



Women's 2015 World Championship Qualification Europe



The 22nd WWCh (IHF Event) in Denmark will be held from **5 to 20 December 2015**

Procedure for the draw of the qualification phase one

Date: 22 July 2014 **Time:** approx. 11:00 hrs. **Venue:** EHF Office

Total entries: 30 teams
Total teams at final tournament: 24 teams
Places Europe at final tournament: 10 teams (Org. DEN not included)

Qualified for final tournament: 3 teams: **BRA** (defending champion), **DEN** (organiser), and the European Champion from EHF EURO 2014 in HUN/CRO (respectively the second ranked team, if DEN will be the European Champion)

Qualified for play-off matches (from ECh HUN/CRO):
CRO, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, MNE, NED, NOR, POL, ROU, RUS, SRB, SVK, SWE, UKR (14 out of these 15)

The remaining European places (9) will be decided in the **WCh Qualification Europe Phase 2** (play-off matches) among the 14 out of 15 directly qualified teams for the play-off matches and the four proceeding nations from **WCh Qualification Europe Phase 1**. The following national teams will play in Phase 1 for these four available places: **AUT, AZE, BLR, CZE, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, LTU, MKD, POR, SLO, SUI, TUR** (14 in total).

a) Phase 1 – qualification matches:

The qualification Europe for the 2015 Women's World Championship will be played over three weeks in home and away matches. The following three periods are available for these matches:

Home and away matches:

Round	Day	Dates
Round 1	Wednesday – Thursday	08 – 09.10.2014
Round 2	Saturday – Sunday	11 – 12.10.2014
Round 3	Wednesday – Thursday	26 – 27.11.2014
Round 4	Saturday – Sunday	29 – 30.11.2014
Round 5	Wednesday – Thursday	03 – 04.12.2014
Round 6	Saturday	06.12.2014

According to the EHF-EXEC decision of March 2014 the following proceedings will apply:

The Member Federations of the teams in each group of the Phase 1 may decide to play their matches in the format of a tournament in one venue. In a specific group, the majority of all Member Federations must agree or disagree (3:1 or 1:3 decision) accordingly and the EHF must be informed of the respective agreement and its particulars within the deadline set forth by the later. If the Member Federations do not find an agreement (in case of 1:3 or 2:2 decision) among them to play the matches in a tournament, the home and away format and the corresponding playing modalities decided by the EHF and communicated are to be implemented. The organisation right will be drawn separately.



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The possible periods to play the matches in the format of a tournament in one venue are:

Tournament

Tournament	Wednesday – Sunday	26.11. – 30.11.2014
or		
Tournament	Wednesday – Saturday	03.12. – 06.12.2014

b) Phase 2 – play-off matches

BRA, DEN and the European Champion or the second ranked team (if DEN will be the European Champion) of the EHF EURO 2014 in HUN/CRO qualify directly for the participation in the 2015 Women's World Championship in Denmark. All other teams participating in the final round of the EHF EURO 2014 qualify directly for the 2015 Women's World Championship play-off matches in June 2015.

The play-off matches will be played in a KO-system with first and second leg matches at two weekends. It will not be allowed to play home matches in the country of the opponent:

Home and away matches:

Round	Day	Dates
Leg 1	Saturday – Sunday	06 – 07.06.2015
Leg 2	Saturday – Sunday	13 – 14.06.2015

The winners of the play-off matches will qualify for the final tournament of the 2015 Women's World Championship in Denmark.

The draw of the play-off matches will take place on the final weekend of the Women's 2014 EHF EURO in Budapest/HUN on 21 December 2014.

Qualification Phase 1

➤ The qualification Phase 1 will be played over three weeks in home and away matches among the following national teams:

AUT, AZE, BLR, CZE, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, LTU, MKD, POR, SLO, SUI, TUR (14 in total).

The qualification matches will be played in 2 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 3 teams.

The seeding to the different pots is based on the results of the 2014 EHF EURO Qualification.

The winner of each group qualifies for the play-off matches, which will be played on 6/7 June and 13/14 June 2015.

In case of an agreement among the teams of one group to play the qualification matches in a tournament in one venue the teams have to inform the EHF about their decision by Friday, 1 August 2014 at the latest. The respective organisation right draw will take place on Tuesday, 5 August 2014 at 12:00 hrs at the EHF office in Vienna.



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DRAW QUALIFICATION GROUPS:

POT 1: 7 teams - place 3 in 2014 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2 (in alphabetical order):

AUT, BLR, CZE, ISL, MKD, SLO, TUR

POT 2: 4 teams - place 4 in 2014 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2 (in alphabetical order):

ITA, LTU, POR, SUI

POT 3: 3 teams - not qualified for 2014 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2 (in alphabetical order):

AZE, GRE, ISR

STEP 1: 4 teams of pot 1 drawn to row 1, groups 1-4

STEP 2: 3 teams of pot 1 drawn to row 2, groups 1-3

STEP 3: 1 team of pot 2 drawn to row 2, group 4

STEP 4: 3 teams of pot 2 drawn to row 3, groups 1-3

STEP 5: 1 team of pot 3 drawn to row 3, group 4

STEP 6: 2 teams of pot 3 drawn to row 4, groups 1-2

Row	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
1				
2				
3				
4				

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