



**QUALIFIERS**  
MEN'S EHF EURO 2024

**QUALIFIERS DRAW**

**18:00 CEST**  
**Thursday, 31 March 2022**  
**Berlin, Germany**

## HERE TO PLAY

Welcome to the draw for the Men's EHF EURO 2024 Qualifiers, the next step towards the European Handball Federation's flagship men's national team event.

The Men's EHF EURO 2024 in Germany will be colourful, dynamic, inviting – there is no doubt about it.

The championship's logo and its campaign are the first noticeable signs for this, underlined by the main claim: **"HERE TO PLAY!"** Welcome to Germany, to play handball and experience much more.

The German Handball Federation unveiled the campaign and the logo which has been developed in cooperation with the Berlin-based agency Styleheads.

"The presentation of the logo and the campaign is an important first step on the way to this major sport event. This will finally make us visible for the handball family and the entire sports world," says Mark Schober, Chairman of the Board of the German Handball Federation.

"Of course, 2024 is still a long way to go, but we have been working with full dedication already a long time for this tournament which should set standards that stretch beyond handball."

Martin Hausleitner, EHF Secretary General, says: "We can fully identify ourselves with this claim and I believe the same will hold true for all fans and players. It serves as a good explanation for the journey to the Men's EHF EURO 2024 as well as to explain the reason why we are all there. We're really happy that such a fitting logo and claim has been found."

### A festival for all sports fans

"The basis for the logo design is the place where everything is decided in handball and where emotions arise: the lines of the court. Those were transformed into the compact shape of a ball that conveys the dynamics of the sport," says Thomas Zimmermann, Board Member for Marketing and Communication in the German Handball Federation.

"The six colors of the visual communication are based on the basic colors of all European national flags to show that we are going to celebrate an international, cross-border festival with all European sports fans."

The heart of the communication is the claim "HERE TO PLAY!" This is activated in several variants in order to convey the different facets of the Men's EHF EURO 2024 and the individual locations.

The following variations of the claim will be used:

- HERE TO PLAY
- HERE TO DREAM
- HERE TO BE LOUD
- HERE TO CELEBRATE
- HERE TO RELAX
- HERE TO CONNECT
- HERE TO ENJOY
- HERE TO WATCH
- HERE TO EXPLORE



## MEN'S EHF EURO 2024

GERMANY  
10–28 JANUARY

## DRAW PROCEDURE AND POTS

32 teams will vie for the remaining 20 places at the Men's EHF EURO 2024 when the qualifiers begin in October — and it's almost time to find out who will play who in the quest for the final tournament in Germany. The draw for the qualifiers will be held on 31 March at 18:00 CEST in Vienna and streamed live on the Home of Handball Facebook and YouTube pages, as well as on EHFTV.

20 of the participating teams enter the race after playing the EHF EURO 2022, starting with fourth-ranked France all the way down the ranks. Another eight participants — Estonia, Faroe Islands, Greece, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Romania and Switzerland — are qualified for this phase after being eliminated in the final qualification stage on the path to the EHF EURO 2022. Belgium, Finland, Latvia and Turkey progressed from the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers relegation round.

Due to the EHF decision to ban teams from Russia and Belarus, two highest ranked substitute teams, Georgia and Luxembourg (who were defeated in the relegation round) will replace these national sides, rounding out the 32 qualifiers participants.

The pots for the draw have been determined according to the EHF Men's National Team Ranking:

**Pot 1:** NOR, FRA, CRO, SLO, HUN, POR, ISL, AUT

**Pot 2:** CZE, POL, NED, MNE, MKD, SRB, SUI, UKR

**Pot 3:** BIH, LTU, LAT, ISR, SVK, TUR, ROU, GRE

**Pot 4:** KOS, BEL, EST, FAR, FIN, ITA, GEO, LUX

### The draw will be conducted in the following order

- Step 1:** Eight teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4
- Step 2:** Eight teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3
- Step 3:** Eight teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1
- Step 4:** Serbia are drawn to row 2 (not in group with Kosovo)
- Step 5:** Seven remaining teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2

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

	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Row 1				
Row 2				
Row 3				
Row 4				

Watch the technical explanation of the draw here:



# POT 1 EHF EURO HISTORY



## Norway

1994: DNQ	2010: 7th
1996: DNQ	2012: 13th
1998: DNQ	2014: 14th
2000: 8th	2016: 4th
2002: DNQ	2018: 7th
2004: DNQ	2020: Bronze
2006: 11th	2022: 5th
2008: 6th	



## France

1994: 6th	2010: Gold
1996: 7th	2012: 11th
1998: 7th	2014: Gold
2000: 4th	2016: 5th
2002: 6th	2018: Bronze
2004: 6th	2020: 14th
2006: Gold	2022: 4th
2008: Bronze	



## Croatia

1994: Bronze	2010: Silver
1996: 5th	2012: Bronze
1998: 8th	2014: 4th
2000: 6th	2016: Bronze
2002: 12th	2018: 5th
2004: 4th	2020: Silver
2006: 4th	2022: 8th
2008: Silver	



## Slovenia

1994: 10th	2010: 11th
1996: 11th	2012: 6th
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: 5th	2016: 14th
2002: 12th	2018: 8th
2004: Silver	2020: 4th
2006: 8th	2022: 16th
2008: 10th	



## Hungary

1994: 7th	2010: 14th
1996: 10th	2012: 8th
1998: 6th	2014: 8th
2000: DNQ	2016: 12th
2002: DNQ	2018: 14th
2004: 9th	2020: 9th
2006: 13th	2022: 15th
2008: 8th	



## Portugal

1994: 12th	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: 7th	2016: DNQ
2002: 9th	2018: DNQ
2004: 14th	2020: 6th
2006: 15th	2022: 19th
2008: DNQ	



## Iceland

1994: DNQ	2010: Bronze
1996: DNQ	2012: 10th
1998: DNQ	2014: 5th
2000: 11th	2016: 13th
2002: 4th	2018: 13th
2004: 13th	2020: 11th
2006: 7th	2022: 6th
2008: 11th	



## Austria

1994: DNQ	2010: 9th
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: 11th
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: 15th
2004: DNQ	2020: 8th
2006: DNQ	2022: 20th
2008: DNQ	

DNQ: Did not qualify

## POT 2 EHF EURO HISTORY



### Czech Republic

1994: DNQ	2010: 8th
1996: 6th	2012: 14th
1998: 10th	2014: 15th
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: 8th	2018: 6th
2004: 11th	2020: 12th
2006: DNQ	2022: 13th
2008: 13th	



### Poland

1994: DNQ	2010: 4th
1996: DNQ	2012: 9th
1998: DNQ	2014: 6th
2000: DNQ	2016: 7th
2002: 15th	2018: DNQ
2004: 16th	2020: 21st
2006: 10th	2022: 12th
2008: 7th	



### Netherlands

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: 17th
2006: DNQ	2022: 10th
2008: DNQ	



### Montenegro

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: Bronze*	2012: DNQ
1998: 5th*	2014: 16th
2000: DNQ	2016: 16th
2002: 10th*	2018: 16th
2004: 8th**	2020: 18th
2006: 9th**	2022: 11th
2008: 12th	



### North Macedonia

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: 5th
1998: 12th	2014: 10th
2000: DNQ	2016: 11th
2002: DNQ	2018: 11th
2004: DNQ	2020: 15th
2006: DNQ	2022: 22nd
2008: DNQ	



### Serbia

1994: DNQ	2010: 13th
1996: Bronze*	2012: Silver
1998: 5th*	2014: 13th
2000: DNQ	2016: 15th
2002: 10th*	2018: 12th
2004: 8th**	2020: 20th
2006: 9th**	2022: 14th
2008: DNQ	



### Switzerland

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: 13th	2018: DNQ
2004: 12th	2020: 16th
2006: 14th	2022: DNQ
2008: DNQ	



### Ukraine

1994: DNQ	2010: 16th
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: 12th	2016: DNQ
2002: 11th	2018: DNQ
2004: 15th	2020: 19th
2006: 12th	2022: 24th
2008: DNQ	

DNQ: Did not qualify

\* qualified as Yugoslavia

\*\* qualified as Serbia & Montenegro

# POT 3 EHF EURO HISTORY



## Bosnia-Herzegovina

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: 23rd
2006: DNQ	2022: 23rd
2008: DNQ	



## Lithuania

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: 9th	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: DNQ
2006: DNQ	2022: 21st
2008: DNQ	



## Latvia

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: 24th
2006: DNQ	2022: DNQ
2008: DNQ	



## Israel

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: 14th	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: DNQ
2006: DNQ	2022: DNQ
2008: DNQ	



## Slovakia

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: 16th
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: DNQ
2006: 16th	2022: 18th
2008: 16th	



## Turkey

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



## Romania

1994: 11th	2010: DNQ
1996: 9th	2012: DNQ
1998: DNQ	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: DNQ
2006: DNQ	2022: DNQ
2008: DNQ	



## Greece

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.

DNQ: Did not qualify

## POT 4 EHF EURO HISTORY



### Kosovo

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



### Belgium

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



### Estonia

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



### Faroe Islands

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



### Finland

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



### Italy

1994: DNQ	2010: DNQ
1996: DNQ	2012: DNQ
1998: 11th	2014: DNQ
2000: DNQ	2016: DNQ
2002: DNQ	2018: DNQ
2004: DNQ	2020: DNQ
2006: DNQ	2022: DNQ
2008: DNQ	



### Georgia

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.



### Luxembourg

Have not qualified for an EHF EURO to date.

DNQ = Did not qualify

## OVERVIEW OF THE PLAYING DATES

The 32 teams will be drawn into eight groups of four, from which the top two sides in each will qualify for the final tournament, along with the four best third-ranked teams. The best third-ranked teams will be determined after all matches in the qualifiers are played, taking only the games against the two top-ranked teams into consideration.

A maximum of four of the lowest-ranked teams at the end of this final qualification stage will join the relegation round in the EHF EURO 2026 qualifiers.

The qualifiers will be played in three periods of two matches each for a total of six rounds, during which the teams in each group face each other in home-and-away legs.

With 24 sides set to contest the event on 10–28 January 2024, four are already qualified: host Germany, defending champions Sweden, and EHF EURO 2022 medallists Spain and Denmark. These four sides will play the EHF EURO Cup 2024 following the same schedule as the qualifiers.

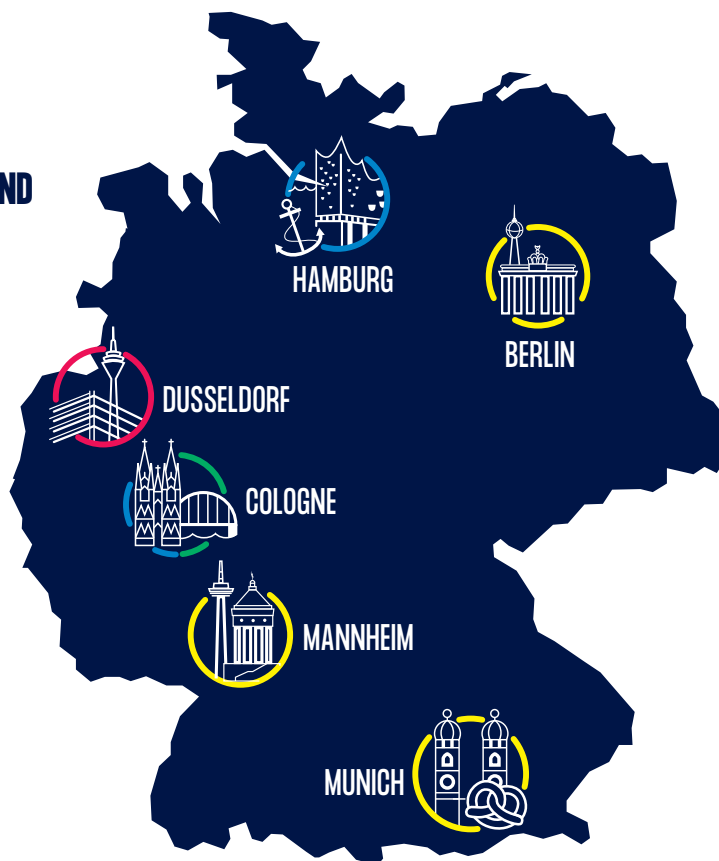
The dates for the six rounds are as follows:

- Round 1: 12/13 October 2022
- Round 2: 15/16 October 2022
- Round 3: 8/9 March 2023
- Round 4: 11/12 March 2023
- Round 5: 26/27 April 2023
- Round 6: 30 April 2023 (*unified throw-off time for all matches*)



## EHF EURO 2024 HOST & VENUES

- **OPENING GAME**
- **PRELIMINARY ROUND**
- **MAIN ROUND**
- **FINAL WEEKEND**



From Düsseldorf to Cologne seems only a small distance, but a whole lot of handball will be played between the Men's EHF EURO 2024 opener in the Merkur Spiel-Arena in Düsseldorf on 10 January and the final in the Lanxess Arena in Cologne on 28 January.

The journey through Germany includes stops at the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Berlin, SAP Arena in Mannheim, and SAP Garden in Munich for the preliminary round; Cologne and the Barclaycard Arena in Hamburg for the main round; and back to Cologne for the final weekend.

## RELEGATION ROUND

While 26 of the 32 teams to contest the EHF EURO 2024 qualifiers arrived at this last stage on the path to the final tournament based on their participation in the EHF EURO 2022 or the last qualification stage for the event in Hungary and Slovakia, six came from the relegation round.

Four teams progressed from the relegation round as winners of their respective ties, while another two have joined the final stage of qualifiers due to the EHF decision to ban Russian and Belarusian teams.

Latvia, Belgium, Turkey and Finland were the four winners in the relegation round, with Latvia enjoying the most resounding victory — an aggregate result of 72:55 against Bulgaria. Turkey won 64:54 on aggregate against Cyprus, Belgium defeated Luxembourg 59:53 and Finland won 52:45 against Georgia.

After initially being eliminated due to their losses in the relegation round in January, Luxembourg and Georgia were later chosen as the teams to replace Russia and Belarus in the last stage of qualifiers, based on an internal ranking of the four losing sides in the relegation round. Both Luxembourg and Georgia secured a draw in one of the legs against their opponents, while Bulgaria and Cyprus lost both legs of their ties.

## RELEGATION ROUND RESULTS

### Latvia vs Bulgaria



Match 1	22 January 2022	36 : 23
Match 2	23 January 2022	36 : 32
Aggregate score		<b>72 : 55</b>

### Luxembourg vs Belgium



Match 1	20 January 2022	26 : 32
Match 2	22 January 2022	27 : 27
Aggregate score		<b>53 : 59</b>

### Turkey vs Cyprus



Match 1	19 January 2022	35 : 28
Match 2	22 January 2022	29 : 26
Aggregate score		<b>64 : 54</b>

### Georgia vs Finland



Match 1	5 January 2022	22 : 22
Match 2	9 January 2022	23 : 30
Aggregate score		<b>45 : 52</b>

## PREVIOUS MEN'S EHF EUROS



Tournament	Host nation(s)	Gold	Silver	Bronze
EHF EURO 1994	Portugal	Sweden	Russia	Croatia
EHF EURO 1996	Spain	Russia	Spain	Yugoslavia
EHF EURO 1998	Italy	Sweden	Spain	Germany
EHF EURO 2000	Croatia	Sweden	Russia	Spain
EHF EURO 2002	Sweden	Sweden	Germany	Denmark
EHF EURO 2004	Slovenia	Germany	Slovenia	Denmark
EHF EURO 2006	Switzerland	France	Spain	Denmark
EHF EURO 2008	Norway	Denmark	Croatia	France
EHF EURO 2010	Austria	France	Croatia	Iceland
EHF EURO 2012	Serbia	Denmark	Serbia	Croatia
EHF EURO 2014	Denmark	France	Denmark	Spain
EHF EURO 2016	Poland	Germany	Spain	Croatia
EHF EURO 2018	Croatia	Spain	Sweden	France
EHF EURO 2020	Sweden / Austria / Norway	Spain	Croatia	Norway
EHF EURO 2022	Hungary & Slovakia	Sweden	Spain	Denmark



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