

EHF 2018 Men's European Championship in tbd. "EHF EURO 2018"



Procedure for the draw of the Qualification Phase 1

Date: 22 July 2014

Time: 11:00 hrs

Venue: EHF Office, Vienna

Total entries: 38 teams

Teams at Final Tournament: 16 teams

Places available at Final Tournament: 15 teams

Qualified for Final Tournament: **Organiser**

Qualified for Qualification Phase 2:

After the matches for the Men's EHF EURO 2016 Qualification Phase 2 have been finalized (in June 2015) the three lowest ranked 4th places of all 7 groups will play against the three winners of the EHF EURO 2018 Qualification Phase 1 two play-off matches (6/7 April and 9/10 April 2016). The winners of these play-off matches will join the other already qualified participants to the EURO 2018 Qualification Phase 2.

Qualification Phase 1:

The 9 registered teams for the EHF EURO 2018 Qualification Phase 1 are (in alphabetical order):

BEL, CYP, EST, GEO, GRE, KOS*, ITA, LUX, ROU.

(* subject to the congress decision of granting full membership to the handball association of Kosovo)

Phase 1 will be played in 3 groups of 3 teams. The winners of each group will play the play off matches as above mentioned.

The 9 teams are seeded based on the EHF National Team Ranking valid for the EHF EURO 2018 Qualification (including the results of the EHF EURO 2016 Qualification Phase 1 and the results of the 2015 WCh QAT Qualification Europe Phase 1):

3 Teams in <u>pot 1</u>: GRE, EST, ROU	3 Teams in <u>pot 3</u>: CYP, GEO, KOS*
3 Teams in <u>pot 2</u>: ITA, BEL, LUX	

Procedure:

Group A	Group B	Group C

Step 3: 3 teams of pot 1 to row 1

Step 2: 3 teams of pot 2 to row 2

Step 1: 3 teams of pot 3 to row 3

The EHF EURO 2018 Qualification will be played as mentioned in the registration in three periods (Oct/Nov 2014, April/May 2015 and June 2015). It will not be allowed to play home matches in the country of the opponent.