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# | Foreword

Dear Media Representative,

Another exciting season of women's top-flight club handball is here as the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 throws off with the start of the group matches on 4 October.

This season's tournament takes on extra significance as it will be the first under title sponsorship of the Delo Group, who are of course no strangers to the competition having sponsored the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 event last season.

Over the next eight months and 96 matches, Europe's elite teams will compete for the biggest prize in women's club handball, which will once again culminate in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 at the at the Papp László Budapest Sport Arena on 10 May.

The tournament continues in the same format as last season. The initial group stage has 16 teams drawn into four groups of four. The top three teams in each group qualify for the main round where the remaining 12 teams proceed into two groups of six. The top four teams in both groups will then advance to the quarter-finals in a bid to reach the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

With such a fascinating season in the offing, for you, the media, the EHF Media and Communications Department has prepared this media guide to give you a comprehensive overview of all 16 teams who have qualified for this season's tournament. The guide contains an extensive preview of every pool, together with detailed team and player profiles. Also included are statistics from every previous Champions League season, useful facts and media contacts at each competing club.

That, of course, includes reigning champions Györi Audi ETO KC, the Hungarian side who have swept all before them over the past three seasons. The Hungary national champions go into this season aiming to become the first women's side to capture four titles in a row.

The 2018/19 champions have been drawn in to Group D, one which includes the sole team among the 16 participants who are making their EHF Champions League debuts, Czech champions DHK Baník Most. You can read more about the debutants across pages 120-125.

Throughout the competition, 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 a quick email away, so please feel free to get in touch with the team in Vienna on [media@eurohandball.com](mailto:media@eurohandball.com).

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### GROUP D

# SEASON 2019/20

 Group matches teams

 Qualification teams



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MKS Perla  
Lublin, POL



Györi Audi  
ETO KC, HUN



DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4  
Budapest, HUN



Rostov-Don  
RUS



SCM Rm  
Valcea, ROU



CSM Bucuresti  
ROU



Kastamonu  
GSK, TUR



FTC-Rail Cargo  
Hungaria, HUN



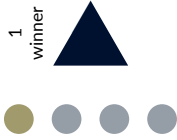
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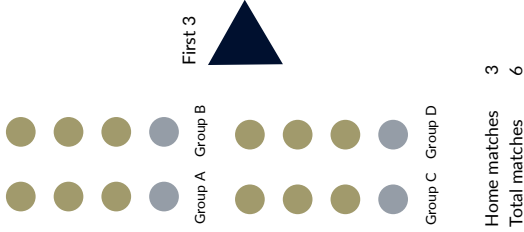
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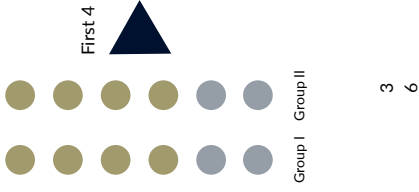
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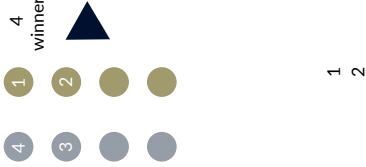
### Group Matches



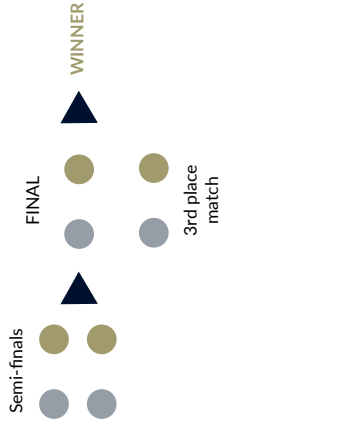
### Main Round



### Quarter-finals



### EHF FINAL4



## Season 2019/20

### Qualification tournament

06-08.09.2019

### Group matches

- Round 1 - 04.-06.10.2019
- Round 2 - 11.-13.10.2019
- Round 3 - 18.-20.10.2019
- Round 4 - 01.-03.11.2019
- Round 5 - 08.-10.11.2019
- Round 6 - 15.-17.11.2019

### Main round

- Round 1 - 24.-26.01.2020
- Round 2 - 31.01.-02.02.2020
- Round 3 - 07.-09.02.2020
- Round 4 - 21.-23.02.2020
- Round 5 - 28.02.-01.03.2020
- Round 6 - 06.-08.03.2020

### Quarter-finals

- 1st leg  
03.-05.04.2020
- 2nd leg  
10.-12.04.2020

### EHF FINAL4

09.-10.05.2020

# DELO WOMEN'S EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2019/20



EHF NATION	Qualification Tournament	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarter-finals	FINAL4
	1 tournament	4 groups with 4 teams	2 groups with 6 teams	8 teams	4 teams
	06.-08.09.2019 tournaments played in semi-finals and finals <i>in one venue</i>	04.-06.10.2019 (1) 11.-13.10.2019 (2) 18.-20.10.2019 (3) 01.-03.11.2019 (4) 08.-10.11.2019 (5) 15.-17.11.2019 (6)	24.-26.01.2020 (1) 31.01-02.02.2020 (2) 07.-09.02.2020 (3) 21.-23.02.2020 (4) 28.02-01.03.2020 (5) 06.-08.03.2020 (6)	03.-05.04.2020 first leg 10.-12.04.2020 second leg	09./10.05.2020 tournament played in semi-finals and finals
<b>DRAWS:</b>					
	26 June 2019 in Vienna/AUT	27 June 2019 in Vienna/AUT	no draw	no draw	14 April 2020
1	HUN 1	Györi Audi ETO KC Rostov-Don SCM Rm Valcea Metz Handball Buducnost Team Esbjerg Vipers Kristiansand RK Krim Mercator SG BBM Bietigheim IK Sävehof RK Podravka Vegeta MKS Perla Lublin FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria CSM Bucuresti Brest Bretagne HB	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed team from each group	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed team of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main Round	4 Winners of DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Quarter-finals
2	RUS 1				
3	ROU 1				
4	FRA 1				
5	MNE 1				
6	DEN 1				
7	NOR 1				
8	SLO 1				
9	GER 1				
10	SWE 1				
11	CRO 1				
12	POL 1				
13	HUN 2				
14	ROU 2				
15	FRA 2				
16	ESP 1	Rocasa Gran Canaria Kastamonu GSK ZORK Jagodina DHK Banik Most	Winner of the Qualification tournament		
17	TUR 1				
18	SRB 1				
19	CZE 1				



1 group with 4 teams	4th placed teams of CL Group Matches go to EHF Cup Group Phase
4th placed team of CL Qualification Tournament goes to EHF Cup Rd 2, 2nd and 3rd placed team of CL Qualification Tournament goes to EHF Cup Rd 3	



## How to follow and cover matches

### ehfTV.com

Handball fans across Europe will not miss a single match in the new season of both elite European club competitions. All matches starting from the group phase of the VELUX EHF Champions League and group matches of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League will be broadcast live on ehfTV.com and the videos of all matches will also be on demand. Furthermore, like in the past season fully produced highlights magazine 'Rewind - The Handball Show' will feature stories and highlights from all women's top matches and will be played out after each playing round. Apart from selected matches of other European Cup competitions in the new season there will also be a renewed focus on coverage of top leagues (SEHA League and Spain's Asobal).

### Live ticker

The EHF Live Ticker at [ticker.ehf.eu](https://ticker.ehf.eu) will track the scores of all matches. Every goal, missed shot and yellow card will be documented and live statistics made available online for the first time at this stage of Europe's elite club competition.

### EHF live on social media

The EHF's social media channels will provide a very different view of the chase for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in Budapest. The social media feed with the behind-the-scenes look will be provided on these channels - EHF Champions League Facebook page, Instagram and @ehfcl Twitter account.

### Online match reports

From the opening matches of the season, the complete team line-up is available online at eurohandball.com and available to download as a PDF document. The online solution introduced already in the 2015/16 season sees the EHF match delegate complete the final team line-up immediately after the technical meeting. This development means that team line-ups are available for commentators and reporters hours before each match throws-off. A short time after each

match, a completed match report will also be available online with details such as goalscorers and number of spectators.

### Media portal

All media professionals are invited to register on the EHF Media portal, where they can find all essential information on the EHF club and national teams competitions including media guides and updates.

[bit.ly/ehfmediaportal](https://bit.ly/ehfmediaportal)

### Media accreditation

The written media and photographer's accreditation procedure in the group matches, main round and quarter-finals is entirely within the responsibility of the participating clubs. TV and radio accreditations are subject to approval by EHF Marketing GmbH - contact Miguel Mateo Marcellán.

### Online information

[www.ehfCL.com](https://www.ehfCL.com)

[www.ehfTV.com](https://www.ehfTV.com)

[www.ehfFINAL4.com](https://www.ehfFINAL4.com)

[Regulations of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League](#)

Twitter: @ehfcl

Facebook: [ehf.champions.league](https://www.facebook.com/ehf.champions.league)

[#deloehfcl](https://www.instagram.com/deloehfcl)

### Official name

The official name of the competition is: DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League. The full name of the competition should always be used. The three-letter abbreviation for the European Handball Federation should always be displayed in capital letters before the name of the competition. Please note: If the season is required, it has to be positioned after "Champions League" e.g. DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20. The wording "Champions League" should be written with a capital letter at the beginning of each word, i.e. Champions League. The remaining letters should be in lower case. The word Champions does not have an apostrophe after the 's'.

## Important regulations

### What happens when two or more teams have the same number of points

All matches of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won.

#### GROUP MATCHES AND MAIN ROUND

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

During the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the group if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match of the two teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in Group Matches (Main Round only)
- g) greater number of points in Group Matches (Main Round only)

\* If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

\* If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

#### QUARTER-FINALS

If, after completion of the two matches, both teams have won the same number of points (no extra-time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

#### RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.

- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.

- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.

- Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.

- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.

- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

## TV stations to broadcast matches all over the world

The matches of the upcoming season will be shown live or delayed all over the world with almost 30 TV stations and ehfTV.com broadcasting the matches either live or delayed.

Fans in 21 European countries will be able to watch matches and they are joined by the TV audience in North America (USA, Canada), Asia and Africa (Middle East and North Africa - MENA). In all countries without a rights-holding TV station they will be able to watch free and live on [ehfTV.com](http://ehfTV.com)

## TV Partners broadcasting the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20

<b>BIH</b>	– Arenasport	<b>MKD</b>	– Arenasport
<b>CAN</b>	– beIN Sports	<b>MNE</b>	– RTCG, Arenasport
<b>CRO</b>	– HRT, Arenasport	<b>NOR</b>	– NENT Group
<b>CZE</b>	– SportTV	<b>ROU</b>	– Digi Sport, Telekom Sports, Look TV
<b>DEN</b>	– DR and TV3 Denmark	<b>RUS</b>	– Match TV
<b>FRA</b>	– beIN Sports (including Monaco, Andorra, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Madagascar and French overseas territories)	<b>SLO</b>	– Sport TV
<b>FIN</b>	– YLE*	<b>SRB</b>	– Arenasport
<b>GEO</b>	– Silknet	<b>SVK</b>	– Sport TV
<b>HUN</b>	– Sport TV	<b>SWE</b>	– NENT Group
<b>ISL</b>	– Sport TV	<b>USA</b>	– beIN Sports (Including US' territories and possessions)
<b>KOS</b>	– RTV21, Arenasport		
<b>MENA Region</b>	– beIN Sports (23 territories in total)	<b>Worldwide</b>	– <a href="http://ehfTV.com">ehfTV.com</a> (Geo-restrictions could apply)
		<b>Worldwide</b>	– Olympic Channel* (Geo-restrictions could apply)

\* DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 2020

## Never miss a moment with the Faces of #ehfcl

The thrill of live top club handball is back! So what better time to re-introduce the three faces of the EHF Champions League for the 2019/20 season who will help bring the action even closer to fans watching around the world.

Throughout the campaign in the VELUX EHF Champions League and the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, our Faces of #ehfcl will be out and about courtside to give fans a unique blend of behind-the-scenes content and interviews with the people that matter the most: the players, staff and fans.

One of the three Faces of #ehfcl is legendary former line player Anja Althaus (in the middle of the picture). The three-time EHF Champions League winner is no stranger to DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League coverage, having joined the team as an ambassador last season. For 2019/20, the 37-year-old German international becomes a Face of #ehfcl, using her knowledge and insights in the game to give fans a sneak peek around the iconic handball courts of Europe.

While Anja will be the main Face in the women's European top flight, Hannah Jackson and Markus Floth continue to lead the line during this season's VELUX EHF Champions League, working closely with on-site Mobile Reporters to give fans the most comprehensive coverage of top-flight handball, with court-side interviews and behind-the-scenes insights.

The in-depth reporting does not stop there either, as at every Match of the Week handball fans will also be treated to exclusive content featuring the Europe's elite clubs.

Remember to join Markus, Hannah and Anja as our Faces of #ehfcl with their money-can't-buy experiences throughout what promises to be yet another enthralling



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## Qualification Tournament (Most, Czech Republic)

Qualification Tournament (7-8 Sep 2019)		Group D
Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP)		Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)
DHK Banik Most (CZE)		RK Krim Mercator (SLO)
Kastamonu Belediyesi (TUR)		IK Sävehof (SWE)
ZORK Jagodina (SRB)		<b>DHK Banik Most (CZE)</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team - Kastamonu Belediyesi (TUR)** => EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

**3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team - Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP)** => EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

**4<sup>th</sup> ranked team - ZORK Jagodina (SRB)** => EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2 vs A.C PAOK (GRE)

### Review: Superb Most clinch qualification for the first time

There was nothing that could stop home side DHK Banik Most as they earned their first berth in DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, after two superb wins in two magnificent days on home court.

Most proceeded to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Group D, where they face the title holders, Györi Audi ETO KC, RK Krim Mercator and IK Sävehof.

#### FINAL

**DHK Banik Most (CZE) vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR) 35:33 (20:13)**

One thing was certain heading into the final, there would be a newcomer in this year's DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League group matches, with both Kastamonu and Most ready to make history for their countries. After five minutes, it looked like Kastamonu was going to pry the berth right under Most's noses, with an impressive 5:1 run to start the game.

But a 5:1 run spurred by Lucia Mikulcik, who scored three times, saw the game turned on its head, as Most took a 7:6 lead. Another run from a relentless Czech side took the hosts to a 14:10 lead, after 22 minutes, as victory seemed to be more and more into their grasp.

As the break came, Most held an impressive seven-goal advantage, 20:13, as a flawless attacking performance left nothing to be desired, as the packed hall cheered on the hosts. Kastamonu tried to mount an unexpected comeback with left back Asli Iskit in fine form, including a 4:1 run that cut the gap to only three goals, 28:25, with ten minutes to spare.

Despite Kastamonu's best efforts, Most's attack was too powerful, with right wing Dominica Zachova scoring seven times, as the Czech side secured a 35:32 win and scenes of delight erupted.

The Czech side impressively swept the tournament and earned their very first berth for the group matches of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League.

#### 3/4 PLACEMENT MATCH

**Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP) vs ZORK Jagodina (SRB) 28:15 (15:8)**

#### SEMI-FINALS

**Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP) vs DHK Banik Most (CZE) 21:28 (11:11)**

**Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR) vs ZORK Jagodina (SRB) 31:15 (15:6)**

## FACTS AND FIGURES: All you need to know prior to the start of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League

After Banik Most completed the line-up for the 2019/20 season of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, the hunters of record winners Győr are confirmed. Here are the most important Facts and Figures for the season, in which the number 5 plays an important role.

0 teams, part of the 2019/20 group phase, have been part of all six DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 tournaments. Record winners Győr top the ranking with five appearances.

# 1

debutant is among the 16 group phase participants: Czech champions Banik Most, winner of the qualification tournament.

1 club is represented in the 2019/20 season in both men's and women's Champions League: Swedish champions IK Sävehof.

1 team managed to defend their trophy at the WOMEN'S EHF FINAL in Budapest and even more: 2017, 2018 and 2019 victors Győr. Winning the 2019 edition of the tournament, Győr are the first ever women's side to win the Champions League three times in a row.

2 players, part of the 2019/20 competition, have won the Champions League five times - and even with the same club: Győr's top stars Eduarda Amorim and Anita Görbicz. Third ranked are Győr's returning Katarina Bulatovic and Kristiansand's currently injured goalkeeper Katrine Lunde with four trophies each.

3 nations (in contrast to five in the 2018/19 season) are represented by two teams each in the 2019/20 Group Matches: Hungary France and Romania.

4 - which means all - teams of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 2019 are part of the group stage again: Győr, Rostov, Kristiansand and Metz.

4 times Ambros Martin steered Győr to Champions League trophies - a record for the current coaches. In the previous season, the Spaniard steered his new club Rostov to the final, but lost against his former team. In total, Martin was coach in seven CL finals.

5 former or current WOMEN'S EHF Champions League top scorers are on court in the group phase: Anita Görbicz (2014: 87 goals, 2012: 133), Zsuzsanna Tomori (2013: 95), both playing for Győr, Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti/2015: 102 for Buducnost, 2018: 110 for Bucuresti), Isabelle Gullden (Brest/2016: 108 for Bucurest) and Linn Sulland (2019: 89 goals) for Kristiansand.

5 former or current WOMEN'S EHF Champions League winners (including all winners since 2012) representing 11 titles are part of the 2019/20 group stage: Podravka (1996), Krim (2001, 2003), Buducnost (2012, 2015), Győr (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019) and Bucuresti (2016).

# 5

EHF Champions League trophies  
- more than any other team -  
are in the silverware cabinet of Győr

5 former of current female World Handball Player of the Year are part of the group phase: Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti/2010, 2015, 2016), Eduarda Amorim (Győr/2014), Andrea Lekic (Bucuresti/2013), Anita Görbicz (Győr/2005) and Heidi Løke (Kristiansand/2011).



6 of the 16 teams have already been part of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in Budapest: Győr, Rostov, Kristiansand, Metz, Bucuresti and Buducnost.

11 nations represent the previous winners of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League: Denmark, Hungary (6 titles each), Austria (4), Slovenia (2), Montenegro (2), Norway, FYR Macedonia, Spain, Croatia, Russia and Romania (one title each).

11 clubs, which were part of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2018/19 group matches, are back again: Podravka, Brest, Metz, Bietigheim, FTC, Győr, Bucuresti, Buducnost, Kristiansand, Bucuresti, Rostov, Krim and Sävehof. Esbjerg, Most and Lublin are "new arrivals" replacing Larvik, Kobenhavn and Odense.

12 from 13 previous seasons (eight consecutive times from the 2006/07 to 2013/14 and from 2015/16 on), defending champions Győr had at least qualified for the semi-finals of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League.

13 national champions - and 13 nations - are part of the group matches: Croatia, Czech, Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden.

16 matches will be played by those four teams, which make it to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

# 24

multiple Champions League winners are part of the 16 squads.

25 times including the new season Buducnost and Krim are part of the EHF Champions League.

96 matches (after qualification) are still ahead until the 2019/20 winner of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League will be confirmed - 48 group matches, 36 main round matches, eight quarter-final matches and four matches at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 on 9/10 May 2020.

# 5,646

goals were scored in the 2018/19 season, compared to 5,441 in the 2017/18 season.

### Teams by age average

Vipers Kristiansand	27.69
Rostov-Don	27.56
CSM Bucuresti	27.56
MKS Lublin S.A.	27.05
Györi Audi ETO KC	26.93
Team Esbjerg	26.78
SCM Ramnicu Valcea	26.63
SG BBM Bietigheim	26.41
<b>CL average</b>	<b>24.94</b>
Brest Bretagne Handball	24.66
Buducnost	24.20
RK Krim Mercator	23.34
HC Podravka Vegeta	23.04
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	22.97
DHK Banik Most	22.85
Metz Handball	22.66
IK Sävehof	20.49

### Teams by height average

CSM Bucuresti	177.30
Buducnost	177.11
Györi Audi ETO KC	177.04
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	176.56
Brest Bretagne Handball	176.46
Metz Handball	176.46
RK Krim Mercator	176.30
Vipers Kristiansand	176.05
SCM Ramnicu Valcea	175.85
Rostov-Don	175.79
Team Esbjerg	175.70
<b>CL average</b>	<b>175.35</b>
MKS Lublin S.A.	174.61
HC Podravka Vegeta	174.57
SG BBM Bietigheim	174.50
IK Sävehof	173.32
DHK Banik Most	172.56

## Facts and figures

### Youngest



**23/08/2005**

**Nika Galinec**

HC Podravka Vegeta

Nika Galinec	HC Podravka Vegeta	CRO	23.08.2005
Ana Crnjak	HC Podravka Vegeta	CRO	21.03.2004
Agnes Aseskog	IK Sävehof	SWE	20.12.2002
Stella Kate Muir	Team Esbjerg	GBR	29.11.2002
Csenge Csatlos	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	HUN	01.10.2002
Clara Wolf	IK Sävehof	SWE	16.09.2002
Panna Zsigmond	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	HUN	10.09.2002
Kajsa Lindberg Blohm	IK Sävehof	SWE	09.09.2002
Sarah Bouktit	Metz Handball	FRA	27.08.2002
Thea Blomst	IK Sävehof	SWE	27.08.2002
Zsuzsanna Nemeth	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN	10.08.2002
Marie Polakova	DHK Banik Most	CZE	29.07.2002
Katarina Dzaferovic	Buducnost	MNE	14.07.2002
Adela Srpova	DHK Banik Most	CZE	11.07.2002
Eline Liljeros Heikka	IK Sävehof	SWE	03.07.2002

### Shortest



**160 cm**

**Adela Striskova**

DHK Banik Most

+ three more players

Adela Striskova	DHK Banik Most	CZE	160
Patrycja Krolikowska	MKS Lublin S.A.	POL	160
Aneta Labuda	MKS Lublin S.A.	POL	160
Iza Bon Brzjn	RK Krim Mercator	SLO	160
Anna Vyakhireva	Rostov-Don	RUS	162
Ann Grete Norgaard	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	DEN	163
Hanna Örtorp	IK Sävehof	SWE	163
Lucia Mikulcic	DHK Banik Most	SVK	164
Carolina Morais	Vipers Kristiansand	ANG	164
Joanna Gadzina	MKS Lublin S.A.	POL	164
Marina Sudakova	Rostov-Don	RUS	164
Pauline Coatanea	Brest Bretagne Handball	FRA	165
Marion Maubon	Metz Handball	FRA	165
Meissa Maurice	Metz Handball	FRA	165
Anna Loerper	SG BBM Bietigheim	GER	165
Viktoria Lukacs	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	HUN	165
Malin Aune	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	165
Vilde Kaurin Jonassen	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	165

### Players by countries

 **FRA:**  
**40**



 **CRO:**  
**22**



 **NOR:**  
**35**



 **SLO:**  
**20**



 **SWE:**  
**29**



 **MNE:**  
**19**



 **HUN:**  
**29**



 **RUS:**  
**19**



 **ROU:**  
**23**



 **POL:**  
**17**



### Oldest



**29/11/1978**

**Sandra Pouchart**  
Brest Bretagne Handball

Sandra Pouchart	Brest Bretagne Handball	FRA	29.11.1978
Kristine Lunde Borgesen	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	30.03.1980
Katrine Lunde	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	30.03.1980
Line Mølgaard Thorius	Team Esbjerg	DEN	30.11.1981
Monika Nozka	MKS Lublin S.A.	POL	15.02.1982
Iulia Curea	CSM Bucuresti	ROU	08.04.1982
Mayya Petrova	Rostov-Don	RUS	26.05.1982
Heidi Loke	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	12.12.1982
Linnea Torstensson	CSM Bucuresti	SWE	30.03.1983
Marta Mangué	Brest Bretagne Handball	ESP	23.04.1983
Anita Görbicz	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN	13.05.1983
June Andenaes	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	09.06.1983
Ann Grete Norgaard	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	DEN	15.09.1983
Linn Jorum Sulland	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR	15.07.1984
Anna Sedoykina	Rostov-Don	RUS	01.08.1984
Maysa Pessoa	Rostov-Don	BRA	11.09.1984
Katarina Bulatovic	Györi Audi ETO KC	MNE	15.11.1984

### Tallest

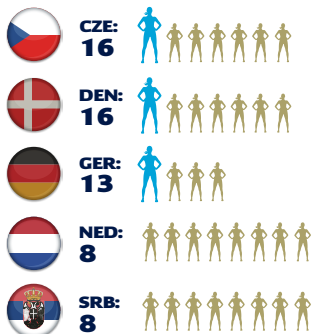


**193 cm**

**Kristine Breistøl**  
Team Esbjerg

Kristine Breistøl	Team Esbjerg	NOR	193
Nikolett Tothova	Györi Audi ETO KC	SVK	192
Crina Pintea	CSM Bucuresti	ROU	191
Emma Jacques	Metz Handball	FRA	190
Luisa Schulze	SG BBM Bietigheim	GER	190
Eva Kiss	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN	189
Berenice Fraudin	Brest Bretagne Handball	FRA	188
Eva Bezpalcova	DHK Banik Most	CZE	187
Astride N'Gouan	Metz Handball	FRA	187
Ana Maria Savu	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	ROU	187
Laura Cerovak	RK Krim Mercator	SLO	187
Ana Gros	Brest Bretagne Handball	SLO	186
Ivana Kapitanovic	Metz Handball	CRO	186
Eduarda Amorim Taleska	Györi Audi ETO KC	BRA	186
Katarina Bulatovic	Györi Audi ETO KC	MNE	186
Gabriela Perianu	CSM Bucuresti	ROU	186
Linnea Torstensson	CSM Bucuresti	SWE	186
Marta Batinovic	SCM Ramnicu Valcea	CRO	186

### Players by countries



# Group A preview

## THREE EHF FINAL4 CONTENDERS AND A HUNGRY CROATIAN TEAM



Featuring two teams that were in Budapest last season, one which has never been but would very much like to, and one DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League regular, Group A is actually a lot tighter than it seems on paper. The battle for the three main round tickets is going to be close, with teams fighting for every point. Metz and Vipers Kristiansand seem to be following each other around, as the two teams met in the bronze medal match at last season's DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4. The Norwegian side won by one goal, 31:30, but there is every chance the games in this group phase will be completely different. The first reason is that, at least for the opening matches, Kristiansand will have to do without goalkeeper Katrine Lunde, who came back from Budapest suffering a severe knee injury. The rest of the team is almost unchanged from last season. The signing of four-time Champions League winner Heidi Loke will bring a boost of experience to the roster; Loke's signing was part of a decision by coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad to pick only Norwegian players to reinforce the team.

### Metz must confirm high hopes

The other EHF FINAL4 participant from last season, Metz Handball, also has to do without an important player, as German left back Xenia Smits had shoulder surgery this summer. As a consequence, she will not be able to play handball until 2020. This season will be a revealing time for the French side, as EHF EURO 2018 winners Beatrice Edwige and Gnosiane Niombla, two key assets, decided to pursue their career elsewhere. Without them and Smits, coach Emanuel Mayonnade will have to find other solutions, especially in defence. But offensively, he has everything in his hands to repeat last season's performance. Orlane Kanor and Meline Nocandy, two of the best youngsters in Europe, are blooming while Louise Burgaard, who just arrived from Herning-Ikast, will add some weight on the right side of the court.



### FTC aims for first ever EHF FINAL4 ticket

This is crunch time for FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria. The team from Budapest has never reached the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4, despite it being played in its hometown. Over the last four seasons, FTC reached the quarter-finals each time but never managed to progress beyond that stage. Last time around, they were eliminated by Rostov-Don, losing both games (26:29, 22:33), just like the year before. This summer has been an intense one in Hungary, as many important players from the last seasons decided to join other teams. The toughest loss will probably be that of Nerea Pena, as the Spanish centre back played a crucial role in FTC's system. The EHF EURO 2014 finalist with Spain scored over 60 goals over the last four seasons, her form coinciding with her club's good results. To replace her, Gabor Elek will be able to count on Emilie Christensen, who played the last two seasons in Larvik.

### Podravka has added talent and experience

Croatian champions Podravka Vegeta reached the EHF Cup quarter-finals last season, after taking part in the Champions League Group Phase. Can they hope for a better fate this season? To help Podravka take another step in the Champions League, coach Zlatko Saracevic picked Krim Mercator's two best scorers in the competition last season to join his team. Slovenian left back Tjasa Stanko was elected best young player of the 2017/18 Champions League and scored 58 goals over six games last season. Right-hander Lamprini Tsakalou is one of Greece's best players, and her ability to play at centre back will provide some variation in Podravka's playing system. And, last but not least, Elena Gjeorgjievaska, 2012 Champions League winner with Vardar Skopje, will add some experience to a young side, meaning hopes remain alive for a first ever main round ticket for the Croatian side.



## Group A head-to-heads

### Historic encounters of Group A opponents in the EC

#### Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand 2-0-1 (85:75) 4:2

08.10.2017	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:22 (14:12)
10.11.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	22:25 (11:12)
12.05.2019	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	30:31 (16:15)

#### Metz Handball vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 3-1-8 (282:320) 7:17

11.11.1995	ASPTT Metz vs Ferencvaros Budapest, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	21:25 (11:11)
19.11.1995	Ferencvaros Budapest vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	31:18 (18:7)
15.11.1997	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs ASPTT Metz HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:20 (18:13)
11.01.1998	ASPTT Metz HB vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (10:11)
31.10.1999	ASPTT Metz vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group A	20:19 (11:12)
20.02.2000	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs ASPTT Metz, EHF Champions League – Group A	27:24 (12:13)
10.04.2011	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:31 (12:17)
17.04.2011	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, Cup Winners' Cup – Semi-final	27:29 (14:13)
28.01.2017	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:28 (14:13)
25.02.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:23 (15:10)
04.02.2018	Metz Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:25 (13:10)
03.03.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:27 (13:9)

#### Vipers Kristiansand vs HC Podravka Vegeta 1-0-0 (42:14) 2:0

10.09.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament 1	42:14 (22:6)
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#### Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 1-0-1 (61:54) 2:2

14.10.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:26 (17:14)
17.11.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:27 (18:14)

#### HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria 0-1-5 (153:172) 1:11

22.01.1995	Podravka Koprivnica vs Ferencvaros Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (10:14)
19.03.1995	Ferencvaros Budapest vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (13:12)
13.05.2006	FTC Budapest vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, EHF Cup – Final	37:36 (16:19)
20.05.2006	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs FTC Budapest, EHF Cup – Final	32:33 (14:20)
18.10.2015	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:16 (13:5)
15.11.2015	HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:27 (12:16)

## GROUP A

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**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: yellow  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: green

**Dark**

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: grey  
GK shirt: purple

# Metz Handball



In their 20th season in the EHF Champions League, Metz Handball reached the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 for the first time. Even though they finished fourth in Budapest, the taste of the event has made Metz hungry for more. However, the French side will have to overcome several hurdles in order to do so.

"Anyone who doesn't move forward, moves back." Club president Thierry Weizman's mantra has worked well for Metz in the last couple of seasons, culminating in the team's first participation in the EHF FINAL4 in the 2018/19 season. "It's like a drug, this EHF FINAL4, we really want to go back there," Weizman says. But his team will have to cope with the departure of defensive mastermind Beatrice Edwige to Győr and with Xenia Smits' shoulder injury, which will keep her off the court until the end of the year. Losing a player of Edwige's calibre will always cost some time to adjust to. Newcomer Olga Perederiy will have an important role to play in offence, while Astride N'Gouan will get more responsibility in guarding Metz' goal. The efficiency of this duo could be a crucial factor to Metz's chances in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League.

At 26, the Danish right back Louise Burggaard has joined a club outside Denmark for the first time in her career. Metz have high hopes from the newcomer. Her predecessor, Aleksandra Zych, failed to convince and Gnonsiane Niombla, who mainly played right back last season, has left the club. Since Ana Gros left two seasons ago, Metz have been looking for a stalwart on the position. Burggaard has got all the qualities needed.

Nine Metz players are part of the French national team. That might be lower than the number of Montenegrin internationals in the Buducnost squad, but it is obvious that the Metz players know each other very well. And habits can often help to win close games in the EHF Champions League.

Metz haven't lost a home game in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League since January 2017. Only titleholders Győr have a longer unbeaten home streak. It is a strength which makes progressing to the next round easier.

**Playing hall**

"Les Arenes" Metz  
5 av. Rue Louis le Debonnaire  
57000 Metz  
France  
Capacity: 5,000

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 21  
Semi-final (1): 2018/19  
Quarter-final (2): 2016/17, 2017/18  
Main Round (2): 2011/12, 2014/15  
Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 1995/96  
Last 32 (1): 1993/94  
Group Matches (8): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14  
Qualification (4): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08

**Other EC results**

EHF Cup: Final: 2012/13; Quarter-final: 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08  
Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2012/13; Semi-final: 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11  
French league: 23 titles  
French cup: 8 titles



**7** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**42** GOALS  
Most goals

**70** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	37:18 (17:10) v Astrakhanochka RUS (h), 11.02.2017
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
<b>Longest winning run</b>	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (11.01.2003 – 01.11.2008)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	8 matches (10.11.1996 – 15.11.1997) 8 matches (04.02.2012 – 12.10.2013)
<b>Most goals</b>	42 v HC Vardar MKD 42:28W (h), 05.03.2017
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	37 v Viborg HK DEN 24:37L (h), 01.11.2008 37 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 30:37L (h), 24.10.2009
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	70 v HC Vardar MKD 42:28W (h), 05.03.2017
<b>Fewest goals</b>	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 27:14L (a), 17.11.1996
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	17 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	0	2	4	108:137	-29	2:10	4th Gr. C	
1997/98 ASPTT Metz HB FRA	6	1	1	4	135:166	-31	3:9	4th Gr. B	
1999/00 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	3	0	3	130:121	+9	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
2002/03 Handball Metz Metropole FRA	6	1	0	5	142:176	-34	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2008/09 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	0	4	173:188	-15	4:8	3rd Gr. D	
2009/10 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	1	3	163:174	-11	5:7	3rd Gr. B	
2011/12 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	298:322	-24	7:17	4th MR Gr. 2	
2013/14 Metz Handball FRA	6	3	0	3	149:144	+5	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2014/15 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	305:318	-13	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2	
2016/17 Metz Handball FRA	14	8	0	6	376:338	+38	16:12	1/4-finals	
2017/18 Metz Handball FRA	14	10	0	4	372:354	+18	20:8	1/4-finals	
2018/19 Metz Handball FRA	16	11	1	4	470:389	+81	23:9	4th place	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2821:2827</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>101:119</b>		





## Emmanuel Mayonnade

*coach*

- second French coach to reach EHF FINAL4 after Frederic Bougeant
- was elected coach of the CL All-star Team in 2018/19
- became head coach of the Dutch national women's team in 2019
- started coaching when he was 23 in Mios; a club he left 10 years later only because it suffered bankruptcy
- won two Challenge Cup titles with Mios, in 2011 and 2015

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2011, 2015

### Newcomers:

Marie-Hélène Sajka (Toulon/FRA)  
 Louise Burggaard (Herning-Ikast/DEN)  
 Olga Perederiy (RK Krim Mercator/SLO)

### Left the club:

Béatrice Edwige (Győr/HUN)  
 Gnonsiane Niombila (Siófok/HUN)  
 Aleksandra Zych (Dortmund/GER)  
 Ekaterina Levsha (Astrakhanochka/RUS)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
15	Anne	Augustine	FRA	Line Player	10/07/2001	Fort de France, FRA	180
28	Lea	Ballureau	FRA	Centre Back	08/08/2001	Metz, FRA	166
37	Sarah	Bouktit	FRA	Line Player	27/08/2002	Mont Saint Martin, FRA	182
19	Louise	Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17/10/1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178
44	Sitha	Dembele	FRA	Left Back	10/03/2001	Paris, FRA	182
47	Mahoua	Dembele	FRA	Right Back	10/03/2001	Paris, FRA	183
18	Ilona	Di Rocco	FRA	Centre Back	18/05/2000	sedan, FRA	175
8	Laura	Flippes	FRA	Right Wing	13/12/1994	Strasbourg, FRA	171
1	Laura	Glaiser	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Besancon, FRA	178
11	Manon	Houette	FRA	Left Wing	02/07/1992	Le Mans, FRA	171
2	Emma	Jacques	FRA	Right Back	29/11/2001	Metz, FRA	190
17	Orlane	Kanor	FRA	Left Back	16/07/1997	Les Abymes, FRA	178
12	Ivana	Kapitanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/09/1994	Split, CRO	186
70	Julie	Le Blevec	FRA	Right Wing	27/06/2000	Neuilly sur Seine, FRA	169
30	Jurswailly	Luciano	NED	Right Wing	25/03/1991	Curacao, NED	170
27	Marion	Maubon	FRA	Left Wing	27/07/1989	Bordeaux, FRA	165
21	Meissa	Maurice	FRA	Centre Back	25/02/2002	Nimes, FRA	165
9	Astride	N'Gouan	FRA	Line Player	09/07/1991	Saint Denis, FRA	187
10	Meline	Nocandy	FRA	Centre Back	25/02/1998	Saint-Claude, FRA	172
77	Olga	Perederiy	UKR	Line Player	12/04/1994	Zaporozhye, UKR	175
16	Laura	Portes	FRA	Goalkeeper	27/03/2000	Strasbourg, FRA	174
25	Helene	Sajka	FRA	Right Back	13/09/1997	Nancy, FRA	185
22	Xenia	Smits	GER	Left Back	22/04/1994	Wilrijk, BEL	182
7	<b>C</b> Grace	Zaadi	FRA	Centre Back	07/07/1993	Courcouronnes, FRA	171

**Laura Glauser**
 @lolote200893
**goalkeeper**

- joined in 2011, she is the longest-serving Metz player alongside Jurswailly Luciano
- a fan favourite thanks to her never-ending good mood
- a very important player in the national team
- returned to the courts in 2018 after a year off to give birth to her daughter

OG: S 2016, EURO: G 2018, B 2016

**Manon Houette**
 @manon\_htt
**left wing**

- returned to France in the summer of 2017 after a season with Thüringer HC
- before her stint in Germany, she had only played for Fleury Loiret Handball
- key player for Metz in the CL, scoring 57 (2017/18) and 44 (2018/19) goals
- was elected best left wing in the Bundesliga in 2016/17
- made her national team debut in 2014 and is now a regular starter

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

**Xenia Smits**
 @\_xnia\_
**left back**

- born in Belgium, raised in Germany and playing in France since 2015
- she and Isabell Klein were the first two female German players in the French league
- has played in three leagues so far: German with Blomberg-Lippe, French with Metz, and Belgian with HC Rhino
- has developed into one of the key players of the German national team

**Orlane Kanor**
 @orlane\_kanor
**left back**

- at 21, going into her third CL season
- her twin sister, Laura, also plays with Metz, as a left wing of the junior team
- arrived in France from Guadeloupe in 2015, together with sister Laura and Méline Nocandy, another Metz youngster
- her physical strength and jumps make her a key asset for Metz and France

EURO: G 2018; WCh: G 2017



### Grace Zaadi

 @gracezaadi

#### centre back

- one of the products of the local handball school in Metz
- best scorer for Metz in the CL in 2018/19, with 71 goals
- plays centre back but is also able to help on the left side
- big social media fan, often posting sporting outlandish hats and original outfits
- her contract with Metz runs until the end of the 2019/20 season

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



### Astride N'Gouan

 @astride\_ngouan

#### line player

- young French line player, arrived in Metz in 2018 to replace Laurisa Landré
- will get a more prominent role in the team after the departure of Beatrice Edwige
- was captain and a key defensive player with her former side, Brest
- also has CL experience with Issy Paris Hand, from the 2012/13 season

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



### Louise Burgaard

 @louiburgaard

#### right back

- made debut in Danish league at age 17 with KIF Vejlen; in Danish national team at 19
- also played for Holstebro, Viborg and Herning-Ikast (formerly known as Midtjylland)
- played CL with all her three Danish clubs and won Cup Winners' Cup with Viborg
- one of several Danish players to have moved to France in the summer of 2019

EC trophies: CWC 2014; WCh B 2013



### Laura Flippes

 @laura.flippes

#### right wing

- aged 25, she has been playing for Metz for all her professional career
- on her best on the wing position but can also play in the back court
- started working with a mental coach a couple of years ago
- forms strong wing duo with Pauline Coatanea (Brest) in French national team

EURO: G 2018; WCh G 2017

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**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: white  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue

**Dark**

Player shirt: pink  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black

# Vipers Kristiansand



After finishing their first EHF Champions League adventure by saying goodbye after the group matches in the 2017/18 season, Vipers Kristiansand really made their mark last season. After winning their first Norwegian championship in history, the team from Norway's fifth largest city made it all the way to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in Budapest, where they finished third.

After becoming Norwegian champions once again this spring, it comes as no surprise that Vipers are aiming for a remake of last season's achievement.

Winning the Norwegian championship again and reaching the final tournament once more are their objectives for the season.

Do Vipers appear stronger or weaker than last season? Had it not been for the injury to Katrine Lunde, they would obviously look stronger. The arrival of Heidi Løke is an obvious reinforcement, while players such as June Andenæs, who has joined from Larvik, tend to make the squad deeper than last year. Furthermore, young players like playmaker Henny Reistad have had a further year to gain experience at the highest level.

The anterior cruciate ligament injury, the veteran goalkeeper sustained at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 last season was a severe blow to the team, and the goalkeeper problems has been increased by substitute Eline Fagerheim having left for Flint Tønsberg. Andrea Austmo Pedersen has been brought in from league rivals Byasen EH, and she will certainly have her work cut out for her.

Already last season, Henny Reistad played a crucial part in Vipers' success, and at the EHF EURO 2018 in France, she was one of the few success stories in a Norwegian team who finished in a disappointing fifth position. Despite only being 20 years old, a lot of Vipers' hope for success will be resting upon her young shoulders.

Two Vipers players, Katrine Lunde and Heidi Løke, have the chance to win the Champions League with their third club. Lunde won the competition with Danish Viborg HK as far back as 2009 and 2010 and with Győr Audi ETO KC in 2013 and 2014. Løke won with Larvik in 2011 and with Győr in 2013 and 2014 together with Lunde.

**Playing hall**

**Aquarama Kristiansand**  
Tangen 8  
4608 Kristiansand  
Norway  
Capacity: 2,200

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3  
Semi-final (1): 2018/19  
Group matches (1): 2017/18

**Other**

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: 2015/16  
EHF Cup: Final: 2017/18; Semi-final: 2003/04;  
Last 16: 2004/05

Norwegian league:  
2 title (2018, 2019)  
Norwegian cup:  
2 titles



**5** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**35** GOALS  
Most goals

**62** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	29:19 (15:11) v Buducnost MNE (h), 14.10.2017
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	22:31 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 11.05.2019
<b>Longest winning run</b>	5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	4 matches (22.10.2017 - 18.11.2017)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	7 matches (22.10.2017 – 20.10.2018)
<b>Most goals</b>	35 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 35:27W (h), 17.11.2018
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	33 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 33:29L (a), 09.02.2019
	33 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:33L (h), 09.03.2019
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	62 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 35:27W (h), 17.11.2018
	62 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 33:29L (a), 09.02.2019
<b>Fewest goals</b>	22 v Metz Handball FRA 30:22L (a), 08.10.2017
	22 v Metz Handball FRA 22:25L (h), 10.11.2017
	22 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 22:31L (a), 11.05.2019
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	43 v Buducnost MNE 19:24W (a), 07.04.2019
	43 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	6	1	0	5	144:154	-10	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2018/19 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	16	10	1	5	451:416	+35	21:11	3rd place	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>595:570</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>23:21</b>		





## Ole Gustav Gjekstad

*coach*

- joined Vipers in 2018 and led the team to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in his first season in charge
- worked at Larvik until 2015, after an earlier stint with that club between 1999 and 2005
- replaced Kenneth Gabrielsen, who led Vipers in their maiden CL season in 2017/18
- as a player, scored 548 goals in 149 games for the Norwegian national team

### Newcomers:

Andrea Austmo Pedersen (Byasen EH/NOR)  
 Ranghild Valle Dahl (Molde/NOR)  
 Heidi Løke (Storhamar IL/NOR)  
 June Andenæs (Larvik/NOR)  
 Kristine Thomassen (Randesund/NOR)

### Left the club:

Eline Fagerheim (Flint Tønsberg/NOR)  
 Jeanett Kristiansen (Herning-Ikast Handbold/DEN)  
 Mathilde Kristiansen (Silkeborg-Voel/DEN)



## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
19	June	Andenaes	NOR	Line Player	09/06/1983	Gloppen, NOR	176
3	Emilie Hegh	Arntzen	NOR	Left Back	01/01/1994	Skien, NOR	183
6	Malin	Aune	NOR	Right Wing	04/03/1995	Ranheim, NOR	165
21	Ragnhild Valle	Dahl	NOR	Left Back	02/01/1998	Molde, NOR	178
23	Josefine	Intelhus	NOR	Right Back	15/08/1998	Olso, NOR	179
10	Vilde Kaurin	Jonassen	NOR	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Kristiansand, NOR	165
55	Heidi	Loke	NOR	Line Player	12/12/1982	Tonsberg, NOR	177
16	<b>C</b> Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/03/1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181
13	Kristine	Lunde Borgesen	NOR	Centre Back	30/03/1980	Kristiansand, NOR	183
7	Carolina	Morais	ANG	Right Wing	13/04/1986	Luanda, ANG	164
27	Sunniva	Naes Andersen	NOR	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Skien, NOR	175
2	Karoline	Olsen	NOR	Left Wing	16/06/1998	Kristiansand, NOR	171
1	Andrea Austmo	Pedersen	NOR	Goalkeeper	19/04/1994	Trondheim, NOR	180
4	Tonje	Refsnes	NOR	Centre Back	13/11/1994	Kristiansand, NOR	170
25	Henny Ella	Reistad	NOR	Centre Back	09/02/1999	Oslo, NOR	180
15	Linn Jorum	Sulland	NOR	Right Back	15/07/1984	Oslo, NOR	178
18	Kristine Hartveit	Thomassen	NOR	Left Back	06/02/2001	Kristiansand, NOR	178
22	Marta	Tomac	NOR	Centre Back	20/09/1990	Trondheim, NOR	179
26	Benedicte	Udjus	NOR	Goalkeeper	04/01/1996	Kristiansand, NOR	168
11	Silje Katrine	Waade	NOR	Right Back	20/03/1994	Stjørdal, NOR	183
24	Hanna Maria	Yttereng	NOR	Line Player	20/02/1991	Trondheim, NOR	184



### Andrea Austmo Pedersen

#### goalkeeper

 @andreaaustmo

- joined in the summer of 2019 from Byasen Elite, where she started her career
- will face the challenge to replace Katrine Lunde, who is out for most of the 2019/20 season after tearing an ACL at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in May 2019
- a fine goalkeeper with good reactions and a good eye for the game



### Sunniva Næs Andersen


 @sunivaandersen

#### left wing

- joined from Gjerpen IF in the summer of 2017
- replaces Jeanett Kristiansen, who has left for Danish Herning-Ikast Handball
- got her first taste of the CL in her first season with the club, and gained more experience and scored 14 goals in 2018/19
- a fast and technically skilled wing with, at 22, plenty of time to develop



### Emilie Hegh Arntzen

 @emiliehegh

#### left back

- joined Vipers from league rivals Byasen ahead of the 2017/18 season
- contributed 52 goals to Vipers' CL success in 2018/19
- daughter of former Norwegian international Hanne Hegh and former assistant coach of Norway's female national team, Ketil Arntzen
- started playing handball at age eight and started her senior career in Gjerpen, the club she reached the Norwegian top flight with

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



### Henny Reistad

 @hennyreistad

#### centre back

- in her second season with Vipers after joining from Stabæk IF in 2018
- became first-choice playmaker in her first season with the club, despite age 19
- also played a key role for Norway at EHF EURO 2018
- at young age, has made step from promising talent to established playmaker



### Silje Waade

 @siljewaade

#### right back

- in her second season with Vipers after joining from Byasen Handball Elite in 2018
- had international breakthrough at EHF EURO 2016, when Norway won the title
- focused on athletics until the age of 17
- a movable and flexible back with a varied shot

EURO: G 2016



### Linn Jorum Sulland

 @sulland15

#### right back

- arrived from Győr in 2016; earlier played six seasons for Larvik
- scored 89 goals, including 10 in the third-place match against Metz, as she massively contributed to Vipers' successful CL campaign in 2018/19
- at age 35, still one of the leading players in international women's handball
- a strong right back duo with Silje Waade, but can also play on the right wing

OG: G 2012; WC: G 2011, 2015, S 2017; EURO: G 2008, 2010, S 2012



### Malin Aune

 @malinaune

#### right wing

- in her third season with Vipers after joining from Oppsal IF in the summer of 2017
- played important part in Vipers' CL success in 2018/19 with 47 goals
- only 1.65 m tall, but her speed, technical skills and willpower compensate
- came back stronger than before from an injury in mid-season 2018/19

EURO: G 2016



### Heidi Løke

 @lokeheidi

#### line player

- joined Vipers from league runners-up Storhamar Elite in the summer of 2019
- would join Larvik but that move was cancelled due to financial issues at that club
- Vipers said they had been trying to sign Løke since 2013
- one of the all-time greats of women's handball, still producing the goods at age 36

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017.

OG: G 2012, B 2016; WCh: G 2009, 2015, B 2011; EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, S 2012

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**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: red/white  
Player short: red  
Goalkeeper shirt: white/  
turquoise-blue

**Dark**

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue/black  
Goalkeeper shirt: black

# HC Podravka Vegeta



HC Podravka Vegeta, the proud WOMEN'S EHF Champions League winners in 1996, had failed to reach the group matches for three straight seasons. In 2018/19, they finally got back on track. Boosted by several experienced newcomers, long-time stalwarts and new faces from their youth academy, Podravka made it to group matches - and later to the EHF Cup quarter-final.

This season, Podravka Vegeta earned their spot in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League without having to play the qualification stage, proving that the work in the club is paying off. With the new season, Podravka have the same goals and wish to show how much they are growing with each experience.

Koprivnica is a small city in northern Croatia with a long handball tradition. Playing top-level handball is important to the club led by sports director and former Podravka Vegeta player Miranda Tatari Simunovic, as well as new director Vlatka Mihoci – another club legend. For the 2019/20 season, Podravka boosted their roster with experienced internationals, though there are still a number of long-time Croatian players as well as youngsters from their academy.

“We are thrilled to play the Champions League again. It is every players’ dream to play in the Champions League. The good thing is that we will play quality matches against high-quality opponents. With every match in this competition, all of us in the club can collect valuable new experience. You can grow as a player and as a person,” says team captain Dragica Dzono.

Tatari Simunovic was one of the top Croatia national team players and a club legend. There is no doubt she can help everyone in the club with her knowledge and experience of playing at a high level. On the same page with the sports director is team captain Dzono: “We are not afraid of anyone. We will enjoy playing against them! The group is very hard. Every team has the same ambitions, and that is to reach the main round.”



**Playing hall**  
Sport Hall Fran Galović  
Zeljka Selinger 3A  
48000 Koprivnica  
Croatia  
Capacity: 2,500

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 26  
Winners (1): 1995/96  
Runners-up (1): 1994/95  
Semi-finals (1): 1997/98  
Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97  
Main Round (3): 2000/01, 2001/02, 2008/09  
Group Matches/Champions League (14):  
1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2002/03, 2006/07,  
2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13,  
2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19  
Qualification (4): 2003/04, 2005/06, 2016/17,  
2017/18

**Other**

Champions Trophy: Winners: 1995/96  
Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up: 2004/05;  
Semi-finals: 2007/08  
EHF Cup: Runners-up: 2000/01, 2005/06

Croatian league: 25 titles  
Croatian cup: 23 titles



## EHF Champions League club records

**6** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**41** GOALS  
Most goals

**73** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

<b>Biggest win</b>	35:20 (21:9) v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 19.02.2000
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	37:17 (17:9) v Györi Audi ETO HUN (a), 17.11.2018
<b>Longest winning run</b>	6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	12 matches (19.10.2013 – 25.10.2015)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	16 matches (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
<b>Most goals</b>	41 v Zvezda RUS 41:28W (h), 21.11.2010
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40W (h), 13.01.2008
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	73 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40W (h), 13.01.2008
<b>Fewest goals</b>	13 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:14W (h), 29.04.1995
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	30 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	123:138	-15	4:8	4:8	4th Gr. A
1994/95 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	4	2	2	183:167	+16	10:6	10:6	Runner-up
1995/96 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	6	0	2	191:163	+28	12:4	12:4	Winner
1996/97 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	5	1	2	208:187	+21	11:5	11:5	1/4-finals
1997/98 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	10	7	0	3	254:220	+34	14:6	14:6	1/2-finals
1998/99 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	3	0	3	148:152	-4	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1999/00 Podravka Dolcela CRO	6	3	0	3	144:144	0	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	1	3	163:168	-5	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. A
2006/07 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	171:197	-26	4:8	4:8	3rd Gr. C
2007/08 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	173:182	-9	4:8	4:8	3rd Gr. A
2008/09 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	12	6	0	6	347:349	-2	12:12	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2009/10 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	172:192	-20	4:8	4:8	4th Gr. A
2010/11 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	168:180	-12	2:10	2:10	4th Gr. D
2011/12 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	2	3	146:161	-15	4:8	4:8	4th Gr. B
2012/13 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	3	0	3	136:143	-7	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. B
2013/14 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	128:178	-50	2:10	2:10	3rd Gr. D
2014/15 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	0	6	152:191	-39	0:12	0:12	4th Gr. B
2015/16 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	1	5	117:150	-33	1:11	1:11	4th Gr. B
2018/19 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	1	4	142:181	-39	3:9	3:9	4th Gr. C
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3266:3443</b>	<b>-177</b>	<b>110:150</b>		



### Zlatko Saracevic

*coach*

- Croatian handball legend, who won Olympic gold in 1996
- came to Podravka from Zagreb in 2018, taking over from Snjezana Petika, for his first coaching job with a women's team
- assistant coach to Lino Cervar with the Croatian national team during EHF EURO 2018
- top scorer of CL twice (1998/99, 1999/20000), and also twice named best Croatian player (1999, 2002)

OG: B 1988, G 1996, EURO: B 1994, WCh: G 1986, S 1995 (as player)

#### **Newcomers:**

Lamprini Tsakalou (RK Krim Mercator/SLO)  
 Tjasa Stanko (RK Krim Mercator/SLO)  
 Dijana Mugosa (Iuventa Michalovce/SVK)  
 Elena Gjeorgijevska (SCM Craiova/ROU)  
 Maria Andreea Ianasi (SCM Craiova/ROU)

#### **Left the club:**

Natalia Chigirinova (CSKA Moscow/RUS)  
 Alena Ikhneva (unknown)  
 Karyna Yezhykava (Astrakhanochka/RUS)  
 Maria Holesova (Mosonmagyaróvári Kézilabda/HUN)  
 Tena Petika (Kisvárdai KC/HUN)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Ana	Crnjak	CRO	Goalkeeper	21/03/2004	Rijeka, CRO	180
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line Player	09/01/1994	Rijeka, CRO	182
9	C Dragica	Dzono	CRO	Line Player	24/05/1987	Mostar, BIH	185
16	Magdalena	Ecimovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	24/07/1998	Split, CRO	181
11	Patricia	First	CRO	Left Back	04/03/2002	Koprivnica, CRO	176
14	Lea	Franusic	CRO	Right Back	07/09/2000	Dubrovnik, CRO	181
30	Nika	Galinec	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/08/2005	Koprivnica, CRO	180
18	Elena	Gjorgjijevska	MKD	Right Back	27/03/1990	Struga, MKD	178
20	Maria	Ianasi	ROU	Centre Back	02/12/1992	Tirgu Carbunesti, ROU	170
7	Lucija	Jandrasic	CRO	Centre Back	01/11/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	169
17	Josipa	Josipovic	CRO	Right Wing	19/03/2002	Vinkovci, CRO	166
5	Korina	Karlovcan	CRO	Left Wing	18/10/1998	Zagreb, CRO	168
10	Dejana	Milosavljevic	CRO	Right Back	23/11/1994	Pozega, CRO	173
8	Selena	Milosevic	CRO	Left Back	09/06/1989	Pula, CRO	176
13	Dijana	Mugosa	MNE	Left Wing	22/10/1995	Podgorica, MNE	169
6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line Player	29/05/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	178
12	Jovana	Risovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07/10/1993	Beograd, SRB	171
15	Tjasa	Stanko	SLO	Left Back	05/11/1997	Maribor, SLO	173
22	Lamprini	Tsakalou	GRE	Left Back	07/08/1993	Arta, GRE	173
3	Ana	Turk	CRO	Right Wing	29/06/1989	Jakarta, IDN	169
2	Nikolina	Zadavec	CRO	Right Wing	02/09/1997	Cakovec, CRO	168





**Jovana Risovic**  
**goalkeeper**

 @zmajce16

- Serbian international who joined from Hungarian side DVSC-TVP
- replaced Croatia national team player Ivana Kapitanovic at the end of 2017/18 season
- previously also played for Radnicki Kragujevac, Maks, Randers and KNKSE
- started career at age eight – first on the wing, later switching to goalkeeper

WCh: S 2013



**Korina Karlovcan**  
**left wing**

 @korina\_karlovcan

- started her career at the age of eight in Podravka Academy
- also played tennis in her youth
- was a member of Croatia's youth and junior national teams
- scored the winning goal in the decisive CL 2018/19 qualification match against Craiova, bringing top-level handball back to Koprivnica



**Tjasa Stanko**  
**left back**

 @tjasastanko

- born in Maribor, Slovenia, and started her career at RK Zagorje
- later joined Krim Mercator, where she won three Slovenian championships and cups
- scored 55 and 57 goals respectively for Krim in the last two CL seasons
- playing mainly at left back, but is also effective at centre and right back
- voted best young player in the Champions League in 2017/18



**Maria Andreea Ianasi**  
**centre back**

- born in Tirgu Carbutesti, Romania; transferred to the RM Valcea National Centre of Excellence in 2011 before moving to SCM Craiova
- was a member of the Romania youth and junior national teams
- won the EHF Cup in 2018 with Craiova

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018



### **Dragica Dzono**

#### **line player**

- one of the most experienced players in the squad, mentor for many young teammates
- is very important in defence because of her height and skills
- Croatian national team player, who joined Podravka in



### **Ana Debelic**

 @adebelic

#### **line player**

- joined Podravka from the club's biggest rivals, Lokomotiva Zagreb
- previously also played for Zamet and Zelina
- played for national junior and youth teams, now a member of the senior team
- very passionate player with great defensive and offensive skills



### **Elena Gjeorgjievska**

#### **right back**

- born in Struga, North Macedonia, and played for Eurostandard G.J.P. Skopje, Kometal Gjorce Petrov, Metalurg, Buducnost, Fehervar KC and Craiova
- won the CL with Buducnost in 2011/12
- loves to play basketball in her free time

EC trophies: CL 2012



### **Ana Turk**

#### **right wing**

- born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and joined club from league rivals Lokomotiva Zagreb
- started her career in Borovo, Croatia, also played for Osijek and Sestete
- gained international experience in Hungary, playing for Syekesfehevar and Vac

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# FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria



For four consecutive seasons, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria have exited the European top flight at the quarter-final stage. This season FTC are aiming to reach the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 for the first time. The feeling from FTC captain Aniko Kovacsics is that the Budapest-based side will have more challengers than ever before to reach the season's showcase event. "I think the teams are stronger than the previous years, so it is hard to predict who will reach the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4. More teams have become strong enough to be able to get to the final stage," she said.

On the court, top-class young players Noemi Hafra and Katrin Klujber have shown that they can play as leaders when required. Noemi Hafra was voted the best young player in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League All-star team in the 2018/19 season, and Katrin Klujber was voted EHF Player of the Month in February 2019. Further progression from Hafra and Klujber would make FTC an extremely dangerous proposition for opponents. Away from the playing area, an important factor that can make a difference for FTC are their fans.

FTC have strengthened themselves by adding Norwegian centre back Emilie Christensen to their squad, plus young players Nikolett Tóth and Kira Bánfai have both returned from loan. Both the U17 and the U19 Hungarian national teams won European championship titles this summer – and four FTC players were included in the winning squads, so the future is bright in the Hungarian capital.

Noemi Hafra has quickly established herself as one of FTC's best players. The All-star left back at the Women's EHF EURO 2018 also had a breakthrough season in the EHF Champions League, scoring 80 goals for FTC and finishing as the second highest scorer in the competition.

FTC earned two draws against eventual champions Györi Audi ETO KC in the 2018/19 season. They were the only side to play against Győr and avoid defeat.

**Playing hall**

Erd Arena  
Velecei ut 39-41  
2030 Erd  
Hungary  
Capacity: 2,200

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 20  
Runners-up (1): 2001/02  
Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2000/01  
Quarter-finals (7): 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19  
Main Round (1): 2012/13  
Group Matches/Champions League (6): 1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14  
Qualification (2): 2009/10, 2014/15

**Other**

EHF Cup: Winners: 2005/06; Semi-finals: 2004/05  
Cup Winners' Cup: Winners: 2010/11, 2011/12; Semi-finals: 2006/07, 2014/15  
Hungarian league: 12 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015)  
Hungarian cup: 13 titles



**5** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**42** GOALS  
Most goals

**70** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	42:16 (19:7) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 18.01.1997
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	40:23 (22:10) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 09.04.2016
<b>Longest winning run</b>	5 matches (14.10.2012 – 11.11.2012) 5 matches (20.11.2016 – 25.02.2017)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	8 matches (09.11.2013 – 22.11.2015)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	4 matches (12.01.2007 – 17.02.2007) 4 matches (27.10.2007 – 16.11.2007) 4 matches (02.03.2013 – 06.10.2013) 4 matches (11.03.2017 – 06.10.2017) 4 matches (11.03.2018 – 05.10.2018)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	5 matches (16.11.2013 – 01.03.2014) 5 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)
<b>Most goals</b>	42 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	70 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 34:36L (h), 10.02.2007 70 v Larvik NOR 37:33W (h), 14.10.2017
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v Volgograd AKVA RUS 22:17L (a), 03.03.2001
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	16 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997 16 v TUS Walle Bremen GER 27:16W (h), 25.01.1997 16 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 28:16W (h), 18.10.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	36 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 18:18D (h), 31.03.1996

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	1	2	135:129	+6	7:5	3rd Gr. B	
1995/96 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	2	1	145:137	+8	8:4	2nd Gr. B	
1996/97 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	10	6	1	3	264:208	+56	13:7	1/2-finals	
1997/98 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	6	1	1	4	147:159	-12	3:9	3rd Gr. B	
1999/00 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	4	0	4	204:201	+3	8:8	1/4-finals	
2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	10	5	0	5	264:232	+32	10:10	1/2-finals	
2001/02 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	12	6	2	4	348:341	+7	14:10	Runner-up	
2002/03 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	6	0	2	252:228	+24	12:4	1/4-finals	
2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN	8	5	0	3	220:221	-1	10:6	1/4-finals	
2006/07 FTC Budapest HUN	6	2	0	4	177:188	-11	4:8	3rd Gr. D	
2007/08 Budapest Bank-FTC HUN	6	1	0	5	165:192	-27	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2012/13 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	8	0	4	346:336	+10	16:8	3rd MR Gr. 2	
2013/14 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	6	3	0	3	162:161	+1	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2015/16 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	378:383	-5	16:12	1/4-finals	
2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	2	4	397:361	+36	18:10	1/4-finals	
2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	0	6	400:382	+18	16:12	1/4-finals	
2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	407:423	-16	16:12	Quarter-final	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4411:4282</b>	<b>+129</b>	<b>179:141</b>		



## Gabor Elek

*coach*

- son of legendary coach Gyula Elek, who led FTC for almost three decades, now works in arena named after his father
- leads Ferencváros since 2008 but won first domestic title only in 2015 as the team regularly finishes runner-up to Győr
- won back-to-back Cup Winners' Cups in 2011 and 2012
- respected member of the Ferencváros family, apart from his father his mother also played for the club

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup: 2011, 2012

### Newcomers:

Emilie Christensen (Larvik/NOR)  
 Noémi Pásztor (Budaörs/HUN)  
 Nikolett Tóth (MTK/HUN, was on loan)  
 Kíra Bánfai (MTK/HUN, was on loan)  
 Klára Szekeres (back after maternity leave)

### Left the club:

Dorottya Faluvégi (Györi Audi ETO/HUN)  
 Nerea Pena (Siófok KC/HUN)  
 Melinda Szikora (Siófok KC/HUN)  
 Bobana Klikovac (Craiova/ROU)  
 Kata Farkas (Orosháza/HUN)  
 Dóra Horváth (MTK/HUN)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
28	Kíra	Bánfai	HUN	Right Wing	28/01/2000	Pecs, HUN	176
16	Blanka	Biro	HUN	Goalkeeper	22/09/1994	Vac, HUN	185
27	Emilie	Christensen	NOR	Centre Back	13/04/1993	Oslo, NOR	176
61	Csenge	Csatlos	HUN	Goalkeeper	01/10/2002	Budapest, HUN	177
10	Klára	Csiszar-Szekeres	HUN	Left Back	01/12/1987	Bekescsaba, HUN	186
15	Kinga	Debreczeni-Klivinyi	HUN	Back	31/03/1992	Budapest, HUN	175
44	Dora	Györfi	HUN	Left Back	23/09/2001	Debrecen, HUN	
45	Noemi	Hafra	HUN	Back	05/10/1998	Cegled, HUN	180
27	Luca	Hafra	HUN	Left Wing	27/02/2001	Budapest, HUN	
42	Katrin	Klujber	HUN	Right Back	21/04/1999	Dunaujvaros, HUN	170
91	<b>C</b> Aniko	Kovacsics	HUN	Centre Back	29/08/1991	Nagyatad, HUN	170
22	Viktoria	Lukacs	HUN	Right Wing	31/10/1995	Budapest, HUN	165
26	Djurdjina	Malovic	MNE	Right Back	05/05/1996	Niksic, MNE	182
21	Greta	Marton	HUN	Left Wing	03/10/1999	Mohacs, HUN	175
14	Rea Reka	Meszaros	HUN	Line Player	14/04/1994	Vac, HUN	172
2	Noemi	Pasztor	HUN	Line Player	02/04/1999	Szombathely, HUN	180
6	Nadine	Schatzl	HUN	Left Back	19/11/1993	München, GER	173
24	Danick	Snelder	NED	Line Player	22/05/1990	Pijnacker	178
31	Zsofi	Szemerey	HUN	Goalkeeper	02/06/1994	Kazincbarcika, HUN	180
33	Nikolett	Tóth	HUN	Back	13/07/2001	Budapest, HUN	178
72	Panna	Zsigmond	HUN	Goalkeeper	10/09/2002	Budapest, HUN	

**Blanka Bíró**
 @biroblanka
**goalkeeper**

- born and raised in Vác, where she played for eight years
- played internationally in the EHF Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup, and was first called up for the national team at age 18 - for the home EHF EURO 2014
- the 1.86-m tall goalkeeper is a regular choice for the national team

**Nadine Schatzl**
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**left wing**

- joined FTC in 2015 after three seasons with Erd
- had her first CL experience as an 18-year-old with Győr in 2010/11, and she reached the CL Final with that club the following season
- born in Munich, Germany, but started playing handball in Mohács at the age of 10
- member of Hungarian national team, and was CL All-star Team nominee in 2016/17

**Noémi Háfra**
 @hafranoni
**left back**

- FTC talent who enjoyed breakthrough in 2018/19, also in Hungarian national team
- scored 80 CL goals in 2018/19 before FTC went out in the quarter-final
- joined FTC in 2014, spent the 2016/17 season on loan at MTK
- won Junior WCh 2018 with teammates Dorottya Faluvégi and Gréta Márton
- All-star left back of the EHF EURO 2018 and All-star young player of the CL 2018/19

**Emilie Christensen**
 @emiliechristensen11
**centre back**

- 26-year-old back court player, joined FTC from Larvik in the summer of 2019
- previously played CL with three Norwegian clubs: Tertnes Bergen, Glassverket and Larvik
- scored 22 goals in the group matches last season but Larvik failed to make the main round
- was part Norwegian national team that won silver at WCh 2017 in Germany

WCh: S 2017





**Anikó Kovacsics**  
**centre back/left wing**

@kovacsicsaniko\_misy8

- made her CL debut at 16 and is already in her 13th CL season - her fourth with FTC
- joined in 2015 from arch rivals Győr, after not getting enough playing time
- also able to play left wing, and was deployed in that position by Hungary during EHF EURO 2014
- awarded best young CL player in 2012/13

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014  
 EURO: B 2012



**Danick Snelder**  
**line player**

@danickSnelder

- captain and one of the leading players of the Dutch national team
- missed EHF EURO 2018 and most of the CL 2018/19 season due to a back injury
- made it to the All-star Team of the W19 EHF EURO 2009 in Hungary
- won four Bundesliga titles with THC before moving to Hungary in 2016

EURO: S 2016, WCh: S 2015, B 2017



**Katrin Klujber**  
**right back**

@keti\_klujber

- debuted in Hungarian league at age 16; won EHF Cup with Dunaújváros in 2016
- joined Ferencváros in January 2019, and was named EHF Player of the Month in February
- part of the Hungarian team that won the Junior WCh in Hungary in 2018

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



**Viktoria Lukacs**  
**right wing**

@lukacsviki

- Budapest-born talented player, raised by local team Spartacus
- only 23, but already entering her seventh European campaign with Ferencváros
- since her debut in 2011, she spent just one season away from the club - in 2013/14, when she played for Siofok on loan
- had a breakthrough season in 2016/17 as she scored her personal best of 42 goals

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2012



# Group B preview



## ROSTOV AND CSM FULL OF AMBITIONS

Last season's runners-up Rostov and 2016 champions CSM are strong favourites in the competitive group B, where Women's EHF Cup finalists Esbjerg and Polish champions Lublin will try to challenge the traditional powerhouses.

### Rostov have the resources to go far again

Rostov start their second season under head coach Ambros Martin, who has also become Russian national team coach. The Spaniard's debut campaign was quite a success, as Rostov won another Russian championship title and reached the final at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 for the first time. They lost to Martin's former team, Győr, in the final. Now Rostov are determined to far again, and they have resources to do so, as the star-studded roster has remained almost intact. The 39-year-old veteran Elena Slivinskaya is actually the only player who left the club in summer. With a mix of renowned Russian internationals and quality foreign players, such as Mayssa Pessoa, Ana Paula Rodrigues, Lois Abbingh and newcomer Julia Behnke, Rostov remain a European powerhouse with the ultimate goal to win the title. As usual, Anna Vyakhireva is expected to play a special role in the team, but the injury-prone sharp shooter should be fully fit to show her best qualities.

### Former champions CSM full of ambition

CSM are the only team in group B to have won the EHF Champions League in the past – in 2016. Now the team from Bucharest are full of ambitions again. But unlike Rostov's, their last season was no success. For the first time in five years, Bucuresti failed to win the Romanian league, surprisingly losing the title to Ramnicu Valcea. And they missed the EHF FINAL4 for the first time in four years after losing to Metz in the quarter-finals. The summer saw a lot of changes in CSM's squad. The likes of Barbara Lazovic, Amanda Kurtovic and Jovanka Radicevic left the club, but many new players arrived, including Nora Mørk and Crina Pintea from Győr. The head coach also changed - and not just once. Dragan Djukic has been replaced by Tomas Ryde, who, however, resigned just four days before the season's start and Adi Vasile took over. A lot will depend on the key players' health. In this respect, Mørk's renewed knee injury from the Romanian Super Cup is a big blow for the team.

### Team Esbjerg want to challenge the heavyweights

While Rostov and CSM are favourites of the group, Esbjerg hope to challenge the heavyweights. Last season, the team coached by Jesper Jensen not only won the highly competitive Danish league, but also reached the final of the Women's EHF Cup where they lost to Siófok. And now they will play in the group matches for just the second time in the club's history - after 2016/17, when their adventure ended in the main round. Esbjerg have kept most of their important players from last season. Though goalkeeper Sandra Toft left for Brest, another experienced Danish international, Rikke Poulsen, arriving from Viborg, looks like an excellent replacement. Also, Austria international Sonja Frey will replace centre back Kristina Liscevic, who moved to Ramnicu Valcea. With the strong Norwegian core consisting of Sanna Solberg, Marit Rosberg, Marit Jacobsen, Marit Frafjord, Vilde Ingstad and



Kristine Breistol, the Danish champions will certainly be dangerous for any rival, especially on home court.

### Lublin want to defy the odds and go to the main round

Lublin boast a lot of European experience: the team won the Challenge Cup in 2018 and has played in the EHF Champions League several times, most recently in 2015/16. Last season, Lublin failed to advance from their home qualification tournament for the EHF Champions League and went out in round 3 of the EHF Cup. But the team won their 21st domestic title, with head coach Robert Lis mostly relying on Polish players, with Gabrijela Besen and Vanentina Blazevic from Croatia, Valiantsina Nestsjaruk from Belarus and Mia Moldrup from Denmark bringing in some foreign experience. Lublin will not have an easy time in the tough group B, yet the Polish side will try their best to be competitive and progress to the main round.

*Sergey Nikolaev*

## Group B head-to-heads

### Historic encounters of the Group B opponents in the EC

#### Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg 2-0-0 (60:56) 4:0

02.02.2013	Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	29:28 (13:14)
03.02.2013	Team Esbjerg vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	28:31 (10:19)

#### Rostov-Don vs MKS Perla Lublin

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti 1-1-5 (171:178) 3:11

31.03.2016	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:25 (11:12)
09.04.2016	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (11:16)
16.10.2016	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Group C	24:21 (12:10)
11.11.2016	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group C	20:22 (11:10)
11.02.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (11:12)
10.03.2018	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:24 (9:12)
13.05.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League - WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	31:30 (19:14)

#### Team Esbjerg vs MKS Perla Lublin

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti 0-0-2 (45:58) 0:4

12.02.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	33:25 (17:13)
12.03.2017	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:25 (7:12)

#### MKS Perla Lublin vs CSM Bucuresti 1-0-3 (105:123) 2:6

06.11.2011	SPR Lublin vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Cup – Round 2	32:30 (14:18)
12.11.2011	CSM Bucuresti vs SPR Lublin, EHF Cup – Round 2	30:25 (17:9)
16.10.2015	CSM Bucuresti vs MKS Selgros Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group D	33:21 (14:13)
13.11.2015	MKS Selgros Lublin vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:30 (13:15)

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**Dark**

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GK shirt: dark red

# Rostov-Don



In the recent years, Rostov have been doing well in the European club competitions. After winning the EHF Cup in 2017, they reached their first EHF FINAL4 in 2018, and went on to become runners-up in 2019. With the minimal changes in the squad, the Russian champions look forward to another good season and are certainly capable of at least making it to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 for the third straight year. Ambros Martin has won the most prestigious European trophy four times with Győr, and of course his ultimate goal is to reach the same height with Rostov. The Russian side will definitely face a big competition, and first they should reach the Final4, but if they do, anything can happen in a short-term tournament in Budapest.

“Our main goal is to show good and attractive handball. We want to play better and better from game to game, step by step, and at the end we will see what we have reached. Of course we have high goals, but the most important is the way how we are doing that,” the Spaniard said. The new season will certainly be challenging for Rostov. The team will again play a lot of matches in domestic competitions as well as DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, and most of the players will also take part in the 2019 World Championship, qualification for the EHF EURO 2020 as well as the Olympic qualification. The tough schedule will include many long trips, so there is a risk of exhaustion at the end of the season.

Notably Ambros Martin himself now has two jobs in Russia, as he took over Evgenii Trefilov at the helm of the national team in summer, so he needs to make sure that both his teams stay in good shape and reach their goals. Following the main round last season, Rostov had the best defensive record among all DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League participants. While it contributed a lot to the team's good results, Rostov's attack was not always as productive as it should be. Now Ambros' goal is to improve that, and of course the coach relies a lot on Anna Vyakhireva. When the MVP of the 2016 Olympics and EHF EURO 2018 is fully fit, she is capable of doing great things in attack, so avoiding her injuries is one of the keys to Rostov's success.

**Playing hall**

Palace of Sport Rostov Don  
St. Khalturinskiy lane 103  
344011 Rostov-on-Don  
Russia

**Capacity: 3,500**

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 8  
Runners-up (1): 2018/19  
Semi-finals (1): 2017/18  
Quarter-finals (1): 2015/16  
Group Matches (1): 2016/17  
Qualification (3): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

**Other**

EHF Cup: Winners 2016/17; Runners-up 2014/15; Quarter-finals 2009/10  
Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 2012/13, 2013/14; Quarter-finals 2010/11

Russian league: 7 titles (1990, 1991, 1994, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
Russian cup: 11 titles



**9** **MATCHES**  
Longest winning run

**38** **GOALS**  
Most goals

**67** **GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	38:21 (21:12) v Fleury Loiret Handball FRA, 20.02.2016
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	18:26 (12:13) v Metz Handball FRA (h), 23.02.2019
<b>Longest winning run</b>	9 matches (17.10.2015 – 06.02.2016)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	12 matches (17.10.2015 – 28.02.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
<b>Most goals</b>	38 v Fleury Loiret Handball FRA 38:21W (h), 20.02.2016
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	32 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 32:25L (a), 19.11.2016)
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	67 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 31:36W (a), 20.11.2015
<b>Fewest goals</b>	18 v Metz Handball FRA 18:26L (h), 23.02.2019
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	19 v Odense HC DEN 25:19W (h), 09.03.2019
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	42 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 20:22W (a), 30.10.2015 42 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:22L (h), 11.11.2016

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 Rostov-Don RUS	14	11	1	2	405:348	-57	23:5	1/4-finals	
2016/17 Rostov-Don RUS	6	1	0	5	142:151	-9	2:10	4th Gr. C	
2017/18 Rostov-Don RUS	16	11	1	4	433:386	+47	23:9	4th place	
2018/19 Rostov-Don RUS	16	12	1	3	436:386	+50	25:7	Runners-up	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1416:1271</b>	<b>+145</b>	<b>73:31</b>		



## Ambros Martin

*coach*

- joined Rostov-Don in the summer of 2018 after six seasons at Győr and winning four CL titles with the Hungarian outfit
- led Rostov to CL final, against Győr, in his first season
- previously coached Spanish side Estrella Itxako for seven years, winning the EHF Cup in 2009
- replaced Evgenii Trefilov as head coach of Russian women's national team in August 2019; previously coached Romania

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018; EHF Cup 2009 (as coach)

### **Newcomers:**

Irina Nikitina (Zvezda Zvenigorod)  
Julia Behnke (TuS Metzingen)

### **Left the club:**

Elena Slivinskaya (retired)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
10	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Left Back	13/08/1992	Groningen, NED	177
93	Julia	Behnke	GER	Line Player	28/03/1993	Mannheim, GER	180
17	Vladlena	Bobrovnikova	RUS	Left Back	24/10/1987	Krasnodar, RUS	183
99	Viktoriya	Borshchenko	UKR	Left Wing	05/01/1986	Herson, UKR	170
80	Anastasiia	Duleva	RUS	Centre Back	03/07/2000	Rostov-on-Don, RUS	176
23	Regina	Kalinichenko	RUS	Left Back	21/12/1985	Kherson, UKR	179
63	Kristina	Kozhokar	RUS	Left Wing	28/02/1994	Togliatti, RUS	174
88	Polina	Kuznetsova	RUS	Left Wing	10/06/1987	Shopokov, KGZ	170
19	Kseniya	Makeeva	RUS	Line Player	19/09/1990	Ufa, RUS	182
6	<b>C</b> Luliia	Managarova	RUS	Right Wing	27/09/1988	Dniepropetrovsk, UKR	170
18	Valeriia	Maslova	RUS	Right Back	23/01/2001	Rostov-on-Don, RUS	183
1	Galina	Mekhdieva	RUS	Goalkeeper	17/06/1985	Rostov-On-Don, RUS	180
84	Mayssa	Pessoa	BRA	Goalkeeper	11/09/1984	Joao Pessoa, BRA	177
7	Mayya	Petrova	RUS	Line Player	26/05/1982	Volgograd, RUS	177
9	Ana Paula	Rodrigues Belo	BRA	Centre Back	18/10/1987	Sao Luis, BRA	172
21	Anna	Sedoykina	RUS	Goalkeeper	01/08/1984	Volgograd, RUS	184
8	Anna	Sen	RUS	Left Back	03/12/1990	Krasnodar, RUS	185
44	Anastasiia	Shavman	RUS	Left Back	04/07/1999	Bryansk, RUS	175
22	Alexandra	Smirnova	RUS	Left Wing	26/10/2001	Moscow, RUS	175
14	Valeria	Sobkalo	RUS	Right Wing	08/06/2001	Ust-Labinsk, RUS	173
15	Marina	Sudakova	RUS	Right Wing	17/02/1989	Volgograd, RUS	164
51	Milana	Tazhenova	RUS	Centre Back	06/03/1999	Astrakhan, RUS	175
16	Daria	Tkacheva	RUS	Goalkeeper	21/11/2001	Rostov-on-Don, RUS	176
13	Anna	Vyakhireva	RUS	Right Back	13/03/1995	Volgograd, RUS	162



### Anna Sedoykina

#### goalkeeper

- moved to Rostov from Dinamo Volgograd in 2015
- born in Volgograd, she played for Dinamo for 15 years, winning five Russian championship titles
- interrupted her career from 2012 to 2014 because of maternity leave
- won Olympic gold in 2016 after superb performances in early matches before getting injured

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008, 2017  
EURO: B 2008, S 2018; OG: G 2016; WCh: G 2009



### Polina Kuznetsova

#### left wing

- elder sister of Rostov teammate Anna Vyakhireva, returned to Russia in 2018 after one season at Vardar
- also played for Rostov early in her career, in 2003/04
- had spells at five more Russian clubs (Akva, Lada, Zvezda, Astrakhanochka and Kuban) and won five domestic titles
- been playing for Russian national team for more than a decade

EC trophies: CL 2008, EHF Cup 2007  
OG: G 2016; EURO: S 2006, 2018; WCh: G 2005, 2007

 @polinakuznetsova8



### Lois Abbings

#### left back

- first Dutch player in Russian handball, joined Rostov in 2018 from Issy Paris
- scored personal best 63 goals in the CL in her first season with Rostov
- previously played for Emmen, Oldenburg (both NED) and Baia Mare (ROU), gaining CL experience with the Romanian side in 2014/15 and 2015/16
- her parents, grandparents and aunt also played handball
- key player of national team, contributed a lot to recent Dutch successes

EURO: S 2016, B 2018; WCh: S 2015, B 2017

 @loisabbings1



### Anna Sen

#### left back

- played for Rostov since 2011 - with exception of 2014/15, when she was with Győr; previously had spells at Kuban and Zvezda Zvenigorod
- missed most of 2017/18 season due to maternity leave
- won the Junior WCh 2008 with Russia and became the tournament's top scorer

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017  
EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016

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### Ana Paula Rodrigues

@anapaulahand

#### centre back

- moved to Rostov in 2016 after winning CL with CSM that year
- missed most of 2018/19 season after injuring Achilles tendon at EHF FINAL4 in 2018
- DJ in her team's locker room, playing samba and dance music after every win
- Brazilian playmaker who has been playing in Europe since 2007, spending time at Spain's Roquetas, Elche and Elda Prestigio as well as Austria's Hypo

EC trophies: CL 2016; EHF Cup 2017; Cup Winners' Cup 2013  
WCh: G 2013



### Kseniya Makeeva

@makesha1990

#### line player

- 2018/19 will be her fifth season with Rostov-Don
- began career at Dinamo Volgograd, where she won six Russian championships
- was also a teammate of Lois Abbingh at Romanian side Baia Mare in 2014/15
- Russian international but missed golden Olympics in 2016 due to injury

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2008, 2017  
WCh: G 2009



### Anna Vyakhireva

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#### right back

- joined Rostov from Astrakhanochka in 2016; won the Russian league with both Astrakhanochka in 2016 and Rostov in 2017, 2018 and 2019
- plays alongside her sister Polina Kuznetsova, who joined Rostov in 2018
- 2016 Olympic gold medallist and MVP; also MVP of EHF EURO 2018
- missed crucial main round matches due to elbow injury in 2018/19

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017  
EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016



### Iuliia Managarova

@imanagarova

#### right wing

- moved to Rostov in 2013 and quickly became one of the fan favourites
- quiet and humble off the court, but a natural leader in the game with a powerful shot and great scoring abilities
- played for Ukraine but changed citizenship to Russian in 2017
- was domestic champion in three different countries: in Ukraine with Smart Krivy Rog, in Romania with Oltschim, and in Russia with Rostov-Don

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017  
EURO: S 2018



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Player shirt: white  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: green

**Dark**

Player shirt: red  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue

# Team Esbjerg



After losing the EHF Cup final to Siófok KC from Hungary last season, Team Esbjerg are back in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, ready for their second campaign in the top flight after reaching the main round in 2016/17.

While they want to win the Danish championship for the second time in succession, their goals are rather modest when it comes to the Champions League: reaching the main round, and hope for a place in the quarter-finals.

Five players left the club in the off-season. Especially goalkeeper Sandra Toft and centre back Kristina Liscevic are not easily replaced. The squad might have become less deep, but as head coach Jesper Jensen usually prefers to play with the same outfit, the disadvantage may not be too big.

Esbjerg's opponents in Group B will be Rostov-Don, CSM Bucuresti and MKS Perla Lublin, and if they make it to the main round, they will run into the three best teams from Group A, consisting of Metz Handball, Vipers Kristiansand, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria and HC Podravka Vegeta.

"Our goal is to qualify for the main round. If we succeed, we hope to get enough points to be in the competition for the quarter-final," manager Thomas Hylle says.

The spotlight will once more be on Estavana Polman. The 27-year-old Dutch international will be a crucial key player to Team Esbjerg again, as she has been for several seasons already.

Not only is she a versatile backcourt player who can play the left back as well as the playmaker, but she also possesses an awesome shot and a great ability to find openings in the opposing defence.

Her experience and her spirit are also qualities which will come in useful to Esbjerg in the Danish team's attempts to repeat their achievement from the 2016/17 season, when they advanced to the main round.

**Playing hall**

**Blue Water Dokken**  
Gammel Vardevej 82  
6700 Esbjerg  
Denmark  
Capacity: 3,579

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3  
Main Round (1): 2016/17  
Qualification (1): 2015/16

**Other**

EHF Cup: Runners-up: 2013/14, 2018/19;  
Quarter-finals: 2010/11, 2014/15  
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2012/13

**Danish league:**

2 titles (2016, 2019)

**Danish cup:**

1 title (2018)



**2** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**35** GOALS  
Most goals

**43** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	29:18 (15:9) v IK Sävehof SWE (h), 20.11.2016
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017
<b>Longest winning run</b>	2 matches (15.10.2016 – 23.10.2016)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	2 matches (15.10.2016 – 23.10.2016)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (30.10.2016 – 12.11.2016)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	3 matches (29.01.2017 – 12.02.2017)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	3 matches (30.10.2016 – 12.11.2016)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	3 matches (29.01.2017 – 12.02.2017)
<b>Most goals</b>	35 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 35:25W (h), 15.10.2016
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	64 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
<b>Fewest goals</b>	20 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:25L (h), 12.03.2017
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	18 v IK Sävehof SWE 29:18W (h), 20.11.2016
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	43 v FC Midtjylland DEN 22:21W (h), 26.02.2017

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2016/17 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	4	0	8	305:333	-28	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>305:333</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>8:16</b>		



## Jesper Jensen

*coach*

- former assistant coach who became the team's head coach in 2017
- previously worked at KIF Vejle (women) and Aalborg Handball (men)
- as a centre back he played 120 games and scored 238 goals for Denmark
- his sister, Trine Nielsen, played as a right back for Denmark and works as an analyst for TV2 Denmark

### **Newcomers:**

Rikke Poulsen (Viborg HK/DEN)  
Sonja Frey (Paris 92/FRA)

### **Left the club:**

Sandra Toft (Brest Bretagne Handball/FRA)  
Emma Nielsen (retired)  
Ida Bjørndalen Karlsson (retired)  
Marie Mose Vestergaard (TTH Holstebro/DEN)  
Kristina Liscevic (SCM Ramnicu Valcea/ROU)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23/08/1993	Oslo, NOR	193
6	Clara	Danielsson	SWE	Line Player	30/01/1992	Uppåkra, SWE	175
13	Marit	Frafjord	NOR	Line Player	25/11/1985	Tromsø, NOR	182
48	Sonja	Frey	AUT	Centre Back	22/04/1993	Wien, AUT	169
12	Rikke	Granlund	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/11/1989	Oslo, NOR	172
23	Elma	Halicevic	DEN	Left Wing	18/06/2000	Esbjerg, DEN	168
42	Jane	Harkes	GBR	Goalkeeper	10/01/1989	Esbjerg, DEN	174
20	Marit Røsberg	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	25/02/1994	Narvik, NOR	168
29	Annette	Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	24/09/1991	Frederica, DEN	176
25	Rut Arnfjörd	Jónsdóttir	ISL	Right Back	21/07/1990	Reykjavik, ISL	176
19	Line Ryborg	Jørgensen	DEN	Right Back	31/12/1989	Hvidovre, DEN	183
4	Line	Mølgaard	DEN	Left Back	30/11/1981	Tårnby, DEN	183
51	Vilde	Mortensen	NOR	Line Player	18/12/1994	Oslo, NOR	178
2	Stella Kate	Muir	GBR	Centre Back	29/11/2002	Ringkøbing-Skjern, DEN	171
33	Lene	Østergaard	DEN	Left Back	08/10/1998	Varde, DEN	180
79	Estavana	Polman	NED	Left Back	05/08/1992	Arnhem, NED	173
5	Helena	Sall	DEN	Left Wing	19/03/2002	Aarhus, DEN	168
24	Sanna	Solberg	NOR	Left Wing	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
27	Kathrine	Sørensen	DEN	Centre Back	07/04/1998	Esbjerg, DEN	170
1	Rikke	Vestergaard	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/04/1986	Holstebro, DEN	177

*\*no captaincy in Team Esbjerg*



### **Rikke Poulsen** **goalkeeper**

- joined from league rivals Viborg HK in the summer of 2019
- will replace Denmark international Sandra Toft, who has left for Brest
- played 72 times for the Danish national team but has not been called up recently
- previously played for TTH Holstebro, KIF Vejen and SK Aarhus
- experienced goalkeeper with good eye for the game and for the various shooters

WCh: B 2013



### **Sanna Solberg** **left wing**

 @sannasolberg

- joined in the summer of 2017 from Norwegian side Larvik HK
- regular in the Norwegian national team, like twin sister Silje Solberg, who plays as a goalkeeper for Siófok KC Hungary
- tall and efficient wing player with a large variety of shots

OG: B 2016; WCh: G 2015, S 2017; EURO: G 2014, 2016



### **Estavana Polman** **left back**

 @estavana

- plays for Team Esbjerg since 2013, when she joined from SønderjyskE
- in relationship with the former soccer star Rafael van der Vaart; they have a daughter (2016)
- known for her team spirit and humour as well as for great shot technique
- also a key player in the Dutch national team

WCh: S 2015, B 2017; EURO: S 2016, B 2018



### **Sonja Frey** **centre back**

- Austrian international who joined from Paris 92 in the summer of 2019
- replaces Serbian playmaker Kristina Liscevic, who moved to SCM Ramnicu Valcea
- previously played CL with German side Thüringer HC in 2016/17
- experienced and versatile playmaker who can also be dangerous herself



**Vilde Mortensen Ingstad**  
**line player**

@v.ingstad

- joined from Norwegian league club Oppsal IF in the summer of 2016
- a big and physical strong line player who is also very good in the defence.
- Norwegian international, who was voted best league player in Denmark in 2018/19

WCh: G 2015, S 2017; EURO: G 2016



**Marit Malm Frajford**  
**line player**

- retired after 2017/18 season but started playing again at Esbjerg in December 2018
- initially signed for six months, but ultimately agreed to stay for 2019/20 season
- played for another Danish clubs before, for Viborg HK from 2010 to 2014
- highly experienced and complete player, but mainly used in defence by Esbjerg

WCh: B 2009, G 2011, S 2017; EURO: G 2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, S 2012  
OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016



**Line Jørgensen**  
**right back**

@linejorgensen89

- Danish international who joined from CSM Bucuresti in the summer of 2018
- started playing handball aged three, also played football as a child
- known for her physical strength and her hard and varied shot
- is an educated physiotherapist

CL: G 2016  
WCh: B 2013



**Marit Røsberg Jacobsen**  
**right wing**

@maritrij

- Norwegian international, arrived from Byasen in the summer of 2018
- Team Esbjerg is her first club outside Norway
- studying for a bachelor's degree in sports besides her handball career
- fast and reliable wing with an effective variety of shots

WCh: S 2017

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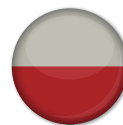
**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: white  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow/red

**Dark**

Player shirt: green  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black

# MKS Perla Lublin



After four long years, MKS Perla Lublin are back in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League group matches. Everyone in Lublin's big handball community is proud of again being part of the most prestigious competition in women's club handball. The handball pearl from Eastern Poland recently won their 21st national league title. In the middle of October, they will celebrate 25 years since they first participated in a European Cup competition.

Stepping up from the Women's EHF Cup to the Champions League is a challenge for any club. Last season Lublin were eliminated from the EHF Cup by E.S Besancon Feminin, but they have undergone something of a summer revamp. Coach Robert Lis starts his third season in Lublin and hopes to build a stronger team than last year. Lublin have added many newcomers, including three from last season's Challenge Cup finalists, SPR Pogon Szczecin.

For Lublin, a return to the group matches of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League presents an opportunity for the club to showcase itself to Europe and beyond.

"For 21-time Polish Champions, playing in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League is a natural direction if we want to grow. Our marketing potential may be still developed, and such a prestigious competition helps us in our process," says team manager and club president Mariusz Szmit.

In a team looking for experience on Europe's top level, Kinga Achruk might show them the way. The 30-year-old centre back has been there, done that: she won the Champions League with Buducnost in 2014/15. She joined Lublin in 2017 and will be a key element to coach Robert Lis' tactical game plans.

Returning to the European top flight after four seasons, Lublin are aware they need to gain experience but they definitely want win a couple of points, too. Captain Weronika Gawlik: "We would like to show ourselves from a good side and give some joy to our fans. It would be awesome to gain some points, not only this big international experience we all need."

**Playing hall**

**Globus Hall**  
ul. Kazimierza Wielkiego 8  
20611 Lublin  
Poland  
Capacity: 4,300

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 21  
Quarter-finals (2): 1999/2000, 2001/02  
Last 16 (1): 1995/96  
Group Matches (5): 2002/03, 2003/04,  
2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16  
Champions League (3): 1996/97, 1997/98,  
1998/99  
Round 2 (1): 2001/02  
Qualification (8): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08,  
2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2016/17, 2018/19

**Other**

EHF Cup: Winners: 2000/01  
Challenge Cup: Winners: 2017/18  
Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: 2014/15  
Polish league: 21 titles (1995-2003, 2005-2010,  
2013-16, 2018, 2019)  
Polish cup: 10 titles



**4** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**38** GOALS  
Most goals

**66** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	29:16 (15:6) v Podravka Dolceta CRO (h), 06.02.2000
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	21:38 (10:18) v Kometal DP Skopje MKD (h), 17.02.2002
<b>Longest winning run</b>	4 matches (30.10.1999 – 06.02.2000)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	6 matches (30.01.1999 - 06.02.2000)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	10 matches (15.02.2004 – 24.10.2014)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	10 matches (15.02.2004 – 24.10.2014)
<b>Most goals</b>	38 v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 38:28W (h), 30.01.2000
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 40:25L (a), 20.10.2013
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	66 v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 38:28W (h), 30.01.2000 66 v Metz Handball FRA 35:31W (h), 02.11.2014
<b>Fewest goals</b>	19 v Motor Zaporoshje UKR 20:19L (a), 25.01.1998 19 v Larvik HK NOR 27:19L (a), 15.02.2003 19 v Buducnost MNE 31:19L (a), 06.10.2013
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	16 v Henzo Sw. Roermond NED 27:16W (h), 04.01.1997 16 v Podravka Dolceta CRO 29:16W (h), 06.02.2000
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	39 v Motor Zaporoshje UKR 20:19L (a), 25.01.1998

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Montex Lublin POL	6	2	0	4	155:155		0	4:8	3rd Gr. B
1997/98 Montex Lublin POL	6	2	0	4	156:163		-7	4:8	3rd Gr. A
1998/99 Montex Lublin POL	6	2	2	2	142:143		-1	6:6	3rd Gr. D
1999/00 Montex Lublin POL	8	5	1	2	221:204		+17	11:5	Quarter-final
2001/02 MKS Montex Lublin POL	8	4	0	4	215:221		-6	8:8	Quarter-final
2002/03 MKS POL-SKONE Lublin POL	6	1	1	4	133:155		-22	3:9	4th Gr. C
2003/04 KS BYSTRZYCA Lublin POL	6	1	0	5	155:186		-31	2:10	4th Gr. D
2013/14 MKS Selgros Lublin POL	6	0	0	6	140:189		-49	0:12	4th Gr. B
2014/15 MKS Selgros Lublin POL	6	1	1	4	159:182		-23	3:9	4th Gr. D
2015/16 MKS Selgros Lublin POL	6	0	0	6	141:184		-43	0:12	4th Gr. D
<b>Total:</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1617:1782</b>		<b>-165</b>	<b>41:87</b>	





## Robert Lis

*coach*

- former line player who joined Lublin as a coach in 2017, his first women's team
- assisted Talant Dujshabaev as Poland coach at 2016 Rio Olympics
- played more than a decade in France, including for Dunkerque, Paris and Istres, and participated in all European Cups as a player
- grew up in Warsaw, where he ended his playing career in 2012

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018

### **Newcomers:**

Valentina Blazevic (SPR Pogon Szczecin/POL)  
 Karolina Kochaniak (SPR Pogon Szczecin/POL)  
 Natalia Nosek (SPR Pogon Szczecin/POL)  
 Joanna Gadzina (EKS Start Elblag/POL)  
 Aleksandra Olek (SMS Plock/POL)

### **Left the club:**

Aleksandra Januchta (MTS Zory/POL)  
 Agnieszka Kowalska (unknown)  
 Valiantsina Nestsiaruk (pregnant)  
 Ewa Urtnowska (pregnant)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
89	Kinga	Achrak	POL	Centre Back	09/01/1989	Puławy, POL	181
16	Gabrijela	Besen	CRO	Goalkeeper	06/12/1994	Zagreb, CRO	179
77	Valentina	Blazevic	CRO	Centre Back	14/02/1994	Split, CRO	170
55	Joanna	Gadzina	POL	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Nowy Sacz, POL	164
12	<b>C</b> Weronika	Gawlik	POL	Goalkeeper	20/10/1986	Gliwice, POL	180
10	Marta	Gega	POL	Left Back	16/04/1986	Bielawa, POL	184
47	Karolina	Kochaniak	POL	Back	05/07/1995	Szczecin, POL	175
14	Patrycja	Krolikowska	POL	Right Wing	15/05/1992	Lodz, POL	160
4	Aneta	Labuda	POL	Right Wing	07/01/1995	Zary, POL	160
13	Sylwia	Matuszczyk	POL	Line Player	11/06/1992	Zory, POL	172
7	Mia	Moldrup	DEN	Right Back	06/04/1991	Esbjerg, DEN	180
24	Dagmara	Nocun	POL	Left Wing	02/01/1996	Kolno, POL	166
39	Natalia	Nosek	POL	Right Back	20/04/1998	Kraków, POL	179
16	Monika	Nozka	POL	Goalkeeper	15/02/1982	Lublin, POL	175
2	Aleksandra	Olek	POL	Line Player	31/10/2000	Lublin, POL	179
66	Aleksandra	Rosiak	POL	Left Back	07/07/1997	Lubin, POL	177
15	Małgorzata	Stasiak	POL	Right Back	05/11/1988	Skwierzyna, POL	177
6	Joanna	Szarawaga	POL	Line Player	02/04/1994	Debno, POL	185


**Weronika Gawlik**
 @weron\_ika\_g

**goalkeeper**

- captain who joined the club in 2011; also key player for Polish national team
- previously played for GZKS Sosnica Gliwice in her native town
- recently graduated from the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin
- very active in marketing initiatives launched by the team management

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018


**Gabrijela Besen**
 @gabrijelabesen

**goalkeeper**

- first Croatian player at the club, thanks to its former Croatian coach Neven Hrupec
- very fast and dynamic between the posts
- convinced her compatriot Valentina Blazevic to join Lublin from Pogon Szczecin
- one of her younger sisters also plays handball as a goalkeeper


**Dagmara Nocun**
 @dagusiano

**left wing**

- was Lublin's second-best scorer in Challenge Cup 2017/18 season, with 54 goals
- with Lublin since 2014, developed well in 2015/16 on loan at MKS Olimpia-Beskid
- very fast left wing and especially dangerous in fast-break situations
- known for her media skills, interviewing players for club channel MKS Lublin TV

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018


**Marta Gega**
**left back**

- returned to Poland from Le Havre (FRA) in 2013, just before Lublin's CL debut
- key player in defence, but also a prolific scorer who netted 38 times in Lublin's successful Challenge Cup campaign in 2017/18
- likes an attractive playing style and uses trick shots when taking penalties
- returned to national team after three years, selected by new coach Arne Senstad

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2018



### **Kinga Achruk**

 @kinga\_achruk89

#### **centre back**

- one of a few Polish handball players with multiple European Cups: CL winner with Buducnost in 2014/15 and Challenge Cup winner with Lublin in 2017/18
- her mother also was a back court player with MKS Montex Lublin in the 1990s
- born in Krasnik, 45 km from Lublin, and also played for MKS rivals Zaglebie
- her goal from 30 metres in the Challenge Cup final against Rocasa Gran Canaria made the Spanish commentator exclaim: "Madre mia, que golazo!"

EC trophies: CL 2015; Challenge Cup 2018



### **Valentina Blazevic**

 @valentina.blazevic

#### **centre back**

- second Croatian player in Lublin's club history
- played in the Challenge Cup final in 2019 for Pogon Szczecin
- joined Lublin from Pogon together with Natalia Nosek and Karolina Kochaniak
- had her CL debut in 2016 when she was Krim Mercator player



### **Joanna Szarawaga**

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#### **line player**

- joined Lublin again in the summer of 2018 after two seasons in Gdynia
- makes a strong duo together with Sylwia Matuszczyk
- at 185 cm, the tallest player in the squad, and together with former Lublin player Joanna Drabik (now Siófok) a strong line player duo in the Polish national team
- missed expected CL debut in 2013 when getting injured in last training session



### **Aneta Labuda**

#### **right wing**

- joined Lublin in 2018 from Vistal Gdynia, where she made her CL debut
- will be supported on right wing position by Patrycja Krolikowska
- born in Koszalin and grew up in western Poland, but her great grandmother lives in Lublin
- played in World Championship in Denmark 2015 being the youngest Polish winger

## GROUP B

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**Dark**

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Player short: grey  
GK shirt: black

# CSM Bucuresti



The revolving doors have shown another coaching change and an influx of 10 new players coming in, yet CSM are still in an endless purgatory, after the big star they brought in, Nora Mørk, had another devastating injury in her first game as a player for the Romanian powerhouse.

After winning the competition in 2016 in their maiden CL season, CSM Bucuresti established themselves as a powerhouse that would likely compete for the trophy for seasons to come. Fast-forward to 2019 and the Romanian side has taken a step back. There are some key ingredients for the recipe of making a contender and most definitely CSM are missing one of the staples: consistency. It is also the case for the 2019/20 season, as a new coach has been ushered in, 10 new players have been signed and the risks taken by the team's management are bigger than the potential pay-off.

The Scandinavian experiment failed, as did last season's Balkan touch. Now, CSM brought back experienced duo Linnea Torstensson and Carmen Martin, who led the team to the trophy in 2016, but also a hint of the Romanian national team, with Denisa Dedu, Gabriela Perianu and Laura Moisă in the roster.

"We have a great team but we are aware of the fact that we have many new players, a new coaching staff and we need time to build a strong team. It is a new start for us but we are giving our best to improve as a team as soon as possible," said team captain Cristina Neagu.

Just four days before their first match of the new season at Esbjerg the new head coach Tomas Ryde resigned and CSM decided to finally give a chance to Adrian Vasile, the Romanian assistant coach who has been plying his trade at CSM since 2014. Vasile, 36, a former right wing who won the Men's EHF Challenge Cup in 2006 with Steaua Bucuresti, oversaw 11 coaching changes at CSM, but stood still and was an integral part of the team who won the European premium competition in 2016 with the Romanian side.

**Playing hall**

Sala Polivalenta Ioan  
Kunst Ghermanescu  
Calea Piscului Nr. 10, sector 4  
Bucharest  
Romania  
Capacity: 5,000

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 5  
Winners (1): 2015/16  
Semi-final (2): 2016/17, 2017/18  
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

**Other**

EHF Cup:  
Last 16: 2011/12

Romanian league:  
4 titles (2015-18)  
Romanian cup:  
4 titles (2016-19)



**5** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**39** GOALS  
Most goals

**71** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	39:26 (18:12) v Nykøbing FH DEN, 04.11.2017 34:21 (19:13) v Metz Handball FRA (h), 06.04.2018
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	36:27 (22:15) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 26.01.2019
<b>Longest winning run</b>	5 matches (31.03.2016 – 16.10.2016) 5 matches (04.11.2017 – 04.02.2018)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	6 matches (04.11.2017 – 11.02.2018)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (22.10.2016 – 04.11.2016)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)
<b>Most goals</b>	39 v Nykøbing FH DEN 39:26W (h), 04.11.2017
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	38 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	71 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
<b>Fewest goals</b>	20 v Metz Handball FRA 27:20L (a), 15.04.2018 20 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 20:26L (a), 12.05.2018
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:28W (a), 23.10.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	42 v Rostov-Don RUS 20:22W (a), 11.11.2016

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	416:387	+29	21:11	Winner	
2016/17 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	427:407	+20	21:11	Third Place	
2017/18 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	455:395	+60	21:11	Third Place	
2018/19 CSM Bucuresti ROU	14	6	1	7	400:390	+10	13:15	Quarter-final	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1698:1579</b>	<b>+119</b>	<b>76:48</b>		





### Adrian Vasile

*coach*

- former right wing for Steaua Bucuresti between 2001 and 2011, won the Challenge Cup in 2006
- after ending his playing career, he became the strength and conditioning coach at Steaua, moving on to CSM in 2014, when he also became an assistant coach for Mette Klit
- has been at CSM since 2014, overseeing 11 coaching changes for the Romanian powerhouse, winning the EHF Champions League in 2016 with Kim Rasmussen
- clicking with Per Johansson, during the Swede's time in CSM, Vasile also took up the role of assistant coach in the Montenegrin women's national team

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2006 (as player), CL 2016 (as assistant coach)

### Newcomers:

Nora Mørk (Gyori Audi ETO KC/HUN)  
 Crina Pintea (Gyori Audi ETO KC/HUN)  
 Gabriela Perianu (Siófok KC/HUN)  
 Denisa Dedu (Siófok KC/HUN)  
 Itana Grbic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)  
 Laura Moisă (ASC Corona Braşov/ROU)  
 Andrea Klikovac (Kisvardai KC/HUN)  
 Carmen Martin Berenguer (OGC Nice Cote D'Azur/FRA)  
 Linnea Torstensson (OGC Nice Cote D'Azur/FRA)  
 Denisa Vălcan (CSS Tulcea/ROU)

### Left the club:

Amanda Kurtovic (Gyori Audi ETO KC/HUN)  
 Majda Mehmedovic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)  
 Jovanka Radicevic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)  
 Paula Ungureanu (CS Rapid Bucuresti/ROU)  
 Oana Manea (retired)  
 Nathalie Hagman (Odense/DEN)  
 Sabina Jacobsen (CSKA Moscow/RUS)  
 Aneta Udriştioiu (HC Dunarea Braila/ROU)  
 Barbara Lazovic (ZRK Buducnost/MNE)  
 Bianca Bazaliu (ASC Corona Braşov/ROU, on loan)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
20	Maria	Constantinescu	ROU	Left Back	18/06/1994	Bals, ROU	176
5	Iulia	Curea	ROU	Left Wing	08/04/1982	Bacau, ROU	172
10	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15/03/1990	Beograd, SRB	183
16	Denisa	Dedu	ROU	Goalkeeper	27/09/1994	Brasov, ROU	182
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Left Wing	01/09/1996	Podgorica, MNE	169
87	Jelena	Grubisic	CRO	Goalkeeper	20/01/1987	Zagreb, CRO	184
1	Madalina	Ion	ROU	Goalkeeper	23/02/1996	Bucharest, ROU	180
35	Oana	Jipa	ROU	Line Player	01/03/2000	Onesti, ROU	178
15	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	05/05/1991	Podgorica, MNE	174
7	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Centre Back	06/09/1987	Beograd, SRB	178
19	Bianca	Marin	ROU	Left Wing	21/03/1999	Ploiesti, ROU	167
22	Carmen	Martin	ESP	Right Wing	29/05/1988	Almeria, ESP	169
89	Laura	Moisa	ROU	Right Wing	21/08/1989	Bacau, ROU	173
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Right Back	05/04/1991	Oslo, NOR	167
8	<b>C</b> Cristina	Neagu	ROU	Left Back	26/08/1988	Bucharest, ROU	180
17	Elizabeth	Omoregie	SLO	Centre Back	29/12/1996	Athens, GRE	178
11	Gabriela	Perianu	ROU	Left Back	20/06/1994	Braila, ROU	186
77	Crina	Pintea	ROU	Line Player	03/04/1990	Podu Turcului, ROU	191
6	Linnea	Torstensson	SWE	Left Back	30/03/1983	Stockholm, SWE	186
27	Denisa	Valcan	ROU	Centre Back	19/09/2000	Tulcea, ROU	173



**Denisa Dedu**
 @denisa\_dedu16
**goalkeeper**

- returned to Romania after two seasons at Siófok and winning the EHF Cup in 2019
- first called up for the Romanian national team when she was only 16 years old
- her role models in handball are national team colleagues Luminita Hutupan and Paula Ungureanu, whom she is replacing at CSM

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

**Jelena Grubisic**
 @gruba87
**goalkeeper**

- played at Lokomotiva Zagreb for eight seasons, and at Krim for five
- joined Győr in 2014 to replace pregnant Katrine Lunde, but soon got injured and signed for CSM ahead of 2015/16, helping the club win the CL that season
- had her EC debut in the Cup Winner's Cup 2002/03 with Lokomotiva when she was 15, and had her national team debut at the WCh 2007
- MVP of the EHF FINAL4 in 2016

EC trophies: CL 2016

**Iulia Curea**
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**left wing**

- one of the most decorated Romanian players, having won the national title nine times and the Romanian cup four times with Oltchim and CSM Bucuresti
- has been a left wing since she was 17, until then, she played as a goalkeeper and won a junior competition in Romania on that position
- married since 2010 to Darie Curea, a former rugby player with Dinamo Bucharest

EC trophies: CL 2016, Champions Trophy 2007, Cup Winners' Cup 2007

**Cristina Neagu**
 @cristinaneaguofficial
**left back**

- four-time IHF Player of the Year, widely regarded as best Romanian player ever
- left Romania in 2013 for Buducnost but returned to hometown club CSM in 2017
- considered quitting sport in 2011, suffering from severe shoulder and knee injuries
- one of the best CL scorers of all time, netted 612 goals in 10 seasons
- missed second half of 2018/19 season after tearing ACL during EHF EURO in France

EC trophies: CL 2015  
EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015



### Linnea Torstensson

#### left back

- back at CSM for second stint, after also playing for the club from 2014-17
- having played for teams in Sweden, Denmark, Slovenia, France and now Romania, she competing in her eighth CL season in 2019/20
- Swedish handball player of the year in 2010 and 2011, MVP at EHF EURO 2010 where Sweden won the silver medal

EC trophies: CL 2016  
EURO: S 2010, B 2014



### Andrea Lekic

@lekicandrea

#### centre back

- one of the main transfers in the summer of 2018, joining from Vardar
- competed in karate and reached the blue belt before moving on to ball sports, including volleyball, basketball, football and tennis
- voted World Player of the Year in 2013, made All-star Team at EHF EURO 2012
- won the CL with Győr in 2012/13, finished runner-up once, and third three times

EC trophies: CL 2013, WCh: S 2013



### Crina Pinte

@crinapinte11

#### line player

- arrived from Győr after winning the CL with the Hungarian side in 2019
- line player of the CL All-star Team in 2018/19
- her younger sister, Andreea, also wants to become a professional handball player
- has an Eiffel tower tattoo as playing for Issy Paris changed her life

EC trophies: CL 2019  
WCh: B 2015



### Carmen Martin

@carmen\_martin4

#### right wing

- Spanish player, now returning to the club she won the CL with in 2016
- All-star right wing of CL 2016/17, when she scored 65 times, and at EHF EURO 2014
- previously played CL with Krim Mercator (SLO) and Itxako (ESP)
- studied for a grade in tourism, speaks fluent English and French

EC trophies: CL 2016  
EURO: S 2008, S 2014; WCh: B 2011; OG: B 2012

# Group C preview



## FOUR TEAM PLAYING A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS

Usually experience is the trump card that every team loves to play when it comes down to proceeding to the next round of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League. But when a strong newcomer comes in play, every piece of math can be erased quite easily, as unexpected results could come immediately. Buducnost, Brest Bretagne Handball and SG BBM Bietigheim all played in the European top competition in the past two seasons, but could hardly be labelled as favourites to proceed to the main round with SCM Ramnicu Valcea in the mix. Yet only three teams will progress to the next round, as the game of musical chairs will definitely see one important side out at the end of the group matches.

### Ramnicu Valcea are back in business after six years

After six seasons spent in handball purgatory, Ramnicu Valcea are back in business with huge ambitions. The new iteration of the former powerhouse, Oltchim, defied all odds to snap up the domestic league title against CSM Bucuresti and underwent a heavy make-up this summer, with no less than eight experienced players ushered in to challenge for greatness in European handball. There are virtually fresh faces on every position, and all in all, Valcea shifted from a team with a strong core and a gritty defence to an exotic mix of European experience jumbled with a Romanian legion of 11 players. Moreover, expect 3,200 hungry fans to cheer for their favourites in what is one of the electric arenas in women's handball, and the table is set for a much-anticipated comeback.

### Buducnost want to live up to their billing as group favourites

There will be little doubt that Buducnost are the favourites to win the group. The Montenegrin side are vying to proceed to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL 4 again after a two-year hiatus and acted accordingly, added experience and depth in the past summer. In a challenge to build up their chances and strengthen the women's national team for the Olympic Games in Tokyo next year, Jovanka Radicevic and Majda Mehmedovic, two wings that encapsulate the energy and passion strongly on display in Montenegrin handball, put pen on paper and came back to their former club. Continuity is key in Buducnost's project, therefore coach Dragan Adzic will once again mastermind the team and one should expect the same defensive intensity shown in previous seasons.

### Brest hope to benefit from new club strategy

The Montenegrin side will be challenged once again by Brest Bretagne Handball, a match-up that was also featured last season in the main round. This time, the French side will not rely on pure stars, rather than focusing on building a healthy culture and a team spirit in the mold of the French women's national team that won the EHF EURO 2018. Brest are once again targeting the main round, but will have to make do in the first part of the season without playmaker Isabelle Gullédén, goalkeeper Cleopatre Darleux and playmaker Elodie Le Calvé, all on maternity leave. Six players left – including star Allison Pineau – while other six came in, as team chemistry will have to be built as quickly as possible and without distractions, any point dropped in the early phase of the competition being extremely costly.

## Boosted by Bundesliga title, Bietigheim ready for European success

Bietigheim have taken a step back last season, failing to progress to the main round, but are also targeting the return between the best 12 European clubs this season, after winning the Bundesliga for the second time. The core of the team has been kept intact, as the German team will rely once again on Laura van der Heijden, Karolina Kudlacz or captain Kim Naidzinavicius in the back line. Consistency will be the key to unlocking the berth for the next phase, as last season Bietigheim started with a draw against DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL 4 participant, Vipers Kristianstad, and a win against CSM Bucuresti, but failed to secure a point in the final four games of the season. The German side have experience on their side, yet the schedule is difficult, starting with an away game against Valcea and a home tie against Buducnost. Failing to secure a point in the first two games could be the start of their undoing.

*Adrian Costeiu*

## Group C head-to-heads

### Historic encounters of the Group C opponents in the EC

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Buducnost 5-0-5 (258:257) 10:10

1984/85	Chimistul Ramnicul Valcea vs RK Buducnost Titk. Titograd, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	26:25 (13:10)
1984/85	RK Buducnost Titk. Titograd vs Chimistul Ramnicul Valcea, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	27:21 (15:15)
09.11.2007	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:22 (15:11)
11.01.2008	Buducnost T-Mobile vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Group D	21:32 (12:10)
08.02.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:22 (12:13)
15.03.2009	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:22 (15:8)
06.02.2011	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs 'Buducnost', EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	21:20 (13:12)
13.03.2011	'Buducnost' vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:21 (16:9)
19.02.2012	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:34 (13:18)
11.03.2012	Buducnost vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:25 (17:15)

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs SG BBM Bietigheim

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Brest Bretagne Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Buducnost vs SG BBM Bietigheim 1-0-1 (53:51) 2:2

07.10.2017	Buducnost vs SG BBM Bietigheim, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:24 (17:10)
12.11.2017	SG BBM Bietigheim vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:21 (12:10)

#### Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball 1-1-0 (50:49) 3:1

10.02.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:27 (15:12)
10.03.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (13:13)

#### SG BBM Bietigheim vs Brest Bretagne Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

## GROUP C

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# SCM Ramnicu Valcea



2013 was the swansong of one of the beautiful Romanian handball stories. In a city that lives and breathes handball, Olthcim Ramnicu Valcea was a vantage point for fans that flocked to the "Traian" Arena to support their favourite side.

Olthcim won the Romanian title 19 times, was an EHF Champions League finalist in 2010 and won the Women's Cup Winners' Cup once. Yet a shortage of funds meant that the team folded in 2013, much to the despair of thousands of fans that questioned what could have been if the club they cheered for had been saved.

However, handball was still breathing in Ramnicu Valcea and a team rose from the ashes. The assumption was that the pathway to success was never going to be easy. And it never was. But success usually comes when you least expect it and this was the case also with the new incarnation of handball in Ramnicu Valcea, SCM.

Starting last season as a huge underdog, SCM won the Romanian Super Cup against CSM Bucuresti, then shocked them in the Romanian league. In a marathon rather than a sprint, SCM never dropped a beat and won the title, which also handed them a berth in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League.

The aforementioned new players will surely add much needed experience into the team, yet SCM are still a newcomer in the European top competition. They might continue in Olthcim's footsteps, but the new team has only four European games under their belt, in last season's Women's EHF Cup.

Winning a domestic title in an emphatic fashion is always a superb feeling, yet SCM needed more than a revamp in order to be competitive in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League. Seven players have been brought in to reinforce all positions, yet the first important test, the Romanian Super Cup, against CSM Bucuresti was a failed one, as Valcea lost, 29:23.

There are players from eight different nationalities in SCM's roster this season. 11 Romanian players form the core of the team, while three Spanish players, and players from Brazil, Hungary, Ukraine, Serbia, Denmark and Croatia cap off the team.

**Playing hall**

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240190 Ramnicu Valcea  
Romania  
Capacity: 2,239

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 14  
Runners-up (1): 2009/10  
Semi-finals (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13  
Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2010/11  
Group Matches (1): 2000/01  
Champions League (4): 1995/96, 1996/97,  
1997/98, 1998/99  
Last 32 (1): 1999/2000  
Qualification Round 2 (1): 2002/03

**Other EC records:**

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners (1): 2006/07,  
Runners-up (1): 2001/02  
Champions Trophy: Winners (1): 2006/07

Romanian league: 20 titles (1989, 1990, 1991,  
1993-2000, 2002, 2007-13, 2019)  
Romanian cup: 13 titles



**7** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**39** GOALS  
Most goals

**69** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	15:34 (6:14) v Buxtehuder SV GER (a), 20.10.2012
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	35:21 (19:9) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 30.03.1996
<b>Longest winning run</b>	7 matches (17.02.2001 – 11.01.2008)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	9 matches (17.02.2001 – 15.02.2008)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (21.01.1996 – 16.11.1996)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	9 matches (13.01.1996 – 04.01.1997)
<b>Most goals</b>	39 v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 39:29W (h), 17.02.2001 39 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27W (h), 07.03.2008
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	37 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 37:30L (a), 19.03.2011
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	69 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 35:34L (a), 28.02.2009
<b>Fewest goals</b>	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:14L (a), 29.01.1994
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	15 v Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34W (a), 20.10.2012
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	35 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:18L (h), 10.01.1998

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Chimistul Vilcea ROU	6	2	0	4	138:147	-9	4:8	3rd Gr. A	
1995/96 Chimistul Ramnicu Valcea ROU	6	0	1	5	122:164	-42	1:11	4th Gr. B	
1996/97 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	6	1	2	3	127:133	-6	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
1997/98 Oltchim Valcea ROU	6	3	0	3	138:124	+14	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
1998/99 Oltchim Valcea ROU	6	2	0	4	154:157	-3	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
2000/01 Oltchim Valcea ROU	6	3	0	3	159:150	+9	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2007/08 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU	12	9	1	2	385:320	+65	19:5	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2008/09 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	14	7	1	6	405:376	+29	15:13	Semi-final	
2009/10 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	16	9	2	5	438:425	+13	20:12	Runner-up	
2010/11 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU	12	6	0	6	319:319	0	12:12	4th MR Gr. 1	
2011/12 CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	14	9	1	4	392:371	+21	19:9	Semi-final	
2012/13 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	14	11	0	3	371:319	+52	22:6	Semi-final	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3148:3005</b>	<b>+143</b>	<b>132:104</b>		



## Florentin Pera

*coach*

- former handball player started coaching in 2004, in his home city, Resita
- has always coached women teams, as his best European result was progressing to the Last 16 phase of the Women's EHF Cup with HCM Roman in 2016
- his first titles came as SCM Valcea's coach, the Romanian Super Cup and the Romanian League in 2018 and 2019
- married to Loredana, a former left back whom he coached while in Resita

### **Newcomers:**

Marta Batinovic (ZRK Buducnost)  
 Asma Elghaoui (Siofok KC)  
 Ann Grete Norgaard (Viborg HK)  
 Madalina Zamfirescu (Debreceen)  
 Kristina Liscevic (Team Esbjerg)  
 Ana Maria Savu (Kisvardai KC)  
 Mireya Gonzalez (Siofok KC)

### **Left the club:**

Ines Khouldi (SCM Gloria Buzau)  
 Marija Petrovic (SCM Gloria Buzau)  
 Ana Maria Popa (SCM Gloria Buzau)  
 Petra Blazek (SCM Gloria Buzau)  
 Andreea Pricopi (SCM Gloria Buzau)  
 Maria Gavrila (loan to SCM Gloria Buzau)  
 Natalia Vasileuskaia (Gloria Bistrita)



## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
10	Andreea	Adespii	ROU	Left Back	09/05/1990	Brasov, ROU	178
9	Raluca	Bacaoanu	ROU	Line Player	02/05/1989	Constanta, ROU	177
77	Alexandra	Badea	ROU	Right Wing	22/05/1998	Bucuresti, ROU	176
43	Marta	Batinovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	20/04/1990	Metkovic, CRO	186
12	Diana	Ciuca	ROU	Goalkeeper	01/06/2000	Craiova, ROU	181
8	Maria	Craiu	ROU	Line Player	21/04/1996	Dragasani, ROU	172
2	Samara	Da Silva	BRA	Left Back	07/10/1991	Natal/RN, BRA	183
20	<b>C</b> Yuliya	Dumanska	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/08/1996	Gorodenka, UKR	178
6	Asma	Elghaoui	HUN	Line Player	29/08/1991	Monastir, TUN	174
27	Alicia	Fernandez	ESP	Centre Back	21/12/1992	Valdovino, ESP	172
22	Elena	Florica	ROU	Left Wing	11/05/1992	Creteni, ROU	174
23	Iryna	Glibko	UKR	Left Back	18/02/1990	Odessa, UKR	169
99	Mireya	Gonzalez	ESP	Right Back	18/07/1991	Leon, ESP	178
71	Kristina	Liscevic	SRB	Left Back	20/10/1989	Sombor, SRB	173
17	Marta	Lopez Herrero	ESP	Right Wing	04/02/1990	Malaga, ESP	165
30	Iuliana	Marin	ROU	Line Player	11/04/2000	Slobozia, ROU	179
21	Ann Grete	Norgaard	DEN	Left Wing	15/09/1983	Viborg, DEN	163
90	Ana Maria	Savu	ROU	Right Back	24/02/1990	Darabani, ROU	187
88	Roberta	Stamin	ROU	Left Wing	25/02/2001	Bechet, ROU	175
31	Madalina	Zamfirescu	ROU	Centre Back	31/10/1994	Nicolae Balcescu, ROU	177





## Yuliya Dumanska

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### goalkeeper

- born in Ukraine, started to play handball when she was 11, then moved to Romania three years later. Has been a Romanian citizen since 2016
- won the bronze medal with the Romanian team at the IHF Junior World Championships in 2016
- named the MVP of the Romanian domestic league in 2019
- her father was a football player, her mother a handball goalkeeper, while her sister is also a goalkeeper

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2018



## Ann Grete Nørgaard

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### left wing

- after 19 consecutive seasons playing in Denmark, Nørgaard decided to try a change of scenery, signing with Valcea
- had three stints with Viborg, starting from 2000, winning the European top competition with the Danish side in 2006
- Nørgaard is also a teacher, graduating from VIA College in the Danish town of Skive, specialising in Mathematics, History and Science
- named the best left wing in the Danish League in five different seasons: 2008, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017

CL 2006, EHF Cup 2004, 2013



## Iryna Glibko

 @iren\_a23

### left wing

- started playing handball in Ukraine, but moved to Romania when she was only 22, plying her trade in Galati, CSM Bucuresti, HCM Roman and then Valcea
- already considers Romania as her second home after seven years of playing in Romania
- one of the most consistent goal scorers in the Romanian league in the past seasons, putting 1,101 goals past the opponents between 2012 and 2019, she was also the best goal scorer in the Romanian domestic league in 2013 and 2018



## Kristina Liscevic

 @kiki.liscevic71

### centre back

- always play with number 71, a nod to a friend of hers, who played with number 17
- globetrotter, her career featuring stints in teams from Serbia, North Macedonia, France, Hungary, Russia, Denmark and, now, Romania
- Serbian playmaker featured in two Women's EHF Cup finals, losing both, one in 2013 with Metz and the second one in 2019 with Team Esbjerg
- her brother, Zlatko, is a football player, who plays for Red Star Belgrade



**Alicia Fraga Fernandez**

 @aalifernandez

**centre back**

- came to Valcea in 2017, her first international experience, after playing in Spain for BM Sagunto, BM Porrino, BM Valladolid and Amara Bera Bera
- one of the most technical players in the Romanian league, Fernandez stated she had to adapt in her first years as a handball player, due to her being short
- quickly fell in love with Valcea, as she likes the warmth of the people and the atmosphere in the arena



**Asma Elghaoui**

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**line player**

- born in Tunisia, a nation which she represented between 2011 and 2016, also obtained Hungarian citizenship, playing two games for the Hungarian national team
- played in France, Russia and Hungary, also winning the CL in 2017 with Győr, where she was loaned by Siófok
- her favourite movie is “A Star is Born” and she also likes listening to rap, pop and R&B music

EC trophies: CL 2017, EHF Cup 2019



**Mireya Gonzales**

 @mireyagonzalez9

**right back**

- started handball in Spain, but also played in France and Hungary, winning the European top competition in 2018, when she was loaned to Győr
- avid photographer, Gonzalez also took part in some photography contests
- one of the few players that won all the European club competitions: won all three European Cup trophies within five years (Challenge Cup 2015 with Mios Biganos, CL 2018 with Győr and EHF Cup 2019 with Siófok)

EC trophies: CL 2018, EHF Cup 2019, Challenge Cup 2015



**Marta Lopez**

**right wing**

- took up handball when she was 10, after seeing her older brothers playing
- named best right wing in the French League in 2013 and 2014, when she played for Fleury
- stated that her dream was to play in the CL, this will be her second season in the European top competition, after scoring 14 goals for Fleury in 2015/16
- played more than 100 matches for the Spanish national team, but had a three-year hiatus, making her comeback in 2019

EHF EURO: S 2014, OG: B 2012

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Player short: blue  
GK shirt: red

**Dark**

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Player short: dark blue  
GK shirt: black

# Buducnost



A perennial contender, Buducnost made a few steps back last seasons, as they embarked into a slow process of rebuilding, that unearthed some gems like Djurdjina Jaukovic or Tatjana Brnovic. However, titles are hardly won with young players, rather a mix of youth and experienced players can deliver what is expected.

Therefore, an experienced coach like Dragan Adzic knew that he needed something new in the team and Buducnost delivered, bringing back coveted wings Jovanka Radicevic and Majda Mehmedovic from CSM Bucuresti, as the Montenegrin side is serving as a platform for the national women's national team's challenge for a medal in the Olympic Games in 2020.

"We are entering in a new season with a changed roster and with six new players. I think we are much better, and ambitions must be higher than last season. I believe that we will make the most of the preparation games so that we'll be ready to start the Champions league. Our goal is to make to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 that we haven't been to in the last two years," said team captain, Milena Raicevic.

Dragan Adzic has been Buducnost's coach through thick and thin, loyally leading the Montenegrin club since 2010, which makes him the longest serving coach in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League. Winning twice the competition, Adzic knows a thing or two about building a contender and pinpointed exactly his team's weaknesses in the past seasons. "Our goal is to be back in Budapest after two seasons, but we will take this season step by step," Radmila Petrovic, the former Buducnost right wing and currently the team's president. Seven players are out from last season, six new came in, but with Radicevic, Mehmedovic and Sanja Vujovic, Buducnost look better and stronger on paper. Will it be enough to challenge for the title? Speaking the same language, playing together for a long time and knowing what to expect from their teammates will surely be an advantage.

**Playing hall**

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Str. Ivana Milutinovića b.b.  
81000 Podgorica  
Montenegro  
Capacity: 5,000

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 24  
Winners (2): 2011/12, 2014/15  
Runners-up (1): 2013/14  
Semi-finals (8): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00,  
2000/01, 2001/02, 2010/11, 2015/16, 2016/17  
Quarter-final (4): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2017/18,  
2018/19  
Main Round (1): 2012/13  
Last 16 (1): 1995/96  
Group Matches (6): 1996/97, 2004/05,  
2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10

**Other**

Cup Winners Cup: Winners 2005/06, 2009/10

Montenegrin league: 31 titles (1985, 1989,  
1990, 1992-2019)  
Montenegrin cup: 24 titles



**22** MATCHES  
Longest unbeaten run

**40** GOALS  
Most goals

**76** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	36:21 (18:11) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.01.1997
<b>Longest winning run</b>	14 matches (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	22 matches (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
<b>Most goals</b>	40 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
<b>Fewest goals</b>	16 v Dunaferre SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005
	16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 09.11.2014
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	34 v Dunaferre SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	6	2	2	2	130:143	-13	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1997/98 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	1	4	292:305	-13	11:9	1/2-finals	
1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	8	1	1	297:238	+59	17:3	1/2-finals	
1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	287:274	+13	12:8	1/2-finals	
2000/01 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13:7	1/2-finals	
2001/02 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	297:277	+20	12:8	1/2-finals	
2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG	8	4	0	4	215:216	-1	8:8	1/4-finals	
2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG	8	4	0	4	209:219	-10	8:8	1/4-finals	
2004/05 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	1	0	5	141:165	-24	2:10	4th Gr. A	
2005/06 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	3	0	3	150:154	-4	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2006/07 ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	0	0	6	141:174	-33	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2007/08 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	1	1	4	153:189	-36	3:9	3rd Gr. D	
2008/09 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	12	6	2	4	317:326	-9	14:10	3rd MR Gr. 2	
2009/10 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	2	1	3	138:155	-17	5:7	3rd Gr. D	
2010/11 'Buducnost' MNE	14	10	0	4	417:360	+57	20:8	1/2-finals	
2011/12 Buducnost MNE	16	14	0	2	453:385	+68	28:4	Winner	
2012/13 Buducnost MNE	12	5	1	6	265:273	-8	11:13	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2013/14 Buducnost MNE	14	8	3	3	349:298	+51	19:9	Runner-up	
2014/15 Buducnost MNE	16	15	1	0	444:326	+118	31:1	Winner	
2015/16 Buducnost MNE	16	11	1	4	433:359	+74	23:9	Fourth Place	
2016/17 Buducnost MNE	16	11	0	5	444:391	+53	22:10	Fourth Place	
2017/18 Buducnost MNE	14	5	0	9	344:368	-24	10:18	1/4-finals	
2018/19 Buducnost MNE	14	6	1	7	330:345	-15	13:15	Quarter-final	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>6511:6186</b>	<b>+325</b>	<b>294:198</b>		



## Dragan Adzic

*coach*

- retired from playing due to injury in 1998
- spent 10 years as assistant coach at Buducnost before becoming head coach of both club and Montenegrin national team in 2010
- won CL in May 2012 and EHF EURO 2012 seven months later
- met his wife Timea when she came to the club as an interpreter for former coach Gyula Zsiga of Hungary

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015, Cup Winners' Cup 2010  
OG: S 2012, EHF EURO: G 2012

### **Newcomers:**

Jovanka Radicevic (CSM Bucuresti)  
Majda Mehmedovic (CSM Bucuresti)  
Sanja Vujovic (Siófok KC)  
Barbara Lazovic Varlec (CSM Bucuresti)  
Emily Stang Sando (København Håndbold)  
Jovana Ilic (Dubica)

### **Left the club:**

Katarina Bulatovic (Györi Audi ETO KC)  
Darly Zoqbi de Paula (CS Gloria 2018 Bistrița-Năsăud)  
Itana Grbic (CSM Bucuresti)  
Dijana Ujkic (CS Măgura Cisnădie)  
Ivona Pavicevic (Corona Braşov)  
Cristina Laslo (Corona Braşov)  
Anastasia Suslova (Zvezda Zvenigorod)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
40	Anastasija	Babovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	13/12/2000	Podgorica, MNE	178
34	Tatjana	Brnovic	MNE	Line Player	09/11/1998	Cetinje, MNE	183
37	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Wing	09/12/1996	Cetinje, MNE	168
14	Katarina	Dzaferovic	MNE	Right Back	14/07/2002	Podgorica, MNE	182
21	Ivana	Godec	MNE	Line Player	11/05/2001	Podgorica, MNE	175
44	Jovana	Ilic	BIH	Centre Back	19/07/2001	Bosanska Dubica, BIH	176
9	Djurdjina	Jaukovic	MNE	Left Back	24/02/1997	Niksic, MNE	185
8	Branka	Konatar	MNE	Left Wing	02/11/1999	Podgorica, MNE	170
15	Barbara	Lazovic	SLO	Right Back	04/01/1988	Brezice, SLO	183
77	Majda	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	25/05/1990	Bar, MNE	169
10	Matea	Pletikotic	CRO	Centre Back	24/04/1998	Sinj, CRO	168
13	Andrijana	Popovic	MNE	Left Back	20/04/2002	Niksic, MNE	185
27	Sanja	Premovic	MNE	Right Back	27/11/1992	Berane, MNE	175
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right Wing	23/10/1986	Podgorica, MNE	169
90	<b>C Milena</b>	<b>Raicevic</b>	<b>MNE</b>	<b>Centre Back</b>	<b>12/03/1990</b>	<b>Podgorica, MNE</b>	<b>178</b>
1	Marina	Rajcic	MNE	Goalkeeper	24/08/1993	Podgorica, MNE	178
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28/11/1996	Berane, MNE	182
89	Emliy Stang	Sando	NOR	Goalkeeper	08/03/1989	Tønsberg, NOR	180
11	Sanja	Vujovic	SRB	Left Back	25/05/1987	Beograd, SRB	181



### Marina Rajcic

#### goalkeeper

 @marina\_rajcic

- returned to Buducnost in the summer of 2018 after three seasons with Metz in France
- followed her sister Olivera Vukcevic (now Erd, Hungary) to Metz in the summer of 2015 after winning the CL again with Buducnost
- made national team debut aged 16 and, at 18, was youngest player at 2012 Olympics
- best young player in Montenegro in 2010, and best goalkeeper of Junior WCh the same year when she won bronze with Montenegro

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015, Cup Winners' Cup 2010

EURO: G 2012, OG: S 2012



### Majda Mehmedovic

#### left wing

 @majdam77

- started playing handball in Buducnost, but left for CSM in 2016, made an anticipated comeback to where it all started in the summer of 2019
- likes dancing and would like Kate Winslet to play her role in a hypothetical movie about her life
- named the best left wing at the EHF EURO 2018

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015

EHF EURO: G 2012, OG: S 2012



### Djurdjina Jaukovic

#### left back

- started with handball aged nine in her home town Niksic, thanks to her father Jovo, former president of Sutjeska
- joined Buducnost in 2013 aged 15, but was on loan in Danilovgrad for two years
- named best young player in Montenegro twice (2014, 2015)
- scored four goals on her CL debut against Sävehof in 2015/16
- top scorer (71) and MVP of W19 EHF EURO 2015, scored 31 goals in nine games at her first WCh, in 2015 in Denmark



### Milena Raicevic

#### left back

- sister Dragana also plays handball, brother Ivan is a professional football player
- won gold at EHF EURO 2012, and silver at London Olympics in 2012
- recorded the most assists (29) and finished as joint top scorer (41 goals, alongside Anita Görbicz) at EHF EURO 2012
- voted Player of the Year in Montenegro twice, and Best Young Player in CL 2012





**Sanja Vujovic (née Damnjanovic)**

@sanjadamnjanovic

**centre back**

- her parents wanted her to become a dancer, but when she was 12 she stopped dancing and started playing handball, her dream sport
- married to Stevan Vujovic, a playmaker, who currently plies his trade for HC Motor Zaporozhye and for the Montenegro national team
- did not play handball for more than a year before signing a one-year contract with Buducnost this summer
- best left back at the EHF EURO 2012 and at the World Championships 2013

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014  
WCh: S 2013



**Tatjana Brnovic**

@tbrnovic34

**line player**

- scored 34 goals in her debut season in the CL in 2017/18, was named Rookie of the Main Round by ehfTV fans
- impressed during two-year spell at Danilovgrad, and came to Buducnost after Dragana Cvijic left the team
- first-choice line player for Buducnost as Ema Ramusovic is recovering from injury



**Barbara Lazovic**

@barbaralazovic

**right back**

- arrived in the summer of 2019 after one season with CSM Bucuresti
- until 2014 played only for Krim, apart from a year-long stint with Zajecar, Serbia
- afterwards spent four seasons with Vardar and won two bronze and two silver medals in the CL
- CL All-Star nominee in the 2015/16 season
- married to Vuk Lazovic, a handball player of Montenegro national team



**Jovanka Radicevic**

@jovankaradicevic4

**right wing**

- known for her energy and extreme passion on the court, is a leader by example and galvanises the whole team
- born and bred in Podgorica, started handball when she was only 12
- in 2019 made her comeback after nine years, when she played for Győr, Vardar and CSM Bucuresti, winning the CL once and losing three finals
- was the best right wing at the EHF EURO 2012, World Championships 2015

EC trophies: CL 2013  
EHF EURO: G 2012, OG: S 2012



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Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow

**Dark**

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GK shirt: yellow

# SG BBM Bietigheim



SG BBM Bietigheim can focus on their Champions League duties again after winning the closest race ever to the German Bundesliga title last season. Bietigheim and Thüringer HC both finished on 50 points (25 victories, one defeat) but the goal difference was in favour of Bietigheim (+233 vs +204). It allows the club to try to improve from last season's appearance in the Champions League, when they won the qualification tournament but went out after the group matches.

Reaching the main round of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 would be a proper way to say goodbye to coach Martin Albertsen, who will leave Bietigheim after four-and-a-half seasons to become director of the Swiss women's handball academy - alongside his job as national team coach of Switzerland.

The big advantage of Bietigheim is that the squad has hardly changed. Right wing and Swedish international Daniela Gustin has been replaced by young German prospect Amelie Berger, and Norwegian player Maren Nyland Aardahl will strengthen the defence, but the rest of the squad is the same like last year. This well-attuned team is capable of winning any group match: Valcea and Brest are new to them, Buducnost are familiar. A key factor will be the injury situation: in the 2018/19 season many leading players were out for a long time. If the core of the team remains fit, the main round should be within reach.

Germany's No. 1 goalkeeper Dinah Eckerle has constantly improved thanks to playing Champions League in the last six seasons. She is a cornerstone for the team, alongside the tall middle block of Luisa Schulze, Kim Naidzinavicius and Maren Nyland Aardahl.

While the efficiency from the wing positions has been too low sometimes, the back court axis is a true asset, with Polish record international Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc, Naidzinavicius and the highly experienced Dutch duo of Maura Visser and Laura van der Heijden. Another strong weapon is the counter-attack prowess of Antje Lauenroth.

**Playing hall**

**MHP Arena Ludwigsburg**  
Schwieberdinger Straße 30  
71636 Ludwigsburg  
Germany  
Capacity: 4,185

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3  
Main Round (1): 2017/18  
Group Matches (1): 2018/19

**Other**

EHF Cup: runners-up 2016/17, group phase 2018/19

German league: 2 title (2017, 2019)



**3** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**30** GOALS  
Most goals

**64** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	27:21 (12:10) v Buducnost MNE (h), 12.11.2017
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	21:34 (13:17) v Thüringer HC GER (h), 25.02.2018
<b>Longest winning run</b>	3 matches (22.10.2017 – 12.11.2017)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	3 matches (22.10.2017 – 12.11.2017) 3 matches (11.03.2018 – 14.10.2018)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	6 matches (19.11.2017 – 02.03.2018)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	6 matches (19.11.2017 – 02.03.2018)
<b>Most goals</b>	30 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 30:28W (h), 14.10.2018 30 v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN 33:30L (a), 04.11.2018
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	38 v HC Vardar MKD 26:38L (h), 04.02.2018
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	64 v HC Vardar MKD 26:38L (h), 04.02.2018
<b>Fewest goals</b>	21 v Metz Handball FRA 27:21W (a), 19.11.2017 21 v Thüringer HC GER 21:34L (h), 25.02.2018
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	21 v Buducnost MNE 27:21W (h), 12.11.2017
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	48 v Buducnost MNE 27:21W (h), 12.11.2017 48 v Metz Handball FRA 27:21W (a), 19.11.2017

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	12	4	0	8	296:342	-46	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2	
2018/19 SG BBM Bietigheim GER	6	1	1	4	162:182	-20	3:9	4th Gr. D	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>458:524</b>	<b>-66</b>	<b>11:25</b>		



## Martin Albertsen

*coach*

- previously coached Viborg, Randers and Leipzig before joining Bietigheim in December 2014 from Kobenhavn
- won the EHF Cup with Viborg in 2003/04
- cousin of triple Olympic champion Katrine Frøelund
- works as TV expert for TV2 at major events
- combines this job with coaching national Swiss team since 2017
- has his last season at Bietigheim ahead, will become head of the Swiss female handball academy in 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2004 (as coach)

### Newcomers:

Maren Nyland Aardahl (Byåsen HE)  
 Amelie Berger (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen)  
 Daphne Gautschi (Metz Handball)  
 Leonie Patorra (youth academy)

### Left the club:

Ines Ivancok (Bensheim/Auerbach)  
 Charris Rozemalen (Toulon St Cyr Handball, FRA)  
 Daniela Gustin (Hoersens HK, DEN)  
 Anja Hoekstra (retired)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
6	Maren	Aardahl	NOR	Line Player	02/03/1994	Trondheim, NOR	180
16	Joelle	Arno	GER	Goalkeeper	12/02/2001	Spaichingen, GER	175
8	Amelie	Berger	GER	Right Wing	22/07/1999	Tübingen, GER	170
34	Kim	Braun	GER	Left Wing	06/02/1997	Eupen, BEL	175
12	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16/10/1995	Leonberg, GER	174
17	Daphne	Gautschi	SUI	Left Back	09/07/2000	Muri, SUI	171
14	Karolina	Kudlacz-Gloc	POL	Left Back	17/01/1985	Wabrzezno, POL	178
4	Ann	Kynast	GER	Right Wing	06/06/2001	Ludwigsburg, GER	174
5	Antje	Lauenroth	GER	Line Player	03/10/1988	Hablensleben, GER	170
10	Anna	Loerper	GER	Centre Back	18/11/1984	Kempen, GER	165
26	Antje	Malestein	NED	Right Wing	31/01/1993	Spankenburg, NED	174
15	<b>C</b> Kim	Naidzinavicius	GER	Centre Back	06/04/1991	Gelnhausen, GER	183
19	Leonie	Patorra	GER	Centre Back	26/07/2001	Esslingen, GER	174
23	Valentyna	Salamakha	AZE	Goalkeeper	23/04/1986	Kirovograd, UKR	176
13	Luisa	Schulze	GER	Line Player	14/09/1990	Altenburg, GER	190
11	Laura	Van der Heijden	NED	Right Back	27/06/1990	Amersfoort, NED	173
3	Maura	Visser	NED	Centre Back	01/06/1985	s-Gravenhage, NED	178
21	Fie	Woller	DEN	Left Wing	17/09/1992	Herning, DEN	171



### **Dinah Eckerle** **goalkeeper**

 @dinah\_12

- arrived in the summer of 2018 to succeed on Dutch goalkeeper Tess Wester
- previously played for German champions Thüringer HC and competed in her first CL match aged 17
- named best goalkeeper of the under-20 WCh 2014
- is the new No. 1 goalkeeper in the German national team



### **Fie Woller** **left wing**

 @fewoller

- arrived at Bietigheim in November 2016, replacing Brazilian player Fernanda da Silva
- started career aged 17 with FC Midtjylland; three-time Danish champion and cup winner with FCM, and took part in the EHF FINAL4 2014
- best young player in the CL 2011/12
- twin sister Cecille also played for Bietigheim but later joined Ajax Copenhagen
- shares the position with German talent Kim Braun

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2011, Cup Winners' Cup 2015



### **Kim Naidziniavicius** **left back**

 @kimjulia15

- team captain of Bietigheim and the German national team
- hit hard by injuries in the last seasons, was out for nine months after tearing ACL at WCh 2017, then had another knee injury in November 2018, missed the EHF EURO and was out for five months again
- arrived at Bietigheim for 2016/17 season after four years at Bayer Leverkusen
- ended 2016/17 as the third-best scorer of the German Bundesliga
- first played for German national team at age 21, was youngest member of team that won gold at under-20 WCh 2008



### **Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc** **left back / centre back**

 @karolina\_kudlacz\_gloc

- after more than 10 years with Leipzig, arrived at Bietigheim for 2017/18 season
- was reunited with coach Albertsen, whom she previously worked with at Leipzig
- team captain of Polish national team, who was nominated for IHF World Player award few years ago
- has a degree in clinical psychology
- started practicing again only three months after giving birth to her son Jakob



**Anna Loerper**  
**centre back**

@anna\_loerper

- joined the club midway through the 2017/18 season
- played for Leverkusen, Oldenburg, Holstebro and Metzgingen before
- voted German player of the year twice, in 2015 and 2016
- was captain of the German national team but ended her international career after 246 matches

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013, Challenge Cup 2005  
WCh: B 2007



**Luisa Schulze**  
**line player**

@luisa\_schulze3313

- signed by Bietigheim for 2016/17, having played for HC Leipzig since age 16
- at 1.90 m, tallest player of the squad at both club and national team
- went through all YAC national teams and is a regular in senior team but was overlooked for EHF EURO 2016
- best defence player of W19 EHF EURO 2009
- did not miss any national team match since Henk Groener is the coach



**Laura van der Heijden**  
**right back**

- club's biggest signing of the last years, arriving from Hungarian CL quarter-finalists FTC in 2018
- previously played for Esbjerg, Oldenburg and VOC Amsterdam
- gave debut for Dutch national team at age 17
- was top scorer and All-star right back of the under-20 WCh 2010

EURO: S 2016, B 2018, WCh: S 2015, B 2017



**Angela Malestein**  
**right wing**

@angelamalestein  
 @MalesteinAngela

- All-star Team member of W19 EHF EURO 2011, first played in Dutch team at age 16
- played for VOC Amsterdam and Dalfsen before moving to German side Blomberg at age 19 in 2012
- played her first major tournament at the EHF EURO 2010
- was first Dutch player at Bietigheim when she arrived in 2014
- shares the position now with new arrival and German international Amelie Berger

EURO: S 2016, B 2018, WCh: S 2015, B 2017

## GROUP C

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**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: pink  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: white

**Dark**

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: pink

# Brest Bretagne Handball



Last season, their second in the EHF Champions League, Brest Bretagne Handball made their debut in the main round to improve from their 2017/18 season, when the French side went out of the group matches with six straight losses.

Approaching the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20, Brest would like to do a little bit better again, without putting too much pressure on their players. After signing many top players in the last few seasons, including the likes of Allison Pineau and Isabelle Guldén, the staff has decided to draft players with no or hardly any Champions League experience this time. Depending less on individuals and putting more emphasis on team play might be a smart move for the club, which had to deal with some internal problems in the second part of last season.

After giving birth in July, Isabelle Guldén is on her way back, though she is not expected to be playing again until mid-fall. Goalkeeper Cléopatre Darleux and centre back Elodie Le Calvé will not return before the start of 2020. The club has meanwhile signed a third goalkeeper for the season.

Getting out of the group again will not be easy, according to new captain Coralie Lassource: "Buducnost, Bietigheim and Valcea are really strong European teams. We have six huge contests ahead of us and we need to win if we want to qualify for the main round." Coach Laurent Bezeau, however, looks one step further: "We want to qualify for the quarter-finals."

The Danish national team goalkeeper Sandra Toft will play her first season in France. But that does not seem to be a problem for her, judged by the first matches she has played in the Brest jersey. While Toft will be the No. 1 between the posts until early 2020, it will be interesting to see how she teams up with Cléopatre Darleux once the French national player has come back.

Even if they signed some of the best players in the world in recent years, Brest have always remained grounded. And it seems like newcomers, such as Coralie Lassource, fit right in: "Playing the Champions League, as a player, is like the Holy Grail. But it also shows that the club counts in Europe. We are lucky to play the competition, we will give our best to make it worth."

**Playing hall**

**Arena Brest**  
140 Boulevard de Plymouth  
29200 Brest  
France  
Capacity: 4,077

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 3  
Main Round (1): 2018/19  
Group Matches (1): 2017/18

**Other**

EHF Cup: quarter-finals 2016/17

French league: 1 title (2012)  
French cup: 2 titles (2016, 2018)



**4** MATCHES  
Longest unbeaten run

**39** GOALS  
Most goals

**66** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	27:39 (16:19) v IK Sävehof SWE (a), 21.10.2018
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	39:26 (17:13) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.03.2019
<b>Longest winning run</b>	2 matches (21.10.2018 – 04.11.2018)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	4 matches (13.10.2018 – 10.11.2018)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	7 matches (07.10.2017 - 06.10.2018)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	8 matches (07.10.2017 - 13.10.2018)
	8 matches (10.11.2018 – 10.03.2019)
<b>Most goals</b>	39 v IK Sävehof SWE 27:39W (a), 21.10.2018
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	39 v Metz Handball FRA 39:26L (a), 03.03.2019
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	66 v IK Sävehof SWE 27:39W (a), 21.10.2018
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:17L (a), 18.11.2017
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	22 v Buducnost 22:22D (h), 10.03.2019
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	44 v Buducnost 22:22D (h), 10.03.2019

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	6	0	0	6	132:157	-25	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2018/19 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	2	3	7	326:350	-24	7:17	6th MR Gr. 1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>458:507</b>	<b>-49</b>	<b>7:29</b>		





### Laurent Bezeau

*coach*

- helped Brest become the first ever second-division club to win the French cup
- arrived at Brest in 2009, left three years later to coach the Tunisian national team but returned to the club in 2013
- generally regarded the key factor behind the club's success in recent seasons

#### **Newcomers:**

Kalidiatou Niakaté (Nantes)  
 Shenja Minevskaja  
 Monika Kobylinska (both Metzingen)  
 Coralie Lassource (Erd)  
 Laurie Carretero-Fontaine (Bourg de Péage)  
 Sandra Toft (Esbjerg)  
 Gaëlle Le Hir (from amateur ranks).

#### **Left the club:**

Marie Prouvensier (Nice)  
 Allison Pineau (Paris)  
 Jovana Stojkovic (Chambray)  
 Maud-Eva Copy (Bourg de Péage)  
 Filipa Idehn (Silkeborg)  
 Melanie Bak (Bourg de Péage)  
 Marion Limal (retired)  
 Elodie Le Calve (retired)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
55	Pauline	Coatanea	FRA	Right Wing	06/07/1993	Saint-Renan, FRA	165
16	Cleopatre	Darleux	FRA	Goalkeeper	01/07/1989	Mulhouse, FRA	176
33	Lauryn	Derrien	FRA	Centre Back	16/07/1999	Brest, FRA	166
14	Namizata	Fofana	MLI	Right Wing	01/01/2000	Daloa, CIV	170
12	Laurie	Fontaine	FRA	Goalkeeper	03/11/1995	Nimes, FRA	179
22	Pauletta	Foppa	FRA	Line Player	22/12/2000	Amilly, FRA	179
98	Berenice	Fraudin	FRA	Left Back	08/04/2002	Cherbourg-Octeville, FRA	188
6	Ana	Gros	SLO	Right Back	21/01/1991	Ljubljana, SLO	186
9	Isabelle	Gulldén	SWE	Centre Back	29/06/1989	Sävedalen, SWE	178
63	Eva	Jarrige	FRA	Right Back	17/02/2000	Clermont Ferrand, FRA	182
8	Monika	Kobylińska	POL	Right Back	09/04/1995	Zary, POL	177
11	Amandine	Lagattu	FRA	Left Wing	10/02/1999	Brest, FRA	168
10	<b>C</b> Coralie	Lassource	FRA	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Maisons-Laffitte, FRA	168
5	Gaelle	Le Hir	FRA	Line Player	27/05/1990	Brest, FRA	176
30	Klervi	Le Scanf	FRA	Left Back	29/11/2001	Brest, FRA	186
99	Marta	Mangué	ESP	Left Back	23/04/1983	Las Palmas, ESP	171
35	Petra	Marinovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	29/06/2001	Split, CRO	178
2	Constance	Mauny	FRA	Left Wing	17/12/1998	Chambray les Tours, FRA	172
13	Evgenija	Minevskaja	GER	Left Back	31/10/1992	Minsk, BLR	183
15	Kalidiatou	Niakate	FRA	Left Back	15/03/1995	Aubervilliers, FRA	177
20	Sladana	Pop-Lazic	SRB	Line Player	26/07/1988	Belgrade, SRB	178
78	Sandra	Pouchart	FRA	Goalkeeper	29/11/1978	Landivisiau, FRA	180
1	Agathe	Quiniou	FRA	Goalkeeper	31/10/2000	Brest, FRA	178
7	Milijana	Stosic	SRB	Line Player	23/07/2001	Beograd, SRB	178
4	Amandine	Tissier	FRA	Centre Back	10/09/1993	Sable-Sur-Sarthe, FRA	179
89	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18/10/1989	Gribskov, DEN	177
3	Alicia	Toublanc	FRA	Right Wing	03/05/1996	Saint-Brieuc, FRA	169
29	Aminata	Wague	FRA	Goalkeeper	30/12/1998	Saint-Brieuc, FRA	177



**Sandra Toft**  
**goalkeeper**

 @SandraToft89  
 @sandratoft89

- her 25th birthday on 18 October 2014 marked her debut in the CL (against Metz)
- reached the CL final in 2015 with Larvik
- joined Brest in the summer of 2019 after playing for two seasons for Team Esbjerg
- played the EHF Cup final in 2019, but lost to Hungarian side Siofok
- broke her neck and back in a car accident in 2009. Was close to being paralysed from the neck down but was actually back on the court withing six months

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



**Coralie Lassource**  
**left wing**

 @lassourcecoralie

- back in France after playing for two seasons in Erd, Hungary
- started playing handball in Issy-Paris, a club her younger sister Deborah plays for
- known for her defensive abilities, able to defend on the backcourt position
- once a regular fixture in the French team, she has lost her place for the last two seasons, but her signing to Brest could bring her back in
- almost played the 2016 Olympics but had to give them up to a last-minute injury



**Kalidiatou Niakaté**  
**left back**

 @kalidiatouniakate

- just as Coralie Lassource, she started her professional career in Issy-Paris, where they played together for three seasons
- has not played handball since February, due to a knee injury, but she should be fit for the start of the season
- once a player who almost only played in defence, she made huge progress on the other side of the court during her two seasons in Nantes

EURO: G 2018, WCh: G 2017



**Isabelle Guldén**  
**centre back**

 @bellagullden

- joined Brest in 2018, the fourth club in her career after Sävehof, Viborg and CSM
- her uncle, Christer, was an Olympic wrestler, who came close to bronze in 1988; her boyfriend, Swedish goalkeeper Linus Persson, is Brest's goalkeepers' coach
- scored all 27 goals from as many penalty throws at the EHF EURO 2014
- MVP and top scorer (58 goals) of EHF EURO 2014; top scorer of CL 2015/16 (108)
- gave birth to her son in July, should be back on the court for the season's start

EC trophies: CL 2016, Cup Winners' Cup 2014 EURO: S 2010, B 2014



**Pauletta Foppa**

 @pauletta.sorea

**line player**

- one of the youngest players to make a debut in the French national team, played her first game in November 2018, while she was not even 18
- one of the biggest prospects in France on the line player position
- despite being that young, she already knows what it feels like to win a gold medal as was part of the team that won the EHF EURO 2018

EURO: G 2018



**Sladjana Pop-Lazic**

 @poplazicsladjana

**line player**

- joined Brest in 2017 and extended her contract for three more years in 2019
- first arrived in France in 2012, played in Besançon for three seasons before joining Metz in 2015, and played in the CL for the first time in 2016/17
- scored 39 CL goals for Metz in 2016/17 and topped that in 2018/19 with Brest (46)
- coach Laurent Bezeau sees her as one of the best line players in the French league



**Ana Gros**

 @anagros6

**right back**

- after playing for Győr, Krim, THC and Metz, joined Brest in the summer of 2018
- reached CL Final with Győr in 2012, and made it to the quarter-finals with Metz in the last two seasons
- despite being approached by many important clubs around Europe, decided to stay in France, a country she calls “her second home”
- had her most productive CL season in 2016/17, with 84 goals and despite Brest not reaching the quarter-finals, Gros finished fourth in the 2018/19 CL with 76 goals



**Pauline Coatanéa**

 @pcoatanea\_55

**right wing**

- one of the top players to have joined Brest from Nantes in the summer of 2017, alongside Jovana Stoiljkovic
- born in Brest, she moved to Nantes in 2012 before returning to her hometown, where her family live
- was elected best right wing of the Junior WCh 2012
- made her national team debut in March 2017

EURO: G 2018

# Group D preview



## THE CHAMPIONS, TWO FAMILIAR CLUBS AND A ROOKIE

To win the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League is one of the biggest challenges for any handball club. To repeat the success is even bigger. Győr rewrote the history books in May 2019 and became the first team to win the title three seasons in a row. Krim will try to reach the main round as they did in 2018/19. Sävehof chase international success after winning the Swedish league for the 12th time in the past 14 years. And Most join Europe's top competition for the first time after winning the qualification tournament they hosted.

### Titleholders Győr look as strong as ever

Győri Audi ETO KC are again the titleholders and the squad is still one of the strongest in Europe. Coach Gábor Danyi, now in his second season, got the newcomers he wished for. In Danyi's game style, running and fast breaks are crucial. Even though a string of big names left the club, including Nycke Groot and Nora Mørk, there is no reason to believe the Hungarian side has got any weaker. As Katarina Bulatovic, Amanda Kurtovic, Beatrice Edwige and Estelle Nze Minko joined the club, Győr are now ready to play the current coach's style. Their biggest challenger might be themselves, finding the motivation throughout a whole season.

### Krim finally want to relive the glorious old days

In recent season, Krim have been struggling to get close to their old days, when the Slovenian side was considered one of the best clubs in Europe. Now, the plan for the season is to be as competitive as possible, with the fighting spirit never dying. The squad went through a huge change - Tjasa Stanko and Lamprini Tsakalou left for Podravka Vegeta and Misa Marincek Ribelz retired. However, there is a core of Slovenian national team players, including Nina Zulic, Alja Koren and Tamara Mavsar, who lead the team to the main round. Krim can fully focus on their European adventure, as they are hardly challenged in the Slovenian domestic league, which they won 24 times in the last 26 years.

### Youngsters guide Sävehof back into Europe's top flight

A very young squad has brought IK Sävehof back to the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League after two years, by winning the domestic title. The Swedish side relies on mostly local, young players, with added experience coming in from several Danish teammates. In Partille, which is the hometown of Sävehof, handball comes first. The neighbourhood of Gothenburg has a population of 30,000, and the 4,100-capacity arena is usually sold out when Sävehof play at home. By the way, Sävehof's men's team is also playing at the top European level, the VELUX EHF Champions League, this season.

**Most want to make the most of their opportunity**

Even before throw-off, the 2019/20 season is historical for DHK Banik Most. Qualifying for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League is the club's biggest success. The 'Black Angles' won the qualification tournament they hosted in Most in early September, seeing off Rocasa Gran Canaria in the semi-final and Kastamonu Beledyeyisi GSK in the final.

*Béla Müller***Group D head-to-heads****Historic encounters of the Group D opponents in the EC****Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator 15-3-0 (547:429) 33:3**

13.01.2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts vs Györi Graboplast ETO, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:27 (11:15)
28.01.2001	Györi Graboplast ETO vs RK Krim Neutro Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	21:21 (7:13)
07.02.2009	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:35 (15:15)
15.03.2009	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	34:33 (19:13)
06.02.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:23 (11:14)
13.03.2010	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	24:24 (10:11)
23.10.2010	RK Krim vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:34 (14:19)
20.11.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:21 (11:9)
28.10.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	20:31 (9:12)
03.11.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:22 (16:9)
16.02.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:24 (14:12)
01.03.2014	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	22:24 (14:14)
28.01.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	39:22 (20:9)
25.02.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	17:34 (10:18)
10.02.2018	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	21:32 (12:15)
10.03.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	34:25 (17:12)
06.10.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	39:23 (18:9)
10.11.2018	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	23:32 (10:16)

**Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof 4-0-0 (131:88) 8:0**

26.10.2014	IK Sävehof vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	21:38 (8:20)
23.11.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	35:23 (16:14)
17.01.2016	IK Sävehof vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	18:26 (6:13)
19.02.2016	Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	32:26 (19:14)

**RK Krim Mercator vs IK Sävehof 3-2-1 (172:162) 8:4**

27.10.2007	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:31 (14:17)
05.01.2008	RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:24 (13:13)
05.10.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	36:28 (14:12)
10.11.2013	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	25:25 (16:13)
29.10.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:29 (20:10)
05.11.2016	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:24 (12:11)

**Györi Audi ETO KC vs DHK Banik Most****RK Krim Mercator vs DHK Banik Most****IK Sävehof vs DHK Banik Most**

No previous encounters in European competition

## GROUP D

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**Kit colours****Light**

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Player short: white  
GK shirt: red

**Dark**

Player shirt: green  
Player short: green  
GK shirt: blue, black

# Györi Audi ETO KC



It seems nothing can end Györi Audi ETO KC's reign, as they claimed their fifth Champions League title with a confident performance in the 2018/19 season. Yet in this brand-new chapter, with a slightly but noticeably different roster, coach Gabor Danyi has to bring life into his vision as he builds a new team.

The Hungarian champions will also face some tough battles in the domestic league, as FTC and Siófok are eager to finally overcome Europe's top club. All in all, Györ cannot take their supremacy for granted.

Many key players left Györ this off-season. Nycke Groot was one of the toughest and most passionate leaders of the team, in good and bad times. Zsuzsanna Tomori was valuable for her experience as well as her defence, and – when she was not injured – Nora Mørk also added her strength to the playing style of the record Hungarian champions.

Now, Gabor Danyi has to bring his magic. There are some changes to the list of ingredients for success, so the biggest task for the head coach is how to combine these new styles and qualities to create a promising end product.

Beatrice Edwige, Katarina Bulatovic, Amanda Kurtovic and Estelle Nze Minko look just as good on the list as their predecessors. The only question is how long it will take for them and Danyi to form a team. The freshly acquired players represent a distinct character – Danyi's vision is to run as much as they can, while letting each player have time to rest so they can avoid major injuries. Last season, this mentality paid off and steered Györ to success. Danyi knows that it takes time and energy to build a new team, especially when the expectations are as high as ever.

A bastion in defence and an amazon in attack, Eduarda Amorim is unquestionably one of the leaders of the team. A great mind with plenty of experience and an enviable attitude towards the game. The Brazilian star have proven many times that she can get things done when no one else can.

**Playing hall**

AUDI Arena Györ  
Toth Laszlo utca 1  
9027 Györ  
Hungary  
Capacity: 5,250

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 17  
Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19  
Runners-up (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16  
Semi-finals (4): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11  
Quarter-finals (1): 2014/15  
Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06  
Qualification (1): 2004/05

**Other**

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2005/06, Semi-final 2002/03  
EHF Cup: Runners-up 1998/99, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05  
Hungarian league: 15 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
Hungarian cup: 14 titles





**16** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**41** GOALS  
Most goals

**73** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	37:16 (17:9) v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT (h), 08.11.2015
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	39:28 (20:12) v Spartak Kiev UKR (a), 17.02.2001
<b>Longest winning run</b>	16 matches (05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	25 matches (05.02.2018 – 12.05.2019)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	3 matches (11.02.2001 – 07.01.2006)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	4 matches (28.01.2001 – 07.01.2006) 4 matches (20.03.2011 – 02.10.2011)
<b>Most goals</b>	41 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 41:22W (h), 05.10.2013
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	39 v Spartak Kiev UKR 39:28L (a), 17.02.2001
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	73 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 33:40W (a), 13.01.2008
<b>Fewest goals</b>	18 v Larvik NOR 18:24L (h), 20.03.2011 18 v WHC Vardar SCBT 24:18L (a), 04.04.2015
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	14 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	34 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2000/01 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN	6	1	2	3	156:168	-12	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2005/06 Györi ETO Kezilabda Club HUN	6	3	0	3	154:169	-15	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2006/07 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	10	6	0	4	291:267	+24	12:8	1/2-finals	
2007/08 Györi Audi ETO HUN	14	11	0	3	415:366	+49	22:6	1/2-finals	
2008/09 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	11	1	4	454:415	+39	23:9	Runner-up	
2009/10 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	8	2	4	355:337	+18	18:10	1/2-finals	
2010/11 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	387:334	+53	21:7	1/2-finals	
2011/12 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	16	10	1	5	472:422	+50	21:11	Runner-up	
2012/13 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	15	0	1	435:346	+89	30:2	Winner	
2013/14 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	12	2	0	408:337	+71	26:2	Winner	
2014/15 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	385:313	+72	21:7	1/4-finals	
2015/16 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	12	1	3	436:357	+79	25:7	Runner-up	
2016/17 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	13	1	2	481:390	+91	27:5	Winner	
2017/18 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	0	2	442:365	+77	28:4	Winner	
2018/19 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	2	0	521:406	+115	30:2	Winner	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5792:4992</b>	<b>+800</b>	<b>314:94</b>		



## Gábor Danyi

*coach*

- became head coach in 2018 to replace Ambros Martín, who joined Rostov-Don
- born in Pécs, joined Győr in 2011 as an assistant coach, working with Csaba Konkoly, Karl Erik Böhn and Ambros Martín
- previously coached the women's and men's teams of Pécs in the Hungarian league
- assistant coach of the youth and junior national team of Hungary several times between 2001 and 2013

EC trophies: CL 2019

### Newcomers:

Katarina Bulatovic (Buducnost)  
 Amanda Kurtovic (CSM Bucuresti)  
 Dorottya Faluvégi (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)  
 Beatrice Edwige (Metz Handball)  
 Estelle Nze Minko (Siófok KC)

### Left the club:

Nora Mörk (CSM Bucuresti)  
 Tomori Zsuzsanna (Siófok KC)  
 Crina Pintea (CSM Bucuresti)  
 Nycke Groot (Odense)  
 Sara Afentaler (Fehérvár KC – on loan)  
 Tamara Pál (MTK Budapest – on loan)  
 Emőke Varga (Fehérvár KC)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
18	Eduarda	Amorim Taleska	BRA	Left Back	23/09/1986	Blumenau, BRA	186
33	Bernadett	Bodi	HUN	Right Wing	09/03/1986	Szeged, HUN	175
7	Kari Skaar	Brattset	NOR	Line Player	15/02/1991	Fredrikstad, NOR	183
32	Katarina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Back	15/11/1984	Kragujevac, MNE	186
2	Beatrice	Edwige	FRA	Line Player	03/10/1988	Paris, FRA	182
48	Dorottya	Faluvegi	HUN	Right Wing	31/03/1998	Budapest, HUN	170
20	Johanna	Farkas	HUN	Centre Back	19/02/2002	Sárvár, HUN	166
23	Csenge	Fodor	HUN	Left Wing	23/04/1999	Keszthely, HUN	174
13	C Anita	Görbicz	HUN	Centre Back	13/05/1983	Veszprem, HUN	174
85	Kari Aalvik	Grimsbø	NOR	Goalkeeper	04/01/1985	Bergen, NOR	180
8	Anne Mette	Hansen	DEN	Left Back	25/08/1994	Glostrup, DEN	177
73	Eva	Kiss	HUN	Goalkeeper	10/07/1987	Debrecen, HUN	189
3	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22/06/1989	Praha, CZE	167
21	Veronica	Kristiansen	NOR	Left Back	10/07/1990	Stavanger, NOR	175
5	Laura	Kürthi	HUN	Right Back	16/03/2002	Győr, HUN	180
24	Amanda	Kurtovic	NOR	Right Back	25/07/1991	Karlskrona, SWE	176
12	Amandine	Leynaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	02/05/1986	Aubenas, FRA	178
1	Zsuzsanna	Nemeth	HUN	Goalkeeper	10/08/2002	Szombathely, HUN	172
27	Estelle	Nze Minko	FRA	Centre Back	11/08/1991	St-Sébastien-sur-Loire, FRA	176
15	Stine Bredal	Oftedal	NOR	Centre Back	25/09/1991	Oslo, NOR	168
57	Szidonia	Puhalak	HUN	Left Wing	05/07/1996	Szeged, HUN	177
16	Nikolett	Tothova	SVK	Goalkeeper	14/12/2001	Komarno, SVK	192
19	Diana	Vilagos	HUN	Line Player	01/03/2002	Győr, HUN	169



### Kari Aalvik Grimsbo

 @aalvikgrimsbo

#### goalkeeper

- joined Györ from Danish Team Esbjerg during the 2014/15 season
- started her career at the age of five, had her debut for Byasen in the Norwegian league at the age of 17
- one of three outstanding goalkeepers in Györ's squad, alongside Eva Kiss and newcomer Amandine Leynaud

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019

OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016, WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2007, 2017, B 2009, EURO: G 2006, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2016



### Amandine Leynaud

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#### goalkeeper

- joined Györ from Vardar in the summer of 2018
- was one of the crucial players for Vardar in five seasons since 2013
- CL All-star Team nominee in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18
- before winning the CL with Györ in 2019, she came close, but never won the CL with Vardar: they finished runners-up twice and placed third three times

EC trophies: CL 2019

OG: S 2016, WCh: G 2017, S 2009, S 2011, EURO: G 2018, B 2016



### Anita Görbicz

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#### left wing/centre back

- passed the 800-goal milestone in the CL in 2016/17
- World Handball Player of Year in 2005, but won first CL title only eight years later
- top scorer in CL in 2011/12, voted best centre back at three WCh in a row (2003-07)
- missed most of 2014/15 due to maternity leave, but returned strongly in 2016/17 and was leading player in Györ's third CL title in five years
- CL All-star left wing nominee in 2017/18

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019

WCh: S 2003, B 2005, EHF EURO: B 2004, 2012



### Eduarda Amorim Taleska

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#### left back

- World Player of the Year in 2014, first arrived in Europe from her native Brazil in 2006, joining Kometal Skopje
- moved to Györ in 2009, became one of the leaders in the defence
- All-star left back at WCh 2013 and CL 2013/14, and All-star defender in CL 2015/16 and 2016/17

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019

WCh: G 2013, Pan-American Games: G 2003, 2007, 2011, 2019



## Veronica Kristiansen

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### centre back

- joined Györ from Midtjylland in the summer of 2018
- sister Jeanette is also playing in the CL, with Norwegian side Vipers Kristiansand
- usually called 'Vicky,' she is a versatile playmaker with a fine eye for her teammates and good at making herself dangerous, too
- Midtjylland was her first foreign club after playing for four different Norwegian sides

EC trophies: CL 2019

OG: B 2016, EURO: G 2014, 2016, WCh: S 2017



## Beatrice Edwige

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### line player

- mainly a defensive specialist but also valuable player in attack
- branded by France national team coach Olivier Krumbholz as one of the five best defenders in the world, was crowned best defender at EHF EURO 2016
- left France after 15 seasons in the summer of 2019 to join the title holder

OG: S 2016, EURO: G 2018, B 2016, WCh: G 2017



## Kari Brattset

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### line player

- joined from Vipers Kristiansand in the summer of 2018; previously played for other Norwegian clubs Sarpsborg IL, Fredrikstad and Glassverket
- was part of the Norwegian team that won silver at the WCh 2017
- physically strong and efficient line player, also good in the defence
- All-star line player, Best Player and 'Fan's Favourite' of Norwegian league in 2018

EC trophies: CL 2019

WCh: S 2017



## Amanda Kurtovic

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### right back

- Olympic, EHF EURO and WCh gold medallist, also won the CL with Larvik in her teens
- her brother, William, plays football in Norway's first division, for Sandefjord
- born in Sweden, but left for Norway aged six as her father had to move
- her father, Marinko, is a handball coach with Norwegian men's team OIF Arendal
- joined to Györ during the summer from the Romanian powerhouse CSM Bucuresti

EC trophies: CL 2011

OG: G 2012, B 2016, EURO: G 2016, WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017

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**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: pink  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: green

**Dark**

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black

# RK Krim Mercator



An almost completely new-look RK Krim Mercator will embark on another European adventure this season. The two-time champions of the EHF Champions League are aiming to develop a team with 14 newcomers, with half of them coming from their own academy.

New team captain Polona Baric says that all three domestic titles will be a priority, but she also notes that Krim are very proud to participate in the Champions League.

“We have built the youngest team in the last 10 years - the average age is around 22 years old. We are glad and very proud to participate among the best teams in Europe for 25 years in a row. We will do our best to perform at the highest level possible to show that we deserve a spot among the best ones,” she said.

Krim will surely give it all to reach the main round, even with an inexperienced team. Whilst defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC are believed to be out of reach in Ljubljana, IK Sävehof and DHK Banik Most should be teams that the Slovenian champions can take on with more confidence.

Back in the glory days, only the best European players wore Krim’s jersey, alongside the best Slovenian players. Things have changed over the years – now the team from the Slovenian capital is searching for young talents from everywhere. Slovenians still form the core of the team and most try to make their way into the national squad. The team tries to play modern handball, and often delivers it.

**Playing hall**

**Sportna dvorana Kodeljevo**  
Gortanova 21  
1000 Ljubljana  
Slovenia  
Capacity: 2,400

**Past achievements****WOMEN’S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 25  
Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03  
Runners-up (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06  
Semi-final (1): 2012/13  
Quarter-final (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07  
Main Round (9): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19  
Last 16 (1): 1995/96  
Group Matches (4): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2015/16

**Other**

Champions Trophy: Winners 2002/03, 2003/04  
Cup Winners’ Cup: Semi-final 2015/16

Slovenian league: 24 titles (1995 – 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)

Slovenian cup: 26 titles



**6** MATCHES  
Longest winning run

**41** GOALS  
Most goals

**76** GOALS  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	36:12 (18:3) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 25.01.1997
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	39:20 (19:8) v Buducnost MNE (a), 15.03.2015
<b>Longest winning run</b>	6 matches (04.01.2003 – 22.02.2003) 6 matches (08.01.2005 – 19.02.2005)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	7 matches (20.02.2000 – 10.02.2001)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
<b>Most goals</b>	41 v H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33W (h), 13.01.2007
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	47 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	76 v Buducnost MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011 76 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
<b>Fewest goals</b>	15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	197:178	+19	8:8	1/4-finals	
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218	-8	8:8	1/4-finals	
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287	+11	13:11	Runner-up	
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146	+7	5:7	3rd Gr. B	
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270	+32	15:9	Winner	
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302	+55	20:4	Winner	
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309	+35	14:10	Runner-up	
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185	+37	14:2	1/4-finals	
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285	+27	16:8	Runner-up	
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231	+14	10:6	1/4-finals	
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	3rd Gr. B	
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386	-3	12:12	4th MR Gr. 2	
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334	+30	15:9	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356	+8	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312	-22	10:14	3rd MR Gr. 2	
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355	0	16:12	1/2-finals	
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295	+5	11:13	4th MR Gr. 2	
2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	2	0	10	305:374	-69	4:20	6th MR Gr. 1	
2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO	6	0	0	6	160:208	-48	0:12	4th Gr. A	
2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	0	8	294:345	-51	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2	
2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	1	7	301:335	-34	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1	
2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	2	7	297:328	-31	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>6376:6370</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>239:237</b>		





## Uros Bregar

*coach*

- took over as head coach of Krim at age 36
- started his coaching career as a 20-year-old, later mentored by Marta Bon, whom he succeeded at the helm of Krim in 2015
- was assistant coach to Indira Kastratovic at Vardar in 2013, before taking over at Hungarian side Vac
- also the current Slovenian women's national team coach
- expert in youth coaching, having worked with all Slovenian women's youth categories in the past

### Newcomers:

Ana Kojic (ZRK Bekament)  
 Manca Juric (ZRK Ajdovscina)  
 Nives Klobucar (ZRK Ivancic)  
 Harma van Kreijl (Borussia Dortmund)  
 Marianna Rebicova (Kisvardai KC)  
 Antonija Mamic (HC Lokomotiva Zagreb)  
 Yuliia Snopova (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK)  
 Iza Bon Brzin, Ema Abina, Hana Gjerek, Laura Cerovak,  
 Valentina Klemencic, Tjasa Polajnar Vesligaj,  
 Tija Gomilar Zickero (youth team)

### Left the club:

Sara Ristovska (CSKA Moscow)  
 Dora Krsnik (Handball Plan de Cuques)  
 Tjasa Stanko (HC Podravka Vegeta)  
 Lampirini Tsakalou (HC Podravka Vegeta)  
 Olga Perederiy (Metz Handball)  
 Amra Pandzic (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK)  
 Lea Krajnc (RK Celje)  
 Misa Marincek (retired)  
 Ines Amon (retired)  
 Ana Zrimsek (retired)

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
8	Ema	Abina	SLO	Centre Back	18/02/1999	Ljubljana, SLO	169
13 C	Polona	Baric	SLO	Left Wing	15/05/1992	Izola, SLO	166
6	Iza	Bon Brzin	SLO	Left Wing	24/02/1999	Ljubljana, SLO	160
14	Laura	Cerovak	SLO	Left Back	06/09/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	187
12	Hana	Gjerek	SLO	Goalkeeper	17/04/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	186
26	Tija	Gomilar	SLO	Right Wing	12/05/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	168
3	Manca	Juric	SLO	Line Player	18/01/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	170
15	Valentina	Klemencic	SLO	Line Player	05/02/2002	Kranj, SLO	186
7	Nives	Klobucar	CRO	Right Back	06/12/1999	Vinkovci, CRO	182
2	Ana	Kojic	SRB	Right Wing	04/10/1997	Ub-Kalenic, SRB	165
19	Natasa	Ljepoja	SLO	Line Player	28/01/1996	Celje, SLO	183
21	Antonija	Mamic	AUT	Goalkeeper	26/06/1995	Vienna, AUT	186
8	Tamara	Mavsar	SLO	Left Wing	01/04/1991	Ljubljana, SLO	178
17	Tjasa	Polajnar Vesligaj	SLO	Left Back	12/02/1999	Ljubljana, SLO	177
10	Marianna	Rebicova	SVK	Left Back	15/08/1993	Michalovce, SVK	179
25	Yuliia	Snopova	UKR	Right Back	30/11/1985	Kherson, UKR	183
21	Harma	van Kreij	NED	Centre Back	11/11/1993	Venray, NED	173
20	Alja	Varagic	SLO	Left Back	11/12/1990	Celje, SLO	185
16	Maja	Vojnovic	SLO	Goalkeeper	26/01/1998	Novo Mesto, SLO	180
23	Hana	Vucko	SLO	Left Back	14/11/1998	Ljubljana, SLO	175
9	Nina	Zabjek	SLO	Centre Back	04/03/1998	Ljubljana, SLO	178
18	Nina	Zulic	SLO	Centre Back	04/12/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	169



### Antonija Mamic (née Curic)

#### goalkeeper

- despite being only 24, she will be among the oldest in the team
- Austrian-born goalkeeper previously played for HC Lokomotiva Zagreb
- also experienced the EHF Cup with WAT Atzgersdorf



### Tamara Mavsar

#### left wing

- born in Ljubljana, where she began her handball journey at Krim
- made her CL debut aged 17 and was named among the best up-and-coming CL players in 2012/13
- joined Vardar for one season (2016/17), reaching the CL final that year
- returned to Krim in the summer of 2017



### Polona Baric

#### left wing

- named best female player in Slovenia in 2015
- missed the WCH 2017 in Germany due to injury
- started with gymnastics but soon turned to handball under the supervision of father Tone Baric, a handball coach



### Marianna Rebicova

#### left back

- Slovak national team player transferred to Krim in 2019 from Hungarian club Kisvárdai KC
- another player without CL experience as her former club Iuventa Michalovce was eliminated three times in the qualification
- in the 2013/14 season scored 32 goals in the Women's EHF Cup with Iuventa
- played against Krim in the past as a player of Iuventa, when they met in the 2016/17 CL qualification





**Nina Zulic**  
**centre back**

- No. 1 playmaker in the national team, going into her seventh CL season with Krim
- scored a personal best 19 goals during Krim's 2017/18 CL campaign
- can set a fast pace of the game, especially alongside Tjasa Stanko
- her father, Samir Zulic, was a professional football player, also in the national team



**Harma van Kreijl**  
**centre back**

- gained experience and improved her game playing for Borussia Dortmund
- Dutch player with good defensive skills
- left Borussia Dortmund to play in the CL for the first time in the 2019/20 season



**Alja Varagic (née Koren)**  
**right back**

- had her first CL experience with Celje in 2005/06
- first played for Krim from 2009-2012 before joining Erd in Hungary for two seasons
- made transition to right back before the 2014/15 season, can play various positions
- one of the most experienced players of the team
- in 2017/18 scored her all-time CL best 42 goals



**Yuliia Snopova**  
**right back**

- experienced journey-woman joined Krim in the summer of 2019 from Turkey's Kastamonu
- Slovenian champions are already her 10th club in the European club competitions
- apart from Turkey she also played in Slovakia (Iuventa Michalovce), France (HAC Havre), Germany (Thüringer HC) and her mother land Ukraine (Kherson, Lviv, Kryvoy Roh)

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# IK Sävehof



IK Sävehof have been a dominant force in Swedish women handball for the past 15 years. Since 2006 the club has missed out on the league title just twice: in 2008 and 2017. So the Swedish champions are used to playing in the Champions League, even though they lose many players to bigger clubs every year.

This season IK Sävehof have to build a new team since four important players - Christina Elm, Olivia Mellegård, Elin Hallagård and Johanna Ahlm - have all left. Can Danish newcomers Ida Staxen Lagerbon and Trine Wacker Mortensen fill their spots in the squad, whose oldest player is just 25!

IK Sävehof aim a return to the main round, where they last played in the 2016/17 season.

Team captain Linnea Pettersson thinks: "The draw this year feels very inspiring. To meet the reigning champions Győr, who also are big favourites in the tournament, will obviously be tough but also very inspiring. The best way to develop as a team is to meet the absolute best. We have faced Krim a couple of times previous seasons and it has been tough, physical and even matches against them. The hope is to challenge them in order to bring points."

Ekenman-Fernis has been an important player for IK Sävehof for many years now. Even though she is only 22 years old, she already has three titles in the domestic league. Ekenman-Fernis has participated in 32 matches for her country and is known for her ability to score from both the wing and right back positions. She has seen many of her teammates leave for international clubs and maybe this season will be her last with IK Sävehof.

If IK Sävehof do well in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, they will have extra reason to celebrate in 2020: the club turns 70 next year.

There isn't one player in the IK Sävehof squad that was born in the 1980s. The oldest player is newcomer Ellinor Åström Nilsson - and she is only 25 years old.

**Playing hall**

Partille Arena  
Arenatorget 2  
43322 Partille  
Sweden  
Capacity: 4,500

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 11  
Main Round (4): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17  
Group Matches (4): 2007/08, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2018/19  
Qualification (2): 2006/07, 2011/12

**Other**

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16: 2011/12

Swedish league: 14 titles (1993, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2009-16, 2018-19)



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**MATCHES**  
Longest winning run

36

**GOALS**  
Most goals

70

**GOALS**  
Most goals both teams

## EHF Champions League club records

<b>Biggest win</b>	21:34 (10:17) v MKS Selgros Lublin POL (a), 30.10.2015
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	21:38 (8:20) v Györi Audi ETO KC (h), 26.10.2014
<b>Longest winning run</b>	3 matches (12.10.2013 – 03.11.2013)
<b>Longest unbeaten run</b>	4 matches (12.10.2013 – 10.11.2013)
<b>Longest losing run</b>	12 matches (12.01.2008 – 11.11.2012)
<b>Longest run without win</b>	15 matches (10.11.2013 – 06.02.2015)
<b>Most goals</b>	36 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007
<b>Most goals opponent</b>	39 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012
	39 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 27:39L (h), 21.10.2018
<b>Most goals both teams</b>	70 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007
	70 v Viborg HK DEN 37:33L (a), 14.11.2010
	70 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012
	70 v Larvik NOR 32:38L (h), 13.11.2016
<b>Fewest goals</b>	17 v Larvik NOR 25:17L (a), 14.03.2015
	17 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 17:28L (h), 23.10.2015
<b>Fewest goals opponent</b>	21 v MKS Selgros Lublin POL 21:34W (a), 30.10.2015
<b>Fewest goals both teams</b>	42 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 24:18L (a), 16.03.2014
	42 v Larvik NOR 25:17L (a), 14.03.2015

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2007/08 IK Sävehof SWE	6	1	1	4	172:191	-19	3:9	4th Gr. B	
2010/11 IK Sävehof SWE	6	0	0	6	163:212	-49	0:12	4th Gr. A	
2012/13 IK Sävehof SWE	6	1	0	5	174:192	-18	2:10	4th Gr. C	
2013/14 IK Sävehof SWE	12	3	3	6	318:339	-21	9:15	4th MR Gr. 1	
2014/15 IK Sävehof SWE	12	1	3	8	279:345	-66	5:19	5th MR Gr. 2	
2015/16 IK Sävehof SWE	12	3	0	9	286:331	-45	6:18	6th MR Gr. 2	
2016/17 IK Sävehof SWE	6	2	0	4	150:170	-20	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2018/19 IK Sävehof SWE	6	0	0	6	144:204	-60	0:12	4th Gr. B	
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1686:1984</b>	<b>-298</b>	<b>29:103</b>		



## Rasmus Overby

*coach*

 @RasmusOverby

- one of the youngest coaches in the CL became head coach in summer of 2018 but already worked as a coach at Sävehof's own academy
- replaced Henrik Signell, who wanted to focus entirely on his job as Swedish national coach and led his club to the championship title
- in his playing career, he was a centre back with various Danish league clubs, played in Viborg HK and FC Copenhagen, where he participated in the CL in every season from 2007 to 2010
- lives together with former Sävehof playmaker Johanna Ahlm and their son Theodor

### **Newcomers:**

Trine Wacker (TMS Ringsted)  
 Ida Lagerbom (Ringkøbing Håndbold)  
 Ellenor Nilsson Åström (VästeråsIrsta HF)  
 Sofie Börjesson (Kungälv's HK)  
 Ebba Hansen (Sävehof Academy)  
 Nora Lundell (Sävehof Academy)  
 Louise Rundqrantz (Sävehof Academy)

### **Left the club:**

Johanna Ahlm (retired)  
 Elin Hallagård (BK Heid)  
 Isabella Mouratidou (Lugi)  
 Olivia Mellegård (København Håndbold)  
 Christina Elm (Dijon Handball)  
 Ebba Lundstedt (Lugi)



## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
43	Agnes	Aseskog	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/12/2002	Göteborg, SWE	170
48	Thea	Blomst	SWE	Line Player	27/08/2002	Partille, SWE	170
1	Sofie	Börjesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	31/05/1997	Uddevalla, SWE	186
2	Lina	Cardell	SWE	Right Wing	19/02/2001	Skeda, SWE	166
17	Nina	Dano	SWE	Right Back	12/06/2000	Masthuggs, SWE	172
40	Johanna	Einarsson	SWE	Right Wing	22/05/2001	Nödinge, SWE	165
3	Emma	Ekenman-Fernis	SWE	Right Wing	24/07/1996	Stockholm, SWE	172
8	Johanna	Forsberg	SWE	Line Player	16/10/1995	Göteborg, SWE	177
15	Ella	Frykmer	SWE	Centre Back	13/02/1999	Nylöse, SWE	173
18	Ebba	Hansen	SWE	Centre Back	21/04/2000	Stockholm, SWE	174
13	Elin	Karlsson	SWE	Left Back	19/02/1999	Sävedalen, SWE	178
41	Nina	Koppang	SWE	Right Back	31/05/2002	Vadstena, SWE	177
7	Thess	Krönell	SWE	Line Player	30/05/1996	Umeå, SWE	177
16	Wilma	Kroon Andersson	SWE	Goalkeeper	14/07/1998	N Lundby, SWE	179
27	Ida Staxen	Lagerbon	DEN	Centre Back	12/05/1998	Næstved, DEN	174
44	Eline	Liljeros Heikka	SWE	Left Back	03/07/2002	Härryda, SWE	170
45	Kajsa	Lindberg Blohm	SWE	Right Back	09/09/2002	Lerum, SWE	170
5	Joanna	Lindvall-Haggren	SWE	Right Wing	28/06/1994	Göteborg, SWE	175
11	Amelia	Lundbäck	SWE	Centre Back	22/09/1998	Stensjön, SWE	175
20	Nora	Lundell	SWE	Line Player	24/04/2000	Johannes, SWE	179
6	Trine Wacker	Mortensen	DEN	Left Wing	14/09/1994	Ringsted, DEN	170
22	Ellinor	Nilsson Åström	SWE	Centre Back	05/02/1994	Västerås, SWE	176
10	Hanna	Örtorp	SWE	Left Wing	20/12/1997	Göteborg, SWE	163
14	C Linnea	Petterson	SWE	Left Back	28/07/1995	Kiruna, SWE	181
47	Maria	Rundcrantz	SWE	Centre Back	21/01/2001	Partille, SWE	170
31	Louise	Rundcrantz	SWE	Left Wing	05/03/2000	Partille, SWE	174
49	Cajsa	Sällström	SWE	Left Back	19/02/2001	Fors, SWE	170
46	Clara	Wolf	SWE	Goalkeeper	16/09/2002	Lerum, SWE	170



### **Sofie Börjesson** **goalkeeper**

- joined from Kungälv's HK in the summer of 2019
- replaced Danish star keeper Christina Elm who left the club to play for Dijon
- had her big breakthrough last season in Kungälv when she was one of the best goalkeepers in the domestic league



### **Trine Wacker** **left wing**

- joined from Danish side TMS Ringsted in the summer of 2019
- brought in to replace Swedish international Olivia Mellegård who left the club to play for København
- considered to be a great counter attack player with her speed and finesse
- averaged over 100 goals a season over the last few years



### **Ellinor Nilsson Åström** **left back**

- joined IK Sävehof in the summer of 2019 from Swedish team VästeråsIrsta
- replaces Elin Hallagård who has left the club to play in BK Heid
- played in VästeråsIrsta for many years and has always been a prolific scorer with a great shot



### **Linnea Pettersson** **centre back**

- born and raised in Kiruna in the northern parts of Sweden, moved to IK Sävehof when she was 16 years old
- had offers to move abroad after the 2018/19 season but ultimately decided to stay in Sävehof
- the team captain and that is easy to understand since Pettersson is a great leader both on and off the court

 @petterssonlinnea



**Johanna Forsberg**  
**line player**

- been with Sävehof all her handball life, except for two years
- played for league rivals BK Heid from 2015-17 before returning to Sävehof
- made debut in Swedish national team in June 2018
- a tall, physically strong and efficient line player who can play at both ends of the court
- Sävehof top scorer in the Swedish championship 2018/19



**Thess Krönell**  
**line player**

- joined Sävehof from Umeå IF in northern Sweden in 2012, but had to wait three years before making the league team
- played a total of 35 junior international games for Sweden
- a versatile line player and an excellent supplement to Johanna Forsberg



**Nina Dano**  
**right back**

- joined from Torslanda from the second division in the summer of 2018
- at age 19, has already played over 30 junior international games for Sweden
- regarded one of the biggest right back talents in Sweden at the moment
- possesses a good variety of left-hand shots

 @ninadano



**Emma Ekenman-Fernis**  
**right wing**

- joined Sävehof ahead of 2015/16 season from Spårvägen IF in Stockholm
- can also play on the right back position
- has been one of the club's best players in the last few years with her huge ability to score
- her original club was Rosersbergs IF in rural Roslagen in central Sweden
- was a key player for Sävehof in the 2016/17 season, also in the CL, despite missing a lot of court time due to injury

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GK shirt: red

**Dark**

Player shirt: black/orange  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue

# DHK Banik Most



It was easily the biggest achievement in the Czech club's history: in early September, DHK Banik Most hosted and won the qualification tournament for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 to enter Europe's top flight competition for the first time.

It was also the biggest success in the career of their new head coach, Jiri Tancos. The experienced coach, who had worked for 28 years in Germany, joined Most alongside assistant coach Ondrej Vaclavek in the summer of 2019. It was only the second women's team in Tancos' career, but it did not prevent him from leading Most past Rocasa Gran Canaria (28:21) in the semi-final and Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (35:33) in the final. To make things even better: the triumph came in Most's brand new playing hall. No wonder Most are proudly looking forward to their European adventure. They won the Challenge Cup in the past (2013) but have had only moderate success in the EHF Cup. And now they are suddenly here: on Europe's top level in women's club handball. They have been added to group D, where they will face experienced sides RK Krim Mercator and IK Sävehof, but also, above all, defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC.

"For most of the players it was a dream come true meeting Györ and enjoying the atmosphere in their arena," Most team captain Lucia Mikulcik says. "Krim and Sävehof are both great teams and we feel that those will be our opponents we will fight with to advance from the group."

While advancing to the main round is the obvious target of all 16 teams starting in the group matches, Most are pretty relaxed about their debut EHF Champions League season. "We are not considered as favourites, which does take pressure off our shoulders," says Mikulcik.

While Most will likely face an uphill task against their opponents, each with many Champions League seasons under their belt, they will try to stage a surprise here and there. An advantage is that their squad remained completely intact from last season, and got reinforcement from talented, 17-year-old right back Marie Polakova, a Czech youth international.



**Playing hall**  
Rocknet Arena Chomutov  
Mostecka 5900  
43001 Chomutov  
Czech Republic  
Capacity: 3,100

**Past achievements****WOMEN'S EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2019/20 season): 1

**Other**

EHF Cup: Group Phase 2017/18, Last 16  
2013/14

Challenge Cup: Winners 2012/13, Quarter-finals 2011/12

Czech league: 7 titles (2013-2019)

Czech cup: 5 titles

Czech-Slovak WHIL: 2 titles (2013, 2018)



## EHF Champions League club records

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

## Past seasons

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
N/A									



## Jiří Tancoš

*coach*

- started playing handball in Most, also played in Italy, France and Croatia
- spent 10 years in Germany as coach
- returned to Most as coach of the A team after 28 years
- upon his return he qualified into the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League – his biggest career achievement
- had an offer from Dukla Praha's men team but because of family chose Most to return close to his birthplace

### **Newcomers:**

Marie Polakova (Havlickuv Brod)  
Eva Bezpalcova (Balonmano Salud Tenerife)

### **Left the club:**

none

## Team roster

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
16	Eva	Bezpalcova	CZE	Goalkeeper	29/04/1990	Ceské Budejovice, CZE	187
8	Michaela	Borovska	CZE	Line Player	04/02/1990	Pisek, CZE	176
7	Veronika	Dvorakova	CZE	Centre Back	07/12/2000	Cheb, CZE	169
33	Tereza	Eksteinova	CZE	Right Back	11/03/1999	Plzen, CZE	168
13	Linda	Jungova	CZE	Right Back	12/11/1998	Most, CZE	169
81	Katarina	Kostelna	SVK	Centre Back	21/10/1998	Trencín, SVK	170
27	Alica	Kostelna	SVK	Left Back	25/04/1995	Zilina, SVK	183
48	Sara	Kovarova	CZE	Right Back	09/02/1999	Písek, CZE	175
55	Petra	Manakova	CZE	Right Back	08/02/1989	Roznov p. Radhostem, CZE	174
96	Veronika	Mikulaskova	CZE	Centre Back	16/10/2000	Olomouc, CZE	172
22	<b>C</b> Lucia	Mikulcik	SVK	Left Wing	22/06/1988	Trnava, SVK	164
31	Dominika	Müllnerova	CZE	Goalkeeper	26/03/1992	Usti nad Labem, CZE	170
74	Marie	Polakova	CZE	Right Back	29/07/2002	Havlickuv Brod, CZE	175
18	Veronika	Sipova	CZE	Left Back	21/03/2000	Litvínov, CZE	174
21	Adela	Srpova	CZE	Goalkeeper	11/07/2002	Ústí nad Labem , CZE	168
9	Adela	Striskova	CZE	Left Wing	14/12/2000	Most, CZE	160
15	Jana	Sustkova	CZE	Left Back	10/01/1998	Kyjov, CZE	177
88	Dominika	Zachova	CZE	Right Wing	04/06/1996	Plzen, CZE	175





### **Dominika Müllnerova**

#### **goalkeeper**

- one of the most experienced players in the squad
- won the Challenge Cup with Most in 2013; the only player to have all seven Czech titles with Most
- long-term one of the best goalkeepers in the Czecho-Slovakian top flight
- has a special style, quick reflex saves, more like a goalkeeper in football as described by coaches

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2013



### **Eva Bezpalcova**

#### **goalkeeper**

- started with handball at the age of nine in České Budejovice
- originally a line player, but her aunt and coach made her become a goalkeeper
- works also as a youth coach in the club, especially focuses on the youngest talents
- played in 2018/19 in Tenerife, helped them to promote to the Spanish top flight
- her father and brother are both goalkeepers, but playing football

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2013



### **Lucia Mikulcik**

#### **left wing**

- captain of DHK Baník Most, one of the key players; also captained the Slovakian national team
- her father was a professional football player; her dream sport was tennis; started with handball at 10
- her former club Duslo Šaľa in Slovakia is one of the two most successful clubs in Slovakia
- in 2018 she made a successful return from maternity leave

 @22lucinka22



### **Alica Kostelna**

#### **left back**

- joined Most before the 2018/19 season from Poruba.
- has experience from the Slovakian national team, her career started in Slovakian town of Bytča
- at first attempt she declined the offer from Most and joined Poruba because of the studies and a shorter distance to Slovakia
- from a family that loves sports, her father is a football player, her brother does fitness



**Jana Sustkova**

 @susina15

**left back**

- joined Most in 2018 on a transfer from Veselí nad Moravou
- arrived to Most as one of the best five scorers in the Czecho-Slovak interleague
- also playing for the Czech national team, however plays there as winger
- one of the five players of Most who study Physical education and sports at University in Ustí nad Labem



**Katarina Kostelna**

**centre back**

- joined Most in 2018; she started her handball career in Trenčín
- her debut was a special one - against Larvik in EHF Cup
- shares the surname with Alica Kostelná, but they are not a family



**Petra Manakova**

**right back**

- similar to Mikulčíkova, returned to team after missing out because of maternity leave
- played at the EURO for the Czech national team, in which she plays regularly since youth categories
- one of the most experienced players in the club. Won the Challenge cup, Czech cup and played in EHF Cup with Most – won the Czecho-Slovakian top flight once and six times Czech league



**Dominika Zachova**

 @dominicka\_8

**right wing**

- started with handball in Plzeň, in her 23 years one of the most experienced players in the squad
- has domestic titles and cup titles, has over 30 caps for the national team including starts at EURO and World Championships
- in 2018 she was voted one of the four best young right wingers in Europe
- matches against Győr will have special taste - playing against Jana Knedlíkova, her long-time friend and rival on the same position in the national team.

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## What follows after the group matches

### Main Round

Those teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group after the completion of the group matches qualify for the main round. Those teams ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in each group after the completion of the group matches are entitled to participate in the EHF Cup. They enter the EHF Cup Group Phase (played according to EHF Cup Regulations).

The main round shall be played in two groups of six teams each. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked teams of group A and B of the group matches go into the same group in the main round (Group 1 of the main round) and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team of group C and D of the group matches go into the same group in the main round (Group 2 of the main round).

The three teams coming from the same group take along their results (points and goals) from the matches against each other. Each team plays a home and an away match against those 3 teams qualifying from the parallel group.

Basically the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main Round shall be played in accordance with the schedule set out below.

Round 1: 1. A/C – 1.B/D and 2. A/C – 2. B/D and 3. A/C – 3. B/D  
Round 2: 3. B/D – 1. A/C and 1. B/D – 2. A/C and 2. B/D – 3. A/C  
Round 3: 1. A/C – 2. B/D and 2. A/C – 3. B/D and 3. A/C – 1. B/D  
Round 4: 1. B/D – 1 A/C and 2. B/D – 2. A/C and 3. B/D – 3. A/C  
Round 5: 1. A/C – 3. B/D and 2. A/C – 1. B/D and 3. A/C – 2. B/D  
Round 6: 2. B/D – 1. A/C and 3. B/D – 2. A/C and 1. B/D – 3. A/C

In case of 2 teams of the same country play in the same group in the main round, the order of the matches in this group can be changed by the EHF.

The EHF has the right to adapt the schedule in each group individually by taking into consideration the respective requirements mainly from the TV-partners. The schedule may vary in the different groups. All final decisions lie with the EHF.

### Quarter-finals

The teams ranked 1 to 4 in each group after the completion of the main round qualify for the quarter-finals. The matches of the quarter-finals shall be played as first and second leg matches. The matches of the quarter-finals are not drawn by lots, they result from the final standings of the main round.

4<sup>th</sup> placed team Group 2 vs. 1<sup>st</sup> placed team Group 1  
4<sup>th</sup> placed team Group 1 vs. 1<sup>st</sup> placed team Group 2  
3<sup>rd</sup> placed team Group 2 vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team Group 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> placed team Group 1 vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team Group 2

There is no protection from teams of the same country.

The EHF has the right to switch the home right of a quarter final pairing if the home team of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg does neither provide a suitable playing hall at the foreseen dates nor at an alternative date defined by the EHF. Additionally the EHF has the right to switch the home right of a quarter-final pairing if the home team of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg refuses to carry out its home game on the date defined by the EHF.

The winning teams of the quarter-finals qualify for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4.

## Group 1 head-to-heads

### Historic encounters of the potential Group 1 opponents in the EC

#### Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don 5-1-1 (171:146) 11:3

13.02.2005	Handball Metz Metropole vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Last 16	28:22 (14:9)
20.02.2005	Rostov-Don vs Handball Metz Metropole, EHF Cup – Last 16	19:19 (10:10)
11.02.2006	Rostov-Don vs HB Metz Moselle Lorraine, EHF Cup – Last 16	19:20 (8:11)
18.02.2006	HB Metz Moselle Lorraine vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Last 16	24:16 (10:8)
26.01.2019	Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:25 (17:14)
23.02.2019	Rostov-Don vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	18:26 (12:13)
11.05.2019	Metz Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League - DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	25:27 (8:15)

#### Metz Handball vs Team Esbjerg

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Metz Handball vs MKS Perla Lublin 0-1-1 (61:65) 1:3

02.11.2014	MKS Selgros Lublin vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	35:31 (17:16)
09.11.2014	Metz Handball vs MKS Selgros Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:30 (14:13)

#### Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti 3-0-1 (102:102) 6:2

06.04.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	34:21 (19:13)
15.04.2018	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	27:20 (14:9)
05.04.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:31 (11:14)
13.04.2019	Metz Handball vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	23:22 (11:9)

#### Vipers Kristiansand vs Rostov-Don

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Vipers Kristiansand vs Team Esbjerg

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Vipers Kristiansand vs MKS Perla Lublin 1-0-1 (50:47) 2:2

09.01.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs MKS Selgros Lublin, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	28:22 (15:13)
16.01.2016	MKS Selgros Lublin vs Vipers Kristiansand, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	25:22 (8:12)

#### Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti 1-0-1 (58:55) 2:2

20.10.2018	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:29 (14:14)
04.11.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (11:16)

#### HC Podravka Vegeta vs Rostov-Don 1-0-1 (49:52) 2:2

02.02.2014	Rostov-Don vs HC Podravka Vegeta, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	24:19 (14:7)
09.02.2014	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	30:28 (14:15)

**HC Podravka Vegeta vs Team Esbjerg**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**HC Podravka Vegeta vs MKS Perla Lublin 4-1-3 (210:212) 9:7**

09.11.1996	Montex Lublin vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:33 (12:17)
19.01.1997	Podravka Koprivnica vs Montex Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group B	34:25 (12:9)
15.11.1997	Podravka Koprivnica vs Montex Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group A	33:26 (15:13)
10.01.1998	Montex Lublin vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Group A	25:28 (10:11)
06.11.1999	Podravka Dolcela vs Montex Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group D	21:23 (12:10)
06.02.2000	Montex Lublin vs Podravka Dolcela, EHF Champions League – Group D	29:16 (15:6)
06.05.2001	MKS Montex Lublin vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Cup – Final	28:21 (14:11)
12.05.2001	Podravka Koprivnica vs MKS Montex Lublin, EHF Cup – Final	24:24 (10:11)

**HC Podravka Vegeta vs CSM Bucuresti**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don 1-1-6 (203:223) 3:13**

05.02.2012	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	23:22 (13:8)
11.02.2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	32:23 (15:11)
09.01.2016	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:21 (13:11)
13.02.2016	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:29 (15:13)
07.04.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:31 (15:16)
14.04.2018	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:22 (20:12)
07.04.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:29 (13:14)
13.04.2019	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:22 (15:9)

**FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Team Esbjerg**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs MKS Perla Lublin 5-0-1 (182:155) 10:2**

17.03.2002	MKS Montex Lublin vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:31 (15:14)
24.03.2002	HERZ - FTC Budapest vs MKS Montex Lublin, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	25:23 (13:13)
17.01.2004	FTC Budapest vs KS BYSTRZYCA Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:24 (20:13)
22.02.2004	KS BYSTRZYCA Lublin vs FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:28 (15:14)
20.10.2013	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs MKS Selgros Lublin, EHF Champions League – Group B	40:25 (20:12)
03.11.2013	MKS Selgros Lublin vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF VChampions League – Group B	24:26 (12:15)

**FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti 0-0-4 (110:127) 0:8**

07.04.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:25 (17:15)
15.04.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:27 (15:14)
05.10.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:31 (18:13)
11.11.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	28:34 (10:17)

## Group 2 head-to-heads

### Historic encounters of the potential Group 2 opponents in the EC

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC 6-1-7 (364:370) 13:15

10.01.2004	CS Oltchim Valcea vs Györi Graboplast ETO, EHF Cup – Round 3	21:25 (9:14)
18.01.2004	Györi Graboplast ETO vs CS Oltchim Valcea, EHF Cup – Round 3	29:26 (17:9)
24.02.2008	Györi Audi ETO vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	30:27 (16:13)
15.03.2008	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:27 (17:13)
21.02.2009	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:26 (16:14)
21.03.2009	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:28 (15:13)
08.11.2009	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	26:22 (13:13)
17.01.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Group C	26:22 (16:8)
11.04.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	25:25 (14:15)
18.04.2010	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	24:20 (11:10)
01.04.2012	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	35:31 (13:17)
07.04.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	31:23 (19:12)
06.04.2013	Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	22:24 (10:14)
11.04.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	24:25 (10:14)

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator 5-0-3 (239:228) 10:6

15.02.2009	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	36:30 (18:13)
28.02.2009	RK Krim Mercator vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	35:34 (17:15)
20.02.2011	CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:27 (14:14)
19.03.2011	RK Krim Mercator vs CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	37:30 (17:19)
04.02.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	25:31 (13:16)
04.03.2012	CS Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:26 (17:15)
10.02.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs Oltchim Rm. Valcea, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:24 (13:10)
17.03.2013	Oltchim Rm. Valcea vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:20 (9:12)

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs IK Sävehof

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### SCM Ramnicu Valcea vs DHK Banik Most

No previous encounters in European competitions

#### Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC

13.05.2006	ZRK Buducnost MONET vs Györi ETO Kezilabda Club, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	25:25 (12:7)
20.05.2006	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs ZRK Buducnost MONET, Cup Winners' Cup – Final	23:26 (10:14)
07.01.2007	ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	25:31 (12:16)
17.02.2007	Györi Audi ETO KC vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:20 (13:9)
15.02.2009	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (15:14)
28.02.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:26 (9:14)
05.05.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Final	29:27 (13:12)
13.05.2012	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Final	27:25 (13:12)
02.02.2013	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	27:17 (14:7)
10.03.2013	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	21:22 (12:13)
01.02.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:23 (9:13)
09.03.2014	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:26 (14:12)
04.05.2014	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League MVM EHF FINAL4 – Final	21:27 (10:15)
09.01.2016	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	22:20 (13:11)
14.02.2016	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	25:22 (12:12)
07.05.2016	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:21 (8:11)
06.05.2017	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League TIPPPIX EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	20:26 (9:12)
07.04.2018	Buducnost vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	20:26 (9:12)
14.04.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:28 (15:15)



**Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator 12-0-6 (520:489) 24:**

11.04.1999	Buducnost Podgorica vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	29:32 (15:17)
18.04.1999	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs Buducnost Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	26:29 (11:16)
01.04.2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts vs Bud. Brilliant Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	28:21 (14:9)
08.04.2001	Bud. Brilliant Podgorica vs RK Krim Neutro Roberts, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	27:25 (16:16)
19.01.2003	Krim ETA N. Roberts vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:29 (17:14)
22.02.2003	RK Buducnost MONET vs Krim ETA N. Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	19:27 (10:12)
18.01.2004	RK Buducnost MONET vs Krim Ljubljana Slovenia, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (12:9)
21.02.2004	Krim Ljubljana Slovenia vs RK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:25 (18:12)
22.02.2009	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	35:28 (15:14)
22.03.2009	Buducnost T-Mobile vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	37:32 (19:16)
13.02.2011	'Buducnost' vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	32:29 (17:12)
04.03.2011	RK Krim Mercator vs 'Buducnost', EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	36:40 (19:23)
12.02.2012	Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (13:14)
24.02.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:27 (9:14)
09.02.2014	Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	30:15 (13:6)
15.03.2014	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:30 (15:17)
13.02.2015	RK Krim Mercator vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	20:23 (8:16)
15.03.2015	Buducnost vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	39:20 (19:8)

**Buducnost vs DHK Banik Most**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**Buducnost vs IK Sävehof 4-0-0 (124:88) 8:0**

24.10.2010	IK Sävehof vs 'Buducnost', EHF Champions League – Group A	24:33 (13:16)
21.11.2010	'Buducnost' vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group A	33:26 (16:14)
18.10.2015	Buducnost vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group D	33:20 (17:8)
15.11.2015	IK Sävehof vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	18:25 (11:14)

**SG BBM Bietigheim vs Györi Audi ETO KC**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**SG BBM Bietigheim vs RK Krim Mercator**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**SG BBM Bietigheim vs IK Sävehof**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**SG BBM Bietigheim vs DHK Banik Most**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-0-2 (40:52) 0:4**

15.10.2017	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:26 (10:13)
18.11.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:17 (13:7)

**Brest Bretagne Handball vs RK Krim Mercator**

No previous encounters in European competitions

**Brest Bretagne Handball vs IK Sävehof 2-0-0 (73:53) 4:0**

21.10.2018	IK Sävehof vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:39 (16:19)
04.11.2018	Brest Bretagne Handball vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group B	34:26 (19:14)

**Brest Bretagne Handball vs DHK Banik Most**

No previous encounters in European competitions

## Budapest to welcome four best teams again

The DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4, the showpiece event and final weekend of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League, is bringing top European women's handball to Hungary's capital for the seventh time in a row in 2020. It was confirmed that the 2020 edition will take place on 9/10 May in the Papp László Budapest Sportaréna, which seats up to 12,000 spectators for handball events.

The first WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 took place in Budapest in 2014 and was won by Györi Audi ETO KC who beat Buducnost in the final. But the 2015 edition was won by the Montenegrin side which defeated Larvik in the final. In 2016 CSM Bucuresti topped the podium after a stunning success and a penalty throw shootout against

Györ in the final. The Hungarian champions were forced into another two thrillers in 2017 and 2018, but on both occasions they survived the extratime and beat Vardar. They completed the hat-trick in 2019 beating Rostov-Don in the final. In the same year the first opening party was staged at the arena on the eve of the tournament with thousands of handball fans enjoying the presentation of all four teams and also a great performance by the American singer-songwriter Anastacia.

### Media accreditation

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 will start in March 2020.

## Facts and Figures of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4

**1** team - in contrast to the VELUX EHF FINAL4 in Cologne where the number is still zero - has defended the title at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 in Budapest, and even made it a hat-trick: Audi ETO Györ in 2018 and 2019.

**1** club - Györ - has won the WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 four times (2014, 2017, 2018, 2019).

**1** club - again Györ - was five times finalist in all five participations. In 2015, they could not make it to the final, as they had missed the qualification for the EHF FINAL4.

**1** player has won the WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 with two different clubs: Katarina Bulatovic (2014 with Györ, 2015 with Buducnost) - she was also the first player in the EHF FINAL4 history to defend the title.

**1** player - again Bulatovic - was part of the EHF FINAL4 with three different clubs: Buducnost, Györ and Rostov.

**1** time - in the 2017 edition - all four participants were the same as one year before: Györ, Vardar, Bucuresti and Buducnost.

**1** match - the 2016 final Bucuresti vs Györ (29:26) - needed to be decided with a penalty shoot-out after extra-time, with the happy end for the Romanian side.

**2** countries were represented by two different clubs: Russia (Dinamo/2015 and Rostov/2018 and 2019) and Norway (Larvik/2015 and Vipers/2019)

**1** club had been represented by both men's and women's teams in even two EHF FINAL4 events of the EHF CL (2017 and 2018): Vardar Skopje.

# 2

times - in 2017 and 2018 - the final was composed by the same teams: Györ vs Vardar - both sides with the same winner: Györ.

**2** CL debutants made it to Budapest in their first ever CL seasons: Vardar (2014) and Bucuresti (2016)

**2** players only were sent-off by a direct red card in all 20 EHF FINAL4 matches so far - and both are Russians: First, Dinamo's Olga Akopian in the 3-4 placement match 2015, then Skopje's Tatiana Khmyrova in the 2017 semi Vardar vs. Bucuresti.

**3** players - Anita Görbicz, Eduarda Amorim and Bernadett Bodi were part of the Győr squad at all four EHF FINAL4 triumphs, Görbicz and Amorim are even five-times CL winners.

**3** countries were represented by the six EHF FINAL4 winners so far: Hungary (4), Montenegro, Romania

**3** times the overall WOMEN'S EHF CL top scorer was part of the EHF FINAL4 winners: Anita Görbicz (Győr/2014/87 goals), Cristina Neagu (Buducnost/2015/102 goals) and Isabelle Gullden (Bucuresti/2016/108 goals).

# 4

times in a row - from 2016 until 2019 - Győr were finalists in Budapest.

**4** players scored 10 or more goals in a single EHF FINAL4 match: Nora Mörk (10 for Larvik in the 2015 final), Nycke Groot (11 for Midtjylland in the 3-4 placement match 2014), Isabelle Gullden (15 for Bucuresti in the 2016 final) and Linn Sulland (10 for Vipers in the 2019 placement match against Metz).

**4** times goalkeepers were awarded Most Valuable Players of the EHF FINAL4 - three of them played for the respective winners: Clara Woltering (Buducnost/2015), Jelena Grubisic (Bucuresti/2016) and Kari Grimsbö (Győr/2019), while Amandine Leynaud (Vardar) lost the final in 2018.

**4** different countries were represented by the coaches at the helm of the four winners: Spain (Ambros Martin/Győr 2014, 2017 and 2018), Montenegro (Dragan Adzic/Buducnost/2015), Denmark (Kim Rasmussen/Bucuresti/2016) and Hungary (Gabor Danyi/Győr/2019).

**4** times (including the 2012/13 season), Ambros Martin steered Győr to the CL winners' podium.

**6** - which means all - times, the Papp Laszlo Arena was the venue of the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4. This summer, the contract with the arena located in Budapest, was extended until 2024.

**10** different clubs and eight different nations were part of the six WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 events: Vardar/MKD), Győr/HUN (5 times each), Buducnost/MNE (4), Bucuresti/ROU (3), Rostov/RUS (2), Midtjylland/DEN, Volgograd/RUS, Larvik/NOR, Metz/FRA and Kristiansand (all each once).

**10** goals was the biggest gap in any WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 match, when Buducnost beat Vardar in the 2015 semi-final 27:17 - ahead of the 2019 semi-final Győr vs Vipers (31:22).

**15** goals by Isabelle Gullden (Bucuresti) are the high score by one player in a single match.

**20** goals by Nycke Groot (Midtjylland) are the high score of an individual player at one EHF FINAL4 tournament (2014), in 2018, Groot scored in total 16 goals for Győr.

**24** matches so far had been played in the Papp Laszlo Arena during the six EHF FINAL4 events.

**41** goals was the lowest ever score in a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 match, when Győr beat Buducnost 21:20 in the 2016 semi-final, followed by 42 goals of the 2014 semi of Buducnost vs Vardar (22:20) and 46 in the 2018 semi Vardar vs Rostov (25:19).

**57** goals were scored by Nycke Groot (Midtjylland/Győr) to be All-Time top scorer of the EHF FINAL4 events, the Dutch is one goal ahead of Cristina Neagu (CSM/56).

**61** goals were the high-score in a EHF FINAL4 final so far, when Győr beat Vardar 31:30 after extra-time.

**71** goals was the biggest score in a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL match, when Vardar beat Bucuresti in the 2017 semi-final 38:31.

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was the highest overall number of goals in a WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 so far - at the 2017 edition. Second ranked is the 2019 edition by 215 goals, ahead of 210 goals in 2014, 204 in 2018, 202 in 2016 and the low score of 199 in 2015.

## Top scorers 2018/19



### 89 goals

**Linn Jorum Sulland**  
Vipers Kristiansand

1	Linn Jorum Sulland (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	89
2	Noemi Hafra (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	80
	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	80
4	Ana Gros (SLO)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	76
5	Nycke Groot (NED)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	73
	Andrea Lekic (SRB)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	73
7	Iveta Luzumova (CZE)	Thüringer HC (GER)	71
	Henny Ella Reistad (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	71
	Grace Zaadi Deuna (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	71
10	Nerea Pena (ESP)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	69
11	Xenia Smits (GER)	Metz Handball (FRA)	68
12	Stine Bredal Oftedal (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	64
13	Lois Abbingh (NED)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	63
14	Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	62
	Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	62
16	Laura Flippes (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	59
17	Iuliia Managarova (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	57
	Tjasa Stanko (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	57
19	Anne Mette Hansen (DEN)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	56
	Aniko Kovacsics (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	56
	Tamara Mavsar (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	56
22	Eduarda Amorim (BRA)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	55
23	Katrin Klujber (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	54

## All-star team 2018/19



S	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019
GK	Clara Woltering (Buducnost)	Sandra Toft (Larvik)	Kari Grimsbø (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Kari Grimsbø (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Kari Grimsbø (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Katrine Lunde (Vipers Kristiansand)
LW	Majda Mehmedovic (Buducnost)	Siraba Dembele (ZRK Vardar)	Aniko Kovacsics (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Camilla Herrem (HC Vardar)	Siraba Dembele (Rostov-Don)	Manon Houette (Metz Handball)
LB	Eduarda Amorim (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (CSM Bucuresti)	Anne Mette Hansen (Györi Audi ETO KC)
CB	Anita Görbicz (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Aniko Kovacsics (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Nyckie Groot (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Nyckie Groot (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Veronica Kristiansen (FC Midtjylland)	Stine Oftedal (Györi Audi ETO KC)
LP	Ana Dokic (ZRK Vardar)	Heidi Løke (Györi Audi ETO)	Heidi Løke (Györi Audi ETO)	Marit Malm Frafjord (Larvik)	Dragana Cvijic (HC Vardar)	Crina Pintea (Györi Audi ETO KC)
RB	Katarina Bulatovic (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Ana Gros (Metz Handball)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)
RW	Jovanka Radicevic (ZRK Vardar)	Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren (Larvik)	Jovanka Radicevic (HC Vardar)	Carmen Martin (CSM Bucuresti)	Iulia Managarova (Rostov-Don)	Jovanka Radicevic (CSM Bucuresti)
< 23	Fie Woller (FC Midtjylland)	Eliza Buceschi (HCM Baia Mare)	Luca Szekercs (FTC Rail-Cargo Hungaria)	Blanka Biro (FTC Rail-Cargo Hungaria)	Zsuzsanna Tomori (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Noemi Hafra (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
DEF	Suzana Lazovic (Buducnost)	Dorina Korsos (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Eduarda Amorim (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Eduarda Amorim (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Tjasa Stanko (RK Krim Mercator)	Eduarda Amorim (Györi Audi ETO KC)
C	N/A	Ambros Martin (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Ambros Martin (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Ambros Martin (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Ambros Martin (Györi Audi ETO KC)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz Handball)

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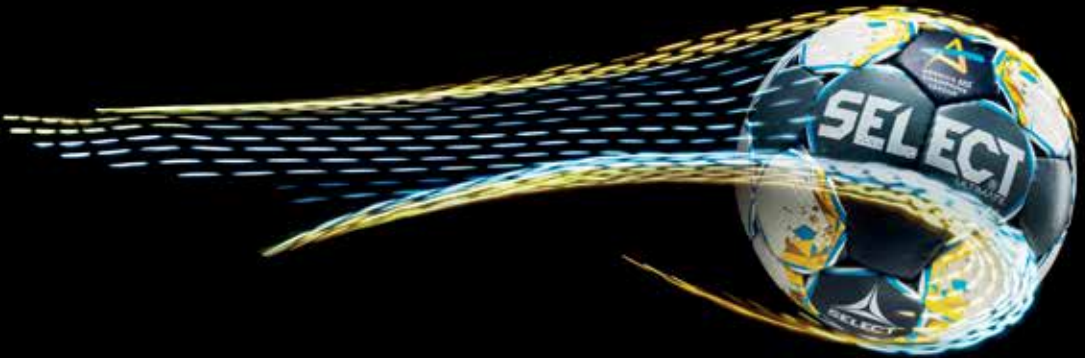
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## All-time clubs standings

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	204	150	14	40	5792:4992	+800	314:94	(15)	76,96%
2	Buducnost MNE	246	136	22	88	6511:6186	+325	294:198	(23)	59,76%
3	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252:144*	(23)	63,64%
4	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
5	RK Krim Mercator SLO	238	113	13	112	6376:6370	+6	239:237	(23)	50,21%
6	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
7	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	160	83	13	64	4411:4282	+129	179:141	(17)	55,94%
8	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	118	62	8	48	3148:3005	+143	132:104	(12)	55,93%
9	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
10	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	130	51	8	71	3266:3443	-177	110:150	(19)	42,31%
11	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%
12	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
13	Metz Handball FRA	110	47	7	56	2821:2827	-6	101:119	(12)	45,91%
14	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
15	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
16	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
17	CSM Bucuresti ROU	62	36	4	22	1698:1579	+119	76:48	(4)	61,29%
18	Rostov-Don RUS	52	35	3	14	1416:1271	+145	73:31	(4)	70,19%
19	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
20	Dunaferr NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
21	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
22	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%
23	HC Leipzig GER	72	20	3	49	1792:2025	-233	43:101	(9)	29,86%
24	MKS Perla Lublin POL	64	18	5	41	1617:1782	-165	41:87	(10)	32,03%
28	IK Sävehof SWE	66	11	7	48	1686:1984	-298	29:103	(8)	21,97%
30	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	22	11	1	10	595:570	+25	23:21	(2)	52,27%
40	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	18	5	1	12	458:524	-66	11:25	(2)	30,56%
46	Team Esbjerg DEN	12	4	0	8	305:333	-28	8:16	(1)	33,33%
47	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	18	2	3	13	458:507	-49	7:29	(2)	19,44%
NR	DHK Banik Most CZE	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)	Q
NR	Rocasa Gran Canaria ESP	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)	Q
NR	ZORK Jagodina SRB	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)	Q
NR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)	Q

\* = Point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

Excluding qualification matches

TR - total ranking, MP - matches played, W - wins, D - draws, L - losses, GF:GA - goals for:goals against, goal difference, P - points, NP - number of participations in a group stage, % - winning efficiency



## All-time stats

### Biggest wins

26

Ferencvaros Budapest HUN  
vs Anagennisi Artas GRE  
42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997

- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 22 Dunaferre SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 21 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 17.02.2011
- 21 Györi Audi ETO HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:16 (17:9), 08.11.2015
- 20 Kometal Skopje MKD vs Granicar Djurdjevac CRO 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996
- 20 HC Leipzig GER vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 42:22 (20:11), 31.10.2014
- 20 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 37:17 (17:9), 17.11.2018
- 19 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012
- 19 Györi Audi ETO HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 41:22 (21:11), 05.10.2013
- 19 Buducnost MNE vs RK Krim Mercator SLO 39:20 (19:8), 15.03.2015
- 19 Metz Handball FRA vs Astrakhanochka RUS 37:18 (17:10), 11.02.2017

### Biggest home wins

26

Ferencvaros Budapest HUN  
vs Anagennisi Artas GRE  
42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997

- 22 Dunaferre SE HUN vs GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 21 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 17.02.2011
- 21 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:16 (17:9), 08.11.2015
- 20 Kometal Skopje MKD vs Granicar Djurdjevac CRO 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996
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- 19 Metz Handball FRA vs Astrakhanochka RUS 37:18 (17:10), 11.02.2017

### Biggest away wins

23

HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig  
GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016

- 19 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012
- 18 Larvik NOR @ Randers HK DEN 20:38 (13:20), 07.11.2010
- 18 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 17:35 (10:16), 03.11.2013
- 18 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 17 Kometal Skopje MKD @ MKS Montex Lublin POL 21:38 (10:18), 17.02.2002
- 17 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ IK Sävehof SWE 21:38 (8:20), 26.10.2014
- 17 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 17:34 (10:18), 25.02.2017
- 16 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012
- 16 Larvik NOR @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 21:37 (10:21), 30.10.2015
- 16 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ Thüringer HC GER 22:38 (11:15), 21.10.2018

### Biggest lead at half-time

15

Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO  
vs Anagennisi Artas GRE  
36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997

- 15 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 15 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 14 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU vs 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27 (23:9), 07.03.2008
- 14 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012
- 13 Larvik HK NOR vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:21 (19:6), 18.01.2003
- 13 Slagelse DT DEN @ Cem. la Union-Ribarroja ESP 20:34 (8:21), 10.11.2007
- 13 Hypo Niederösterreich AUT vs HC Kometal GP MKD 34:24 (20:7), 11.01.2008
- 13 HC Vardar MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:38 (9:22), 24.10.2015
- 13 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 13 Kobenhavn Handball DEN vs IK Sävehof SWE 33:22 (19:6), 18.11.2018

### Most goals

47

WHC Vardar SCBT MKD  
@ RK Krim Mercator SLO  
29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015

- 45 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 43 HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS vs Byasen Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 42 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN vs Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997
- 42 Viborg HK DEN @ 1. FC Nürnberg Handball GER 28:42 (16:23), 03.01.2009
- 42 HC Leipzig GER vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 42:22 (20:11), 31.10.2014
- 42 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Vardar MKD 42:28 (19:16), 05.03.2017

## Most goals both teams

82

HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS  
vs Byasen HB Elite  
Trondheim NOR  
43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007

- 76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs 'Buducnost' MNE 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011
- 76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 74 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33 (20:15), 13.01.2007
- 74 Dinamo RUS vs Viborg HK DEN 41:33 (20:15), 24.10.2010
- 73 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO vs Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40 (12:21), 13.01.2008
- 72 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO vs El Osito L'Eliana ESP 38:34 (17:18), 23.02.2003
- 72 Viborg HK A/S DEN vs HC Leipzig GER 39:33 (18:13), 13.01.2007
- 72 HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007
- 72 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Viborg HK DEN 38:34 (20:22), 15.11.2008

## Fewest goals

10

Granicar Djurdjevac CRO  
@ Viborg HK DEN  
27:10 (12:5), 05.01.1997

- 12 Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997
- 12 Kometal Skopje MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 26:12 (12:6), 21.02.1998
- 12 Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 12 Slagelse DT DEN vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 12:22 (7:12), 23.02.2008
- 13 Podravka Koprivnica CRO @ HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13 (9:7), 04.05.1996
- 13 Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Kometal Skopje MKD 33:13 (19:7), 09.11.1996
- 13 Larvik NOR @ Buducnost MNE 23:13 (10:7), 08.04.2012

## Fewest goals both teams

30

HYPO Niederösterreich AUT  
vs Podravka Koprivnica CRO  
17:13 (9:7), 04.05.1996

- 31 Viborg HK DEN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 15:16 (7:9), 04.01.1998
- 32 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 32 Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 32\* WHC Vardar SCBT MKD vs Buducnost MNE 20:22 (6:11, 16:16), 03.05.2014
- 33 ASPTT Metz FRA vs Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17 (7:9), 10.11.1996

\* After regular time

## Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

-8

Byasen HB Elite Trondheim  
NOR vs ZRK Buducnost  
T-Mobile MNE 27:26 (10:18),  
25.02.2007

- 6 Montex Lublin POL @ Henzo Swift Roermond NED 22:23 (16:10), 26.01.1997
- 5 Kometal GP Skopje MKD @ Györi ETO KC HUN 26:28 (17:12), 11.02.2006
- 5 Cem. la Union-Ribarroja ESP vs Aalborg DH DEN 25:23 (11:16), 13.01.2007
- 5 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 25:24 (10:15), 17.05.2008
- 5 Randers HK DEN @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 28:29 (19:14), 08.10.2011
- 5 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO vs IK Sävehof SWE 23:23 (10:15), 09.11.2014

## Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

-7

RK Krim Mercator SLO @  
Viborg HK DEN  
28:28 (16:9), 29.10.2011

- 6 Ferrobuss KU Mislata ESP vs Baekkelagets SK NOR 26:26 (10:16), 21.01.2001
- 6 Gyöi Graboplast ETO HUN vs RK Krim Neutro SLO 21:21 (7:13), 28.01.2001
- 6 Larvik NOR @ Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP 19:19 (12:6), 25.02.2012
- 6 Thüringer HC GER @ CSM Bucuresti ROU 23:23 (14:8), 08.03.2019
- 5 TV Giessen-Lützellinden GER vs Vasas Budapest HUN 19:19 (7:12), 30.01.1994
- 5 Buducnost Podgorica YUG vs Viborg HK DEN 23:23 (10:15), 09.11.1996
- 5 Buducnost Podgorica YUG @ Dunaferri SE HUN 33:33 (21:16), 18.03.2000
- 5 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE vs Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:26 (9:14), 28.02.2009
- 5\* WHC Vardar SCBT MKD vs Buducnost MNE 20:22 (6:11, 16:16), 03.05.2014

\* After regular time

# Past winners

<p><b>1994</b> Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)</p>		<p><b>1995</b> Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)</p>		<p><b>1996</b> Podravka Koprivnica (CRO)</p>	
<p><b>1997</b> Mar El Osito L' Eliana Valencia (ESP)</p>		<p><b>1998</b> Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)</p>		<p><b>1999</b> Dunaferri SE (HUN)</p>	
<p><b>2000</b> Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)</p>		<p><b>2001</b> Neutro Roberts Ljubljana (SLO)</p>		<p><b>2002</b> Kometal Skopje (MKD)</p>	
<p><b>2003</b> Neutro Roberts Ljubljana (SLO)</p>		<p><b>2004</b> Slagelse FH (DEN)</p>		<p><b>2005</b> Slagelse FH (DEN)</p>	
<p><b>2006</b> Viborg A/S (DEN)</p>		<p><b>2007</b> Slagelse FH (DEN)</p>		<p><b>2008</b> Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS)</p>	
<p><b>2009</b> Viborg A/S (DEN)</p>		<p><b>2010</b> Viborg A/S (DEN)</p>		<p><b>2011</b> Larvik HK (NOR)</p>	

**2012**

Buducnost Podgorica  
(MNE)



**2013**

Györi Audi ETO KC  
(HUN)



**2014**

Györi Audi ETO KC  
(HUN)



**2015**

Buducnost Podgorica  
(MNE)



**2016**

CSM Bucuresti  
(ROU)



**2017**

Györi Audi ETO KC  
(HUN)



**2018**

Györi Audi ETO KC  
(HUN)



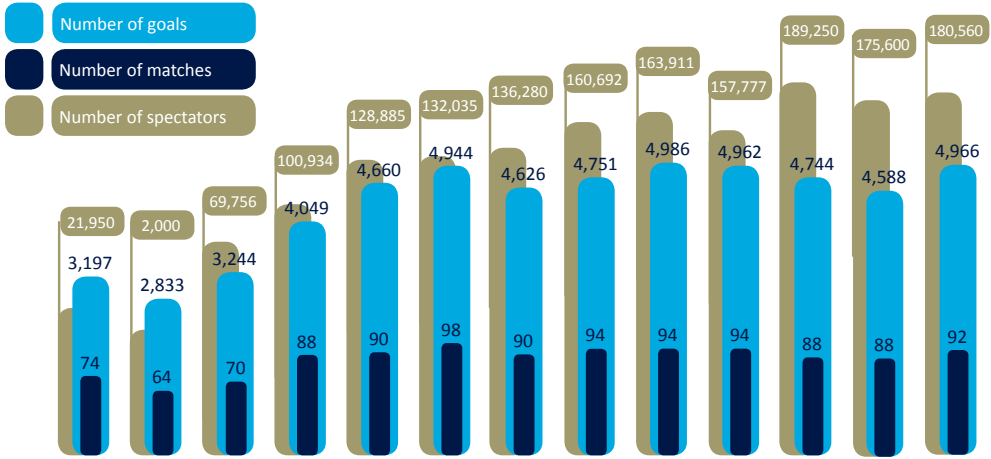
**2019**

Györi Audi ETO KC  
(HUN)



# Timeline

1993 - 2019



**1993**  
EHF takes over all the club and national team competitions including the former IHF European Champions Cup renaming it to the EHF Champions League

**1993/1994**  
32 teams on the starting grid of the first season (2 elimination rounds, group phase with 8 teams and the final)

**25/09/1993**  
first match played: Mar Valencia vs Vikingur Reykjavik 26:16

**17/11/1991**  
EHF founded

**14/05/1994**  
Austra Fridrikas raises her first trophy, in the next 11 years she adds five more (in total 4x with Hypo, 2x with Slagelse). Only Bojana Popovic (3x Slagelse, 2x Viborg, 1x Buducnost) has won as many titles.

**1996/1997**  
format changes – group phase with 16 teams (in 4 groups) followed by quarter-, semi- and final

**03/05/1997**  
Natalia Morskova scores 17 goals in the first final leg (and adds eight more in the second) against Viborg to steer Mar Valencia to the title

**1997**  
first official website launched

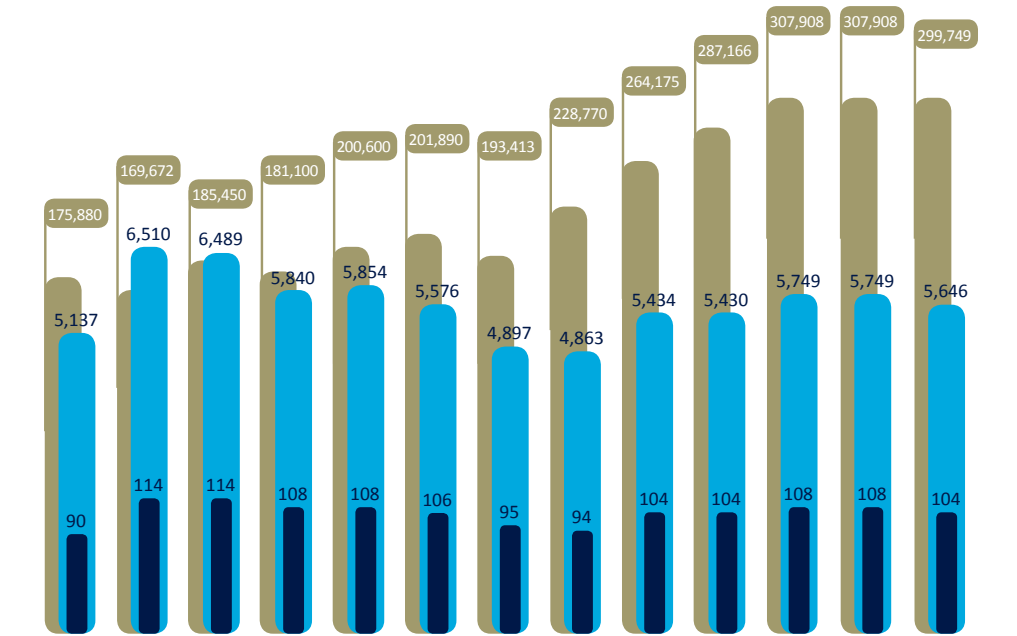
**27/05/2000**  
Fridrikas scores 21 goals in the two final legs to lead Hypo past Kometal Skopje to their league record fourth title

**17/05/2003**  
Luminta Dinu (Hut-upan) becomes the first player (and still the only one) who won the trophy for three straight years

**2005**  
EHF Marketing founded, the EHF's daughter company dealing with the marketing rights of the CL

marketing, TV, media, organisation

competition and players



2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019



**01/11/2008**  
first match streamed live on ehfTV.com – lkast Brande vs Zvezda Zvenigorod

**2007/08**  
main round (of eight teams) replaces quarter-finals

**2011/12**  
new corporate identity and new competition's logo

**2013/14**  
Media rights deal signed with MP Silva

**2013/14**  
18,000 fans take part in the first All-star team vote

**2014/15**  
main round with 12 teams and quarter-finals added

**03-04/05/2014**  
first WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 takes place at the Budapest Papp Laszlo Sportarena with over 10,000 fans celebrating the second title of Győr

**2016/17**  
total TV audience of 167,5 millions spectators

**2018**  
three-time CL winner Anja joins as a WOMEN'S EHF Champions League ambassador

**2018**  
WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 broadcast in 60+ territories

**25/02/2019**  
a contract with the title sponsor Delo Group was signed

**May 2017**  
300,000 likes on the official Facebook page

## History: 26 years of EHF Champions League

### 1993 - 2006

1993/94

#### **Hypo Niederösterreich vs Vasas Budapest 20:18 / 25:21 (45:39)**

New name, new playing system, but well-known finalists – just as in the men's competition the Champions League replaced the Champions Cup from the 1993/94 season. 32 teams played two K.O. rounds for the eight places in the Champions League. The two finalists were the winners of the two groups of four. Hypo Niederösterreich became the first title holder showing a spotless performance with 12 victories from 12 matches.

1994/95

#### **Hypo Niederösterreich vs Podravka Koprivnica 14:17 / 26:19 (40:36)**

After 20 victories in 20 Champions League matches, Hypo Niederösterreich was beaten for the first time in the first leg of the final in Koprivnica. But the 14:17 in Croatia was followed by a clear 26:19 victory in the second leg and the cup remained in Austria.

1995/96

#### **Podravka Koprivnica vs Hypo Niederösterreich 13:17 / 25:20 (38:37)**

In the 1995/96 season Austrian side Hypo Niederösterreich „only“ finished second and that created tremendous joy for the Eastern Croatians. Under the leadership of the old and new top scorer, Snežana Petika, Podravka Koprivnica for the first time took the crown of the greatest club competition.

1996/97

#### **Mar Valencia vs Viborg HK 35:26 / 23:24 (58:50)**

In 1997 there was a whole new constellation in the final. Mar Valencia, who had narrowly lost

three times in the Champions League Group Phase, celebrated a Spanish fiesta. The team, which was based around the excellent Natalia Morskova, was the first Spanish team in the history of the competition to reach the final. The opponent was Viborg – the first Danish finalist since Copenhagen in 1966 (ed. IHF competition).

1997/98

#### **Hypo Niederösterreich vs Mar El Osito L'Eliana 28:21 / 28:26 (56:47)**

Mar El Osito L'Eliana had reached the final by scoring at least 31 goals per match. They failed to repeat this feat when they needed it most. Hypo Niederösterreich triumphed with two victories, earning their third Champions League title.

1998/99

#### **Dunaferr SE vs Krim Electa Ljubljana 25:23 / 26:26 (51:49)**

Two new faces appeared in the Champions League final in the 1998/99 season. In the semi-finals Dunaferr had beaten defending champion Hypo Niederösterreich while Ljubljana narrowly held the upper hand over Podgorica. In the final it was the Hungarian side that prevailed, winning their first Champions League title.

1999/00

#### **Hypo Niederösterreich vs Kometal Skopje 32:23 / 20:22 (52:45)**

The final of the 1999/00 is less likely to be remembered for Hypo's fourth title but more for the violent disruptions caused during the final by Macedonian fans. In the second leg objects had been thrown onto the court for almost the entire match, and the problems reached a climax when everyone fled into the changing rooms and Hypo manager Gunnar Prokop was attacked.



## 2000/01

### **Viborg HK A/S vs RK Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 22:22 / 19:25 (41:47)**

After suffering defeat in the 1999 finals against Dunaferri, the time was finally ripe in 2001 for Krim, Slovenia's most dominating club whose focus had always been to win the Champions League. In the final Krim prevailed over Viborg thanks to win and a draw.

## 2001/02

### **FTC HERZ Budapest vs Kometal D. P. Skopje 27:25 / 22:26 (49:51)**

On 19 May 2002, 45,000 fans people celebrated their heroines enthusiastically in the main square of the Macedonian capital – a great achievement had been made: Kometal Skopje wore the crown of Europe's top club competition for the first time. Two years before, the Macedonians had played in the finals against Hypo Niederösterreich but after rioting fans during the second leg in Skopje all Macedonian clubs were banned for one year from the European Cup, and no one had expected Macedonian handball to recover that fast from the shock.

## 2002/03

### **El Osito Valencia vs Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 30:27 / 28:36 (58:63)**

For the third time in a row, the Champions League winner came from former Yugoslavia and for the second time after 2001 Krim Ljubljana was sitting on the European throne. Skopje had won the title in 2002. There was also another record: goalkeeper Luminita Dinu won the European title for the third time in a row.

## 2003/04

### **Slagelse DT vs Krim Ljubljana 25:24 / 36:32 (61:56)**

In less than four years world class player and

world class coach Anja Andersen had led Danish side Slagelse DT out of the second division and straight into their first Champions League season. And just one year after they had already celebrated the win of the EHF Cup, the team was victorious once more – this time in Europe's most prestigious club handball competition. It was a fairy tale come true.

## 2004/05

### **Slagelse DT vs Kometal D.P. Skopje 27:23 / 27:20 (54:43)**

For the second time in the history of the Champions League and after the double victory of Hypo Niederösterreich in 1994 and 1995, a team was able to defend its title. In all twelve Champions League matches, from the Group Phase to the final, coach Anja Andersen's team suffered only one defeat.

## 2005/06

### **Krim Ljubljana vs Viborg HK A/S 22:24 / 21:20 (43:44)**

In the history of the CL that had not happened before. In both final matches of the 2005/06 season the away teams won. It seemed a mere formality for Viborg to lift the trophy following their 24:22 win in Slovenia, but Ljubljana fought back and had one hand on the cup when they led 20:17 in the 52nd minute before running out of steam.

## 2006/07

### **Slagelse DT vs Lada Togliatti 29:29 / 32:24 (61:53)**

It was Slagelse's third go at gold and they did it convincingly. With elite performances both in the Champions League and the Danish league, where they did not lose one single point, Anja Andersen's women were the favourites for the title – so another success of the "dream team" was not a surprise.

## History: 26 years of EHF Champions League

### 2007 - 2019

2007/08

**Zvezda Zvenigorod vs Hypo Niederösterreich  
25:24 / 31:29 (56:53)**

After having beaten Hypo Niederösterreich at home 25:24, the Russian champions were also triumphant in Wiener Neustadt in a very tough second leg. For Hypo it was a big disappointment as everything had been prepared for party at the Arena Nova to celebrate then ninth title since 1989.

2008/09

**Viborg HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 24:26 / 26:23  
(50:49)**

Viborg HK won the Champions League for the second time after having lost the first leg of the final 24:26 but winning the second leg 26:23 against Györ. Viborg's Grit Jurack contributed four goals in the second match and became the Champions League's top scorer with 113 goals in the 2008/09 season.

2009/10

**Viborg HK vs Oltchim Rm. Vâlcea 28:21 / 32:31  
(60:52)**

Viborg HK defeated Oltchim Vâlcea to win the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League for the second consecutive time and the third time in the last five years. Also the Danish dominance continued. Since 2003/2004 all Champions League titles had gone to Danish teams, except for the 2007/2008 season when Russian team Zvezda Zvenigorod celebrated the victory.

2010/11

**Larvik vs Itxako Reyno De Navarra 23:21 /  
24:25 (47:46)**

In a real nail-biting thriller right until the dying seconds, Itxako defeated Larvik by a single

goal in the second leg of the final, but with the aggregate score, the Norwegians were the lucky winners of this clash and brought home the EHF Champions League trophy for the first time in the club's history.

2011/12

**Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost 29:27 / 25:27  
(54:54)**

Budućnost won the tightest edition of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League by account of scoring the greater number of away goals (27 in Hungary) than Györi AUDI ETO KC (25 in Montenegro). It was only a small consolation for Györ's Anita Görbicz who picked up the top scorer for the 2011/12 season.

2012/13

**Larvik HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:24 / 22:23  
(43:47)**

After losing the finals in 2009 and 2012 Györ finally ended their curse of seven European Cup finals without a trophy. The coronation of the new queens of European handball took place in jam-packed Veszprém Aréna after the second leg victory and carried on in the streets of the city of Györ. The Hungarian team were dominant throughout the whole season as they suffered only one defeat (in the semi-final at home vs Oltchim) in 16 matches.

2013/14

**Buducnost vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:27 (10:15)**

For the first time in history just one final game decided about the new title holders as Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena hosted the excellent premiere edition of the MVM EHF FINAL4. Györ successfully defended the title after avenging their 2012 defeat by Buducnost in front of a sold-out crowd (10,000). Hungarian champions were the only undefeated team of

the season as they won 12 matches and drew twice with Buducnost in the main round. Győr's captain Anita Görbicz became the season's top scorer for the second time scoring 87 goals.

## 2014/15

### **Larvik vs Buducnost 22:26 (8:14)**

After defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC had been hit by a series of injuries and maternity leaves it became as no major surprise as they were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Vardar. The Macedonian champions had to settle with the third place finish for the second straight time though, after stumbling upon Buducnost once again in the semi-final. In the final showdown of the two previously unbeaten teams in Budapest the Montenegrin side cruised past Larvik to their second European crown. Andrea Penezic and Cristina Neagu shared the top scorer's title with each scoring 102 goals.

## 2015/16

### **CSM Bucuresti vs Györi Audi ETO KC 29:26 after penalty shootout (25:25, 13:12)**

The Romanian newcomers were all but impressive before the final rounds of the main round and only a few people would expect they could stand a chance against another debutants Rostov-Don in the quarter-finals. However the team of Kim Rasmussen not only eliminated the previously unbeaten Russian team after two narrow wins but also ousted Vardar in the semi-final and completely stunned handball Europe by defeating Györi Audi ETO KC despite the fact the Hungarian favourites played with support of a sold-out crowd (12.000) of the Papp Laszlo Arena behind them. Unstoppable Isabelle Gullden netted in 15 goals in the final and Aurelia Bradeanu scored the deciding penalty in the shoot-out for CSM.

## 2016/17

### **Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 31:30 after extra-time (26:26, 15:12)**

The sold-out Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena witnessed a very similar and thrilling scenario like the year before as the final went to the extra-time. Vardar, who ousted the defending champions CSM Bucuresti in the semi-final, climbed back from a three-goal deficit, but mainly courtesy of a stellar performance of Anita Görbicz Győr were able to snatch a narrow victory and their third title in five years.

## 2017/18

### **Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 27:26 after extra-time (20:20, 9:9)**

Both rivals from the previous season continued to dominate the competition also in the new season and eventually met in the final again. And yet again they pampered the sold-out crowd in the Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena with an extra-time thriller. In the end, Győr became the first team to successfully defend the EHF FINAL4 trophy after they were propelled to the title by their Brazilian star Eduarda Amorim. The left back first equalised for 20:20 and forced an extra-time and she was also instrumental in the final 10 minutes of the game.

## 2018/19

### **Györi Audi ETO KC vs Rostov-Don 24:25 (11:15)**

Once again Ambros Martin and Györi Audi ETO KC made it all the way to the final match of the season but at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 the Spanish coach and the Hungarian team were facing each other as Martin steered his new team from Rostov-Don and his place in Győr was taken by his former assistant Gábor Danyi. Despite facing the capacity crowd in the Papp Laszlo Sportarena, Rostov climbed back from a four-goal deficit in the second half and were close to force an extra-time, however, Győr supported mainly by ever-inspirational Eduarda Amorim and the tournament's MVP Kari Grimsbo prevailed in the dramatic finish.

## Club competitions to revamp in 2020/21

European club handball is set for a new look from the start of the 2020/21 season. The EHF Executive Committee has agreed to proposals that will see a revamp of the European club system. The developments follow the signing in May 2018 of a multi-million euro, 10-year deal with two of the leading companies on the international sports market, Infront and DAZN, which set to transform the sport.

A reform of the EHF club competition system follows the expansion of the EHF EURO, the federation's flagship men's national team competition, from 2020 when it will be played with 24 teams in Sweden, Austria and Norway. The changes to the club competition formats have been agreed in close cooperation with the federation's key stakeholders. These include representatives of clubs, leagues and players as well as national teams through their representation in the EHF structure and in line with the EHF's objective to ensure good governance.

### **EHF Champions League**

Europe's top competition is about to get even better. From the start of the 2020/21 season, both the men's and the women's EHF Champions League competitions will be played with two groups of eight teams. No qualification rounds or tournaments will be played in either the men's or the women's competitions. The group phase will be played in a round-robin league format with the top two teams qualifying directly for the quarter-finals. The teams finishing in seventh and eighth place will be eliminated. The four remaining teams from each group (ranked three to six) will qualify for a play-off round, before progressing to the quarter-finals. The season will culminate, as it does under the current system, in an EHF FINAL4, played over one weekend.

This new system will mean a fight not only for the top spots as teams compete for the opportunity to jump straight to the quarter-finals but also at the lower end as teams look to avoid dropping out of the competition. For Europe's elite players, the opportunity to qualify directly for the quarter-finals also means additional rest ahead of the high-point of the season.

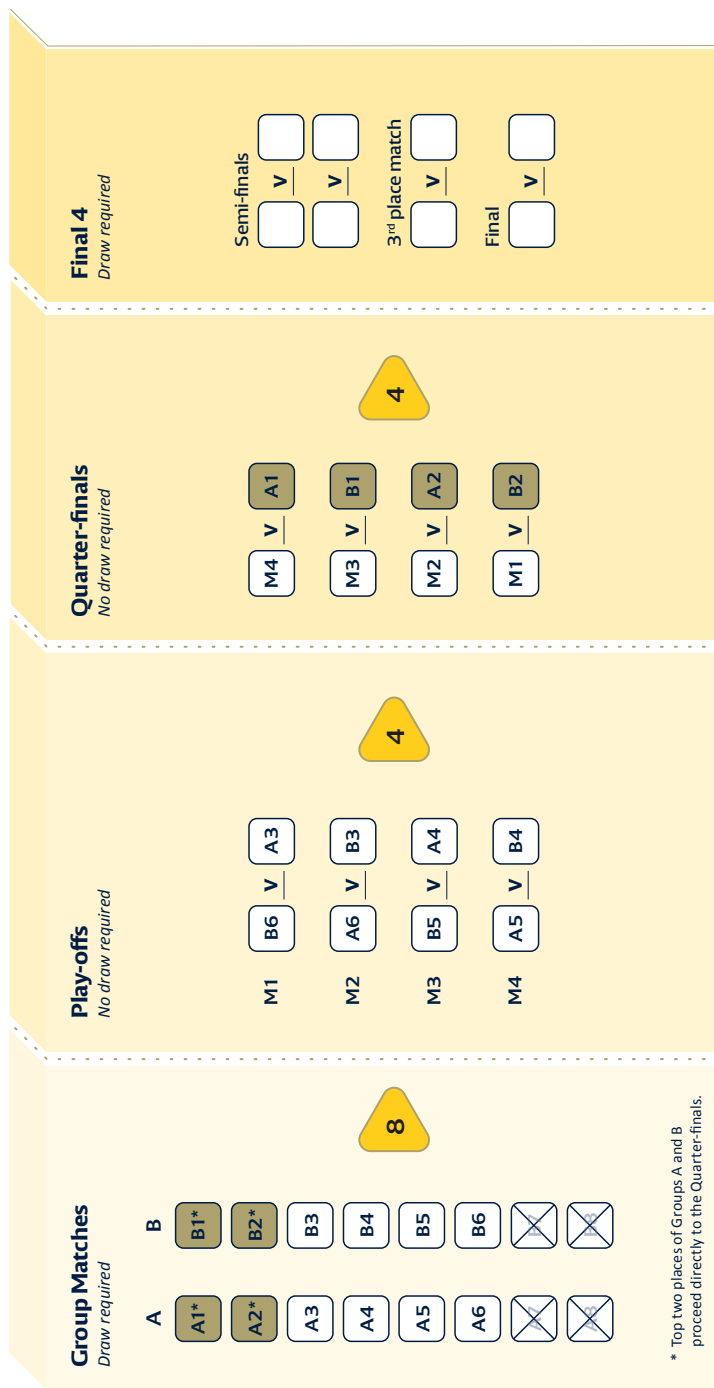
### **European Handball League**

There is a new name and a new format for Europe's second tier of top class competition. The EHF Cup has been completely revamped and will become the European Handball League. Qualification for the competition will, as now in the EHF Cup, be played in three rounds on a home and away basis with 16 teams qualifying for the group phase. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the quarter-final knock-out stage. The finals will be played in a final-four format like in the current Men's EHF Cup.

### **EHF Cup**

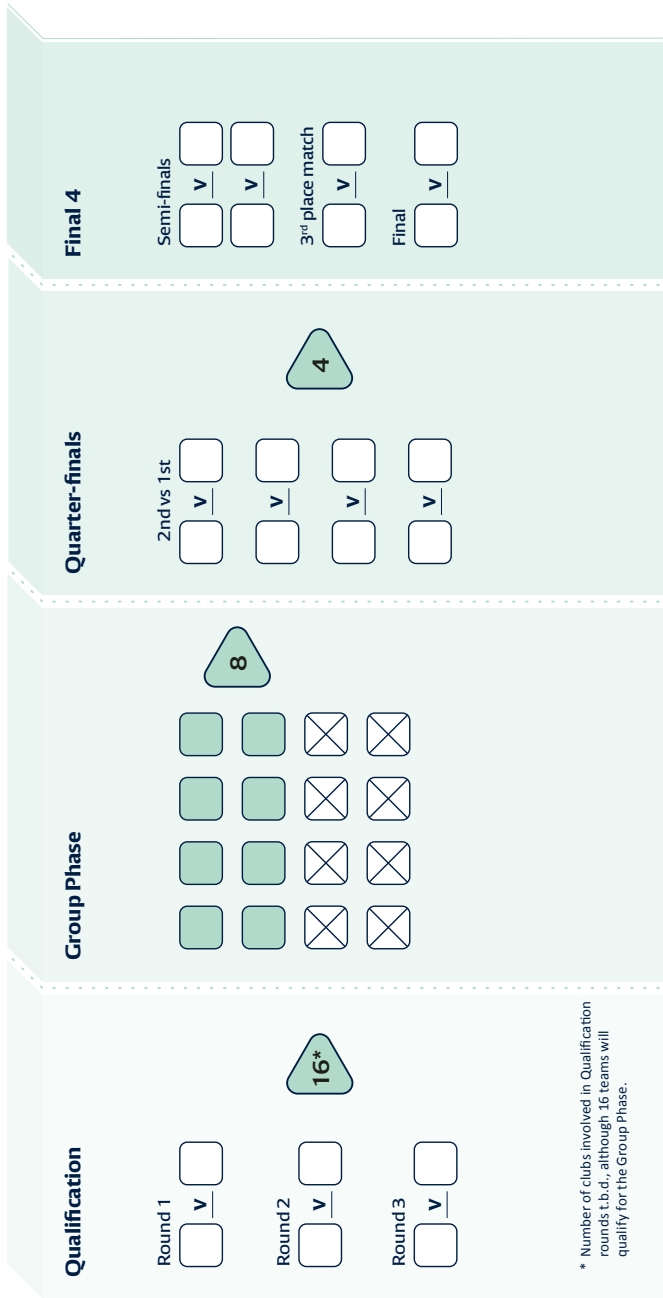
The Challenge Cup on the third tier gets an upgrade and becomes the new 'EHF Cup'. Played on a home and away knock-out basis, it is envisaged that 32 teams will compete in both the men's and women's competitions from the third round onwards. The qualifying 16 teams will then play a Last 16 round, quarter-finals and semi-finals. The final itself will continue to be played on a home and away basis as now.

# Women's EHF Champions League 2020/21 season playing system



# Women's European Handball League

## 2020/21 season playing system



\* Number of clubs involved in Qualification rounds t.b.d., although 16 teams will qualify for the Group Phase.

<b>EUROPEAN CUP 2020/21</b>							
<b>WOMEN</b>							
Ranking for 2020/21				Number of teams for each Federation in the various competitions			
Place 2020/21	Nation	Average points					
			Champions League	European Handball League	EHF Cup	Total	
points from Champions League and European Handball League (former EHF Cup)	1	HUN	162,50	1	4	0	5
	2	RUS	119,00	1	4	0	5
	3	ROU	106,67	1	3	0	4
	4	DEN	105,17	1	3	0	4
	5	FRA	95,00	1	3	0	4
	6	NOR	89,67	1	3	0	4
	7	GER	68,83	1	3	0	4
	8	MKD	68,17	1	3	0	4
	9	MNE	63,83	1	3	0	4
	10	SWE	40,50	0	2	2	4
	11	SLO	40,17	0	2	2	4
	12	CRO	33,33	0	2	2	4
	13	TUR	29,33	0	2	2	4
	14	POL	28,33	0	2	2	4
	15	ESP	21,33	0	2	2	4
	16	AUT	18,80	0	2	2	4
	17	CZE	17,50	0	2	2	4
	18	BLR	15,40	0	2	2	4
	19	ITA	13,60	0	1	3	4
	20	SRB	10,50	0	1	3	4
	21	SVK	8,17	0	1	3	4
	22	NED	7,67	0	1	3	4
	23	SUI	5,33	0	1	3	4
	24	AZE	3,33	0	1	3	4
	25	UKR	1,17	0	1	3	4
	26	BIH	1,00	0	1	3	4
	26	CYP	1,00	0	1	3	4
	26	ISR	1,00	0	1	3	4
	26	KOS	1,00	0	1	3	4
	30	GRE	0,67	0	1	3	4
30	LUX	0,67	0	1	3	4	
points from EHF Cup (former Challenge Cup)	1	POR	14,00	0	0	3	3
	2	BEL	8,67	0	0	3	3
	3	ISL	6,67	0	0	3	3
	3	LTU	6,67	0	0	3	3
	5	FIN	6,00	0	0	3	3
	6	GBR	5,33	0	0	3	3
	7	BUL	2,67	0	0	3	3
	7	GEO	2,67	0	0	3	3
	9	MDA	0,33	0	0	3	3
	9	MLT	0,33	0	0	3	3
	11	ALB	0,00	0	0	3	3
	11	AND	0,00	0	0	3	3
	11	ARM	0,00	0	0	3	3
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	11	FAR	0,00	0	0	3	3
	11	IRL	0,00	0	0	3	3
	11	LAT	0,00	0	0	3	3
11	LIE	0,00	0	0	3	3	
11	MON	0,00	0	0	3	3	

The ranking for the 2020/21 season is based on the results of the European Cup seasons 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19

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