



EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION

2013 Women's World Championship in Serbia
(7 to 22 December 2013)
QUALIFICATION EUROPE

Updated procedure for the draw of the qualification phase one
(due to the withdrawal of GBR)

Date: 24 July 2012 **Time:** 11:00 hrs. **Venue:** EHF Office

Total entries: 31 teams
Total teams at final tournament: 24 teams
Places Europe at final tournament: 10 teams

Qualified for final tournament: 4 teams: **NOR** (defending champion), **SRB** (organiser), and 2 best ranked teams from EHF EURO 2012 in SRB

Qualified for play-off matches (from ECh SRB): **CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, ISL, MKD, MNE, ROU, RUS, SWE, UKR** (12 out of these 14)

The remaining European places (8) will be decided in the qualification Europe Phase 2 (play-off matches) among the 12 out of 14 directly qualified teams for the play-off matches and the four proceeding nations from Phase 1. The following national teams will play in Phase 1 for these four available places: **AUT, AZE, BLR, FIN, GRE, ISR, ITA, LTU, NED, POL, POR, SLO, SUI, SVK, TUR** (15 in total).

a) Phase 1 – qualification matches:

The qualification Europe for the 2013 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	03 – 04.10.2012
Round 2	Saturday – Sunday	06 – 07.10.2012
Round 3	Wednesday – Thursday	21 – 22.11.2012
Round 4	Saturday – Sunday	24 – 25.11.2012
Round 5	Wednesday – Thursday	28 – 29.11.2012
Round 6	Saturday – Sunday	01 – 02.12.2012

The Member Federations of the teams in each group of phase 1 may decide to play their matches in the format of a tournament in one venue. In the respective group all Member Federations must agree accordingly and the EHF must be informed of the respective agreement and its particulars within Friday 3 August 2012. If the Member Federations do not find an agreement 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 period to play the matches in the format of a tournament in one venue is:

Tournament

Tournament	Wednesday – Sunday	28.11. – 2.12.2012
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b) Phase 2 – play-off matches

NOR, SRB and the two best ranked teams from the EHF EURO 2012 in SRB qualify directly for the participation in the 2013 Women’s World Championship in Serbia. All other teams participating in the final round of the EHF EURO 2012 qualify directly for the 2013 Women’s World Championship play-off matches in June 2013.

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	01 – 02.06.2013
Leg 2	Saturday – Sunday	08 – 09.06.2013

The winners of the play-off matches will qualify for the final tournament of the 2013 Women's World Championship in Serbia.

The draw of the play-off matches will take place on the final weekend of the Women’s 2012 EHF EURO in Belgrade/SRB on 16 December 2012.

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, FIN, GRE, ISR, ITA, LTU, NED, POL, POR, SLO, SUI, SVK, TUR (15 in total)

The qualification matches will be played in 3 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams.

The ranking list is based on the results of the 2012 EHF EURO Qualification.

The winner of each group qualifies for the play-off matches, which will be played on 1/2 June and 8/9 June 2013.

DRAW QUALIFICATION GROUPS:

POT 1: 6 teams - place 3 in 2012 EHF EURO Qual. and NED = 7 teams (in alphabetical order):

AUT, BLR, NED, POL, POR, SVK, TUR

POT 2: 6 teams - place 4 in 2012 EHF EURO Qual. (in alphabetical order):

AZE, GRE, ITA, LTU, SLO, SUI

POT 3: 2 teams - not qualified for 2012 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2. (in alphabetical order):

FIN, ISR

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

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

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

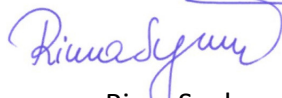
STEP 4: 1 team of pot 2 drawn to row 2, group 1

STEP 5: 3 teams of pot 1 drawn to row 2, groups 2-4

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

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

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