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**2009 Women's World Championship in China
 (29 November to 13 December 2009)
 QUALIFICATION EUROPE**


Draw: **Date:** 22 July 2008 **Time:** 11:00 hrs. **Venue:** Vienna, Austria / EHF Office

Places for Europe: 11 teams, incl. RUS

Total entries: 33 teams

Qualified for final tournament: 4 teams: **RUS** (defending champion), **CHN** (organiser) and the two best ranked teams of the Euro 2008 in MKD - **XXX, XXX** (RUS excluded)

Qualified for Play-off (from ECh MKD): **AUT, BLR, CRO, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, MKD, NOR, POR, ROU, SRB, SWE, UKR** (13 out of 15 in total)

The two best ranked teams at the EHF EURO 2008 in FYR Macedonia together with RUS will qualify directly for the final tournament in China. Therefore 13 teams from the EHF EURO 2008 will be directly qualified for the play-off matches.

➤ The qualification Europe will be played in two phases with phase 1 being played in a format of three tournaments among the following national teams:

17 teams: **AZE, BUL, CZE, ENG, FIN, GRE, ISL, ITA, LAT, LTU, MNE, NED, POL, SLO, SUI, SVK, TUR**

1. The tournaments will be played in **2 groups of 6 teams and 1 group of 5 teams** each at one venue within one week.
2. The first team of each group will qualify for the play-off matches (1st leg 6/7 June, 2nd leg 13/14 June 2009).

Procedure of the Draw:

10 Teams in pot 1: CZE, ISL, ITA, LTU, MNE, NED, POL, SLO, SVK, TUR

5 Teams in pot 2: AZE, BUL, GRE, LAT, SUI

2 Teams in pot 3: ENG, FIN

Steps:

1. Teams of pot 1 are drawn into group 1, 2 and 3 (10 times)
2. Teams of pot 2 are drawn into group 1, 2 and 3 (5 times)
3. Teams of pot 3 are drawn into group 1 and 2 (2 times)
4. Draw of the order of the right to organise a tournament (6 times)

Playing date for the tournaments: 25 to 30 November 2008

Organisation Right	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Immediately after the draw the results will be announced on:

<http://statistics.eurohandball.com/reports/?b=291&r=3&p=1182>