EURO after 2016 and 2018; missed 2020
- men's 20 EURO 2010 MVP and top scorer (49 goals); MVP of EHF Cup Finals 2015
- joined Veszprém in 2018 after spells with Flensburg, Hamburg, Gummersbach and Dormagen, where he was coached by his father Pascal
- lost all three EC finals he played in: CL 2018/19 with Veszprém, EHF Cup 2014/15 with Hamburg, and CWC 2011/12 with Gummersbach

EURO: B 2018; OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2015, 2017



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@chiki_lf27

Ludovic Fabregas

line player

current club: Barça since 2018

- one of the key players in the new French generation, including Timothy N'guessan, Dika Mem and Melvyn Richardson
- already playing in his third ECh after 2016 and 2020; was France's top scorer with 14 goals in 2020
- joined Barça after winning CL in 2018 with Montpellier, scoring six goals in the final
- CL All-star line player in 2016/17, and best young player in 2018/19
- youth world champion in mountain biking before turning to handball at age 15 and then winning the 2015 Youth World Championship

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



@lenne_yanis

Yanis Lenne

right wing

current club: Montpellier HB since 2019

- has been around the French squad for a while now, without ever taking part in a major competition
- came back in France in 2019 after two seasons with Barça, including a one-year loan to French side Aix
- at 25, seen as one of the brightest prospects on the right wing in Europe



@dikamem

Dika Mem

right back

current club: Barça since 2016

- by 21, had already captured two WCh medals and EHF EURO bronze with France
- won both world and EHF EURO titles in youth age category events; also named best right back at Junior WCh 2017
- CL All-star right back in 2017/18; scored over 70 goals in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2020/21
- joined Barça from French club Tremblay in 2016 at age 19, soon became key player
- Barça's top scorer in the CL for 2020/21 with 93 goals

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



@ginogille

Guillaume Gille

coach

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

OG: G 2020 (as coach)



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Biggest win:	36:21 (19:10) vs. Slovenia @ Västerås SWE, 31.01.2002
Biggest defeat:	23:30 (11:13) vs. Germany @ Meran-Merano ITA, 03.06.1998
	23:30 (10:16) vs. Russia @ Zagreb CRO, 29.01.2000
	22:29 (12:11) vs. Croatia @ Novi Sad SRB, 24.01.2012
Longest winning run:	11 matches (29.01.2006 - 23.01.2008)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (29.01.2006 - 23.01.2008)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (28.01.2004 - 01.02.2004)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (27.01.2000 - 25.01.2002)
Current run:	W1 (14.01.2020)
Most goals:	41 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals opponent:	32 vs. Czech Republic 31:32L @ Ljubljana SLO, 28.01.2004
	32 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Denmark 41:32W @ Herning DEN, 26.01.2014
Fewest goals:	15 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	30 vs. Germany 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

CRO vs FRA

03.06.1994 Almada POR	FRA-CRO	ECh - Group A	27:25 (11:11)
21.05.1995 Reykjavík ISL	FRA-CRO	WCh - Final	23:19 (11:6)
02.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	FRA-CRO	OG - Semi-final	20:24 (8:12)
06.06.1998 Bolzano-Bozen ITA	FRA-CRO	ECh - Place 7/8	30:28 (16:12)
27.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	CRO-FRA	ECh - Group A	26:26 (11:12)
27.01.2002 Jönköping SWE	FRA-CRO	ECh - Group D	29:27 (10:12)
25.01.2003 Funchal/Madeira POR	CRO-FRA	WCh - Group C	23:22 (11:10)
05.02.2005 Radès TUN	CRO-FRA	WCh - Semi-final	35:32 (15:14)
04.02.2006 Zürich SUI	FRA-CRO	ECh - Semi-final	29:23 (12:10)
30.01.2007 Köln GER	CRO-FRA	WCh - Quarter-final	18:21 (9:10)
26.01.2008 Lillehammer NOR	CRO-FRA	ECh - Semi-final	24:23 (11:9)
14.08.2008 Beijing CHN	FRA-CRO	OG - Group A	23:19 (11:9)
22.08.2008 Beijing CHN	FRA-CRO	OG - Semi-final	25:23 (12:11)
27.01.2009 Zagreb CRO	CRO-FRA	WCh - MR-Group I	22:19 (11:7)
01.02.2009 Zagreb CRO	CRO-FRA	WCh - Final	19:24 (12:11)
31.01.2010 Wien AUT	CRO-FRA	ECh - Final	21:25 (12:12)
24.01.2012 Novi Sad SRB	FRA-CRO	ECh - MR-Group 2	22:29 (12:11)
10.08.2012 London GBR	FRA-CRO	OG - Semi-final	25:22 (12:10)
23.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	FRA-CRO	WCh - Quarter-final	23:30 (12:13)
19.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	FRA-CRO	ECh - MR-Group 2	27:25 (18:17)
23.01.2016 Kraków POL	FRA-CRO	ECh - MR-Group 1	32:24 (16:10)
13.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	CRO-FRA	OG - Group A	29:28 (14:12)
24.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	CRO-FRA	ECh - MR-Group I	27:30 (13:19)
23.01.2019 Köln GER	FRA-CRO	WCh - MR-Group I	20:23 (11:11)
12.03.2021 Montpellier FRA	FRA-CRO	OG - Qual. Tournament II	30:26 (12:15)

FRA vs UKR

21.10.1998 Zaporozhye UKR	UKR-FRA	WCh-Qual. - Group 1	16:26 (12:9)
24.10.1998 Marseille FRA	FRA-UKR	WCh-Qual. - Group 1	26:18 (14:7)
22.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	UKR-FRA	ECh - Group A	22:24 (9:12)
02.02.2006 Basel SUI	UKR-FRA	ECh - MR-Group I	20:30 (10:16)
20.01.2007 Magdeburg GER	FRA-UKR	WCh - Group B	32:21 (17:8)

FRA vs SRB

17.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	SRB-FRA	ECh - Group C	28:31 (12:17)
17.01.2016 Kraków POL	SRB-FRA	ECh - Group A	26:36 (16:19)
22.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	SRB-FRA	ECh - MR-Group I	30:39 (12:19)
12.01.2019 Berlin GER	FRA-SRB	WCh - Group A	32:21 (15:12)
05.01.2021 Zrenjanin SRB	SRB-FRA	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	27:24 (14:11)
09.01.2021 Créteil FRA	FRA-SRB	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	26:26 (12:15)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Nikola Karabatic	63	2004-2020
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	264	2004-2020
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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In 2020, Ukraine made their return to the EHF EURO after a 10-year absence. This comeback was not crowned with success, as Ukraine came back from Trondheim with three losses under their belts, even though they did not lose a game by more than four goals.

Can they do any better at EHF EURO 2022? Ukraine made it to the final tournament by finishing among the best third-ranked teams in qualification. In group 3, they collected five points, including one in a draw against Russia, the future leader of their group.

In Hungary and Slovakia, Ukraine will rely particularly on players sporting the colours of HC Motor in the EHF Champions League. Gennadiy Komok, Dmytro Horiha and Vladyslav Dontsov are all regulars in the

major European club competition, and with two more seasons under their belt, they could help their country win their first game in a EHF EURO since 2006.

However, Motor stalwarts Zahkhar Denysov and Artem Kozakevych have been left out of the EURO squad this time around – it remains to be seen how much their absence will be felt.

In a group composed of France, Croatia and Serbia, Ukraine might look like the underdogs, but their fighting spirit will help them surprise anyone taking them lightly. Not so long ago, Evgeny Budko and his boys proved that they could compete with the likes of North Macedonia and Iceland. That could give them a chance, particularly against Serbia, and hopes of a second main round qualification in history after 2002.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	4	1	3	165:156	+9	9:7	3rd Group 1
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	2	0	4	120:130	-10	4:8	3rd Group F
2000	Qualification	6	5	0	1	170:101	+69	10:2	1st Group 3
2000	Play-off	2	1	1	0	52:44	+8	3:1	Won vs. BLR
2000	EHF EURO	6	0	1	5	129:146	-17	1:11	12th Place
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	46:36	+10	2:2	Won vs. LTU
2002	EHF EURO	7	2	0	5	176:189	-13	4:10	11th Place
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	139:104	+35	10:2	1st Group 6
2004	Play-off	2	1	1	0	48:39	+9	3:1	Won vs. ISR
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	74:85	-11	0:6	15th Place
2006	Qualification	6	5	1	0	184:158	+26	11:1	1st Group 3
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	47:47	0	2:2	Won vs. GRE
2006	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	163:193	-30	2:10	12th Place
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	48:63	-15	2:2	Lost vs. SVK
2010	Qualification	8	5	0	3	205:192	+13	10:6	2nd Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	87:96	-9	0:6	16th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	143:182	-39	2:10	4th Group 3
2014	Qualification 1	3	3	0	0	94:70	+24	6:0	1st Group A
2014	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	137:168	-31	2:10	4th Group 5
2016	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	148:188	-40	0:12	4th Group 5
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	152:168	-16	5:7	4th Group 4
2020	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	161:159	+2	6:6	3rd Group 8
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	74:83	-9	0:6	19th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	154:158	-4	5:7	3rd Group 3
Total Qualification		89	43	6	40	2213:2163	+50	92:86	
Total EHF EURO		28	3	1	24	703:792	-89	7:49	



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@komokgesha

Gennadiy Komok

goalkeeper

current club: HC Motor since 2014

- captain of Ukrainian national team
- was Ukraine's first-choice goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2020
- born in Zaporozhye and started his career at local rivals ZTR
- also had a spell at St. Petersburg in 2011/12



@hoorihaa

Dmytro Horiha

left back

current club: HC Motor since 2016

- played his first major international competition at the 2020 EHF EURO
- at 24, is part of the young talented new Ukrainian generation
- has much CL experience with his club HC Motor and has scored 33 goals so far in the current season



Dmytro Artemenko

left wing

current club: ZTR Zaporozhye since 2013

- EHF EURO 2022 will be his first major tournament for Ukraine
- at 24, he played all of his career for ZTR Zaporozhye
- is part of the young Ukrainian generation, with under 20 national team games under his belt before the EHF EURO



@alexandr_tilte

Oleksandr Tilte

centre back

current club: HC Motor

- featured at EHF EURO 2020
- at 26, he is the oldest choice for centre back for Ukraine
- like many of his national teammates, he played for ZTR Zaporozhye before moving to the other club of the city, HC Motor
- is currently playing his first CL season and showing some great abilities



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@ilchenko__77

Dmytro Ilchenko

line player

current club: CSKA since 2020

- scored three goals in his debut with Ukraine at an international competition, at the EHF EURO 2020
- aged 25, he moved out of Ukraine in 2020 to join Russian side CSKA
- made his professional debut in Ukraine when he was only aged 18
- the most experienced line player drafted by new coach Michael Biegler



Eduard Kravchenko

right wing

current club: HC Motor since 2019

- making ECh debut at EHF EURO 2022
- the most experienced of the three right wings named in the Ukraine squad, with three international matches and 12 goals
- began senior career at Motor-Politekhnika in 2016, now in third season at HC Motor



Vladyslav Dontsov

right back

current club: HC Motor since 2011

- will make his debut at a major international tournament at the EHF EURO 2022
- has made 14 previous international appearances for Ukraine
- played all of his career in HC Motor, except for 2017/18, when he was loaned to Dinamo Minsk
- like many of his teammates, has made the most of the exposure offered by the CL with Motor to make progress



Michael Biegler

coach

- took over in August 2021 from Sergei Bebesko, who left after three years at the head of the national team
- only coached one men's national team before: Poland, from 2012 to 2016
- also coached the German women's team between 2016 and 2018
- started his coaching career in 1984, when aged just 23



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Biggest win:	30:23 (13:13) vs. Poland @ Göteborg SWE, 26.01.2002 37:30 (21:14) vs. Switzerland @ St. Gallen SUI, 29.01.2006
Biggest defeat:	22:36 (13:15) vs. Germany @ Basel SUI, 31.01.2006
Longest winning run:	1 match (26.01.2002) 1 match (02.02.2002) 1 match (29.01.2006)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (21.01.2000) 1 match (26.01.2002) 1 match (02.02.2002) 1 match (29.01.2006)
Longest losing run:	9 matches (31.01.2006 - 14.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (31.01.2006 - 14.01.2020)
Current run:	L9 (31.01.2006 - 14.01.2020)
Most goals:	37 vs. Switzerland 37:30W @ St. Gallen SUI, 29.01.2006
Most goals opponent:	37 vs. Russia 33:37L @ Graz AUT, 19.01.2010
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Russia 33:37L @ Graz AUT, 19.01.2010
Fewest goals:	16 vs. Norway 16:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals opponent:	19 vs. Norway 16:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Norway 16:19L @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

SRB vs UKR

No previous encounters

FRA vs UKR

21.10.1998 Zaporozhye UKR	UKR-FRA	WCh-Qual. - Group 1	16:26 (12:9)
24.10.1998 Marseille FRA	FRA-UKR	WCh-Qual. - Group 1	26:18 (14:7)
22.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	UKR-FRA	ECh - Group A	22:24 (9:12)
02.02.2006 Basel SUI	UKR-FRA	ECh - MR-Group I	20:30 (10:16)
20.01.2007 Magdeburg GER	FRA-UKR	WCh - Group B	32:21 (17:8)

UKR vs CRO

25.01.2000 Rijeka CRO	CRO-UKR	ECh - Group A	26:18 (13:9)
31.01.2001 Marseille FRA	CRO-UKR	WCh - Last 16	34:37 (11:15, 29:29, 33:33)
21.01.2010 Graz AUT	UKR-CRO	ECh - Group A	25:28 (14:12)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Andrii Natalyuk	25	2000-2006, 2010
Yuriy Petrenko	25	2000-2006, 2010
Vitaliy Nat	24	2000-2006, 2010
Sergiy Bilyk	18	2002-2006, 2010
Ruslan Prudius	18	2000-2002, 2006

GOALS

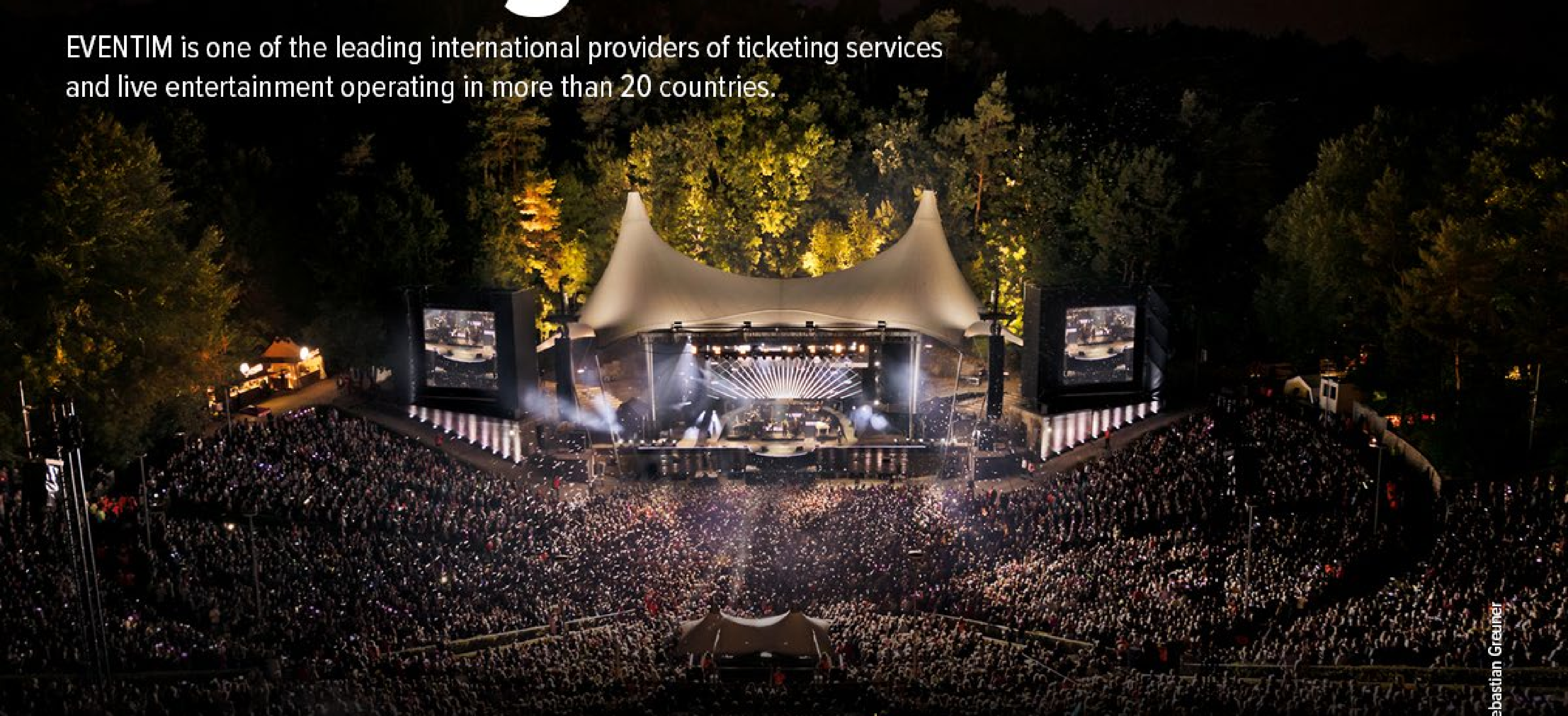
Player	Goals	Years
Yuriy Kostetskiy	99	2002-2006
Oleg Velykyy	66*	2000-2002
Yuriy Petrenko	65	2000-2006, 2010
Sergiy Shel'menko	55*	2002-2006
Vitaliy Nat	51	2000-2006, 2010

* Oleg Velykyy scored also 2 goals for Germany (2008)

* Sergiy Shel'menko scored also 40 goals for Russia (2012-2016)

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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*

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ACHIEVEMENTS

OLYMPIC GAMES

-  1976

World Championships

-  2007
-  1982, 2009, 2015

GROUP FIXTURES - ALL MATCHES ON

14.1.2022 18:00 Germany vs. Belarus
14.1.2022 20:30 Austria vs. Poland

16.1.2022 18:00 Germany vs. Austria
16.1.2022 20:30 Belarus vs. Poland

18.1.2022 18:00 Poland vs. Germany
18.1.2022 20:30 Belarus vs. Austria



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Germany will start their 14th participation at a Men's EHF EURO with a fairly new team. After missing the semi-finals at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, team captain Uwe Gensheimer and right back Steffen Weinhold quit playing for the national team, EHF EURO 2020 best defender Hendrik Pekeler has announced a break, and goalkeeper Johannes Bitter is only on stand-by for "cases of emergency". Definitely, some new names will be on-court in Bratislava, where Alfred Gislason will have his first EHF EURO as German national team coach. The Icelander took over from Christian Prokop right after the EHF EURO 2020, when Germany had finished fifth.

The 24-year-old Flensburg line player Johannes Golla is the new team captain, and in the test matches against Portugal in November seven debutants were in the German squad. Some experienced stars, such as goalkeeper Andreas Wolff and line player Patrick

Wiencek are still in the roster, but one main focus is to build up a team for the EHF EURO 2024 on home ground.

In qualification for the EHF EURO 2022, Germany extended their impressive series to 20 straight victories in EHF EURO qualifiers, leaving Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Estonia behind. 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 202 and gold in 2004 - but then it took until Poland in 2016 to win another medal (gold).

Now it is the turn for the new generation, led by Golla, right wing Timo Kastening or the even younger talents of left back Sebastian Heymann and goalkeeper Till Klimpke - both All-star Team members and bronze medallists at the U18 EHF EURO in 2016 - to take over the responsibility.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	7	0	1	183:118	+65	14:2	1st Group 5
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	135:131	+4	5:7	9th Place
1996	Qualification	6	3	1	2	139:123	+16	7:5	2nd Group 5
1996	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	131:135	-4	3:9	8th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	1	1	144:123	+21	9:3	1st Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	177:159	+18	10:4	3rd Place
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	56:41	+15	4:0	Won vs. POL
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	129:136	-7	4:8	9th Place
2002	Play Off	2	2	0	0	52:45	+7	4:0	Won vs. SVK
2002	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	201:188	+13	11:5	Runners-up
2004	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	244:208	+36	13:3	Winners
2006	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	223:193	+30	11:3	5th Place
2008	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	224:224	0	8:8	4th Place
2010	Qualification	8	8	0	0	300:191	+109	16:0	1st Group 5
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	157:165	-8	4:8	10th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	192:150	+42	9:3	1st Group 5
2012	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	156:156	0	5:7	7th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	170:151	+19	6:6	3rd Group 2
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	172:145	+27	10:2	2nd Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	223:200	+23	14:2	Winners
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	173:137	+36	12:0	1st Group 5
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	2	2	156:145	+11	6:6	9th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	190:119	+71	12:0	1st Group 1
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
Total Qualification		68	56	3	9	1962:1478	+484	115:21	
Total EHF EURO		90	47	12	31	2388:2242	+146	106:74	



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@andi_jo_wo

Andreas Wolff

goalkeeper

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2019

- excelled during Germany's golden EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, with over 50% save rate in final against Spain
- joined Kielce as his first foreign club in summer of 2019, arriving from THW Kiel
- started his career at Wetzlar before moving to Kiel in 2016
- named German handball player of the year in 2015 and 2016
- also named "German bearded man of the year 2016"

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



@juliusk5

Julius Kühn

left back

current club: MT Melsungen since 2017

- replaced injured Christian Dissinger in Germany's EHF EURO 2016 squad and helped the team win gold
- missed WCh 2019 due to injury, returned in October 2019 and played at EHF EURO 2020
- joined Melsungen from Gummersbach in 2017, previously played for Essen
- powerful back-court player with strong shot
- made international debut for Germany in 2014

EURO: G 2016; OG: B 2016



@marcel24schiller

Marcel Schiller

left wing

current club: Frisch Auf Göppingen since 2013

- despite his age of 30 years, is the rising star in the German team
- took over on left wing from former team captain Uwe Gensheimer
- the WCh 2021 was his first major tournament; he was the best German scorer with 21 goals
- was runner-up in the scoring list of German Bundesliga season 2020/21 with 270 goals
- played only for two clubs in his whole career - TV Neuhausen (2006 - 2013) and since then for Frisch Auf Göppingen

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016, 2017



@philippweber20

Philipp Weber

centre back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2021

- made national team debut in September 2017, part of all major tournaments including EHF EURO 2018 and 2020, except WCh 2019
- a classical playmaker, who is also strong in one-against-one actions
- was Bundesliga top scorer in the 2016/17 season for Wetzlar
- is one of the most experienced players of the young German team with more than 50 international matches



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@johgolla

Johannes Golla

line player

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2018

- played first major tournament at EHF EURO 2020
- played first match as Germany's youngest-ever team captain in November against Portugal on his 24th birthday
- one of Germany's biggest talents, brought in to replace now-retired defence boss Tobias Karlsson
- arrived in 2018 from MT Melsungen, where he became a junior national team player
- made national team debut in a friendly against Switzerland in March 2018



@timokastening

Timo Kastening

right wing

current club: MT Melsungen since 2020

- became number 1 on right wing during his first major tournament, EHF EURO 2020, replacing Tobias Reichmann
- was Germany's top scorer at EHF EURO 2020 with 27 goals
- named German Handball Player of the year in 2020
- made national team debut in March 2019 against Switzerland
- Is a counter-attack specialist with a huge variety of shots



@fabian_w3

Fabian Wiede

right back

current club: Füchse Berlin since 2012

- played his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2016
- was the only German All Star Team player at the WCh 2019 on home ground
- was ruled out by several injuries in recent years, but has made a club-level comeback
- usually plays in right back, as he is left-handed, but is also an asset as a playmaker
- was discovered by Füchse Berlin at the age of 16, since then plays for the same club

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



@alligisla

Alfred Gislason

coach

- succeeded Christian Prokop after EHF EURO 2020, when Germany missed the semi-finals
- previously coached the Icelandic national team before, parallel to his job at Gummersbach
- steered SC Magdeburg (2002) and THW Kiel (2010, 2012) to three EHF CL trophies; the first coach to win this trophy with two different clubs
- was a defence specialist and left back as player
- won 25 domestic and international titles as coach of Magdeburg, Gummersbach and Kiel

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



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EHF EURO QUALIFICATION - 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)
Longest run without win:	5 matches (21.01.2000 - 27.01.2000)
Current run:	W3 (20.01.2020 - 25.01.2020)
Most goals:	41 vs. Poland 41:32W @ Koper SLO, 24.01.2004
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. France 26:36L @ Lillehammer NOR, 27.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Poland 41:32W @ Koper SLO, 24.01.2004
Fewest goals:	15 vs. France 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals opponent:	15 vs. France 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002
Fewest goals both teams:	30 vs. France 15:15D @ Jönköping SWE, 25.01.2002

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

GER vs BLR

03.06.1994 Almada POR	GER-BLR	ECh - Group A	23:24 (12:10)
16.05.1995 Kópavogur ISL	GER-BLR	WCh - Last 16	33:26 (15:13)
17.01.2008 Bergen NOR	GER-BLR	ECh - Group C	34:26 (16:13)
18.03.2009 Minsk BLR	BLR-GER	ECh-Qual. - Group 5	23:25 (11:16)
17.06.2009 Stuttgart GER	GER-BLR	ECh-Qual. - Group 5	38:27 (18:12)
18.01.2017 Rouen FRA	BLR-GER	WCh - Group C	25:31 (16:16)
16.01.2020 Wien AUT	BLR-GER	ECh - MR-Group I	23:31 (11:18)

GER vs AUT

14.08.1936 Berlin GER	GER-AUT	OG - Place 1-4	10:6 (5:3)
06.02.1938 Berlin GER	GER-AUT	WCh - Round Robin	5:4 (4:2)
27.10.2010 Göppingen GER	GER-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	26:26 (8:14)
08.06.2011 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	20:28 (8:15)
02.11.2014 Wien AUT	AUT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	24:28 (11:12)
14.06.2015 Kiel GER	GER-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	31:29 (14:13)
20.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-GER	ECh - MR-Group I	22:34 (13:16)
06.01.2021 Graz AUT	AUT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	27:36 (16:22)
10.01.2021 Köln GER	GER-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	34:20 (19:5)

POL vs GER

04.10.1996 Karlsruhe GER	GER-POL	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	21:20 (13:10)
06.10.1996 Dzierżoniów POL	POL-GER	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	19:23 (10:10)
11.09.1999 Głogów POL	POL-GER	ECh-Playoff	16:26 (7:13)
19.09.1999 Riesa GER	GER-POL	ECh-Playoff	30:25 (14:7)
04.06.2000 Bydgoszcz POL	POL-GER	WCh-Playoff	23:22 (12:14)
09.06.2000 Lübeck GER	GER-POL	WCh-Playoff	27:20 (13:8)
23.01.2004 Koper SLO	POL-GER	ECh - Group D	32:41 (13:21)
02.02.2006 Basel SUI	POL-GER	ECh - MR-Group I	24:32 (7:16)
22.01.2007 Halle (Westfalen) GER	GER-POL	WCh - Group C	25:27 (12:14)
04.02.2007 Köln GER	GER-POL	WCh - Final	29:24 (17:13)
22.01.2009 Varaždin CRO	GER-POL	WCh - Group C	30:23 (14:11)
19.01.2010 Innsbruck AUT	GER-POL	ECh - Group C	25:27 (8:12)
25.01.2012 Beograd SRB	POL-GER	ECh - MR-Group 1	33:32 (18:17)
07.06.2014 Gdańsk POL	POL-GER	WCh-Playoff	25:24 (9:12)
14.06.2014 Magdeburg GER	GER-POL	WCh-Playoff	28:29 (14:10)
16.01.2015 Doha QAT	POL-GER	WCh - Group D	26:29 (13:17)
09.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	GER-POL	OG - Group B	32:29 (16:14)
21.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	POL-GER	OG - Place 3/4	25:31 (13:17)
10.04.2019 Gliwice POL	POL-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	18:26 (10:13)
13.04.2019 Halle (Westfalen) GER	GER-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	29:24 (16:16)
25.01.2021 New Administrative Capital EGY	POL-GER	WCh - MR-Group I	23:23 (12:11)

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
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 Kretzschmar	131	1994-2002
Pascal Hens	115	2002-2008, 2012
Christian Schwarzer	108	1994-1998, 2002-2004



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Finishing eighth on home ground in 2020 was the best-ever result for Austria at an EHF EURO final tournament. Since then, many Austrian players have left their footprints at top international clubs.

Left wing Sebastian Frimmel is currently one of the top scorers at EHF Champions League participants Pick Szeged (HUN), youngster Lukas Hutecek plays a strong role at EHF European League participant TBV Lemgo Lippe (GER) and powerful line player Tobias Wagner has successfully started at Fenix Toulouse (FRA).

But the main responsibility at Austria's fourth EHF EURO participation is still carried on the shoulders of team captain and superstar Nikola Bilyk. The EHF Cup and Champions League winner with THW Kiel did not play for the national team from January 2020 until November 2021 due to a severe knee injury, but was

already the best scorer at his comeback in the test matches against Czech Republic.

Slovenian-born coach and former Champions League winner Ales Pajovic, who is at the helm since 2019, has built a team with many talents, including the best-ever scorer in the Austrian national team, right wing Robert Weber, who has scored 863 goals for his country. The major change since 2020 is in the goalkeeper position. Thomas Bauer quit playing for the national team and is replaced by Montenegrin-born Golub Doknic, who now has Austrian citizenship.

In qualification, Austria finished second in the group with their preliminary round opponents Germany. As at the EHF EURO 2020, they face Germany and Belarus – and they know that the way to the main round is steep.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	4	1	3	164:157	+7	9:7	2nd Group 3
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	43:45	-2	2:2	Lost vs. BLR
1996	Qualification	6	1	1	4	133:150	-17	3:9	4th Group 1
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:129	+12	7:5	2nd Group D
2000	Qualification	6	3	1	2	153:142	+11	7:5	2nd Group 2
2000	Play Off	2	0	0	2	44:57	-13	0:4	Lost vs. ESP
2002	Qualification	6	2	1	3	151:173	-22	5:7	3rd Group 1
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	182:136	+46	10:2	2nd Group 4
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	49:60	-11	2:2	Lost vs. POL
2006	Qualification	6	5	0	1	184:165	+19	10:2	1st Group 5
2006	Play Off	2	1	0	1	49:50	-1	2:2	Lost vs. SVK
2008	Qualification	6	3	0	3	183:178	+5	6:6	3rd Group 4
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	184:187	-3	5:7	9th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	3	1	2	165:170	-5	7:5	3rd Group 5
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	185:173	+12	8:4	2nd Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	159:160	-1	4:8	11th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	148:161	-13	4:8	3rd Group 7
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	176:186	-10	6:6	2nd Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	80:99	-19	0:6	15th Place
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
Total Qualification		88	43	8	37	2307:2307	0	94:82	
Total EHF EURO		22	7	2	13	628:660	-32	16:28	



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Golub Doknic

goalkeeper

current club: Alpla Hard since 2011

- played his first match for the Austrian national team in February 2021 in the EHF EURO qualifier against Bosnia and Herzegovina
- succeeded Austrian goalkeeper legend Thomas Bauer, who quit playing for the national team after the WCh 2021
- the oldest player in the Austria EHF EURO 2022 squad
- born in former Yugoslavia (today Montenegro) and became Austrian citizen in November 2020
- before joining Austrian side Alpla Hard in 2011, played for Vardar (MKD), Conversano (ITA) and Kolubara (SRB)



Lukas Hutecek

left back

current club: TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2021

- made national team debut shortly before EHF EURO 2020, and made an appearance at every Austria match at the final tournament
- was third-best Austrian scorer at the WCh 2021, scoring 29 goals
- named Austrian player of the year in 2020 and 2021
- top scorer for Fivers in the EL 2020/21 with 65 goals

@luki_huti



Sebastian Frimmel

left wing

current club: Pick Szeged since 2021

- has scored over 200 goals for the Austrian national team, including 21 at EHF EURO 2020
- won bronze at School WCh in 2013; made debut in senior national team at age 18 in 2014
- awarded 'best young player' of Austrian league in 2014/15 season
- in his first season playing for Pick Szeged is the club's top scorer to date in the CL, with 36 goals
- is tall for a wing at 1.9m

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Nikola Bilyk

left/centre back

current club: THW Kiel since 2016

- Austria's top scorer with 46 goals at EHF EURO 2020
- made his national team comeback in November 2021 after a severe knee injury, top-scoring in a test match against Czech Republic
- born in Tunis, where his father Serhij was goalkeeper at Esperance; they later played together at Vienna's Fivers club
- at 18, he was the youngest player at WCh 2015 in Qatar
- had offers from both Barça and THW Kiel after the WCh 2015, but joined Kiel in 2016

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EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019



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Tobias Wagner

line player

current club: Fenix Toulouse since 2021

- made his national team debut in April 2015; EHF EURO 2022 is his third ECh
- a powerful line player, who is able to block several defenders at the same time
- born in Vienna, he started his career at Fivers and was awarded Rookie of the Year in Austria in 2014
- was a core player in the historic 2020/21 EL season, when Fivers were the first Austrian team in a group phase



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Robert Weber

right wing

current club: Nordhorn-Lingen since 2019

- longest-standing member of the Austrian team, having made his debut in 2004
- his third match at the EHF EURO 2022 will be a record 200th appearance for Austria
- started his career at Alpla Hard, where his brother Thomas also played for many years
- joined German club Balingen-Weilstetten in 2008, moved to SC Magdeburg in 2009 and now plays for Nordhorn-Lingen
- in November 2018, scored his 2,000th goal in Germany's Bundesliga; is now closing in on 2,500 goals



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Janko Bozovic

right back

current club: VfL Gummersbach since 2019

- EHF EURO 2022 will be his fourth ECh
- comes into the tournament having played 161 international matches and scored 450 goals
- has played for 14 different clubs in the last 16 years in 10 different countries
- his mother Stanka Bozovic was one of the stars at Hypo Niederösterreich



Ales Pajovic

coach

- steered Austria to their best-ever EHF EURO rank in 2020, finishing eighth
- appointed in March 2019, succeeding Icelandic-born Patrekur Johannesson
- had his first job as a coach at Austrian club Graz until June 2019
- played 181 matches for the Slovenian national team
- 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 QUALIFICATION - 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:	4 matches (14.01.2014 - 20.01.2014)
Current run:	D1 (22.01.2020)
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 POL

24.02.1981 Grenoble FRA	POL-AUT	B-WCh - Group A	25:9 (12:5)
15.12.1994 Kielce POL	POL-AUT	WCh - for EURO substitute positions	31:26 (16:11)
18.12.1994 Wörgl AUT	AUT-POL	WCh - for EURO substitute positions	30:25 (11:12)
29.01.1997 Kielce POL	POL-AUT	ECh-Pre-Qual. - Gr. D	25:22 (14:13)
01.02.1997 Lambach AUT	AUT-POL	ECh-Pre-Qual. - Gr. D	23:21 (10:11)
13.06.2003 Krems AUT	AUT-POL	ECh-Playoff	30:24 (14:11)
20.06.2003 Radom POL	POL-AUT	ECh-Playoff	36:19 (15:11)

GER vs AUT

14.08.1936 Berlin GER	GER-AUT	OG - Place 1-4	10:6 (5:3)
06.02.1938 Berlin GER	GER-AUT	WCh - Round Robin	5:4 (4:2)
27.10.2010 Göppingen GER	GER-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	26:26 (8:14)
08.06.2011 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	20:28 (8:15)
02.11.2014 Wien AUT	AUT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	24:28 (11:12)
14.06.2015 Kiel GER	GER-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	31:29 (14:13)
20.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-GER	ECh - MR-Group I	22:34 (13:16)
06.01.2021 Graz AUT	AUT-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	27:36 (16:22)
10.01.2021 Köln GER	GER-AUT	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	34:20 (19:5)

BLR vs AUT

02.03.1994 Linz AUT	AUT-BLR	ECh-Qual. - Runners Up	28:17 (13:10)
08.03.1994 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	ECh-Qual. - Runners Up	28:15 (13:6)
27.11.1998 St. Pölten AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	28:24 (13:10)
29.11.1998 Tulln AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	22:28 (10:14)
16.01.2001 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	35:20 (14:11)
19.01.2001 Traun AUT	AUT-BLR	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	31:29 (19:15)
21.01.2004 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	30:23 (10:11)
23.01.2004 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	24:19 (12:9)
12.01.2018 Poreč CRO	BLR-AUT	ECh - Group B	27:26 (14:12)
10.06.2018 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	WCh-Playoff	28:28 (15:15)
13.06.2018 Wien AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Playoff	31:26 (13:16)
22.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-BLR	ECh - MR-Group I	36:36 (17:19)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Thomas Bauer	22	2010, 2014, 2018-2020
Robert Weber	22	2010, 2014, 2018-2020
Janko Bozovic	16	2014, 2018-2020
Vytautas Ziura	15	2010, 2014, 2018
Raul Santos	13	2014, 2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Robert Weber	95	2010, 2014, 2018-2020
Nikola Bilyk	64	2018-2020
Viktor Szilagyi	59	2010, 2014
Roland Schlinger	48	2010, 2014
Janko Bozovic	46	2014, 2018-2020



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The Belarusian standard at EHF EURO events is tenth, their final position at the previous three tournaments. Head coach Iouri Chevtsov's team are set to play their seventh EHF EURO, and their sixth in a row. Chevtsov has led the team since 2009, building a squad including many rising stars from EHF Champions League clubs.

One of them is right wing Mikita Vailupau, who was second-best scorer at the EHF EURO 2020 (just below Sander Sagosen/NOR) and second-best scorer of the EHF Champions League season 2020/21. Next summer, Vailupau will make the next step of his career, moving from Meshkov Brest to Veszprém.

Besides Vailupau, others such as left wing Andrei Yurnok, the line players Artsem Karalek and Viachaslau Bokhan or the tall left back Uladzislau Kulesh have developed and gained experience in

the last years. Between the posts, the Meshkov duo Viachaslau Saldatsenka and Ivan Matskevich stand as a wall, combined with a strong defence.

Although Belarus are quite a young squad, they are well-rehearsed, as they have played together for many years. In qualification, Belarus finished second below Norway and even beat the EHF EURO 2020 bronze medallists once - both finished with 10 points from six matches.

They find themselves once again in a group with Germany and Austria; in 2020, they lost 22:31 to Germany, and drew 36:36 with Austria. Belarus' best EHF EURO final ranking is still eighth at the first edition of the tournament in 1994.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	234:186	+48	11:5	2nd Group 4
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	45:43	+2	2:2	Won vs. AUT
1994	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	154:167	-13	4:8	8th Place
1996	Qualification	6	2	0	4	142:146	-4	4:8	3rd Group 3
1998	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	116:99	+17	6:2	2nd Group B
2000	Qualification	6	6	0	0	174:128	+46	12:0	1st Group 7
2000	Play Off	2	0	1	1	44:52	-8	1:3	Lost vs. UKR
2002	Qualification	6	4	0	2	175:136	+39	8:4	1st Group 1
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	50:56	-6	2:2	Lost vs. ISL
2004	Qualification	6	4	0	2	167:155	+12	8:4	2nd Group 2
2004	Play Off	2	0	1	1	52:62	-10	1:3	Lost vs. CRO
2006	Qualification	6	3	1	2	190:163	+27	7:5	2nd Group 1
2006	Play Off	2	0	0	2	55:67	-12	0:4	Lost vs. ISL
2008	Qualification	3	3	0	0	100:74	+26	6:0	1st Group 1
2008	Play Off	2	1	0	1	61:54	+7	2:2	Won vs. SUI
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	83:101	-18	0:6	15th Place
2010	Qualification	8	4	0	4	253:233	+20	8:8	3rd Group 5
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	181:203	-22	4:8	3rd Group 7
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	189:180	+9	9:3	2nd Group 6
2014	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	166:195	-29	2:10	12th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	2	2	158:167	-9	6:6	2nd Group 2
2016	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	167:189	-22	4:8	10th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	2	1	177:152	+25	8:4	1st Group 2
2018	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	155:172	-17	4:8	10th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	182:146	+36	8:4	2nd Group 5
2020	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	209:217	-8	7:7	10th Place
2022	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	190:168	+22	10:2	2nd Group 6
Total Qualification		101	57	9	35	2935:2670	+265	123:79	
Total EHF EURO		34	10	1	23	934:1041	-107	21:47	



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Viachaslau Saldatsenka

goalkeeper

current club: HC Meshkov Brest since 2021

- at both EHF EURO 2016 and 2018, he was among the top 10 goalkeepers with a save percentage of 34% and 35% respectively
- missed WCh 2021, but will play his fourth EHF EURO after 2016, 2018 and 2020
- before moving back to Belarus, had stints at German club Balingen and Romanian clubs Odorheiu Secuiesc, Dobrogea Sud and Bacau
- born in Orsha, he started his career at SKA Minsk



Uladzislau Kulesh

left back

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2018

- will play his fourth straight EHF EURO after 2016, 2018 and 2020
- at 2.06m is jointly the tallest player in the Belarusian squad, alongside line player Viachaslau Bokhan
- joined Kielce in summer of 2018 but missed first part of that season due to injuries
- one of his strongest weapons is a powerful throw from long distance
- nicknamed "Hercules" by Kielce coach Talant Dujshebaev due to his extraordinary power



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Andrei Yurynok

left wing

current club: HC Meshkov Brest since 2016

- best scorer for Belarus at EHF EURO 2018 with 24 goals
- this is his sixth major tournament after EHF EUROs 2016, 2018, 2020 and WCh 2019 and 2021
- born in Brest, but started career in Minsk (Vityaz, SKA) and joined Meshkov in 2016
- was a line player in his youth before coaches successfully put him on the left wing, despite his height of 1.96m
- named the best young left wing in the world in 2017/18



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Vadim Gayduchenko

centre back

current club: Saint-Raphaël since 2018

- scored 11 goals at both EHF EURO 2020 and WCh 2021
- made his national team debut at the age of 18
- played for Mogilev and SKA Minsk, before he went abroad - first to Dinamo Bucharest, then to Saint-Raphaël in France
- cooperates well with the line players
- will share the position on the Belarus squad with Chekhovski playmaker Artsiom Kulak



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Viachaslau Bokhan

line player

current club: HC Motor since 2020

- playing in his third EHF EURO after 2018 and 2020
- prior to EHF EURO 2022, has played 59 matches and scored 59 goals for Belarus
- moved outside Belarus for the first time in 2020 when he joined HC Motor
- prior to Motor, had spent entire career at SKA Minsk



Mikita Vailupau

right wing

current club: HC Meshkov Brest since 2019

- made his debut in the Belarus national team in 2015 and played his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2020
- second top scorer of EHF EURO 2020 with 47 goals and top scorer of the CL 2020/21 until the end of the quarter-finals, with 93 goals
- moved from SKA Minsk to HC Meshkov Brest in the summer of 2019; transferring to Veszprém in the summer of 2022
- dreams of playing for Paris Saint-Germain in the future
- hobby is painting and drawing pictures in the style of abstract expressionism



Aleh Astrashapkin

right back

current club: CSKA since 2020

- played at EHF EURO 2014, but missed out on a place in the Belarus squad in 2016, 2018 and 2020
- fourth-best Belarusian scorer at the WCh 2021 with 19 goals, but was second-best in assists with 16
- previously played for Meshkov Brest before being loaned to Hungary's Vac and Csurgói, joining Csurgói on contract between 2018 and 2020
- scored 41 goals for CSKA in the EHF EL in 2020/21



Iouri Chevtsov

coach

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

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



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Biggest win:	33:24 (14:9) vs. Romania @ Almada POR, 05.06.1994 36:27 (17:11) vs. Montenegro @ Graz AUT, 13.01.2020
Biggest defeat:	22:33 (11:16) vs. Croatia @ København/Sjælland DEN, 13.01.2014 23:34 (5:20) vs. France @ Kraków POL, 21.01.2016
Longest winning run:	2 matches (27.01.2016 - 12.01.2018) 2 matches (24.01.2018 - 09.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run:	2 matches (27.01.2016 - 12.01.2018) 2 matches (24.01.2018 - 09.01.2020)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (07.06.1994 - 15.01.2014)
Longest run without win:	8 matches (07.06.1994 - 15.01.2014)
Current run:	D1 (22.01.2020)
Most goals:	39 vs. Iceland 39:38W @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Most goals opponent:	39 vs. France 30:39L @ Aarhus DEN, 21.01.2014 39 vs. Russia 33:39L @ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
Most goals both teams:	77 vs. Iceland 39:38W @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
Fewest goals:	20 vs. Sweden 20:29L @ Zagreb CRO, 22.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	23 vs. Germany 24:23W @ Almada POR, 03.06.1994 23 vs. Montenegro 29:23W @ København/Sjælland DEN, 17.01.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	47 vs. Germany 24:23W @ Almada POR, 03.06.1994

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

GER vs BLR

03.06.1994 Almada POR	GER-BLR	ECh - Group A	23:24 (12:10)
16.05.1995 Kópavogur ISL	GER-BLR	WCh - Last 16	33:26 (15:13)
17.01.2008 Bergen NOR	GER-BLR	ECh - Group C	34:26 (16:13)
18.03.2009 Minsk BLR	BLR-GER	ECh-Qual. - Group 5	23:25 (11:16)
17.06.2009 Stuttgart GER	GER-BLR	ECh-Qual. - Group 5	38:27 (18:12)
18.01.2017 Rouen FRA	BLR-GER	WCh - Group C	25:31 (16:16)
16.01.2020 Wien AUT	BLR-GER	ECh - MR-Group I	23:31 (11:18)

BLR vs POL

12.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	POL-BLR	WCh - Group C	24:22 (14:9)
19.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	POL-BLR	ECh - MR-Group 2	31:30 (14:13)
25.01.2016 Kraków POL	POL-BLR	ECh - MR-Group 1	32:27 (19:13)
04.05.2017 Minsk BLR	BLR-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	32:23 (15:10)
07.05.2017 Płock POL	POL-BLR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	27:27 (13:15)

BLR vs AUT

02.03.1994 Linz AUT	AUT-BLR	ECh-Qual. - Runners Up	28:17 (13:10)
08.03.1994 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	ECh-Qual. - Runners Up	28:15 (13:6)
27.11.1998 St. Pölten AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	28:24 (13:10)
29.11.1998 Tulln AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	22:28 (10:14)
16.01.2001 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	35:20 (14:11)
19.01.2001 Traun AUT	AUT-BLR	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	31:29 (19:15)
21.01.2004 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	30:23 (10:11)
23.01.2004 Innsbruck AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Qual. - Group 5	24:19 (12:9)
12.01.2018 Poreč CRO	BLR-AUT	ECh - Group B	27:26 (14:12)
10.06.2018 Minsk BLR	BLR-AUT	WCh-Playoff	28:28 (15:15)
13.06.2018 Wien AUT	AUT-BLR	WCh-Playoff	31:26 (13:16)
22.01.2020 Wien AUT	AUT-BLR	ECh - MR-Group I	36:36 (17:19)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Maksim Baranau	25	2014-2020
Barys Pukhouski	25	2008, 2014-2020
Siarhei Shylovich	22	2014-2020
Ivan Brouka	21	2008, 2014-2016, 2020
Maxim Babichev	19	2008, 2014-2018
Uladzislau Kulesh	19	2016-2020
Dzmitry Nikulenkau	19	2014-2016, 2020
Viachaslau Saldatsenka	19	2016-2020
Andrei Yurynek	19	2016-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Barys Pukhouski	105	2008, 2014-2020
Siarhei Shylovich	76	2014-2020
Artsem Karalek	62	2016-2020
Siarhei Rutenka	59	2014-2016
Andrei Yurynek	59	2016-2020



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Coach Patryk Rombel and his team are on two missions at the EHF EURO 2022 - first to forget the weak results of previous editions, and secondly to promote the 2023 World Championship, jointly hosted with Sweden.

Poland missed EHF EURO 2018 and finished 21st at EHF EURO 2020; they missed direct qualification for the IHF Men's World Championship 2021, but received an IHF wildcard to participate.

In Egypt, they showed their progression. Players such as Szymon Sicko, Michal Olejniczak and Arkadiusz Moryto have developed in the right way and the full transition from the former golden generation - World Championship 2007 silver medallists, and World Championship 2009 and 2015 bronze medallists - to the new generation was coming to fruition. Rombel has integrated many young players, many of them

from 2016 EHF Champions League winners Kielce or the 2021 EHF European League semi-finalists Orlen Wisla Plock. Some experienced stars, such as PSG line player Kamil Syprzak, who missed the World Championship 2021, or left wing Przemyslaw Krajewski, are still part of the squad, but the future has begun for Poland.

The team booked their EHF EURO 2022 ticket as one of the four best third-ranked teams after finishing their group below Slovenia and the Netherlands. A 27:26 win against Slovenia was crucial to make it to Bratislava, where they will face Belarus, Germany and Austria in the preliminary round.

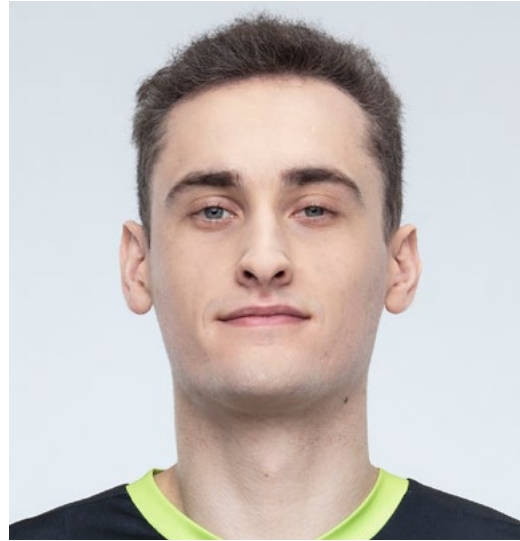
Poland's best EHF EURO result so far was fourth in 2010, when they lost the bronze final against Iceland. On home ground in 2016, they missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals after a defeat by Croatia in the final main round match.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	1	2	227:160	+67	11:5	2nd Group 6
1994	Runners-Up	2	1	0	1	42:51	-9	2:2	Lost vs. FRA
1996	Qualification	6	0	0	6	140:175	-35	0:12	4th Group 4
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	162:143	+19	10:2	1st Group D
1998	Qualification	6	0	0	6	128:153	-25	0:12	4th Group 5
2000	Qualification	6	5	0	1	165:133	+33	10:2	1st Group 1
2000	Play-off	2	0	0	2	41:56	-15	0:4	Lost vs. GER
2002	Play-off	2	1	1	0	56:52	+4	3:1	Won vs. NOR
2002	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	67:83	-16	0:6	15th Place
2004	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:49	+11	2:2	Won vs. AUT
2004	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	86:108	-22	0:6	16th Place
2006	Qualification	3	2	0	1	103:70	+33	4:2	2nd Group 4
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	60:59	+1	2:2	Won vs. SWE
2006	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	163:185	-22	3:9	10th Place
2008	Play-off	2	2	0	0	72:47	+25	4:0	Won vs. NED
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	182:172	+10	7:5	7th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	1	2	242:198	+44	11:5	2nd Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	222:221	+1	9:7	4th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	172:147	+25	9:3	1st Group 3
2012	EHF EURO	6	3	1	2	173:160	+13	7:5	9th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	162:133	+29	10:2	2nd Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	191:184	+7	6:8	6th Place
2016	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	193:194	-1	10:4	7th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	1	2	3	171:189	-18	4:8	4th Group 2
2020	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	152:139	+13	5:7	2nd Group 1
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
Total Qualification		85	43	7	35	2331:2119	+212	93:77	
Total EHF EURO		49	19	4	26	1350:1392	-42	42:56	



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Adam Morawski

goalkeeper

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2013

- started to play at senior level in 2013/14, debuted in the national team in 2013 and in the CL two years later
- EHF EURO 2022 will be his second ECh after 2020, when he saved 31% of shots
- will join German side MT Melsungen in 2022, and will face some future teammates in the preliminary round match against Germany
- was key to helping Plock to the EHF European League Men finals in 2021
- his nickname 'Loczek' means 'Curl'

 @loczek1994



Szymon Sicko

left back

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2020

- Poland's top scorer at the EHF EURO with 15 goals, and second-best scorer at the WCh 2021 with 29 strikes
- made his debut in the national team in 2017
- is a classical shooter, the successor of legendary left back Karol Bielecki
- signed by Kielce in 2017, but was on loan to Hüttenberg (GER) and Zabrze (POL) until he returned to Kielce in 2020

 @szymon_sicko



Przemyslaw Krajewski

left wing

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2017

- the most experienced player in the Polish squad, and was part of the WCh 2015 bronze medal team
- since his debut in the national team in 2012, was part of the Polish squad in all major tournaments
- suffered from a severe knee injury in Poland's EHF EURO 2020 opener against Slovenia and had a long break
- recovered for the WCh 2021, where he scored 16 goals, including four penalties
- passed 1,000 goals scored in the Polish league in 2017

WCh: B 2015



Michal Olejniczak

centre back

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2020

- played two matches at EHF EURO 2020 at the age of 18, scoring three goals
- by WCh 2021 had become a regular in the Polish team, and scored 11 times
- is strong in reading the game and also in one-against-one actions
- played at Gdansk, before he moved to Kielce at the age of 19

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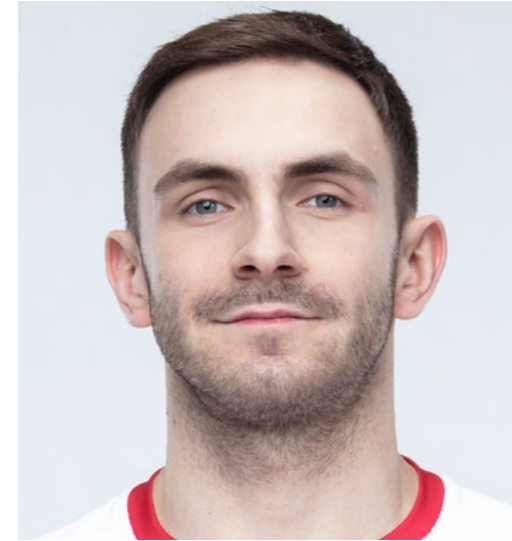
Kamil Syprzak

line player

current club: Paris Saint-Germain HB since 2019

- with 144 international matches played and 282 goals, is the most experienced and the tallest (2.07m) player in the Polish team
- was ruled out from the WCh 2021 in Egypt with Covid-19
- moved from Plock to Barça in 2015 and after four seasons transferred to Paris Saint-Germain, where he just extended his contract
- scored a personal best 51 goals in the CL 2020/21 season, one more than in 2019/20

WCh: B 2015



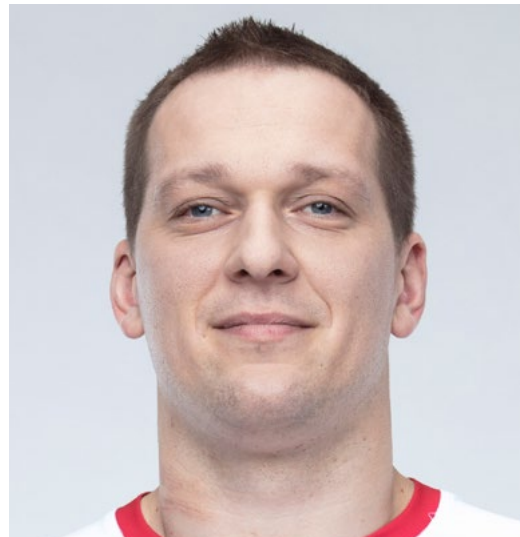
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Arkadiusz Moryto

right wing

current club: Lomza Vive Kielce since 2016

- best Polish scorer at the WCh 2021 with 36 goals, and second-best scorer at EHF EURO 2020 with 14
- has scored more than 300 goals for the national team since his debut in 2017
- usually the first choice in the Polish team for penalty shots
- shares the right-wing position in the national team with Michal Daszek (Wisla Plock)
- previously held the Polish record for the most goals in a single match (17), but was passed by Daszek in February 2021



 @jarzyna1991

Rafal Przybylski

right back

current club: Azoty-Pulawy since 2019

- played his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2014
- part of the Polish squad at EHF EURO 2020 (six goals) and WCh 2021 (eight)
- at 30, is one of the oldest players in the rejuvenated Polish team
- started his professional career at Wagrowiec, joined Azoty-Pulawy for the first time from 2012 until 2017
- moved to French side Fenix Toulouse for two season and reached the final of the French Cup



Patryk Rombel

coach

- became Poland's head coach in January 2019 as successor to Piotr Przybecki, and immediately qualified for EHF EURO 2020
- was the youngest coach at EHF EURO 2020 at the age of 36 and, now 38, will be the youngest at EHF EURO 2022
- assisted Talant Dujshebaev in the Polish national team from 2016 to 2017
- also the youngest-ever coach in the Polish Super League at the age of 31 in 2015 for his former club Kwidzyn
- coached HC Motor alongside the Polish national B team between 2017 and 2018



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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:	L3 (10.01.2020 - 14.01.2020)
Most goals:	41 vs. Slovakia 41:24W @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Most goals opponent:	41 vs. Germany 32:41L @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
Most goals both teams:	73 vs. Germany 32:41L @ Koper SLO, 23.01.2004
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Serbia 18:22L @ Beograd SRB, 15.01.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	20 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014
Fewest goals both teams:	39 vs. Serbia 19:20L @ Aarhus DEN, 13.01.2014

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

AUT vs POL

24.02.1981 Grenoble FRA	POL-AUT	B-WCh - Group A	25:9 (12:5)
15.12.1994 Kielce POL	POL-AUT	WCh - for EURO substitute positions	31:26 (16:11)
18.12.1994 Wörgl AUT	AUT-POL	WCh - for EURO substitute positions	30:25 (11:12)
29.01.1997 Kielce POL	POL-AUT	ECh-Pre-Qual. - Gr. D	25:22 (14:13)
01.02.1997 Lambach AUT	AUT-POL	ECh-Pre-Qual. - Gr. D	23:21 (10:11)
13.06.2003 Krems AUT	AUT-POL	ECh-Playoff	30:24 (14:11)
20.06.2003 Radom POL	POL-AUT	ECh-Playoff	36:19 (15:11)

BLR vs POL

12.01.2013 Zaragoza ESP	POL-BLR	WCh - Group C	24:22 (14:9)
19.01.2014 Aarhus DEN	POL-BLR	ECh - MR-Group 2	31:30 (14:13)
25.01.2016 Kraków POL	POL-BLR	ECh - MR-Group 1	32:27 (19:13)
04.05.2017 Minsk BLR	BLR-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	32:23 (15:10)
07.05.2017 Płock POL	POL-BLR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 2	27:27 (13:15)

POL vs GER

04.10.1996 Karlsruhe GER	GER-POL	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	21:20 (13:10)
06.10.1996 Dzierżonów POL	POL-GER	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	19:23 (10:10)
11.09.1999 Głogów POL	POL-GER	ECh-Playoff	16:26 (7:13)
19.09.1999 Riesa GER	GER-POL	ECh-Playoff	30:25 (14:7)
04.06.2000 Bydgoszcz POL	POL-GER	WCh-Playoff	23:22 (12:14)
09.06.2000 Lübeck GER	GER-POL	WCh-Playoff	27:20 (13:8)
23.01.2004 Koper SLO	POL-GER	ECh - Group D	32:41 (13:21)
02.02.2006 Basel SUI	POL-GER	ECh - MR-Group I	24:32 (7:16)
22.01.2007 Halle (Westfalen) GER	GER-POL	WCh - Group C	25:27 (12:14)
04.02.2007 Köln GER	GER-POL	WCh - Final	29:24 (17:13)
22.01.2009 Varaždin CRO	GER-POL	WCh - Group C	30:23 (14:11)
19.01.2010 Innsbruck AUT	GER-POL	ECh - Group C	25:27 (8:12)
25.01.2012 Beograd SRB	POL-GER	ECh - MR-Group 1	33:32 (18:17)
07.06.2014 Gdańsk POL	POL-GER	WCh-Playoff	25:24 (9:12)
14.06.2014 Magdeburg GER	GER-POL	WCh-Playoff	28:29 (14:10)
16.01.2015 Doha QAT	POL-GER	WCh - Group D	26:29 (13:17)
09.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	GER-POL	OG - Group B	32:29 (16:14)
21.08.2016 Rio de Janeiro BRA	POL-GER	OG - Place 3/4	25:31 (13:17)
10.04.2019 Gliwice POL	POL-GER	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	18:26 (10:13)
13.04.2019 Halle (Westfalen) GER	GER-POL	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 1	29:24 (16:16)
25.01.2021 New Administrative Capital EGY	POL-GER	WCh - MR-Group I	23:23 (12:11)

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



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

OLYMPIC GAMES

-  1996, 2000, 2008, 2020

World Championships

-  2005, 2013
-  2011, 2021



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-  2018

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-  1992, 1996, 2000, 2012

World Championships

-  1954, 1958, 1990, 1999
-  1964, 1997, 2001, 2021
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GROUP FIXTURES - ALL MATCHES ON

13.1.2022	18:00	Spain vs. Czech Republic
13.1.2022	20:30	Sweden vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina

15.1.2022	18:00	Czech Republic vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina
15.1.2022	20:30	Spain vs. Sweden

17.1.2022	18:00	Bosnia and Herzegovina vs. Spain
17.1.2022	20:30	Czech Republic vs. Sweden



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Can Spain become the second team in history to win the EHF EURO three times in a row?

In the past, only Sweden managed such a successful run, winning the 1998, 2000 and 2002 editions. After that, France won the competition three times, and Denmark won twice, but neither of these two accomplished the back-to-back feat.

Since January 2020, Spain have showed they can remain competitive, reaching the semi-finals and winning bronze both at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games last summer and at the IHF Men's World Championship six months earlier.

It seems like the EHF EURO is the lucky competition for Spain. The Hispanos have reached the final weekend of every European competition since 2012, reaching the final in the last three editions.

Coach Jordi Ribera should not need to make many changes to his team. Stalwarts Angel Fernandez and Jorge Maqueda should be on court to defend their colours again, helped by youngsters Aleix Gómez and Ian Tarrafeta. The pair of Gonzalo Perez de Vargas and Rodrigo Corrales between the posts will once again be one to watch.

Spain is operating a transition, although a very smooth one, with key players of the past being replaced year after year, to prevent abrupt changes.

In group E in the preliminary round, Spain look like favourites to snatch one of the two top spots, competing with Sweden, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Czech Republic. The clash with Sweden will be key, as the winner will take two extra points to the main round.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	7	1	0	235:141	+94	15:1	1st Group 6
1994	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	142:126	+16	8:4	5th Place
1996	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:162	+11	10:4	Runner-up
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	162:137	+25	7:5	2nd Group 4
1998	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	187:150	+37	11:9	Runner-up
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	57:44	+13	4:0	Won vs. AUT
2000	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	173:166	+7	10:4	3rd Place
2002	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	186:173	+13	9:5	7th Place
2004	Play Off	2	2	0	0	68:54	+14	4:0	Won vs. LTU
2004	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	166:170	-4	4:8	10th Place
2006	Play Off	2	1	1	0	58:48	+10	3:1	Won vs. LTU
2006	EHF EURO	8	6	1	1	255:231	+24	13:3	Runner-up
2008	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	180:169	+11	6:6	9th Place
2010	Qualification	8	7	0	1	247:189	+58	14:2	1st Group 7
2010	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	213:192	+21	9:5	6th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	174:125	+49	8:4	2nd Group 2
2012	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	224:213	+11	11:5	4th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	179:115	+64	12:0	1st Group 1
2014	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	239:218	+21	12:4	3rd Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:132	+52	10:2	1st Group 7
2016	EHF EURO	8	5	1	2	209:207	+2	11:5	Runner-up
2018	Qualification 2	6	6	0	0	202:130	+72	12:0	1st Group 3
2018	EHF EURO	8	6	0	2	225:189	+36	12:4	Winner
2020	EHF EURO	9	8	1	0	278:226	+52	17:1	Winner
Total Qualification		52	43	3	6	1566:1115	+451	89:15	
Total EHF EURO		102	68	7	27	2850:2592	+258	143:61	



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@perezdvargas

Gonzalo Perez de Vargas

goalkeeper

current club: Barça since 2014

- medallist at four consecutive EHF EUROs, starting in 2014, including two golds in 2018 and 2020
- represented Spain in all age categories; forms national team duo with Veszprém's Rodrigo Corrales
- formed in Barcelona; returned to the club in 2014 after stints with Granollers and Toulouse focused on gaining experience
- voted best CL goalkeeper in 2016/17 and all Spanish domestic competitions since 2014/15; MVP of the ASOBAL league in 2016/17

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



@agrobledo9

Antonio Garcia

left back

current club: BM Granollers since 2020

- EHF EURO 2022 will be his third ECh, after 2014 and 2016
- has an off-and-on relationship with the national team, as he disappeared from it for many years after winning gold at the WCh 2013
- made an unexpected comeback before the Tokyo 2020 OG
- played for eight different clubs in his career, including three stints with BM Granollers

EURO: S 2016, B 2014; OG: B 2020; WCh: G 2013



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Aitor Ariño

left wing

current club: Barça since 2012

- played for Spain at all youth levels, replaced injured Angel Fernandez at EHF EURO 2018 for his European debut
- made major tournament debut at WCh 2013, winning gold; missed OG 2020 due to injury
- born in Wales; started to play handball when he was seven years old at school in Barcelona and has always played for Barça
- used to play centre back as well
- his father, Sergi, was also a handball player, for Granollers and Barça in the 1980s

EURO: G 2018, 2020; WCh G 2013, B 2021



@iantarrafeta

Ian Tarrafeta

centre back

current club: PAUC Handball since 2020

- EHF EURO 2022 will be his first major tournament for Spain
- top scorer at M18 EHF EURO 2016
- born in Barcelona, played for Granollers until 2020 before moving to PAUC, in France
- the son of a French mother and Spanish father, he had no problem adapting to his new environment
- has scored 17 goals in the EHF European League season so far for PAUC



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@adri_figueras

Adrian Figueras

line player

current club: C' Chartres Métropole Handball since 2021

- made EHF EURO debut in 2018 and in 2020 scored 15 goals as Spain won gold
- 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
- in 2014, was still playing for Barcelona's B team, before moving to Granollers

EURO: G 2018, 2020; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021



@aleixgomez11

Aleix Gómez

right wing

current club: Barça since 2017

- had first national team appearance at WCh 2019, two years after being named best right wing of Junior WCh 2017 where he won gold with Spain
- won gold at EHF EURO debut in 2020, scoring 31 times including 11 penalties across the competition
- leading scorer for Barça in 2018/19 and 2019/20 CL group phases
- voted best young player in CL 2019/20 All-star Team

EURO: G 2020; WCh: B 2021
EC trophies: CL 2021



@gurbinsson

Eduardo Gurbindo

right back

current club: C.S. Dinamo Bucaresti since 2021

- playing in his fifth EHF EURO after debuting in 2012; missed EHF EURO 2020
- joined Nantes in 2016 after playing for Barça for four seasons. Was one of the key elements for the club reaching the EHF FINAL4 in 2018
- came back at the start of 2021 after being out for a year due to recurrent knee injuries
- moved to Dinamo Bucarest in 2021, where he met with former coach Xavi Pascual and numerous former Barça players
- recently became the father to a little boy

EURO: B 2014, S 2016, G 2018; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2011



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

EURO: G 2018, 2020; OG: B 2020; WCh: B 2021



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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:	12 matches (24.01.2018 - 26.01.2020)
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:	W2 (24.01.2020 - 26.01.2020)
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 CZE

26.05.1996 Sevilla ESP	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group B	25:21 (11:10)
25.05.1997 Yamaga/Kyushu JPN	ESP-CZE	WCh - Group C	29:26 (13:11)
01.06.1998 Meran-Merano ITA	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group B	35:22 (17:9)
02.02.2002 Stockholm SWE	CZE-ESP	ECh - Place 7/8	29:36 (14:17)
22.01.2007 Bremen GER	ESP-CZE	WCh - Group D	35:29 (19:15)
19.01.2010 Wiener Neustadt AUT	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group D	37:25 (17:10)
13.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group D	32:15 (16:9)
16.01.2020 Wien AUT	ESP-CZE	ECh - MR-Group I	31:25 (14:9)

ESP vs SWE

27.02.1958 Erfurt GDR	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group A	31:11 (15:05)
28.02.1974 Schwerin GDR	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group B	14:15 (9:7)
24.02.1982 Berlin FRG	ESP-SWE	A-WCh - Group B	23:20 (14:7)
02.03.1983 's-Hertogenbosch NED	SWE-ESP	B-WCh - Place 1-6	26:19 (13:9)
08.08.1984 Fullerton, CA USA	SWE-ESP	OG - Group B	26:25 (16:13)
08.06.1994 Porto POR	ESP-SWE	ECh - Group B	19:22 (8:10)
14.05.1995 Akureyri ISL	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group D	23:21 (14:10)
24.05.1996 Sevilla ESP	ESP-SWE	ECh - Group B	24:23 (14:11)
02.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	SWE-ESP	OG - Semi-final	25:20 (11:12)
29.05.1997 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	ESP-SWE	WCh - Quarter-final	24:28 (12:12, 21:21)
07.06.1998 Bolzano-Bozen ITA	ESP-SWE	ECh - Final	23:25 (9:15)
29.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	SWE-ESP	ECh - Semi-final	23:21 (11:12)
24.09.2000 Sydney AUS	SWE-ESP	OG - Group B	28:27 (13:14)
29.09.2000 Sydney AUS	ESP-SWE	OG - Semi-final	25:32 (10:15)
29.01.2004 Celje SLO	SWE-ESP	ECh - MR-Group I	29:28 (10:12)
26.01.2005 Sfax TUN	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group C	26:33 (17:14)
23.01.2008 Trondheim NOR	ESP-SWE	ECh - MR-Group II	26:27 (14:13)
19.01.2009 Split CRO	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group B	34:30 (19:13)
30.01.2011 Malmö SWE	SWE-ESP	WCh - Place 3/4	23:24 (11:11)
20.01.2016 Wrocław POL	ESP-SWE	ECh - Group C	24:22 (12:10)
10.04.2016 Malmö SWE	SWE-ESP	OG - Qual. Tournament 2	23:25 (11:12)
28.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	ESP-SWE	ECh - Final	29:23 (12:14)
24.10.2018 Malmö SWE	SWE-ESP	EHF EURO CUP	28:29 (12:15)
12.06.2019 Almería ESP	ESP-SWE	EHF EURO CUP	33:25 (19:12)
03.08.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	SWE-ESP	OG - Quarter-final	33:34 (20:18)

BIH vs ESP

02.11.2016 Valladolid ESP	ESP-BIH	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	30:21 (12:6)
14.06.2017 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	19:25 (11:14)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez	60	2004, 2008-2020
Julen Aguinagalde Akizu	49	2008-2020
Viran Morros de Argila	48	2010-2020
Alberto Entrerrios Rodriguez	44	2000-2012
Joan Canellas Reixach	41	2012-2020

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
Julen Aguinagalde Akizu	128	2008-2020



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Only one other team than Sweden managed to collect the maximum of 12 points during the EHF EURO qualifiers: Germany. Does that make those two nations favourites for the final title? Maybe not, but at least it highlights the current wave of form that the Swedes are currently surfing on.

Looking at the last international competitions, it is clear why Sweden are among the favourites at this tournament. They won silver at the Men's World Championship 2021, came fifth at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and seventh at EHF EURO 2020. The Scandinavian side is back among the contenders, after surviving a 10-year handball desert.

The resurgence is largely due to their new generation. Jonathan Carlsbogard, Hampus Wanne, Lucas Pellas and Lukas Sandell are just some of the many young talents in this team. Most of them play the EHF

Champions League every week, an opportunity that allows them to gather some experience that can pay dividends for the national team.

You would not want to overlook the role of their older players. Goalkeeper Andreas Palicka, lineplayer Fredric Pettersson and captain Jim Gottfridsson, who have all been around for the last decade, provide a pattern for the youngsters to express themselves.

At EHF EURO 2022, Sweden will have no time to warm up – they will battle with titleholders Spain in the second preliminary round game. By that point, it will be clear how the Swedes are playing.

If all goes well, Sweden might be able to meet their expectations and to find some of their former glory again. It is 20 years since they won the third of their three consecutive EHF EURO titles – will they celebrate a perfect anniversary?

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	8	0	0	204:147	+57	16:0	1st Group 3
1994	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	172:133	+39	14:0	Winner
1996	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	170:156	+14	8:6	4th Place
1998	Qualification	6	4	0	2	156:139	+17	8:4	2nd Group 5
1998	EHF EURO	7	6	0	1	182:158	+24	12:2	Winner
2000	EHF EURO	7	7	0	0	198:167	+31	14:0	Winner
2002	EHF EURO	8	7	0	1	235:191	+44	14:2	Winner
2004	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	211:203	+8	8:6	7th Place
2006	Play Off	2	1	0	1	59:60	-1	2:2	Lost vs. POL
2008	Qualification	4	4	0	0	139:106	+33	8:0	1st Group 7
2008	Play Off	2	1	0	1	69:59	+10	2:2	Won vs. ROU
2008	EHF EURO	7	4	1	2	208:190	+18	9:5	5th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	2	0	251:200	+51	14:2	1st Group 1
2010	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	78:84	-6	0:6	15th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	176:144	+32	10:2	1st Group 4
2012	EHF EURO	6	1	2	3	157:168	-11	4:8	12th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	174:141	+33	10:2	1st Group 5
2014	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	166:158	+8	8:4	7th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	1	0	182:134	+48	11:1	1st Group 3
2016	EHF EURO	7	2	2	3	173:168	+5	6:8	8th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	166:125	+41	10:2	1st Group 6
2018	EHF EURO	8	4	0	4	218:216	+2	8:8	Runner-up
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
Total Qualification		60	50	3	7	1770:1386	+384	103:17	
Total EHF EURO		87	54	5	28	2350:2161	+189	113:61	



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@andreaspalicka12

Andreas Palicka

goalkeeper

current club: Rhein-Neckar Löwen since 2016

- was the fourth-best goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2020, with 44 saves
- elected best goalkeeper of the WCh 2021
- aged 35, spent most of his career in the German Bundesliga, with THW Kiel (2008-2015) and since 2016 at Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- has already signed a contract with Paris Saint-Germain for next season
- best known for his crazy style, full of jumping and throwing legs around

EURO: S 2018; WCh: S 2021



@carlsbogard

Jonathan Carlsbogard

left back

current club: TBV Lemgo Lippe since 2018

- made his debut with the Swedish national team in 2020 before playing his first major tournament at the 2021 World Championship
- moved out of Sweden in 2018 to join TBV Lemgo, in the Bundesliga
- one of the brightest European prospects in left back

WCh: S 2021



@hampusw

Hampus Wanne

left wing

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2013

- helped Sweden win EHF EURO silver in 2018, but missed the 2020 tournament
- elected best left wing of the WCh 2021
- born in 1993, he joined Flensburg-Handewitt in 2013, aged only 20; contracted until 2022
- scored the winning penalty in the CL semi-final against Barcelona in 2014
- in a relationship with Swedish national player Daniela Gustin

EURO: S 2018; WCh: S 2021
EC trophies: CL 2014



@gotte24

Jim Gottfridsson

centre back

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2013

- EHF EURO 2022 is his third ECh; he was Sweden's second top scorer in 2020 with 25 goals
- top scorer of under-19 WCh 2012 and MVP of EHF EURO 2018 in Croatia
- comes from Ystad, like many other Swedish handball stars
- played for Ystad from the age of eight until his 2013 transfer to Flensburg at age 21
- a key player for Flensburg in EHF FINAL4 when they won the trophy in 2014

EURO: S 2018; WCh: S 2021
EC trophies: CL 2014



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@fredricpettersson

Fredric Pettersson

line player

current club: Fenix Toulouse since 2021

- set to play in his third ECh, after winning silver in 2018
- moved back to Toulouse last summer, a club he had played for from 2016 to 2018
- moved to France in 2016, after playing in Denmark and IFK Kristianstad
- part of strong Swedish generation, alongside Hampus Wanne, Mattias Zachrisson and Jesper Nielsen

EURO: S 2018; WCh: S 2021



@ekbergniclas18

Niclas Ekberg

right wing

current club: THW Kiel since 2012

- played in all EHF EURO tournaments since 2012, apart from 2020
- joined Kiel after 2012 OG, where he was silver medallist and top scorer; previously played for AG Kobenhavn and started his career at Ystad
- MVP of EHF Cup Finals 2019 and Kiel's best scorer that EHF Cup season
- became the best all-time scorer for THW Kiel this season, stealing the top spot from Filip Jicha

EURO: S 2018; OG: S 2012; WCh: S 2021
EC trophies: CL 2020; EHF Cup 2019



@lukassandell

Lukas Sandell

right back

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2020

- making his ECh debut in 2022, after winning his first Swedish cap in 2021 at the WCh
- arrived in Aalborg in summer of 2020 after two seasons with another Scandinavian CL team, Elverum in Norway
- second best Aalborg scorer, with 66 goals, in CL 2020/21 season, when the team reached the final
- previously played for Ystads IF, where he learned a lot from legendary Kim Andersson
- has a great variety of shots and plenty of speed

WCh: S 2021



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
- made the choice to draft several promising young players, such as Jonathan Carlbogard, Lucas Pellas and Lukas Sandell
- former Norwegian centre back, played for Nordhorn, Barça and Flensburg in the late 90s and early 2000s

WCh: S 2021



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EHF EURO QUALIFICATION - TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	41:25 (20:12) vs. Slovakia @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
Biggest defeat:	25:35 (12:15) vs. Poland @ Aarhus DEN, 21.01.2014 25:35 (12:15) vs. Sweden @ Malmö SWE, 17.01.2020
Longest winning run:	14 matches (06.06.1998 - 30.01.2002)
Longest unbeaten run:	14 matches (06.06.1998 - 30.01.2002)
Longest losing run:	3 matches (25.01.2004 - 28.01.2004) 3 matches (19.01.2010 - 22.01.2010)
Longest run without win:	4 matches (19.01.2010 - 15.01.2012) 4 matches (19.01.2012 - 25.01.2012) 4 matches (18.01.2016 - 26.01.2016)
Current run:	W2 (21.01.2020 - 22.01.2020)
Most goals:	41 vs. Slovakia 41:25W @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	35 vs. Poland 25:35L @ Aarhus DEN, 21.01.2014 35 vs. Portugal 25:35L @ Malmö SWE, 17.01.2020
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Norway 36:34W aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Fewest goals:	17 vs. France 17:23L @ Zagreb CRO, 20.01.2018
Fewest goals opponent:	14 vs. Hungary 22:14W @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016
Fewest goals both teams:	36 vs. Hungary 22:14W @ Wrocław POL, 27.01.2016

HEAD-TO-HEAD 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)

ESP vs SWE

27.02.1958 Erfurt GDR	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group A	31:11 (15:05)
28.02.1974 Schwerin GDR	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group B	14:15 (9:7)
24.02.1982 Berlin FRG	ESP-SWE	A-WCh - Group B	23:20 (14:7)
02.03.1983 's-Hertogenbosch NED	SWE-ESP	B-WCh - Place 1-6	26:19 (13:9)
08.08.1984 Fullerton, CA USA	SWE-ESP	OG - Group B	26:25 (16:13)
08.06.1994 Porto POR	ESP-SWE	ECh - Group B	19:22 (8:10)
14.05.1995 Akureyri ISL	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group D	23:21 (14:10)
24.05.1996 Sevilla ESP	ESP-SWE	ECh - Group B	24:23 (14:11)
02.08.1996 Atlanta, GA USA	SWE-ESP	OG - Semi-final	25:20 (11:12)
29.05.1997 Kumamoto/Kyushu JPN	ESP-SWE	WCh - Quarter-final	24:28 (12:12, 21:21)
07.06.1998 Bolzano-Bozen ITA	ESP-SWE	ECh - Final	23:25 (9:15)
29.01.2000 Zagreb CRO	SWE-ESP	ECh - Semi-final	23:21 (11:12)
24.09.2000 Sydney AUS	SWE-ESP	OG - Group B	28:27 (13:14)
29.09.2000 Sydney AUS	ESP-SWE	OG - Semi-final	25:32 (10:15)
29.01.2004 Celje SLO	SWE-ESP	ECh - MR-Group I	29:28 (10:12)
26.01.2005 Sfax TUN	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group C	26:33 (17:14)
23.01.2008 Trondheim NOR	ESP-SWE	ECh - MR-Group II	26:27 (14:13)
19.01.2009 Split CRO	SWE-ESP	WCh - Group B	34:30 (19:13)
30.01.2011 Malmö SWE	SWE-ESP	WCh - Place 3/4	23:24 (11:11)
20.01.2016 Wrocław POL	ESP-SWE	ECh - Group C	24:22 (12:10)
10.04.2016 Malmö SWE	SWE-ESP	OG - Qual. Tournament 2	23:25 (11:12)
28.01.2018 Zagreb CRO	ESP-SWE	ECh - Final	29:23 (12:14)
24.10.2018 Malmö SWE	SWE-ESP	EHF EURO CUP	28:29 (12:15)
12.06.2019 Almería ESP	ESP-SWE	EHF EURO CUP	33:25 (19:12)
03.08.2021 Tokyo/Honshu JPN	SWE-ESP	OG - Quarter-final	33:34 (20:18)

CZE vs SWE

17.05.1995 Akureyri ISL	SWE-CZE	WCh - Quarter-final	21:17 (9:9)
29.05.1996 Ciudad Real ESP	CZE-SWE	ECh - Group B	17:24 (7:13)
25.01.2001 Montpellier FRA	SWE-CZE	WCh - Group A	29:22 (15:10)
26.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	SWE-CZE	ECh - Group A	31:22 (14:12)
17.01.2012 Niš SRB	CZE-SWE	ECh - Group B	29:33 (17:19)
18.01.2015 Doha QAT	CZE-SWE	WCh - Group C	22:36 (10:19)

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	95	2010-2018



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The Czech Republic head into their 11th appearance at the EHF EURO - but with a new coach compared to previous events. After the team was ruled out from the IHF Men's World Championship 2021 in Egypt due to several Covid-19 cases, the federation split from Daniel Kubes and Jan Filip.

Their successor is well-known. Rastislav Trtik coached the Czechs already at EHF EURO 2004 and the World Championship 2005. In the crucial qualification matches for EHF EURO 2022, the Czechs beat Ukraine twice and finished their group second below Russia.

After their sensational sixth position at EHF EURO 2018, when Ondrej Zdrahala (now president of the Czech federation) became top scorer, the Czechs struggled in 2020. After losing all main round matches,

they finished 12th. Since then, not only has Zdrahala quit playing for the national team, but also Martin Galia, who is now the new goalkeeper coach in Trtik's staff. After some years with few rising stars, the Czechs might have found their "new Filip Jicha" in left back Matej Klima, who shone in the November test matches against Austria. Right back Stanislav Kasperek plays a dominant role in his new club Meshkov Brest, while the new number 1 in the goal, Tomas Mrkva, has impressed enough at German club Bergischer HC that he will transfer to THW Kiel after this season.

But despite the expected huge support from the stands in their neighbouring country Slovakia, the hurdles seem quite high already in the preliminary round. The Czechs will face defending champions Spain; world silver medallists Sweden; and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	4	0	2	152:105	+47	8:4	2nd Group 7
1994	Runners Up	2	1	0	1	38:38	0	2:2	Lost vs. SLO
1996	Qualification	6	4	1	1	169:134	+35	9:3	1st Group 2
1996	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	155:152	+3	6:6	6th Place
1998	Qualification	6	2	2	2	141:146	-5	6:6	2nd Group 3
1998	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	166:170	-4	2:10	10th Place
2000	Qualification	6	3	0	3	159:148	+11	6:6	2nd Group 7
2002	Play Off	2	1	0	1	47:43	+4	2:2	Won vs. FIN
2002	EHF EURO	7	3	0	4	180:205	-25	6:8	8th Place
2004	Play Off	2	2	0	0	56:40	+16	4:0	Won vs. BIH
2004	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	177:202	-25	3:9	11th Place
2006	Play Off	2	1	0	1	52:59	-7	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2008	Play Off	2	2	0	0	64:56	+8	4:0	Won vs. LAT
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	88:97	-9	0:6	14th Place
2010	Qualification	8	6	0	2	255:221	+34	12:4	2nd Group 6
2010	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	8th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	178:147	+31	8:4	2nd Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	77:84	-7	2:4	14th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	156:144	+12	8:4	1st Group 2
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	73:87	-14	1:5	15th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	2	1	3	163:185	-22	5:7	3rd Group 6
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	161:161	0	6:6	2nd Group 4
2018	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	173:186	-13	7:7	6th Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	161:150	+11	8:4	1st Group 5
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
Total Qualification		78	46	5	27	2115:1927	+188	97:59	
Total EHF EURO		54	16	4	34	1436:1546	-110	36:72	



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@tomasmrkva16

Tomas Mrkva

goalkeeper

current club: Bergischer HC since 2019

- plays his third EHF EURO after 2018 and 2020, when he had a saving percentage of 27%
- played his 100th international match in the EHF EURO qualification in April
- is the number 1 Czech goalkeeper following the retirement of Martin Galia
- has played in Germany since leaving Czech club Banik Karvina in 2010
- will join THW Kiel, forming a goalkeeper duo with Denmark's Niklas Landin, in 2022



Matej Klima

left back

current club: VfB Lübeck-Schwartau since 2021

- has played fewer than 20 international matches so far, but was top scorer in the two last EHF EURO qualifiers against the Faroe Islands and Ukraine with 17 goals
- part of the Czech squad at the EHF EURO 2020, but only played two matches
- has succeeded Ondrej Zdrahala in this position; some already call him "the new Jicha"
- played for Dukla Praha before he joined German side VfB Lübeck-Schwartau in summer 2021



@jakubhrstka

Jakub Hrstka

left wing

current club: Dessau-Roslau since 2019

- debuted in the men's national team in 2007 and played his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2014
- is the second most-capped player in the Czech squad with 121 international matches, behind Roman Becvar (127)
- scored 17 goals, including five out of five penalties, at EHF EURO 2020
- following the retirement of EHF EURO 2018 top scorer Ondrej Zdrahala, Hrstka is the number 1 player in terms of penalty shots
- started his career in his home town of Zubří, later played for Slovak champions Tatran Presov from 2011 to 2019



@tomasbabak

Tomas Babak

centre back

current club: Bergischer HC since 2016

- a national team player since 2013, had his first major tournament at EHF EURO 2014, but was not part of the squad in 2018
- with 22 goals was third best Czech scorer at EHF EURO 2020
- can also play in left back and will share the playmaker role with experienced Roman Becvar
- was awarded "best Czech talent" in 2012 and MVP of the season 2012/13, when he steered his former club Jicin to the league championship
- from 2013 on played three seasons for Swiss club Otmar St. Gallen, before he joined Bergischer HC in Germany in 2016



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@vita_reichl

Vit Reichl

line player

current club: Hüttenberg since 2020

- played his first international match only in November 2021 and will share defence duties with experienced Stepan Zeman
- will have to compensate for the expected loss of regular line player Leos Petrovsky, who has an ankle injury
- is powerful in attack, scoring 10 goals in his first two international test matches against Austria
- started his career at Dukla Prague and has recently extended his contract at German club Hüttenberg until 2024



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Tomas Cip

right wing

current club: CS Minaur Baia Mare since 2019

- after scoring 21 goals at EHF EURO 2018, only struck 10 times at EHF EURO 2020
- made major tournament debut at WCh 2013
- previously spent eight years at Slovakian club Tatran Presov
- started his career at Zubří, where he became a Czech international in 2009
- the Czech expert in counter attacks, but also strong in defence on the wing



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Stanislav Kasperek

right back

current club: HC Meshkov Brest since 2021

- was the second-best Czech scorer at both EHF EURO 2018 (33 goals) and EHF EURO 2020 (29)
- currently is second-best CL scorer for his club Meshkov Brest in the 2021/22 season
- moved abroad at the age of 19 from his home club Zubří, when he transferred to Hungarian side Balatonfüred; joined Pick Szeged in 2018
- a classical shooter, who takes advantages of his height and his hammer shots



Rastislav Trtik

coach

- succeeded the duo of Daniel Kubes and Jan Filip in February 2021
- already coached the Czech team at EHF EURO 2004 and WCh 2005
- steered Tatran Presov to three Slovak championship titles and coached the club twice (2009-2012 and 2012-2015) after his first stint at Melsungen (GER)
- has also coached German club Rostock and Polish side Gornik Zabrze
- was youth coach for the Moravia region before he was appointed to lead the national team for the second time



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EHF EURO QUALIFICATION - 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)
Longest losing run:	6 matches (29.05.1996 - 03.06.1998)
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:	L4 (16.01.2020 - 22.01.2020)
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)

ESP vs CZE

26.05.1996 Sevilla ESP	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group B	25:21 (11:10)
25.05.1997 Yamaga/Kyushu JPN	ESP-CZE	WCh - Group C	29:26 (13:11)
01.06.1998 Meran-Merano ITA	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group B	35:22 (17:9)
02.02.2002 Stockholm SWE	CZE-ESP	ECh - Place 7/8	29:36 (14:17)
22.01.2007 Bremen GER	ESP-CZE	WCh - Group D	35:29 (19:15)
19.01.2010 Wiener Neustadt AUT	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group D	37:25 (17:10)
13.01.2018 Varaždin CRO	ESP-CZE	ECh - Group D	32:15 (16:9)
16.01.2020 Wien AUT	ESP-CZE	ECh - MR-Group I	31:25 (14:9)

CZE vs BIH

19.05.1999 Visoko BIH	BIH-CZE	ECh-Qual. - Group 7	29:27 (14:10)
22.05.1999 Frýdek-Místek CZE	CZE-BIH	ECh-Qual. - Group 7	32:26 (18:10)
14.06.2003 Tuzla BIH	BIH-CZE	ECh-Playoff	18:24 (11:13)
22.06.2003 Frýdek-Místek CZE	CZE-BIH	ECh-Playoff	32:22 (11:11)
27.10.2018 Tuzla BIH	BIH-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	20:25 (10:12)
16.06.2019 Ostrava CZE	CZE-BIH	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	23:24 (10:11)

CZE vs SWE

17.05.1995 Akureyri ISL	SWE-CZE	WCh - Quarter-final	21:17 (9:9)
29.05.1996 Ciudad Real ESP	CZE-SWE	ECh - Group B	17:24 (7:13)
25.01.2001 Montpellier FRA	SWE-CZE	WCh - Group A	29:22 (15:10)
26.01.2002 Göteborg SWE	SWE-CZE	ECh - Group A	31:22 (14:12)
17.01.2012 Niš SRB	CZE-SWE	ECh - Group B	29:33 (17:19)
18.01.2015 Doha QAT	CZE-SWE	WCh - Group C	22:36 (10:19)

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
Karel Nocar	64	2002-2004, 2008-2012
Stanislav Kasperek	62	2018-2020



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

Led by head coach Ivica Obrvan, the 'Dragons' qualified for their second EHF EURO as one of the four highest ranked third-placed teams, having won two out of six matches in group 2. The decisive result was a 27:21 win over Austria, Obrvan's debut match as coach.

The team includes experienced players like goalkeeper Benjamin Buric, all-time goal-scoring record holder Nikola Prce, and Vladimir Vranjes. They combine with young talents and players from the domestic league and have high hopes after finishing 23rd at EHF EURO 2020.

Obrvan took over the helm in February 2021 in the middle of qualifications for the competition and reached the desired goal. Together with his assistants he will try to lead Bosnia and Herzegovina to their best result so far.

Playing in group E alongside Spain, Sweden and the Czech Republic, Bosnia are hoping for at least one win with a fighting spirit for every single match.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	3	1	2	141:131	+10	7:5	2nd Group D
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	2	2	2	147:144	+3	6:6	3rd Group D
2000	Qualification	6	1	0	5	124:161	-37	2:10	4th Group 7
2002	Qualification	6	4	0	2	150:138	+12	8:4	2nd Group 3
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	33:46	-13	2:2	Lost vs. DEN
2004	Qualification	6	4	1	1	126:114	+12	9:3	2nd Group 6
2004	Play-off	2	0	0	2	40:56	-16	0:4	Lost vs. CZE
2006	Qualification	6	3	2	1	196:176	+20	8:4	2nd Group 2
2006	Play-off	2	0	1	1	50:63	-13	1:3	Lost vs. NOR
2008	Qualification	4	2	0	2	143:121	+22	4:4	2nd Group 7
2010	Qualification	10	6	1	3	298:278	+20	13:7	3rd Group 2
2012	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	134:159	-25	1:11	4th Group 1
2014	Qualification 2	6	0	1	5	143:175	-32	1:11	4th Group 7
2016	Play-off	2	2	0	0	55:45	+10	4:0	Won vs. GRE
2016	Qualification 2	6	1	2	3	136:140	-4	4:8	3rd Group 2
2018	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	160:162	-2	4:8	3rd Group 3
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	160:153	+7	8:4	3rd Group 5
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
Total Qualification		94	37	12	45	2373:2404	-31	86:102	
Total EHF EURO		3	0	0	3	73:90	-17	0:6	



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Benjamin Buric

goalkeeper

current club: SG Flensburg-Handewitt since 2018

- was part of the Bosnian team at the WCh 2015 and EHF EURO 2020
- 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 Handball Bundesliga team of the season for 2016/17



@nikola_prce

Nikola Prce

left back

current club: Klubi I Hendbollit BESA Famgas since 2019

- at age 41, among the oldest players at EHF EURO 2022
- the national team captain, has played over 110 international matches
- has played for more than 15 different clubs so far, including Zagreb, Leon, Szeged and Azoty-Pulawy
- won EHF Cup with MOL-Pick Szeged in 2014
- has announced that EHF EURO 2022 will be his last international tournament



Alen Ovcina

left wing

current club: Sloboda Tuzla since 2020

- made Bosnia and Herzegovina debut in 2014
- scored 17 goals in qualification for EHF EURO 2022
- experienced national team player, who plays for Sloboda Tuzla, his boyhood club
- previously played for Al-Shamal, Antalya, Bosna, Gračanica, Vogosca, Antalyaspor and Vojvodina



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Josip Peric

centre back

current club: HC Eurofarm Pelister since 2020

- had his national team debut for Bosnia in 2013, was part of the team at the WCh in 2015 and EHF EURO 2020
- playing for Eurofarm Pelister since 2020, came from Frisch Auf Goppingen
- started playing handball in Izviđač Ljubuški (BIH)
- also played for Bosna Sarajevo, Tatabanya, Qatar SC, Odorheiu Secuiesc, Dunarea Calarasi



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@vranjes77

Vladimir Vranjes

line player

current club: HC Meshkov Brest since 2020

- with Bosnia and Herzegovina national team, participated in 2015 WCh 2015 and EHF EURO 2020
- a powerful line player, known as a defensive specialist
- currently in his second season in Meshkov Brest after moving from Tatabanya
- played in his native Bosnia as well as Slovenia, Spain and Hungary in the past; won the EHF Cup with Pick Szeged in 2014
- learned karate as a kid and has a blue belt



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Ibrahim Haseljic

right wing

current club: RK Gorenje Velenje since 2016

- made his national team debut in WCh 2019 qualification matches; became number one wing thanks to performance during EHF EURO 2020 qualifications
- scored 16 goals in qualification for EHF EURO 2022
- joined Gorenje Velenje from HC Gradacac in 2016
- started playing handball at the age of 12



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Dejan Malinovic

right back

current club: Balatonfüredi KSE since 2020

- made his debut for the Bosnian national team in a friendly match in 2011
- has been a consistent part of the national team ever since, including at EHF EURO 2020
- started his career in Borac Banja luka, played for six different clubs



Ivica Obvran

coach

- EHF EURO 2022 is his first major competition with Bosnia and Herzegovina
- took over Bosnia and Herzegovina national team in February 2021, days later also became coach of PPD Zagreb
- his last club coaching career was Chambéry, where he left in 2018
- also coached Metkovic, Medvescak, Gorenje Velenje, Chambéry and national team of North Macedonia
- won two EHF Champions Cup titles with Zagreb as a player



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Biggest win:	N/A
Biggest defeat:	23:31 (13:14) vs. France @ Trondheim NOR, 14.01.2020
Longest winning run:	N/A
Longest unbeaten run:	N/A
Longest losing run:	3 matches (10.01.2020 - 14.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (10.01.2020 - 14.01.2020)
Current run:	L3 (10.01.2020 - 14.01.2020)
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:	23 vs. France 23:31L @ Trondheim NOR, 14.01.2020
Fewest goals opponent:	27 vs. Portugal 24:27L @ Trondheim NOR, 12.01.2020
Fewest goals both teams:	51 vs. Portugal 24:27L @ Trondheim NOR, 12.01.2020

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)

CZE vs BIH

19.05.1999 Visoko BIH	BIH-CZE	ECh-Qual. - Group 7	29:27 (14:10)
22.05.1999 Frýdek-Místek CZE	CZE-BIH	ECh-Qual. - Group 7	32:26 (18:10)
14.06.2003 Tuzla BIH	BIH-CZE	ECh-Playoff	18:24 (11:13)
22.06.2003 Frýdek-Místek CZE	CZE-BIH	ECh-Playoff	32:22 (11:11)
27.10.2018 Tuzla BIH	BIH-CZE	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	20:25 (10:12)
16.06.2019 Ostrava CZE	CZE-BIH	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 5	23:24 (10:11)

BIH vs ESP

02.11.2016 Valladolid ESP	ESP-BIH	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	30:21 (12:6)
14.06.2017 Sarajevo BIH	BIH-ESP	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	19:25 (11:14)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Benjamin Buric	3	2020
Senjamin Buric	3	2020
Nebojsa Grahovac	3	2020
Ibrahim Haseljic	3	2020
Ivan Karacic	3	2020
Dejan Malinovic	3	2020
Igor Mandic	3	2020
Alen Ovcina	3	2020
Marko Panic	3	2020
Nikola Prce	3	2020
Srdjan Predragovic	3	2020
Mirsad Terzic	3	2020
Marin Vegar	3	2020
Vladimir Vranjes	3	2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Nikola Prce	18	2020
Marko Panic	16	2020
Ibrahim Haseljic	8	2020
Vladimir Vranjes	7	2020
Dejan Malinovic	6	2020

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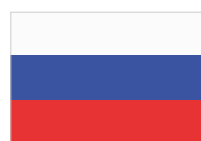
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EHF EURO

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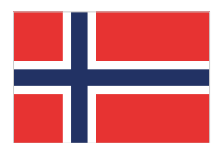
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GROUP FIXTURES - ALL MATCHES ON

13.1.2022 18:00 Russia vs. Lithuania
13.1.2022 20:30 Norway vs. Slovakia

15.1.2022 18:00 Slovakia vs. Lithuania
15.1.2022 20:30 Norway vs. Russia

17.1.2022 18:00 Slovakia vs. Russia
17.1.2022 20:30 Lithuania vs. Norway



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Since failing to qualify for the EHF EURO 2002 and 2004, Norway have been on an upwards trend. However they consistently struggled to reach the podium, finishing fourth in 2016, sixth in 2008 and twice in seventh place.

Two years ago, when they co-hosted the tournament, they looked unbeatable and were poised to secure their first-ever final berth, only for a hard 28:29 loss in extra time against Croatia to derail their campaign. They went on to win bronze, their first European medal, but the lingering feeling was they could have done more.

They come back with big expectations, although key players including left wing Magnus Jøndal and line player Bjarte Myrhol retired in 2021. Coach Christian Berge is still leading the side and this generation of players has really matured since he first took charge in 2015.

Norway will also once again be relying on the presence of three-time All-star Team member Sander Sagosen. Sagosen was the top goal scorer in 2020 with 65 goals, setting the all-time record for goals scored in a single edition.

All hopes will be on Sagosen to deliver another masterpiece, but he will need all the help he can get from other crucial players to lift Norway to the final. This is particularly the case as Norway missed out on the crunch stages of last year's international tournaments, with sixth place at the IHF Men's World Championship and seventh at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games last summer.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	5	0	3	183:164	+19	10:6	3rd Group 2
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	155:88	+67	10:2	2nd Group C
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	136:157	-21	4:8	3rd Group 4
2000	Play Off	2	2	0	0	53:38	+15	4:0	Won vs. ITA
2000	EHF EURO	6	1	1	4	133:144	-11	3:9	8th Place
2002	Play Off	2	0	1	1	52:56	-4	1:3	Lost vs. POL
2004	Qualification	6	5	0	1	191:138	+53	10:2	1st Group 2
2004	Play Off	2	1	0	1	48:50	-2	2:2	Lost vs. POR
2006	Play Off	2	1	1	0	63:50	+13	3:1	Won vs. BIH
2006	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	178:177	+1	4:8	11th Place
2008	EHF EURO	7	3	2	2	196:185	+11	8:6	6th Place
2010	Qualification	8	5	2	1	266:226	+40	12:4	2nd Group 3
2010	EHF EURO	6	3	0	3	169:164	+5	6:6	7th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:152	+32	10:2	1st Group 6
2012	EHF EURO	3	1	0	2	80:87	-7	2:4	13th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	185:154	+31	8:4	2nd Group 3
2014	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	77:84	-7	1:5	14th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	182:152	+30	10:2	2nd Group 1
2016	EHF EURO	8	4	1	3	235:232	+3	9:7	4th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	196:163	+33	8:4	2nd Group 7
2018	EHF EURO	6	4	0	2	191:172	+19	8:4	7th Place
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
Total Qualification		72	49	4	19	2086:1720	+366	102:42	
Total EHF EURO		54	26	5	23	1532:1481	+51	57:51	



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@tsbergerud

Torbjørn Bergerud

goalkeeper

current club: GOG Håndbold since 2021

- has played over 100 games for Norway since making his debut when he was only 19 years old, in 2013
- saved more shots (90) than any other goalkeeper at EHF EURO 2020
- had breakthrough at EHF EURO 2016 in Poland, where Norway reached semi-finals
- played in Drammen (NOR), Lund (SWE) and Holstebro (DEN) before joining Flensburg
- is one of the tallest goalkeepers in professional handball, at 1.99m tall

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



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Christian O'Sullivan

left back

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2016

- this will be his fifth consecutive EHF EURO; won bronze in 2020 and scored 52 goals in the competition over his career
- arrived at Magdeburg in 2016 from Swedish side IFK Kristianstad, has since extended his contract until 2024
- currently captains Magdeburg
- his motto for handball is: "I want to make my teammates better"
- son of a British handball international, he was asked to become captain of the GB team for OG 2012 but did not want to change citizenship

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



@sbarthold

Sebastian Barthold

left wing

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2017

- scored over 60 goals in each of the last two EHF CL seasons, but has never played in a major tournament for Norway
- has only played for two teams in his whole career: Haslum (NOR), for seven seasons, and Aalborg (DEN) since 2017
- is the brother in law of teammate Kristjan Bjørnsen, after marrying his sister, Line, in summer 2021
- made national team debut for Norway in 2012, but has recently become first choice after EHF EURO 2020 All-Star left wing Magnus Jøndal retired last summer



@sandersagosen

Sander Sagosen

centre/left back

current club: THW Kiel since 2020

- part of All-star Team at WCh 2017 and 2019 and EHF EURO 2016, 2018 and 2020
- set record for most goals scored (65) at an EHF EURO, in 2020
- joined Kiel in summer of 2020 after three seasons with PSG
- started career at Haslum (NOR), developed into world star at Aalborg (DEN)
- leader of a new generation of Norwegian players who have won three international medals since 2017

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



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@magnusgullerud

Magnus Gullerud

line player

current club: SC Magdeburg since 2020

- reliable in attack and solid in defence, Gullerud will make his fifth appearance at the EHF EURO, taking part in all tournaments since 2014
- had his national team debut at age of 19, in derby against neighbours Denmark; will hit the 150-game milestone at the EHF EURO 2020
- arrived in Magdeburg in summer of 2020 after four seasons with another Bundesliga side, GWD Minden
- started career at Elverum (NOR) and played for SønderjysKE (DEN) before joining Minden in 2016

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



@kristianbjornsen

Kristian Bjørnsen

right wing

current club: Aalborg Håndbold since 2021

- a tall, experienced and efficient wing, is the tenth all-time goal scorer for Norway, with over 550 goals
- has been first choice on right wing in national team for numerous years
- started career at FyllingenBergen (NOR) and represented IFK Kristianstad (SWE) before joining HSG Wetzlar in Germany and then Aalborg Håndbold
- his younger sister, Line, was also a top-level handball player

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



@haraldreinkind

Harald Reinkind

right back

current club: THW Kiel since 2018

- this will be his fifth-ever EHF EURO, after taking part in each one from 2014 onwards
- Norwegian international since 2011, won WCh 2019 silver and EHF EURO 2020 bronze
- started German club career in 2014, moving from FyllingenBergen to Rhein-Neckar Löwen
- four-time German champion, with Löwen (2016, 2017) and Kiel (2020)

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



@christianberge_official

Christian Berge

coach

- after one season in Denmark, at Aarhus GF, and six at Elverum, Berge was appointed Norway's national team coach in 2014
- as a player, he was selected in the Norwegian national team 63 times, scoring 251 goals between 1997 and 2006
- he won the battle with lymphoma twice, also publishing a book, "In the heat of battle - the cancer has not been overcome" in which he detailed his story
- led the Norwegian men's national team to their only international medals - two silvers at WCh 2017 and 2019 and bronze at EHF EURO 2020

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



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EHF EURO QUALIFICATION - TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	32:21 (15:10) vs. Russia @ Drammen NOR, 18.01.2008 39:28 (17:14) vs. Austria @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Biggest defeat:	24:31 (11:15) vs. Croatia @ Kraków POL, 31.01.2016
Longest winning run:	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 (25.01.2020)
Most goals:	39 vs. Austria 39:28W @ Poreč CRO, 16.01.2018
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Sweden 34:36L aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Most goals both teams:	70 vs. Sweden 34:36L aet2 @ Lillehammer NOR, 26.01.2008
Fewest goals:	19 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals opponent:	16 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. Ukraine 19:16W @ Rijeka CRO, 27.01.2000

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

NOR vs SVK

24.09.1997 Lillestrøm NOR	NOR-SVK	ECh-Qual. - Group 4	31:24 (16:9)
28.09.1997 Bratislava SVK	SVK-NOR	ECh-Qual. - Group 4	31:25 (16:12)
23.01.2002 Michalovce SVK	SVK-NOR	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	29:28 (15:13)
27.01.2002 Drammen NOR	NOR-SVK	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	32:18 (16:10)
29.01.2009 Zagreb CRO	SVK-NOR	WCh - Place 9/10	27:34 (14:18)

NOR vs RUS

02.06.1999 Ismaïlia EGY	RUS-NOR	WCh - Group C	35:27 (19:11)
27.01.2001 Dunkerque FRA	NOR-RUS	WCh - Group D	25:25 (9:12)
05.02.2005 Radès TUN	RUS-NOR	WCh - Place 7/8	27:30 (15:14)
26.01.2006 Bern SUI	RUS-NOR	ECh - Group D	24:21 (12:10)
18.01.2008 Drammen NOR	NOR-RUS	ECh - Group B	32:21 (15:10)
21.01.2010 Graz AUT	NOR-RUS	ECh - Group A	28:24 (16:13)
14.01.2017 Nantes FRA	NOR-RUS	WCh - Group A	28:24 (15:11)

LTU vs NOR

27.11.1993 Kaunas LTU	LTU-NOR	ECh-Qual. - Group 2	21:22 (10:8)
06.01.1994 Kragerø NOR	NOR-LTU	ECh-Qual. - Group 2	32:17 (17:10)
12.06.2010 Stavanger NOR	NOR-LTU	WCh-Playoff	27:19 (13:9)
20.06.2010 Vilnius LTU	LTU-NOR	WCh-Playoff	21:24 (9:10)
04.11.2012 Kaunas LTU	LTU-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	21:28 (8:15)
15.06.2013 Arendal NOR	NOR-LTU	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	34:29 (22:15)
06.11.2016 Vilnius LTU	LTU-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	32:29 (15:16)
17.06.2017 Oslo NOR	NOR-LTU	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	30:20 (15:10)

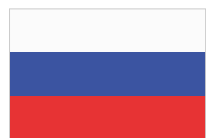
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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Bjarte Myrhol	37	2006-2018
Ole Erevik	33	2006-2016
Magnus Gullerud	26	2014-2020
Magnus Jondal	26	2012, 2016-2020
Christian O'Sullivan	26	2014-2020
Harald Reinkind	26	2014-2020
Sander Sagosen	26	2014-2020

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Sander Sagosen	128	2014-2020
Kristian Bjornsen	101	2014-2020
Havard Tvedten	98	2006-2014
Kristian Kjelling	94	2006-2010, 2014
Bjarte Myrhol		912006-2018



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In their first four participations at the EHF EURO, Russia did not finish lower than fourth, winning the trophy in 1996. Yet their last appearances were poor: they finished ninth two times, in 2014 and 2016; 15th in 2012; and 22nd in 2020.

In fact, Russia won only four of their last 15 games at the EHF EURO and even failed to qualify in 2018.

But a major reboot is now in the works. Bringing in Bosnian coach Velimir Petkovic was a small coup in itself, as Petkovic brings plenty of experience and a modern style, forged in the German Bundesliga. However, the team still needs to adapt to this, as demonstrated by their 14th-place finish at the IHF Men's World Championship in January 2021.

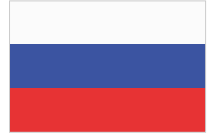
Petkovic's up-tempo style might annoy the Russian purists, yet the change has been welcomed by the players. They have clearly bought into their coach's approach and this has paid dividends in recent matches.

Russia qualified with ease to EHF EURO 2022 from a group that included the Czech Republic, Ukraine and the Faroe Islands, winning four games and drawing the other two, with an efficient attack.

This could also be the tournament when young star Sergei Mark Kosorotov really comes of age. The left back was his team's top scorer in qualification phase 2, with 20 goals in six games.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	6	6	0	0	169:101	+68	12:0	1st Group 7
1994	EHF EURO	7	6	0	1	172:148	+24	12:2	Runners-up
1996	Qualification	6	4	0	2	148:120	+28	8:4	1st Group 4
1996	EHF EURO	7	6	1	0	172:141	+31	13:1	Winners
1998	EHF EURO	7	3	1	3	179:167	+12	7:7	4th Place
2000	Play-off	2	2	0	0	62:47	+15	4:0	Won vs. TUR
2000	EHF EURO	7	5	0	2	189:175	+14	10:4	Runners-up
2002	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	197:172	+25	11:3	5th Place
2004	EHF EURO	7	5	1	1	206:190	+16	11:3	5th Place
2006	EHF EURO	7	4	0	3	208:204	+4	8:6	6th Place
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	74:88	-14	1:5	13th Place
2010	Qualification	10	9	0	1	339:249	+90	18:2	1st Group 2
2010	EHF EURO	6	1	0	5	177:194	-17	2:10	12th Place
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	202:185	+17	10:2	2nd Group 7
2012	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	82:89	-7	1:5	15th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	178:167	+11	6:6	3rd Group 7
2014	EHF EURO	6	2	0	4	168:179	-11	4:8	9th Place
2016	Qualification 2	6	4	0	2	174:168	+6	8:4	2nd Group 5
2016	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	160:161	-1	5:7	9th Place
2018	Qualification 2	6	1	3	2	149:160	-11	5:7	3rd Group 6
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	1	1	158:132	+26	9:3	2nd Group 7
2020	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	76:91	-15	0:6	22nd Place
2020	Qualification 2	6	4	2	0	171:156	+15	10:2	1st Group 3
Total Qualification		60	42	6	12	1750:1485	+265	90:30	
Total EHF EURO		76	39	7	30	2060:1999	+61	85:67	



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Victor Kireev

goalkeeper

current club: CSKA since 2020

- EHF EURO 2022 will be his third ECh
- joined CSKA in February 2020 after three and a half seasons at Motor Zaporozhye
- born in Volgograd and started his career at local club Kaustik
- awarded best goalkeeper of the Russian Superleague in 2015/16
- following an injury in 2017, had a part of his little finger removed, but it did not stop his career



Sergei Mark Kosorotov

left back

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2021

- played at the WCh 2019 and 2021 and at EHF EURO 2020
- one of the biggest talents of Russian handball and a national team regular
- wears number 99 because 1999 is his year of birth
- unusually for Russia has two first names but is usually called just Sergei
- his father was a famous judoka, while his mother played handball at Luch Moscow

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Igor Soroka

left wing

current club: CSKA since 2020

- has played at EHF EURO twice, in 2016 and 2020
- returned to Russian national team after a two-year absence in April 2019
- played for Ukrainian outfit Motor Zaporozhye between 2015 and 2020, moved to CSKA in the summer of 2020
- previously played for Dynamo-Victor Stavropol, RGUFK-Chekhovskie Medvedi as well as Permskie Medvedi
- his father Yuri was his first coach



Dmitry Zhitnikov

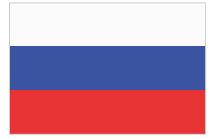
centre back

current club: Orlen Wisla Plock since 2021

- has played over 130 games for the Russian national team; this will be his fourth EHF EURO, after 2014, 2016 and 2020
- started handball in Krasnodar, where his first coach was his father, at the local school
- as a talented young player, invited to Chekhov at age 16; played five seasons in the reserve team before his breakthrough
- joined Szeged in the summer of 2017 after two seasons with Plock, returned after four seasons to Wisla

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Aleksandr Ermakov

line player

current club: Chekhovskie medvedi since 2020

- made his official debut for Russia at EHF EURO 2020, when he scored six goals in three games
- was signed by Russian powerhouse Chekhovskie in 2020, after playing for Dynamo Astrakhan
- scored over 50 goals in two seasons in the EHF European League Men for Chekhovskie, but is also a strong defender
- lists his biggest hobbies as hunting and fishing



Dmitry Kornev

right wing

current club: Chekhovskie medvedi since 2014

- Kornev will be at his second EHF EURO, after playing in the tournament in 2020
- won various domestic championships with Chekhovskie
- part of Russian U21 team at Junior WCh 2013 in Bosnia, member of senior national team since April 2016
- has said that his superstition before the games is not to shave



Alexander Kotov

right back

current club: Chekhovskie medvedi since 2015

- playing his second ECh after 2020
- also featured in the Russian squad at WCh 2021
- born in Volgograd, began career there before joining Chekhovskie in 2015
- scored 72 goals for Chekhovskie in the 2020/21 EHF EL season

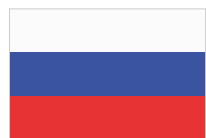


Velimir Petkovic

coach

- despite being a coach since the early 1990s, he has never taken part in an EHF EURO
- served both as coach of CSKA Moscow and the Russian national team in 2020/21, before quitting his club role at the end of the season
- won EHF Cup with Göppingen twice, in 2011 and 2012, and again with Füchse Berlin in 2018
- born in Bosnia and Herzegovina, he played both handball and football until he was 18
- with Borac Banja Luka he won the European Champions Cup (1976) as player and the IHF Cup Winners' Cup (1991) as coach

EC trophies: EHF Cup: 2011, 2012, 2018; CWC 1991 (as coach);
Champions Cup 1976 (as player)



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Biggest win:	29:14 (12:08) vs. Croatia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Biggest defeat:	21:34 (9:18) vs. Sweden @ Porto POR, 12.06.1994
Longest winning run:	6 matches (03.06.1994 - 11.06.1994)
	6 matches (30.01.2002 - 25.01.2004)
Longest unbeaten run:	11 matches (24.05.1996 - 03.06.1998)
Longest losing run:	5 matches (21.01.2010 - 28.01.2010)
	5 matches (24.01.2016 - 15.01.2020)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (21.01.2010 - 13.01.2014)
Current run:	L5 (24.01.2016 - 15.01.2020)
Most goals:	39 vs. Belarus 39:33W @ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
Most goals opponent:	38 vs. Iceland 30:38L @ Wien AUT, 26.01.2010
Most goals both teams:	72 vs. Belarus 39:33W @ Aarhus DEN, 22.01.2014
Fewest goals:	18 vs. France 18:17W @ Almada POR, 08.06.1994
Fewest goals opponent:	14 vs. Croatia 29:14W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Fewest goals both teams:	35 vs. France 18:17W @ Almada POR, 08.06.1994

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

RUS vs LTU

01.06.2002 Elektrėnai LTU	LTU-RUS	WCh-Playoff	20:31 (10:13)
08.06.2002 Moskva RUS	RUS-LTU	WCh-Playoff	29:23 (11:13)
07.06.2014 Perm RUS	RUS-LTU	WCh-Playoff	30:22 (14:11)
14.06.2014 Kaunas LTU	LTU-RUS	WCh-Playoff	22:33 (13:13)

NOR vs RUS

02.06.1999 Ismaïlia EGY	RUS-NOR	WCh - Group C	35:27 (19:11)
27.01.2001 Dunkerque FRA	NOR-RUS	WCh - Group D	25:25 (9:12)
05.02.2005 Radès TUN	RUS-NOR	WCh - Place 7/8	27:30 (15:14)
26.01.2006 Bern SUI	RUS-NOR	ECh - Group D	24:21 (12:10)
18.01.2008 Drammen NOR	NOR-RUS	ECh - Group B	32:21 (15:10)
21.01.2010 Graz AUT	NOR-RUS	ECh - Group A	28:24 (16:13)
14.01.2017 Nantes FRA	NOR-RUS	WCh - Group A	28:24 (15:11)

SVK vs RUS

02.11.2016 Moskva RUS	RUS-SVK	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 6	31:31 (13:13)
14.06.2017 Bratislava SVK	SVK-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 6	24:25 (12:12)
26.10.2017 Sankt-Peterburg RUS	RUS-SVK	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	32:22 (20:11)
11.01.2018 Považská Bystrica SVK	SVK-RUS	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	26:32 (11:15)
27.10.2018 Prešov SVK	SVK-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	21:22 (12:10)
16.06.2019 Sankt-Peterburg RUS	RUS-SVK	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	30:20 (17:8)

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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Andrey Lavrov	42	1994-2004
Serguei Pogorelov	37	1996-2004, 2008
Eduard Koksharov	36	1998-2008, 2012
Viatcheslav Gorpishin	35	1994, 1998-2004
Alexey Rastvortsev	33	2002-2012

GOALS

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



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Slovakia finished last in their three previous appearances at the EHF EURO, in 2006, 2008 and 2012. In fact, they are yet to win a game at the final tournament, with eight losses and one draw to their account.

However, that could change in 2022, when they co-host the European flagship tournament with Hungary, as their ambitions are high and they boast the most experienced team to ever represent them in the competition.

Slovakia are now led by the second-youngest coach in the competition, 39-year-old Peter Kukucka. Kukucka represented his national team as a player at the EHF EURO in 2006 and 2012, sharing the court with some of the players he now coaches. He will hope to instil new life into a team that has been lacking the passion and drive to get back to the top in the past years.

Slovakia still boast experienced players such as Tomas Urban, Lubomir Duris and Martin Stranovsky. Their international experience could be a plus, especially in the do-or-die game against Lithuania, which may prove decisive in the maths for progressing to the next phase of the competition.

The lack of competitive matches might be a minus for Slovakia, as well as the pressure resulting from playing at home in front of their own fans. However, Kukucka, who took his first steps into coaching at Swiss side Kadetten Schaffhausen, will be ready to take on the challenge.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	3	0	5	159:163	-4	6:10	4th Group 1
1996	Pre-Qualification	4	3	0	1	80:76	+4	6:2	1st Group B
1996	Qualification	6	1	1	4	138:165	-27	3:9	4th Group 2
1998	Pre-Qualification	6	4	1	1	139:123	+16	9:3	1st Group A
1998	Qualification	6	2	0	4	148:173	-25	4:8	4th Group 4
2000	Qualification	6	2	0	4	133:138	-5	4:8	3rd Group 6
2002	Qualification	6	4	1	1	162:128	+34	9:3	1st Group 2
2002	Play-off	2	0	0	2	45:52	-7	0:4	Lost vs. GER
2004	Qualification	6	2	1	3	149:151	-2	5:7	3rd Group 1
2006	Qualification	3	3	0	0	93:64	+29	6:0	1st Group 4
2006	Play-off	2	1	0	1	50:49	+1	2:2	Won vs. AUT
2006	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	72:100	-28	0:6	16th Place
2008	Qualification	3	2	0	1	100:74	+26	4:2	2nd Group 1
2008	Play-off	2	1	0	1	63:48	+15	2:2	Won vs. UKR
2008	EHF EURO	3	0	0	3	78:101	-23	0:6	16th Place
2010	Qualification	8	4	0	4	214:215	-1	8:8	3rd Group 4
2012	Qualification 2	6	5	0	1	184:144	+40	10:2	2nd Group 4
2012	EHF EURO	3	0	1	2	70:92	-22	1:5	16th Place
2014	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	148:168	-20	4:8	3rd Group 4
2016	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	130:165	-35	0:12	4th Group 3
2018	Qualification 2	6	0	2	4	146:166	-20	2:10	4th Group 6
2020	Qualification 2	6	0	0	6	129:155	-26	0:12	4th Group 7
Total Qualification		98	39	6	53	2410:2417	-7	84:112	
Total EHF EURO		9	0	1	8	220:293	-73	1:17	



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Teodor Paul

goalkeeper

current club: USAM Nimes Gard since 2019

- has been playing for the Slovakian national team since 2009, but has never featured at a major tournament
- started handball in his local hometown of Kosice, but moved to Ferencvaros (HUN) in 2008 before joining USAM Nimes (FRA) after nine seasons
- suffered a serious hand injury in 2019, but came back at full strength after undergoing a surgery
- mainly acting as a backup at club level for French goalkeeper Remi Desbonnet



Jakub Prokop

left back

current club: BM Nava since 2021

- will make his debut for the national team in an international tournament, representing the new wave of Slovakian players
- changed clubs twice in the last year: left MKS Sala (SVK) to play in Hungary, at Budakalász, but now plays for BM Nava (ESP)
- labelled himself as brave, bold and fast, never backing down from contact and having a powerful shot
- started playing both football and handball, but chose handball because he felt more entertained

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Martin Briatka

left wing

current club: MSK Povazska Bystrica since 2018

- took over the left wing spot from experienced player Martin Stranovsky, who has not been selected for EHF EURO 2022
- EHF EURO 2022 is his first major tournament despite making his national team debut in 2015
- has scored over 50 goals in 36 matches for Slovakia
- spent his entire career playing at club level in Slovakia, for teams including TATRAN Presov, Agro Topolcany and Sporta Hlohovec



Lubomir Duris

centre back

current club: HEDO B. Braun Gyöngyös since 2016

- this will be Duris's second EHF EURO, after finishing 16th in 2012
- the most respected player in the side, the Slovakian captain has been playing for five seasons in Hungary
- named Slovakian Player of the Year twice, in 2015 and 2018
- stated he wanted to end his career at MKS Povazska Bystrica, where he made his first steps in handball and played in the EHF CL in 2006

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Dominik Kalafut

line player

current club: HSG Nordhorn-Lingen since 2019

- has represented Slovakia since 2017, but has never played at a major tournament
- despite being only 26, he has extensive European experience, playing in Germany since 2011, with a stint at Cesson Handball, (FRA) between 2018 and 2019
- born in Germany, where his father, Peter, who represented Czechoslovakia at the Barcelona 1992 OG, was playing at the time
- his older brother, Lukas, was also a handball player, who plied his trade in the German leagues



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Tomas Urban

right wing

current club: GWD Minden since 2021

- played as a centre back at EHF EURO 2012 for the Slovakian national team, this will be his second EHF EURO participation
- has played over 125 games for the Slovak national team, making him one of the most experienced players in the team
- a very experienced player, having played in the EHF CL for Veszprém (HUN) and TATRAN Presov (SVK)
- in superb form in the 2021/22 season for GW Minden, scoring 65 goals in 13 games, making him one of the top 15 top scorers in the German Bundesliga



Marek Korbel

right back

current club: Talent tým Plzenskeho kraje since 2021

- made his debut for the Slovakia national team in 2017 and played in the qualifiers for both EHF EURO 2020 and 2022; this will be his first major international tournament
- played at SKP Bratislava in Slovakia, before moving across the border to join Czech club HC Zubri
- also had a stint in a Romanian club, CSM Fagaras, but left before the end of the contract, due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- is a dual-threat player, with great skills in defence and a powerful shot in attack



Peter Kukucka

coach

- played twice at the EHF EURO as a player, in 2006 and 2012, scoring 20 goals. This will be his first major tournament as a coach
- a former Slovakian centre back, scored 410 goals in 111 games for the Slovakian national team
- transitioned from player to coach in 2017, and took over the Slovakian national team in 2019, after two years at Kadetten Schaffhausen (SUI)
- a five-time winner of the Swiss league as a player, also won the EHF Cup with HSG Nordhorn in 2008

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008 (as player)



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Biggest win:	N/A
Biggest defeat:	24:41 (13:17) vs. Poland @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Longest winning run:	N/A
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (19.01.2012)
Longest losing run:	8 matches (26.01.2006 - 17.01.2012)
Longest run without win:	9 matches (26.01.2006 - 19.01.2012)
Current run:	D1 (19.01.2012)
Most goals:	31 vs. France 31:32L @ Trondheim NOR, 17.01.2008
Most goals opponent:	41 vs. Sweden 25:41L @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008 41 vs. Poland 24:41L @ Beograd SRB, 17.01.2012
Most goals both teams:	66 vs. Sweden 25:41L @ Trondheim NOR, 20.01.2008
Fewest goals:	21 vs. France 21:35L @ Basel SUI, 26.01.2006 21 vs. Serbia 21:21D @ Beograd SRB, 19.01.2012
Fewest goals opponent:	21 vs. Serbia 21:21D @ Beograd SRB, 19.01.2012
Fewest goals both teams:	42 vs. Serbia 21:21D @ Beograd SRB, 19.01.2012

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

NOR vs SVK

24.09.1997 Lillestrøm NOR	NOR-SVK	ECh-Qual. - Group 4	31:24 (16:9)
28.09.1997 Bratislava SVK	SVK-NOR	ECh-Qual. - Group 4	31:25 (16:12)
23.01.2002 Michalovce SVK	SVK-NOR	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	29:28 (15:13)
27.01.2002 Drammen NOR	NOR-SVK	WCh-Qual. - Group 4	32:18 (16:10)
29.01.2009 Zagreb CRO	SVK-NOR	WCh - Place 9/10	27:34 (14:18)

SVK vs LTU

15.01.2003 Prešov SVK	SVK-LTU	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	25:25 (12:11)
19.01.2003 Kaunas LTU	LTU-SVK	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	29:28 (15:13)
07.01.2016 Kaunas LTU	LTU-SVK	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	18:18 (9:6)
09.01.2016 Hlohovec SVK	SVK-LTU	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	31:27 (19:10)
12.01.2020 Luxembourg-Lëtzebuerg LUX	LTU-SVK	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	25:24 (11:12)

SVK vs RUS

02.11.2016 Moskva RUS	RUS-SVK	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 6	31:31 (13:13)
14.06.2017 Bratislava SVK	SVK-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 6	24:25 (12:12)
26.10.2017 Sankt-Peterburg RUS	RUS-SVK	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	32:22 (20:11)
11.01.2018 Považská Bystrica SVK	SVK-RUS	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	26:32 (11:15)
27.10.2018 Prešov SVK	SVK-RUS	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	21:22 (12:10)
16.06.2019 Sankt-Peterburg RUS	RUS-SVK	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	30:20 (17:8)

TOP 5 EHF EURO MATCHES & GOALS

MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Radoslav Antl	9	2006-2008, 2012
Richard Stochl	9	2006-2008, 2012
Martin Stranovsky	9	2006-2008, 2012
Peter Dudas	6	2008, 2012
Peter Kukucka	6	2006, 2012
Marek Mikeci	6	2008, 2012
Andrej Petro	6	2008, 2012
Daniel Valo	6	2006, 2012

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Radoslav Antl	21	2006-2008, 2012
Peter Kukucka	20	2006, 2012
Martin Stranovsky	19	2006-2008, 2012
Frantisek Sulc	18	2008
Daniel Valo	17	2006, 2012



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The last time Lithuania reached the final tournament of the EHF EURO, coach Mindaugas Andriuska was just starting his career, while other crucial players in the current team were just a few years old.

After a 24-year wait, Lithuania are back in business, delivering on the promise Andriuska made when he was appointed in 2019 that he would lead the side to an international competition.

The path has been rocky and Lithuania are by no means a powerhouse, but they still boast a group of players that have been together for a long time. They also have plenty of international experience, including backs Jonas Truchanovicus, the only Lithuanian player to win the EHF Champions League, with Montpellier in 2018, or Aidenas Malasinkas, who has been a mainstay at HC Motor in the past seasons.

Emerging players like Zanas Gabrielius Virbauskas, who was the top scorer in the EHF EURO 2022 qualification phase 2, with 24 goals, will definitely help, but the overall lack of depth could be troublesome, especially in the crunch moments of the games.

Lithuania won only one game in history at the EHF EURO, therefore the need to start strongly is essential. They won only two games in qualification phase 2, but if they play again as they did when beating Iceland 29:27 they could spring a surprise or two this time around.

EHF EURO RECORD

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	Goals	Diff.	Pts.	Rank
1994	Qualification	8	4	0	4	179:179	0	8:8	4th Group 2
1996	Pre-Qualification	6	5	0	1	132:110	+22	10:2	1st Group E
1996	Qualification	6	1	1	4	129:144	-15	3:9	4th Group 5
1998	Qualification	6	3	1	2	156:155	+1	7:5	2nd Group 2
1998	EHF EURO	6	2	1	3	138:151	-13	5:7	9th Place
2000	Qualification	4	2	0	2	92:79	+13	4:4	2nd Group 5
2002	Qualification	6	5	0	1	150:115	+35	10:2	1st Group 4
2002	Play-off	2	1	0	1	36:46	-10	2:2	Lost vs. UKR
2004	Qualification	6	4	1	1	146:130	+16	9:3	1st Group 1
2004	Play-off	2	0	0	2	54:68	-14	0:4	Lost vs. ESP
2006	Qualification	4	3	1	0	118:84	+34	7:1	1st Group 6
2006	Play-off	2	0	1	1	48:58	-10	1:3	Lost vs. ESP
2008	Qualification	6	3	0	3	186:188	-2	6:6	2nd Group 5
2008	Play-off	2	0	0	2	53:59	-6	0:4	Lost vs. HUN
2010	Qualification	8	3	2	3	194:194	0	8:8	4th Group 7
2012	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	129:161	-32	4:8	3rd Group 2
2014	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	145:164	-19	2:10	3rd Group 3
2016	Qualification 2	6	1	0	5	140:164	-24	2:10	4th Group 2
2018	Qualification 2	6	3	0	3	163:179	-16	6:6	3rd Group 7
2020	Qualification 2	6	1	1	4	142:182	-40	3:9	3rd Group 6
2022	Qualification 2	6	2	0	4	159:189	-30	4:8	3rd Group 4
Total Qualification		104	44	8	52	2551:2648	-97	96:112	
Total EHF EURO		6	2	1	3	138:151	-13	5:7	



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Giedrius Morkunas

goalkeeper

current club: VHC Sviesa Vilnius since 2021

- makes his major international tournament debut at EHF EURO 2022
- returned to Lithuania for the first time in 10 seasons in 2021, after playing in Iceland for Haukar, in Finland for Cocks and in France for Caen Handball
- a calm and relaxing presence outside the court, he is described as a natural-born winner whenever he plays
- won the Icelandic title with Haukar twice, in 2015 and 2016, and was named the best goalkeeper in the league both times



@lsimenas15

Lukas Simenas

left back

current club: Istres Handball since 2021

- one of the tallest players at the EHF EURO 2022, standing 2.09m tall
- scored seven times in EHF EURO 2022 qualification phase 2, and an integral part of Lithuania's defence in the six games
- started his career in Lithuania, playing for Dragunas Klaipeda, but in 2021 moved to Spain, where he played for BM Nava and BM Antequera
- since the summer of 2021, Simenas, who speaks English and Spanish, moved to Istres in France



@sk.pleta

Skirmantas Pleta

left wing

current club: VHC Sviesa Vilnius since 2020

- scored seven times in EHF EURO 2022 qualification phase 2 and has plenty of experience in the national team, taking the court for the first time in 2011
- played in the French second league, for Les Vikings de Caen (2017-2020) before returning to Lithuania, where he plies his trade for VHC Sviesa Vilnius
- he studied public administration during his first stint at Sviesa Vilnius and moved to Switzerland, to play in the second league, in 2015, before joining Caen
- a versatile player, Pleta has been also used as a centre back at times, for his playmaking skills



Zanas Gabrielius Virbauskas

centre back

current club: Abanca Ademar León since 2021

- the top scorer for Lithuania in qualification phase 2 of EHF EURO 2022, with 24 goals, two more than Aidenas Malasinkas
- was only one year old when Lithuania last played at the final tournament of the EHF EURO, in 1998
- signed this summer for Spanish outfit Abanca Ademar León, in his first move outside of Lithuania
- a creative, fast player, Virbauskas can play on every position in the back line and is also used as a line player at times



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@aidenas_7_

Aidenas Malasinskas

centre back

current club: HC Motor since 2015

- at 35 years old, he will make his debut for the national team at a major tournament, after being key in qualification phase 2 and scoring 22 times in four matches
- named male Lithuanian Player of the Year in 2015, 2017 and 2019. He is also the all-time top scorer for Lithuania, with 418 goals
- joined Motor in the summer of 2015 and quickly became a key part of the team; has now scored over 450 goals in the CL
- played for Kaunas clubs (Lusis and Granitas-Karys), but moved abroad to Spain in 2011, where he played for Granollers and Logrono La Rioja



@vdrabavicius35

Valdas Drabavicius

right wing

current club: VHC Sviesa Vilnius since 2006

- first called up to the national team in 2011 and an integral part ever since, scoring 13 goals in the qualification phase 2 for EHF EURO 2022
- a semi-pro player, works as a physical education teacher in Vilnius, Lithuania's capital
- a key player at VHC Sviesa Vilnius, featuring over the past five years in the EHF Men's Challenge Cup and the EHF European Cup Men, scoring over 80 goals
- he played football, and was a long jumper and a javelin thrower, but finally settled on handball, inspired by his brother, also a handball player



Tadas Stankevicius

line player

current club: Alytus-Varsa Stronglasas since 2021

- first called up to the national team in 2012 and has been present ever since
- an experienced player, Stankevicius started handball in Lithuania, at Dragunas Klaipeda, moving to Finnish outfit Dicken in the 2018/19 season
- has plenty of experience in international competitions, having played in the Men's EHF Challenge Cup and in the Men's EHF Cup for Dragunas, Dicken and Ukrainian side HC Motor
- came back to Lithuania this summer, now playing for Alytus-Varsa Stronglasas, after several seasons abroad



Mindaugas Andriuska

coach

- was Arturas Juskenas' assistant until 2019, but took over after the team failed to qualify for EHF EURO 2020
- a former national team player, who scored 132 goals in 72 games for Lithuania, Andriuska became a coach immediately after retirement, taking over his last club, Austrian side ULZ Sparkasse Schwaz
- he has plenty of international experience as a player, having plied his trade in Denmark, Iceland and Austria, but has never been at a final tournament with Lithuania



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EHF EURO QUALIFICATION - TEAM RECORDS

Biggest win:	38:36 (17:14, 30:30, 33:33) vs. Czech Republic @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Biggest defeat:	22:30 (11:15) vs. Yugoslavia @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 30.05.1998
Longest winning run:	1 match (03.06.1998) 1 match (06.06.1998)
Longest unbeaten run:	1 match (29.05.1998) 1 match (03.06.1998) 1 match (06.06.1998)
Longest losing run:	2 matches (30.05.1998 - 01.06.1998)
Longest run without win:	3 matches (29.05.1998 - 01.06.1998)
Current run:	L1 (06.06.1998)
Most goals:	38 vs. Czech Republic 38:36W aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Most goals opponent:	36 vs. Czech Republic 38:36W aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Most goals both teams:	74 vs. Czech Republic 38:36W aet2 @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 06.06.1998
Fewest goals:	18 vs. Germany 18:20L @ Meran-Merano ITA, 04.06.1998
Fewest goals opponent:	18 vs. Italy 19:18W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998
Fewest goals both teams:	37 vs. Italy 19:18W @ Bolzano-Bozen ITA, 03.06.1998

HEAD-TO-HEAD ENCOUNTERS (competitive matches)

RUS vs LTU

01.06.2002 Elektrėnai LTU	LTU-RUS	WCh-Playoff	20:31 (10:13)
08.06.2002 Moskva RUS	RUS-LTU	WCh-Playoff	29:23 (11:13)
07.06.2014 Perm RUS	RUS-LTU	WCh-Playoff	30:22 (14:11)
14.06.2014 Kaunas LTU	LTU-RUS	WCh-Playoff	22:33 (13:13)

SVK vs LTU

15.01.2003 Prešov SVK	SVK-LTU	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	25:25 (12:11)
19.01.2003 Kaunas LTU	LTU-SVK	ECh-Qual. - Group 1	29:28 (15:13)
07.01.2016 Kaunas LTU	LTU-SVK	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	18:18 (9:6)
09.01.2016 Hlohovec SVK	SVK-LTU	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	31:27 (19:10)
12.01.2020 Luxembourg-Lëtzebuerg LUX	LTU-SVK	WCh-Qual. 1 - Group 1	25:24 (11:12)

LTU vs NOR

27.11.1993 Kaunas LTU	LTU-NOR	ECh-Qual. - Group 2	21:22 (10:8)
06.01.1994 Kragerø NOR	NOR-LTU	ECh-Qual. - Group 2	32:17 (17:10)
12.06.2010 Stavanger NOR	NOR-LTU	WCh-Playoff	27:19 (13:9)
20.06.2010 Vilnius LTU	LTU-NOR	WCh-Playoff	21:24 (9:10)
04.11.2012 Kaunas LTU	LTU-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	21:28 (8:15)
15.06.2013 Arendal NOR	NOR-LTU	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 3	34:29 (22:15)
06.11.2016 Vilnius LTU	LTU-NOR	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	32:29 (15:16)
17.06.2017 Oslo NOR	NOR-LTU	ECh-Qual. 2 - Group 7	30:20 (15:10)

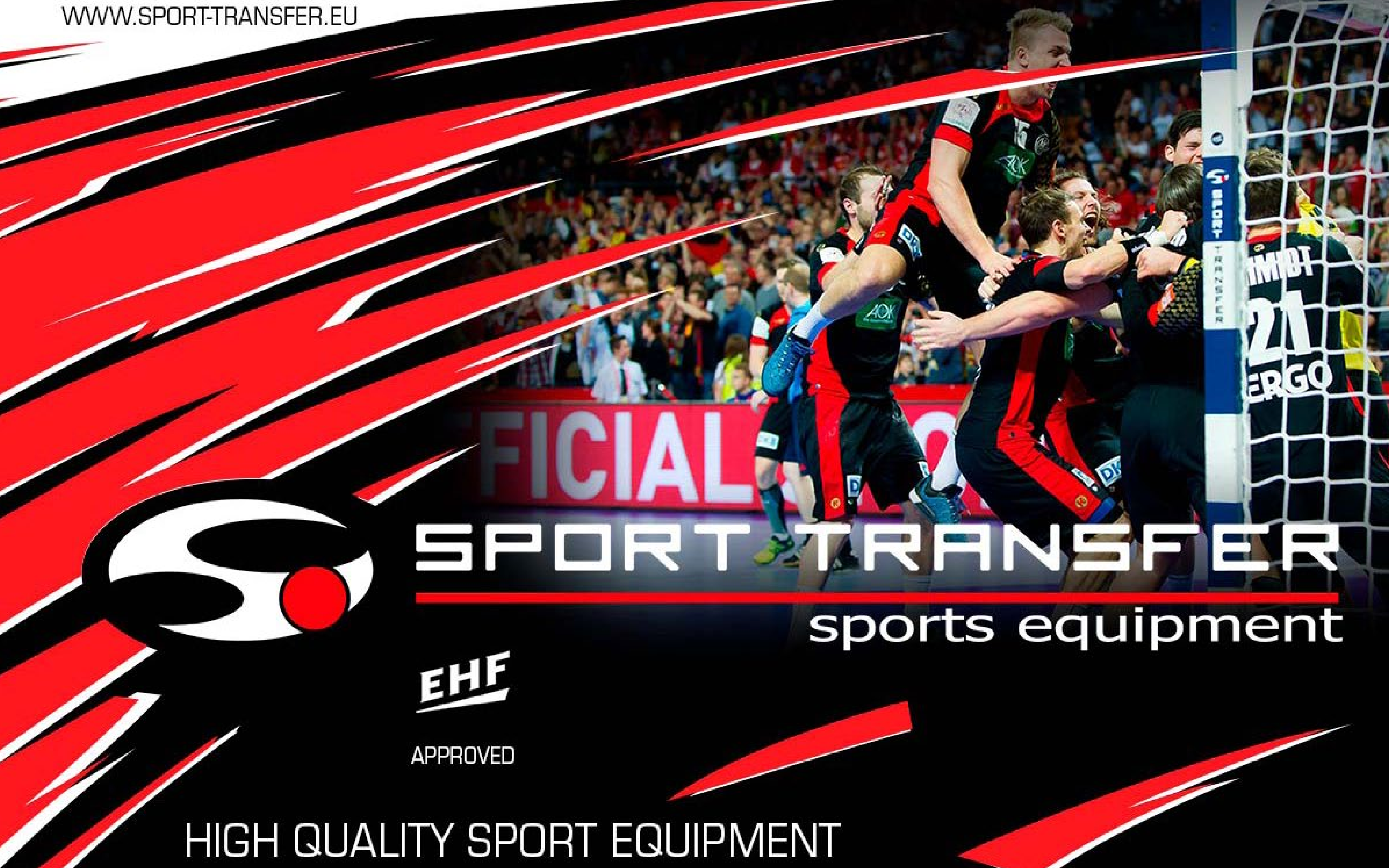
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MATCHES

Player	Matches	Years
Gintas Galkauskas	6	1998
Algirdas Gedvilas	6	1998
Vaidas Klimciauskas	6	1998
Julius Marcinkevicius	6	1998
Dalius Rasikevicius	6	1998

GOALS

Player	Goals	Years
Gintaras Savukynas	21	1998
Dalius Rasikevicius	21	1998
Gediminas Bucys	20	1998
Julius Marcinkevicius	17	1998
Vaidas Klimciauskas	16	1998



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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

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2023 IHF World Men's Championship in Poland and Sweden



POLAND
SWEDEN 2023
HANDBALL
28TH IHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The 28th IHF World Men's Championship will be held between 11 and 29 January 2023 in Poland and Sweden. Besides both hosting countries and Denmark, who were gold medallists for two consecutive times in 2019 and 2021, another at least 12 European teams will be part of this tournament.

The three best-ranked teams of the EHF EURO 2022 in Hungary and Slovakia – excluding Poland, Sweden and Denmark, whose places are already booked – will directly qualify for the world championship. The remaining nine spots will be decided in two

parts of the qualification phase 2. In the first part in March 2022 eight qualifiers from the phase 1 and Switzerland will face nine lowest ranked teams from the EHF EURO 2022 (excluding Poland, Sweden and Denmark). The nine winners of this part will proceed to the final stage of the European qualification in April 2022 and will meet nine best ranked teams from the EHF EURO 2022 excluding those who will have already booked a direct place.

The qualification phase 2 draw will take place on the final weekend of the EHF EURO 2022 in Budapest.

The venues for the world championship are:

- **Krakow, Tauron Arena (capacity 15,030)**
- **Gdansk, Ergo Arena (11,409)**
- **Katowice, Spodek (11,036)**
- **Plock, Orlen Arena (5,492)**
- **Stockholm, Tele2 Arena (19,000)**
- **Malmö, Malmö Arena (13,000)**
- **Gothenburg, Scandinavium (12,000)**
- **Jönköping, Husqvarna Garden (7,000)**
- **Kristianstad, Kristianstad Arena (4,700)**



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GERMANY
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The Men's EHF EURO 2024 will for the first time be hosted by Germany and will be played between 10 and 28 January 2024. The 16th edition of the EHF EURO will also be the first one with 24 teams organised just by one country.

The hosts were awarded the tournament at the 14th EHF Ordinary Congress in Glasgow in June 2018. In addition to the hosts, who qualify automatically for the tournament, all three EHF EURO 2022 medallists will also directly qualify.

These four teams will play the third 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 2024.

The teams ranked 4-24 from the EHF EURO 2022 together with Estonia, Faroe Islands, Greece, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Romania and Switzerland and with four winners of the EHF EURO 2024 relegation round will enter the race for the 20 remaining tickets in Germany. In the EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers between October 2022 and April 2023 the 32 participants will be divided into eight groups by four teams with top two teams and four best ranked third-teams qualifying for the final tournament.

The opening game of the EHF EURO 2024, which will take place on 10 January 2024 at the the Merkur Spiel-Arena in Düsseldorf, aims at setting a spectator record for European Championships with more than 50,000 fans attending.

In addition, Germany's largest indoor arenas are ready for great emotions, as Berlin (Mercedes-Benz Arena/14,800), Mannheim (SAP Arena/13,200), Munich (SAP Garden/11,500), Hamburg (Barclaycard Arena/13,300) and Cologne (LANXESS arena/19,750) are the tournament's host cities.

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EHF EURO MATCHES TOP 20

Player	Matches	Years
Nikola Karabatic FRA	63	2004-2020
Raul Entrerrios Rodriguez 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
Luc Abalo FRA	55	2006-2020
Igor Vori CRO	54	2004-2014, 2018
Jerôme Fernandez FRA	53	1998, 2002-2014
Michael V. Knudsen DEN	53	2000-2010, 2014
Lars Christiansen DEN	52	1996, 2000-2012
Daniel Narcisse FRA	51	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Thierry Omeyer FRA	51	2000-2016
Julen Aguinagalde Akizu ESP	49	2008-2020
Domagoj Duvnjak CRO	49	2008-2020
Guillaume Gille FRA	48	1998, 2002-2012
Ivan Cupic CRO	48	2006-2018
Hans O. Lindberg DEN	48	2008-2020
Viran Morros de Argila ESP	48	2010-2020
Bertrand Gille FRA	47	2000-2012
Lars Troels Jørgensen DEN	45	2000-2010
Mirko Alilovic CRO	45	2008-2018

EHF EURO GOALS TOP 20

Player	Goals	Years
Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson ISL	288	2000-2020
Nikola Karabatic FRA	264	2004-2020
Mikkel Hansen DEN	213	2010-2020
Stefan Lövgren SWE	203	1994-2004
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
Karol Bielecki POL	171	2004-2016
Michael V. Knudsen DEN	170	2000-2010, 2014
Daniel Narcisse FRA	163	2000-2002, 2006-2016
Ivan Cupic CRO	159	2006-2018
Zlatko Horvat CRO	155	2006-2008, 2012-2020
Domagoj Duvnjak CRO	154	2008-2020
Alberto Entrerrios Rodriguez ESP	152	2000-2012
Ivano Balic CRO	151	2002-2012
Michael Guigou	149	2006, 2010-2020

EHF EURO PIM TOP 20

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
Didier Dinart FRA	58'	1998-2012
Sverre Jakobsson ISL	56' (D4)	2008-2014
Juan Perez Marquez ESP	54'	1996-2006
Igor Vori CRO	54'	2004-2014, 2018
Viran Morros de Argila ESP	54' (D2)	2010-2020
Nikola Karabatic FRA	54'	2004-2020
Renato Sulic CRO	52' (D)	2002-2008
Alexey Rastvortsev RUS	50' (D3)	2002-2012
Staffan Olsson SWE	48' (D)	1994-2004
Bertrand Gille FRA	48'	2000-2012
Sigfús Sigurdsson ISL	46' (D)	2002-2008
Guillaume Gille FRA	46' (D)	1998, 2002-2012
Ferenc Ilyes HUN	46' (D2)	2004-2014

EHF EURO GOALS IN ONE GAME TOP 10

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

EHF EURO 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

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EHF EURO MOST GOALS TOP 5

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

EHF EURO MOST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

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

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS TOP 5

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

EHF EURO FEWEST GOALS BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

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

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EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF TOP 5

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

EHF EURO MOST GOALS IN ONE HALF BOTH TEAMS TOP 5

- 42 Belarus vs. Iceland - 2nd half 39:38 (17:18) @ Katowice POL, 17.01.2016
- 41 Slovenia vs. Germany - 2nd half 34:34 (16:11) @ Innsbruck AUT, 20.01.2010
- 40 Serbia 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 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 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

MEN'S EHF EURO ALL-TIME LIST 1994-2020



1.	Spain	102	68	7	27	2850:2592	+258	143:61	(15)	*	W2	70,10%
2.	Croatia	100	60	8	32	2676:2554	+122	128:72	(15)	*	L1	64,00%
3.	France	95	59	9	27	2634:2413	+221	127:63	(15)	*	W1	66,84%
4.	Denmark	92	57	5	30	2539:2369	+170	119:65	(14)	*	W1	64,67%
5.	Sweden	87	54	5	28	2350:2161	+189	113:61	(14)	*	W2	64,94%
6.	Germany	90	47	12	31	2388:2242	+146	106:74	(14)	*	W3	58,89%
7.	Russia	76	39	7	30	2060:1999	+61	85:67	(14)	*	L5	55,92%
8.	Slovenia	76	26	9	41	2026:2121	-95	61:91	(13)	*	W1	40,13%
9.	Norway	54	26	5	23	1532:1481	+51	57:51	(10)	*	W1	52,78%
10.	Iceland	63	24	9	30	1784:1825	-41	57:69	(12)	*	L2	45,24%
11.	Hungary	64	19	11	34	1631:1743	-112	49:79	(13)	*	L2	38,28%
12.	Poland	49	19	4	26	1350:1392	-42	42:56	(10)	*	L3	42,86%
13.	Czech Republic	54	16	4	34	1436:1546	-110	36:72	(11)	*	L4	33,33%
14.	Yugoslavia	20	11	2	7	507:499	+8	24:16	(3)		L1	60,00%
15.	North Macedonia	34	8	6	20	835:940	-105	22:46	(7)	*	L2	32,35%
16.	Portugal	33	10	1	22	842:905	-63	21:45	(7)	*	L1	31,82%

17.	Belarus	34	10	1	23	934:1041	-107	21:47	(7)	*	D1	30,88%
18.	Austria	22	7	2	13	628:660	-32	16:28	(5)	*	D1	36,36%
19.	Serbia	26	6	4	16	645:703	-58	16:36	(7)	*	L6	30,77%
20.	Serbia & Montenegro	12	5	1	6	340:347	-7	11:13	(2)		L2	45,83%
21.	Romania	12	4	0	8	296:317	-21	8:16	(2)		W2	33,33%
22.	Switzerland	18	3	2	13	458:537	-79	8:28	(4)		L1	22,22%
23.	Ukraine	28	3	1	24	703:792	-89	7:49	(7)	*	L9	12,50%
24.	Lithuania	6	2	1	3	138:151	-13	5:7	(2)	*	W1	41,67%
25.	Italy	6	2	0	4	133:148	-15	4:8	(1)		W2	33,33%
26.	Montenegro	18	1	1	16	473:587	-114	3:33	(6)	*	L1	8,33%
27.	The Netherlands	3	1	0	2	80:94	-14	2:4	(2)	*	L1	33,33%
28.	Slovakia	9	0	1	8	220:293	-73	1:17	(4)	*	D1	5,56%
29.	Israel	3	0	0	3	67:82	-15	0:6	(1)		L3	0,00%
30.	Bosnia & Herzegovina	3	0	0	3	73:90	-17	0:6	(2)	*	L3	0,00%
31.	Latvia	3	0	0	3	73:93	-20	0:6	(1)		L3	0,00%

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

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

% = Winning percentage

MULTIPLE EURO WINNERS



Karabatic and Gille can make history together

At the Men's EHF EURO 2022 in January in Hungary and Slovakia, France's Nikola Karabatic is aiming for his fourth EHF EURO trophy; defending champions Spain dream of the first ever treble in history after 2018 and 2020, and their coach Jordi Ribera could join legendary Frenchman Claude Onesta as a three-peat champion.

But Sweden still dominate the records of multiple Men's EHF EURO winners, although the 'Three Crowns' won their last trophy almost 20 years ago. A total of five Swedish players featured in all four of the teams to win gold in 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2002. Sweden are also still the first, last and only team to become European champions on home ground – in 2002.

A total of seven different coaches have steered their teams to EHF EURO glory, and again a Swede is on top of the table: Bengt Johansson, who gave his name to the 'Bengan Boys', is four-time champion.

In the 2022 tournament another Frenchman could make a different kind of history: Guillaume Gille, who was twice European champion on court, has the chance of becoming the first to take gold as a coach too.

Ljubomir Vranjes has the same goal. He was three times a winner as a player with Sweden and now hopes for gold as Slovenia's coach, after steering the team to the EHF EURO 2020 semi-finals. To date, only one coach has ever won the EHF EURO for a team that is not his home country: Icelander Dagur Sigurdsson in 2016 with Germany.

All multiple Men's EHF EURO winners

(bold = participating in 2022)

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 Corralles, Angel Fernandez, Raul Entrerrios, Alex Dujshebaev, Dani Dujshebaev, Daniel Sarmiento, Julen Aguinagalde, Ferran Sole, Adria Figueras, Joan, Canellas, 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

TOP SCORERS AND MVP AWARDS

Who is the top of the top at Men's EHF EURO events? If you ever wanted to know which players have shone at the European championships as top scorers and MVPs throughout history, here is your chance.

Big names such as Nikola Karabatic, Ivano Balic, Mikkel Hansen or Sander Sagosen are there, as well as players from the start of the EURO events.

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 is Spain, with Joan Canellas (2014) and Valero Rivera (2016), and Croatia with Mirza Dzomba in 2004 and Ivano Balic in 2008.

The latter 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 in Portugal: Vassili Kudinov (Russia), 50 goals

1996 in Spain: Thomas Knorr (Germany), 41 goals

1998 in Italy: Jan Filip (Czech Republic), 48 goals

2000 in Croatia: Oleg Velyky (Ukraine), 46 goals

2002 in Sweden: Olafur Stefansson (Iceland), 58 goals

2004 in Slovenia: Mirza Dzomba (Croatia), 46 goals

2006 in Switzerland: Siarhei Rutenka (Slovenia), 51 goals

2008 in Norway: Ivano Balic (Croatia), Lars Christiansen (Denmark) and Nikola Karabatic (France), all 44 goals

2010 in Austria: Filip Jicha (Czech Republic), 53 goals

2012 in Serbia: Kiril Lazarov (North Macedonia), 61 goals

2014 in Denmark: Joan Canellas (Spain), 50 goals

2016 in Poland: Valero Rivera (Spain), 48 goals

2018: Ondrej Zdrahala (Czech Republic), 55 goals

2020: Sander Sagosen (Norway), 65 goals

Most Valuable Players

Only three MVPs were also crowned EHF EURO champions: Magnus Andersson (Sweden) in 1994, his compatriot and later-on Handball Player of the Century Magnus Wislander in 2002, and Frenchman Nikola Karabatic in 2014. In 2008 and 2010 the MVP was also the top scorer: Nikola Karabatic and Filip Jicha.

The 14 MVPs represent seven different countries: Sweden (3), France (3), Croatia (3), Spain (2), Germany, the Czech Republic and Serbia.

Balic and Karabatic are the only players to have received the MVP award twice. Balic won it twice in a row (2004 and 2006).

For five 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. Since 2016, every MVP has shared their fate: Raul Entrerrios (Spain), Jim Gottfridsson (Sweden) and Domagoj Duvnjak (Croatia).

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)

ALL-STAR TEAMS

All-star Team members

Record winners Sweden are the top nation in terms of All-star Team nominations: 15 Swedish players have been named among the best of the tournament, as well as winning three MVP awards. Second-ranked is Spain (14 All-star nominations, plus two MVPs) ahead of Croatia (13 and three MVPs), Denmark (11), France (9 and three MVPs), Germany (10 and one MVP), Russia (six), Iceland, Norway (five), Slovenia and Poland (three), Czech Republic, Serbia (one All-star member and one MVP each), Hungary and Portugal (one). This means the All-star Teams have included players from 15 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). Several players have three nominations, including Swedish goalkeeper Peter Gentzel, Ivano Balic, Olafur Stefansson, Mikkel Hansen and Sander Sagosen. Norwegian star Sagosen is the only player to have been part of the last three EHF EURO All-star Teams.

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 Dushabaev (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 Dushabaev (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 Krivoslykov (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)



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ALL-STAR TEAMS



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)

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 defence player: Jakov Gojun (CRO)

2012

Goalkeeper: Darko Stanic (Serbia)
Left wing: Gudjon Valur Sigurdsson (Iceland)
Left back: Mikkel Hansen (Denmark)
Centre back: Uros Zorman (Slovenia)
Line player: Rene Toft Hansen (Denmark)
Right back: Marko Kopljar (Croatia)
Right wing: Christian Sprenger (Germany)
Best defender: Virán Morros (Spain)

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 Mollgaard (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 (Croatia)

2020

Goalkeeper: Gonzalo Perez de Vargas (Spain)
Left wing: Magnus Jøndal (Norway)
Left back: Sander Sagosen (Norway)
Centre back: Igor Karacic (Croatia)
Line player: Bence Bánhidi (Hungary)
Right back: Jorge Maqueda (Spain)
Right wing: Blaz Janc (Slovenia)
Best defender: Hendrik Pekeler (Germany)

OFFICIAL MATCH BALL



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For the 6th consecutive EHF EURO event since the Women's EHF EURO 2016, the final tournament's match ball is presented by the EHF's premium partner, Danish ball manufacturer SELECT Sport.

The 'Ultimate iBall' saw the light of day at the draw event in May 2021 and will eventually star in all 65 matches at the Men's EHF EURO 2022. The ball has been exclusively designed for the championship. With elements in dark and light blue as well as in green and red it features the European Handball Federation's primary colour as well as those which are dominant in the host nations' flags.

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

On EHF EURO level, the SELECT Ultimate iBall premiered at the final weekend of the Women's EHF EURO 2018 and has since been used at the Men's and Women's EHF EURO 2020.

The ball is made of extremely hardwearing synthetic leather material. A zero-wing bladder inside the ball ensures optimal roundness.

The specially developed 'shark skin foam' gives the ball an extremely soft feel and excellent grip. The ball is light and lively, but above all its constant balance ensures that there are no random bounces.

CEO of SELECT Sport, Peter Knap, said: "This is a fantastic ball with excellent qualities proven in play at numerous European Championships and in top handball leagues. We have been developing handballs for more than 70 years, so we are able to ensure top quality when it comes to material and innovative solutions - just like with this Ultimate iBall."

TECHNOLOGIES

Instant replay technologies

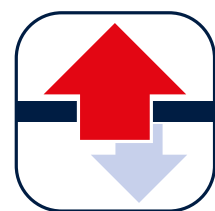
Several technological developments are in place at the Men's EHF EURO 2022. The use of them will also be clearly communicated to the spectators in the arena with the help of dedicated graphic icons shown on the arena cube.



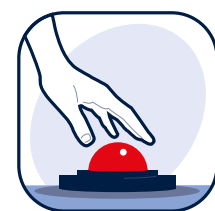
Goal-line



Disqualification



Substitution



Buzzer

Instant Replay Technology and Goal-line cameras

Instant replay offers the possibility to the referees to immediately watch a situation on a TV screen if they were not able to see the complete action on the court and if they wish to check again before reaching a decision. This specifically refers to key match situations where the referees decide to consult the TV picture additionally to their own view on the court.

The goal-line technology allows referees to utilise a number of cameras fixed to the goal to check whether the ball has crossed the goal-line. As the video is linked to the match clock, the referees can also check, if the ball crossed the goal-line before the end of half-time or full-time.

The use of both goal-line technology and instant replay (disqualification and consequences) is exclusively the responsibility of the referees and only the referees can decide to make use of it or not.

Goal-light

An LED light installed inside the goal lights up at the same time as the buzzer sounds for team timeouts and at the end of each half. This visual signal therefore provides all those involved in the match an additional signal to show that the time has stopped or ended. The signal also provides further help to the referees in deciding whether a last-second shot has crossed the line or not.

Substitution area technology

This system provides a detailed view on both substitution areas and offers video assistance in case of decisions that concern the substitution areas. The two cameras will be installed at the timekeeper table's corners. The pictures are accessible for the EHF Delegates in case of an unclear situation with player substitutions. Additionally they are also accessible for the referees in case of any serious situation in the substitution area where they decide to consult the pictures.

Important: These additional pictures are only to be used in case of a situation where an incorrect substitution has already been identified but it is unclear which player is to be punished.

Electronic team timeout request ('Buzzer')

Each team can request the team timeout directly through pushing a button on an electronic device. The button is directly connected to the official scoreboard system and pushing the button will directly lead to a stopping of the time, additionally an audio signal will be initialized to make all involved parties aware of the time-out.

In case of a mistake/misuse related to the team timeout request, all of the following sanctions apply:

- Progressive punishment or direct red card depending whether the action was on purpose or not
- Penalty throw for the team which was in possession of the ball
- Team that caused the faulty timeout request will lose one timeout

Player tracking technology/KINEXON

Two years ago match data collection reached new heights at the Men's EHF EURO 2020, thanks to the cooperation between the European Handball Federation and KINEXON, the leading German tracking and analytics company. Following successful cooperation at several showcase events both on the club and the national team level, the EHF EURO 2022 will again offer player tracking technology, providing more insights into the game.

The player tracking technology will be joined by the SELECT iBall, the intelligent ball with an integrated chip for data transmission. The technology has been successfully used at the marquee event in club handball, the EHF FINAL4, and will now serve to the needs of media professionals and fans at the continental national team competition again.

During the EHF EURO 2022, tracking sensors in jerseys of all players and the chip in the iBall will collect an unparalleled amount of data around each match. All players will be fitted with the tracking chip, which will be integrated into their playing shirts. The sensor weighs only 14 grams and will not influence the players' on-court performance.

KINEXON anchors will be placed around the court capturing the data from the sensors in the players' shirts and the ball. Fans, coaches and players will be able to see players' running distance, playing time, fastest sprints, highest jumps and fastest goalkeeper saves. In addition, the SELECT iBall will collect information such as ball speed, shot detection, position of the shot and placement of the ball on target.

The match data will be delivered directly to the spectators watching at home via social media and on TV. An extensive report of collected match data will be provided to the participating teams, giving them opportunity to have all information about the team and individual player performance.

ONLINE COVERAGE

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The official championship website is available in English and provides extensive information for media and fans alike throughout the tournament. Website features live stats for every match and in-depth statistics for every team and every player.

Related photos and videos for every match are immediately accessible through the website. On top, ehfeuro.eurohandball.com will offer its users news updates almost 24/7 during the final tournament.

Home of Handball App



Roughly 100 days before the start of the EHF EURO 2022 the European Handball Federation launched its very first dedicated mobile app, Home of Handball.

The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from the club as well as from the national team side – under one roof. The integration of highlights from EHFTV, as well as of live scores, club and player information, are key ingredients for an enriching user experience. The app features gamification elements and furthermore allows for each user to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

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

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

EHFTV

Furthermore, all 65 matches will be streamed live with English commentary and are available on demand on EHFTV. The European Handball Federation's own OTT platform will also feature highlights from all matches and behind-the-scenes reports. On the championship's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/homeofhandball, handball fans are able to enjoy near-live viral clips, daily highlights, the best goals and saves and much more.

EHF EURO podcast

In a partnership with the '(Un)Informed Handball Hour', the EHF will be treating all fans with the podcast dedicated to the EHF EURO 2022. The first episodes have already been aired ahead of the tournament and many more will guide handball enthusiasts through the 18 days of action with lots of exciting content, exclusive guests and behind-the-scenes peeks. All episodes will be available on ehfeuro.eurohandball.com and on major podcast players.



Social media

Reaching a younger audience has become one of the most important tasks for clubs and federations in the sports business. This is why the EHF EURO social media family has expanded incorporating TikTok and Twitch. While TikTok had a debut already at the Women's EHF EURO 2018, Twitch is the latest addition and it will offer many live twitch shows throughout the tournament.

EHF EURO on social media

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