

## 2015 Men's World Championship Qualification Europe Play-off matches

The 24<sup>th</sup> Men's World Championship (IHF Event) in Qatar will be held from 17 January to 1 February 2015

### **DRAW PROCEDURE**

**Date:** 26 January 2014      **Time:** 13:00 hrs.      **Venue:** Press Centre Herning, DEN

**Total entries:** 37 teams  
**Total teams at final tournament:** 24 teams  
**Places Europe at final tournament:** 13 teams (including **ESP** as defending champion)

**Qualified for final tournament:** 5 teams: **ESP** (defending champion), **QAT** (organiser) and **CRO / DEN / FRA** (3 best ranked teams from EHF EURO 2014 in DEN)

**Qualified for Play Off (from EURO DEN):** **AUT, BLR, CZE, HUN, ISL, MKD, MNE, NOR, POL, RUS, SRB, SWE**

**Qualified for Play Off (from EURO Quali):** **GER** (2<sup>nd</sup> best third ranked team in EURO Qualification phase 2, not qualified to EURO DEN)

**Qualified for Play Off (from WCh Qualification Europe phase 1):** **BIH, GRE, LTU, ROU, SLO**  
(5 winners of the 5 qualification groups)

#### **DRAW PROCEDURE:**

**9 Teams in pot 1:** **AUT, BLR, HUN, ISL, MKD, POL, RUS, SRB, SWE**  
(9 best ranked teams of the EHF EURO 2014 DEN which are not qualified directly for the final tournament in QAT)

**3 Teams in pot 2:** **NOR, CZE, MNE** (3 last ranked EHF EURO teams which are not qualified directly for the final tournament in QAT)

**6 Teams in pot 2:** **GER and BIH, GRE, LTU, ROU, SLO**  
(5 winners of the qualification groups)

One team of pot 1 is drawn against one team of pot 2 (9 times).

For each pairing the home and away right will be drawn.

#### **Playing dates for the play-off matches:**

**First leg:** 7/8 June 2014  
**Second leg:** 14/15 June 2014

The winners of the play-off matches will qualify for the 2015 Men's World Championship in Qatar (IHF event) from **17 January to 1 February 2015**.