



Men's 2017 World Championship

15 to 29 January 2017 in France

Qualification Europe



Procedure for the draw of the qualification phase 1

Date: 23 June 2015 **Time:** 11:00 hrs. **Venue:** EHF Office, Vienna/AUT

<u>Total entries:</u>	38 teams
<u>Total teams at final tournament:</u>	24 teams
<u>Places Europe at final tournament:</u>	12 teams, FRA (defending champion) not included
<u>Qualified for final tournament:</u>	5 teams: FRA (defending champion and organizer) and 3 best ranked teams from EHF EURO 2016 in POL as well as QAT (Silver medal winner MWCh 2015).
<u>Qualified for Play Off (from EURO POL):</u>	BLR, CRO, DEN, ESP, GER, HUN, ISL, MKD, MNE, NOR, POL, RUS, SLO, SRB, SWE (12 out of these 15).
<u>Qualification Phase 1:</u>	All remaining and registered teams, which did not qualify for EURO 2016 POL have to qualify via Phase 1 to Phase 2 (Play-off matches)

The remaining European places (9) will be decided in the **qualification Europe**:

Qualification Phase one

- The qualification phase one will be played over three weeks in home and away matches among the following national teams:

AUT, BEL, BIH, CYP, CZE, EST, FIN, GEO, GRE, ISR, ITA, KOS, LAT, LTU, LUX, NED, POR, ROU, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR (22 in total)

The qualification matches will be played in 4 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 3 teams. The winner of each group qualifies for the play-off matches, which will be played on 10 to 12 June and 14 to 16 June 2016.



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DRAW QUALIFICATION GROUPS:

6 Teams in row 1 (place 3 in EHF EURO 2016 Qual.): AUT, BIH, CZE, LAT, NED, POR
 7 Teams in row 2 (place 4 in EHF EURO 2016 Qual.): FIN, ISR, LTU, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR
 3 Teams in row 3 (winners of EHF EURO 2018 Phase 1): BEL, LUX, ROU
 3 Teams in row 4 (place 2 in EHF EURO 2018 Phase 1): EST, GRE, ITA
 3 Teams in row 5 (place 3 in EHF EURO 2018 Phase 1): CYP, GEO, KOS

Procedure:

1. Three teams of row 5 and 1 team of row 4 are drawn to pot 4
2. Two remaining teams of row 4, three teams of row 3 and one team of row 2 are drawn to pot 3
3. Four teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4, groups 1-4
4. Six teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3, groups 1-6
5. Six teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2, groups 1-6
6. Six teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1, groups 1-6

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6

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