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## 2015 Men's World Championship in Qatar

(17 January to 1 February 2015)

### QUALIFICATION EUROPE

#### Procedure for the draw of the qualification phase 1

**Date:** 27 June 2013    **Time:** 14:30 hrs.    **Venue:** EHF Office, Vienna/AUT

<b><u>Total entries:</u></b>	37 teams
<b><u>Total teams at final tournament:</u></b>	24 teams
<b><u>Places Europe at final tournament:</u></b>	12 teams (ESP as defending champion NOT included)
<b><u>Qualified for final tournament:</u></b>	5 teams: ESP (defending champion), QAT (organizer) and 3 best ranked teams from EHF EURO 2014 in DEN
<b><u>Qualified for Play Off (from EURO DEN):</u></b>	AUT, BLR, CRO, CZE, DEN, FRA, HUN, ISL, MKD, MNE, NOR, POL, RUS, SRB, SWE (12 out of these 15)

Additionally qualified from the EHF EURO 2014 qualification phase 2 is GER as 2<sup>nd</sup> best third ranked team, which did not qualify to the final tournament in Denmark.

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

The remaining teams (5) for the 2015 Men's World Championship play-off matches will come from the qualification phase 1.

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

**BEL, BIH, CYP, EST, FIN, GEO, GRE, ISR, ITA, LAT, LTU, LUX, NED, POR, ROU, SLO, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR (20 in total)**

The qualification matches will be played in 5 groups of 4 teams.

The winner of each group qualifies for the play-off matches, which will be played on 7/8 June and 14/15 June 2014.



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**DRAW QUALIFICATION GROUPS:**

5 teams in row 1 (place 3 in EHF EURO 2014 Qual.): LTU, NED, POR, SLO, SVK  
7 Teams in row 2 (place 4 in EHF EURO 2014 Qual.): BIH, ISR, LAT, ROU, SUI, TUR, UKR  
8 Teams in row 3 (not qualified for EHF EURO 2014 Qual. Phase 2): BEL, CYP, EST, FIN, GEO, GRE, ITA, LUX

**Procedure:**

1. Three teams of row 3 are drawn to pot 3
2. Two teams of row 2 are drawn to pot 3
3. Five teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4, groups 1-5
4. Five teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3, groups 1-5
5. Five teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2, groups 1-5
6. Five teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1, groups 1-5

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5

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