

# EHF NEWS 7 - 14.01.2007

The 8th edition of the Men's European Handball Championship will get going on 17th January 2008. The first match will throw off at 17:00 in Drammen between Russia and Montenegro. The event will take place in five venues across Norway until  $27^{th}$  January. The venues for the preliminary round, which will take place from 17 - 20.01.2008 are: Stavanger, Drammen, Bergen and Trondheim. The main round will be played in Stavanger and Trondheim from 22 - 24.01.2008 and the semi-finals and finals in Lillehammer on 26 - 27 January 2008.

### The teams

The sixteen participating teams will arrive in Norway over the course of the next few days to start their Championship quest on Thursday. These teams are:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Stavanger	Drammen	Bergen	Trondheim
Croatia	Denmark	Spain	France
Slovenia	Russia	Germany	Iceland
Poland	Norway	Hungary	Slovakia
Czech Rep.	Montenegro	Belarus	Sweden

The exact line-up of all teams will be known after the technical meeting on the evening of 16th January 2008 and will be published at www.ehf-euro.com.

## The EHF Officials

The 80 strong EHF team including representatives, partners, delegates, referees, office staff and technical staff arrived in Oslo on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. On Monday and Tuesday, the team will be in Oslo for pre-Championship preparation, which includes important information on the Championship. External specialists from EHF partners, UEFA and a former national coach will also be in Oslo to brief the officials. The officials will depart to the venues on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

#### **Euro 2008 Information**

As the EHF NEWS Service has reported before, the first port of call for Euro 2008 information is **www.ehf-euro.com**. You can find all information in and around the event, which includes a live video service, Euro 2008 quiz and the latest news about the final preparations of the teams.

#### **Referee & Delegate Nominations**

Nominations for the delegates and referees for match day 1 are now published and can be found at: www.ehf-euro.com.

#### **EHF Meet & Greet for Media Representatives**

The European Handball Federation will host a meet and greet on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008. EHF President and Secretary General Michael Wiederer will be in the press centre in Drammen at 11am to talk to all media representatives.

#### **EHF NEWS Service**

The EHF NEWS Service will be sending out regular news editions throughout different stages of the Championship to keep you informed. The next EURO NEWS SPECIAL will be on 20<sup>th</sup> January after the preliminary round.