Hosting City – Vienna, Austria

During the UEFA Euro 2008™ in June 2008, football reigned supreme in Vienna. On the 29th June 2008, Spain was crowned Champions at the Ernst Happel Stadium in Vienna. On the 31st January 2010 the new European Men’s Handball Champion France was crowned in the Stadthalle arena at the 2010 EHF Euro.

Of course, there are many more things to see and do in Vienna, Austria’s capital with 1.8 million inhabitants. Whether you like art and culture, architecture or sports, Vienna has a lot to offer for everyone. Come and enjoy the pulsating life in the city’s streets or visit one of the many green parks and gardens to chill and relax. Here is a brief overview of Vienna’s most important sights. The City of Vienna looks forward to welcoming its many guests.

Sights
Burgtheater, City Hall, Danube-Tower, Haas-House, Imperial Burial Vault, Imperial Palace - Hofburg, Concert Halls, Parliament, Schönbrunn Palace, Schönbrunn Zoo, Spanish Riding School, St. Charles Church, St. Michael’s Church, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, Vienna State Opera, The Vienna Prater & The Giant Ferris Wheel.

Museums

Viennese cuisine
Tourists and locals alike can discover a wide variety of culinary delights in this city that is known for its appreciation of fine flavours. From the traditional Viennese coffee houses and haute cuisine to the hearty meals served in Vienna’s inns, this city offers the finest foods and drinks for every palate and budget. Enjoy choice wines, tasty beef dishes or the typical Viennese Kaiserschmarrn (a kind of scrambled pancake with raisins, served with stewed fruit) in select restaurants and inns all around Vienna. More Viennese specialties can be found at the traditional Coffee houses, Inns (Beisln), Heurigen and Sausage stands where you can be sure to meet Viennese people and experience their true “souls” in a relaxed atmosphere…
The Competition Commission (CC) has been part of the EHF structure since the foundation of the European Handball Federation in 1991/1992. Back then, there was a Technical Commission dealing with all the technical matters in handball.

Due to the rapid development in handball, the Technical Commission soon split into two new commissions, the Competitions Commission and the Methods Commission. The responsibility of the CC is to deal with all competition matters of EHF events, playing systems of competitions, and the Referee and Delegate systems. In order to guarantee high level officiating all over the European handball courts, various programmes have been targeting referee- and delegate education with a special focus on young referees and female referees.

To take the subject to the next level, the EHF Executive Committee took a decision to set up a new specialised body. The EHF Technical Refereeing Committee (TRC) has been called into being to serve as a kind of “think tank” contributing to the further development of the European refereeing standards.

Educational programmes in refereeing are in the responsibility of the EHF Competence Academy&Network (CAN), closely cooperating with EHF CC and TRC.

**TRC Members**

- **Dragan Nachevski / MKD** - Chairman
- **Jutta Ehrmann-Wolf / GER** - Member (Female Refereeing)
- **Jiri Konecny / CZE** - Member (Young Referee Programme)
- **Miroslaw Baum / POL** - Member (Physical Preparation)
- **Oyvind Togstad / NOR**
- **Antonio Marreiros / POR** - Member
The European Handball Federation (EHF) is the governing body of Handball in Europe. Its 50 Member Federations represent and stand for 50 different kinds of national and international handball know-how. Those individual national handball schools/philosophies shall be made use of by involving experts in order to contribute to the variety of handball education in Europe. Handball know-how exchange and transfer in Europe shall be fostered as an EHF service for the EHF Member Federations by making use of national and international handball experts as well as external lecturers from sport science, medicine, other sports, economy (marketing, equipment suppliers) and media (press, TV, Internet).

The EHF Competence Academy & Network (EHF CAN) shall be established as an educational service centre for EHF Member Federations with the possibility of granting scholarships in order to minimize or delete financial burdens for them. The same holds good for internal EHF Office management training on the job.

The EHF CAN shall be established to develop and deliver sport specific educational and training programmes in order to ensure that coaches, officials, athletes and administrators from all over Europe (and the world) have access to the highest quality education relating to "handball know-how" and competence in e-learning, blended learning, interdisciplinary educational courses of various duration, summer schools or mainstream 2-4 semester courses within the European Education Credit Transfer System (ECTS framework).

The EHF CAN shall set-up Business Executive Education programmes for further educating and training sporting administrators, resort managers and event executives in the Handball Event Management Business, e.g. also in event-related courses.

The EHF CAN shall contain a documentation centre including production of modern teaching aids and media as well as cooperation agreements with research & developing partners, suppliers, universities and testifying institutions.

The EHF CAN is responsible for both, EHF Lecturer and programme coordination in this seminar.
The EHF will cover the travel costs (except airport parking and transfers) of the referees/delegates as well as all local costs (accommodation, food) during the seminar in Vienna.

EHF Referee Group

The EHF is pleased to announce that the following 14 referee couples are invited to participate in the “kick – off” seminar for the 2018 EHF Men’s Euro in Croatia.

Andrei Gousko and Siarhei Repkin / BLR
Matija Gubica and Boris Milosevic / CRO
Vaclav Horacek/ and Jiri Novotny / CZE
Martin Gjeding and Mads Hansen / DEN
Oscar Raluy and Angel Sabroso / ESP
Stevann Pichon and Laurent Reveret / FRA
Lars Geipel and Marcus Helbig / GER
Zigmars Sondors and Renars Lics / LAT
Vaidas Mazeika and Mindaugas Gatelis / LTU
Gjorgji Nachevski and Slave Nikolov / MKD
Duarte Santos and Ricardo Fonseca / POR
Sorin-Laurentiu Dinu and Constantin Din / ROU
Evgeny Zotin and Nikolay Volodkov / RUS
Arthur Brunner and Morad Salah / SUI

The 2017 EHF Referee Seminar will be held with 14 couples out of which the 12 couples for the EHF Men’s EURO in Croatia will be selected.
Course Basics

Currently the EHF is in full swing of preparing the various events for the 2017/18 season, especially the 2018 EHF Men’s EURO that will be organized in Croatia from 12-28 January 2018. After concluding the qualification matches the draw for the final tournament took place in Zagreb/CRO on 23 June 2017.

A combined EHF Referee/Delegate event will take place on the weekend from 1st – 3rd September 2017 in Vienna and will start on Friday afternoon at 14.00 hrs. with the official opening. The closing for Delegates is planned for Saturday at around 12:00 hrs., for Referees on Sunday at around 11.45 hrs.

Objectives

The EHF strives towards attaining a new level of preparation. The programme for EHF top referees contains specific preparatory activities for an EHF top event.

- Physical fitness assessment testing (shuttle run with lactate) and follow-up programmes
- Mental skills and methods (with emphasis on “emotions and performance”, body language and “stress performance”)
- On-court officiating (video examples) with particular reference to the new IHF Rules of the Game valid as of 1st July 2016
- Pro-active discussions regarding primary points of cooperation with the EHF delegates
- Stressing the importance of coherence in behaviour and actions

The EHF Delegate task training will focus on:

- EHF Delegate Task Agenda (from arrival to departure) - event management, game administration
- EHF Delegate performance features “before- during- after” the game
- Behaviour and Performance Training Tools
- Observer system and online platform instruction

EHF Delegates Group pre-nominated for the 2018 EHF Men’s EURO in Croatia:

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Presenters & Conference Team

Bozidar Djurkovic / SRB
EHF Exec Member since 2016
EHF Competitions Commission Chairman since 2016

Dragan Nachevski / MKD
EHF Competitions Commission Member since 2012, responsible for refereeing
Former Top IHF and EHF Referee

Jan Kampman / DEN
EHF Competitions Commission Member since 2016, responsible for men's competitions

Prof. Hans Holdhaus / AUT
Director of the IMSB AUT Institute for Sportsmedicine/ Science
EHF Anti-Doping Unit

Johann Ingi Gunnarsson / ISL
Psychologist
Former Top Coach in GER Bundesliga
EHF Lecturer at the 2012 EHF Men's EURO in SRB, 2014 EHF Men's EURO in DEN and 2016 EHF Men's EURO in POL

Marko Sibila / SLO
EHF Lecturer
EHF Master Coach
Member of Union of University Handball Teacher

Robert Kleiner / AUT
EHF Video Analyst since 2004

Helmut Höritsch / EHF Office
EHF Office Staff Member since 1993
Senior Manager Education/Development
EHF CAN – Coordinator

Markus Glaser / EHF Office
EHF Office Staff Member since 1993
Senior Manager Business Group Competitions

Vladimir Rancik / EHF Office
EHF Office Staff Member since 2009
Business Group Competitions (Refereeing / Delegates)

Johannes Müller / EHF Office
EHF Office Staff Member since 2010
Business Unit EURO Events / Legal Management

Beata Kozłowska / EHF Office
EHF Staff Member Since 2013
Business Unit Education / Development
Course Schedule (Part 1)

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## Course Schedule (Part 2)

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<td>Sibila / Analysis EHF EURO Top Teams</td>
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<td>Kleiner / Observer programme and online platform Instruction</td>
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