

DRAW PROCEDURE

2018 WOMEN'S U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualification Europe

Qualification tournaments will be played
23 to 25 March 2018

The draw for the qualification groups will take place in Vienna on 21 November 2017.

- Entries:** 30 (DEN, FRA, HUN and RUS included)
- Qualified:** **FRA** (1st ranked team from W19 EHF EURO 2017 in SLO)
RUS (Champion from WU18 World Championship 2016 in SVK and 2nd ranked team from W19 EHF EURO 2017 in SLO)
DEN (3rd ranked team from W19 EHF EURO 2017 in SLO)
HUN (Organiser and 4th ranked team from W19 EHF EURO 2017 in SLO)
- Participants:** 26 (AUT, BUL, CRO, CZE, ESP, FAR, GEO, GER, GRE, ISL, KOS, LTU, MKD, MNE, NED, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR)
- Open:** 9 places (will be decided in the qualification tournaments)
- Draw:** 5 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 3 teams – 9 teams will qualify for the final tournament in HUN
- Group 1-2:** 2 teams will qualify
- Groups 3-7:** 1 team will qualify

The teams which were awarded with the right to organise the W19 EHF EURO 2017 qualification groups do not have the right to be the organiser of a 2018 WU20 World Championship Qualification group: **CRO, CZE, ESP, GER, GRE, MKD, SVK**, except in the situation where none of the other teams in the respective group is willing to organise the tournament.

Organisation right	Row/group	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
	1							
	2							
	3							
	4							

Organiser								
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PROCEDURE OF THE DRAW

Seeding according to the following pots:

(based on the ranking of the Women's 19 EHF EURO 2017 in SLO and the respective qualification)

- Pot 1:** GER, NED, NOR, MNE, ROU, SWE, ESP, SLO, CRO, POR, SRB, MKD (ranked 5th to 16th in W19 EHF EURO 2017; to be drawn to row 1, groups 1 to 7 and to row 2, groups 1 to 5)
- Pot 2:** GRE, POL, SUI, AUT, FAR, ISL, SVK, TUR, UKR (ranked 2nd in the W19 EHF EURO 2017 Qualification, but not qualified to the FT and ranked 3rd in the W19 EHF EURO 2017 Qualification; to be drawn to row 2, groups 6 & 7 and to row 3, groups 1 to 7)
- Pot 3:** CZE, GEO, LTU, BUL, KOS (ranked 4th in the W19 EHF EURO 2017 Qualification and two teams which did not participate in the W19 EHF EURO 2017 Qualification; to be drawn to row 4, groups 1 to 5)

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- 1. Draw of the groups**
 - 1.1. 12 teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1, groups 1 to 7 and to row 2, groups 1 to 5
 - 1.2. 9 teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2, groups 6 & 7 and to row 3, groups 1 to 7
 - 1.3. 5 teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 4, groups 1 to 5
- 2. Draw of the teams having the right to organise the qualification tournament**

Playing dates WU 20 World Championship Qualification:

23 to 25 March 2018

Playing dates WU 20 World Championship Final Tournament in HUN:

1 to 15 July 2018

With best regards,

EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

Vienna, 13 November 2017/SyR

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