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2008 Women's European Championship
2 to 14 December 2008 in Fyro Macedonia

Procedure for the draw of the qualification round

Date: 6 July 2007 **Time:** 16:45 hrs. **Venue:** Bratislava, Slovakia
On the occasion of the W17 European Championship Semi-Finals Day

Total entries: 33 teams
Teams at the final round: 16 teams
Qualified for final tournament: 6 teams: **NOR** (defending champion), **RUS**, **FRA**, **GER**, **HUN** (teams 2-5 in SWE) and **MKD** (organizer)

Teams ranked 1-5 at the EURO 2006 in Sweden qualified directly for the final tournament in 2008.

Qualified for Play Off (from WCh FRA): **AUT, CRO, ESP, POL, ROU, UKR (total of 6)**

Additionally seeded for the Play Offs: **SWE** (6th at Euro 06), **DEN** (11th), **SRB** (14th), **NED** (15th), **SLO** (16th) (total of 5)

The qualification round will be played in groups among the following 16 teams

AZE, BIH, BLR, BUL, CZE, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, LAT, LTU, MNE, POR, SUI, SVK, TUR

1. The qualification groups will be played from 27 November to 2 December 2007 in one group of six teams and two groups of 5 teams.
2. From these three groups there will be three teams qualifying for the play-offs from each group.

DRAW:

2 Teams in pot 1: **BLR, TUR**
6 Teams in pot 2: **CZE, ISL, LTU, MNE, POR, SVK**
7 Teams in pot 3: **AZE, BIH, BUL, GRE, ITA, LAT, SUI**
1 Team in pot 4: **ISR (goes to the group with 6 teams)**

Procedure:

1. 2 teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1 (2 times)
2. 1 team of pot 2 is drawn to row 1 (1 time)
3. 3 teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2 (3 times)
4. 2 teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 3 (2 times)
5. 1 team of pot 3 is drawn to row 3 (1 time)
6. 6 teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 4 and 5 (6 times)
7. draw of organization right

Playing dates for the qualification groups: 27 November to 2 December 2007

Organization right	Group 1 (3 teams qualify)	Group 2 (three teams qualify)	Group 3 (three teams qualify)
	ISR		

