

EHF EURO 2010 NEWSLETTER

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FIRST STEPS TOWARDS DENMARK AND NORWAY

Welcome to the Women's EHF EURO Qualification! On Wednesday evening, 28 teams will start their quest to reach Denmark and Norway where the Women's EHF EURO 2010 will take place in exactly 421 days from today.

This will be the first occasion that all the national teams take part in the qualification – similarly to what we have seen at the recently concluded Men's EHF EURO Qualification.

Most certainly, the women's qualification will bring just as high a level and close competition for the available EURO tickets. As two teams from each group will earn their places at the EURO, all matches will be equally important and exciting for the handball fans.

The teams will start the qualification with a total of 28 games in Round 1 and Round 2 this week. The group stage will continue then at the end of March 2010.

Enjoy the EURO Qualification debut of the ladies! You can find the groups and all the playing times in the regular EHF EURO Newsletter.

For more information you can visit www.ehf-euro.com and www.eurohandball.com.

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News, interviews, match results, group standings: find all information on EHF EURO 2010 and the EURO Qualification at www.ehf-euro.com

The screenshot shows the EHF EURO 2010 website layout. At the top, there's a header with the EHF logo, 'EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION', and 'EHF EURO 2010 2010 WOMEN'S EHF EUROPEAN HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP'. Below this, the main content area is divided into several sections:

- Women's EURO 2010**: Includes links for News, Qualification Information, Technical info, Hosting countries, Media corner, EHF EURO History 2010 and beyond, and Contact.
- News**: Features a large '2010' graphic and a 'Qualification groups' section stating 'The teams have been drawn into seven groups.'
- Countdown**: Shows '422 days 22 hours 37 minutes 37 seconds' remaining.
- Men's EURO 2010**: Includes a 'HANDBALL EURO 2010 AUSTRIA' banner and a 'Qualification groups' list.
- Qualification groups**: Lists seven groups with their respective teams:
 - Group 1: Romania, Ukraine, Portugal, Switzerland
 - Group 2: Hungary, Sweden, Czech Republic, Azerbaijan
 - Group 3: France, Austria, Iceland, Great Britain
 - Group 4: Germany, Belarus, Slovenia, Italy
 - Group 5: Spain, Serbia, Turkey, Greece
 - Group 6: Russia, Poland, Slovakia, Montenegro
 - Group 7: Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Netherlands, Lithuania
- LIVE draw graphics!**: Promotes the 'Draw Event 24th March 09'.
- See you in Denmark and Norway!**: Features a photo of a player.
- Stories**: Includes articles like 'EURO Qualification Draw', 'Handball world will be looking at Vienna on 24 March', 'EURO qualifiers: promising start', 'Development for the EURO', and 'EURO 2008: marketing and TV success'.

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World Player of the Year, Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth – Norway and Denmark will be waiting for the teams qualifying from the seven groups

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
 Romania	 Hungary	 France	 Germany	 Spain	 Russia	 Croatia
 Ukraine	 Sweden	 Austria	 Belarus	 Serbia	 Poland	 FYR Macedonia
 Portugal	 Czech Rep.	 Iceland	 Slovenia	 Turkey	 Slovakia	 Netherlands
 Switzerland	 Azerbaijan	 Great Britain	 Italy	 Greece	 Montenegro	 Lithuania

Match days:

For the complete playing schedule, please visit www.ehf-euro.com.

Round 1:

14-15 October 2009 (Wed-Thur)

Round 2:

17-18 October 2009 (Sat-Sun)

Rounds 3:

31 March-1 April 2010 (Wed-Thur)

Round 4:

3-4 April 2010 (Sat-Sun)

Rounds 5:

26-27 May 2010 (Wed-Thur)

Round 6:

29-30 May 2010 (Sat-Sun)

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Splendid venues for the EURO

The EHF EURO Qualification will be the first chapter of a EURO Event that promises spectacle never seen in women's handball before. At the end of 2010, the 14 best teams of the European continent will be hosted by two traditional top nations in an exclusive environment.

The EHF EURO 2010 will take place from 7th to 19th of December 2010. The preliminary rounds will be played in two Norwegian and two Danish cities: Larvik, Lillehammer, Aalborg and a fourth venue to be published soon.

Two giant arenas will be the venues of the Main Round. The Norwegian skiing resort of Lillehammer has a great reputation for staging the biggest sporting event, the 1994 Winter Olympic Games, but also for hosting the final of the Men's EHF EURO 2008. Please note, the venue was considered lucky for the Danes who were lifted the EURO plate there in January 2008.

The other Main Round venue will be Herning, Denmark. At the time of the above mentioned Danish victory, the MCH Multiarena did not even exist. The state-of-the-art giant arena of Herning will be completed next summer/autumn and the first big international sports event will be the EHF EURO 2010 here.

The MCH Multiarena, with its 28,000 square metres, will offer everything visitors could dream of: multi-flexible covered hall, stadium, business park, drive-in cinema, adventure land and cable car.

Herning will be the venue of the finals & placement matches on 18-19th December and 14,000 fans can fill the stands.

If you want to be there, you are welcome to return to the official EHF EURO website from August 2010 when the tickets will go on sale.



EURO 2008 final,
Lillehammer



The venue of the final in Herning – opening in 2010

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Danish Josephina Touray will be there at the EURO in 2010

Coming up this week – EHF EURO 2010 Qualification

Round 1

Wednesday, 12 October

- 17:00 Chekhov
Russia vs Slovakia
- 18:00 Zaporozhye
Ukraine vs Switzerland
- 18:00 Zrenjanin
Serbia vs Greece
- 18:00 Lublin
Poland vs Montenegro
- 18:30 Mogilev
Belarus vs Italy
- 19:00 Sighisoara
Romania vs Portugal
- 19:00 Santander
Spain vs Turkey
- 19:30 Besancon
France vs Iceland
- 19:30 Wetzlar
Germany vs Slovenia
- 20:00 Feldkirchen
Austria vs Great Britain
- 20:30 Skopje
FYR Macedonia vs Lithuania

Thursday, 13 October

- 18:00 BB Rijeka
Croatia vs Netherlands
- 19:00 Skövde
Sweden vs Azerbaijan
- 19:00 Kecskemét
Hungary vs Czech Republic

Round 2

Saturday, 17 October

- 16:00 London
Great Britain vs France
- 15:45 Zürich
Switzerland vs Romania
- 17:15 Lagos
Portugal vs Ukraine
- 17:30 Podgorica
Montenegro vs Russia
- 18:15 Ljubljana
Slovenia vs Belarus

Sunday, 18 October

- 11:00 Hlohovec
Slovakia vs Poland
- 12:00 Lignano Sabbiadoro
Italy vs Germany
- 15:00 Rotterdam
Netherlands vs FYR Macedonia
- 15:30 Zubri
Czech Republic vs Sweden
- 16:00 Hlíðarendi
Iceland vs Austria
- 16:00 Bozaitika Patras
Greece vs Spain
- 17:00 Antalya
Turkey vs Serbia
- 17:00 Baku
Azerbaijan vs Hungary
- 20:00 Panevezys
Lithuania vs Croatia

TV schedule

For the games broadcast on the various national TV channels, please check out the TV Guide at www.eurohandball.com!

Qualification results

You can find the results of the qualification games online on www.ehf-euro.com or www.eurohandball.com within few minutes after the final whistle.