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## 2008 Women's European Championship 2 to 14 December 2008 in FYR Macedonia

### DRAW PLAY-OFF MATCHES

1<sup>st</sup> leg 31 May/1 June 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> leg 7/8 June 2008

The draw for the play-offs was carried out on the occasion of the EHF EURO 2008 in Lillehammer, Norway (venue: Officials Hotel "Radisson SAS") after the completion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary EHF Congress 2008 on Saturday 26 January 2008. Please find below more details regarding the draw as well as the result of the draw:

### Procedure for the draw of the play-off matches

**Date:** 26 January 2008

**Time:** 12:00 hrs.

**Venue:** Lillehammer, Norway  
(Officials Hotel "Radisson SAS")

Altogether 16 teams will participate in the final tournament of the 2008 Women's European Championship in FYR Macedonia.

**NOR** (defending champion), **RUS, FRA, GER, HUN** (ranked 2 to 5 at the EURO 2006 in Sweden) and the organiser **MKD** – altogether 6 teams – are already qualified directly for the Final Tournament in FYR Macedonia. The remaining ten places will be decided via play-off matches in May/June 2008:

#### **Teams qualified for Play-off**

- from WCh FRA:                      **6 teams:**    **AUT, CRO, ESP, POL, ROU, UKR**
- from ECh SWE:                      **5 teams:**    **SWE (6<sup>th</sup>), DEN (11<sup>th</sup>), SRB (14<sup>th</sup>),  
NED (15<sup>th</sup>), SLO (16<sup>th</sup>)**
- by qualification  
    tournaments:                      **9 teams:**    **BLR, CZE, ISL, ITA, LTU, MNE, POR, SVK, TUR**

#### **DRAW:**

<b>6 Teams in <u>pot 1</u> (yellow balls):</b>	<b>AUT, CRO, ESP, POL, ROU, UKR</b>
<b>5 Teams in <u>pot 2</u> (yellow balls):</b>	<b>DEN, NED, SLO, SRB, SWE</b>
<b>9 Teams in <u>pot 3</u> (yellow balls):</b>	<b>BLR, CZE, ISL, ITA, LTU, MNE, POR, SVK, TUR</b>

#### **Procedure:**

First step:    One team of pot 3 is drawn against one team of pot 1.                      (6 times)

Second step: One team of pot 3 is drawn against one team of pot 2.                      (3 times)

Third step:    Remaining two teams of pot 2 are drawn against each other.

For each pairing the home and away right will be drawn.

#### **Playing dates for the play-off matches:**

First leg:                      31 May/1 June 2008

Second leg:                      7/8 June 2008

#### **Result of the draw:**

Slovakia	–	Ukraine	Iceland	–	Romania
Italy	–	Austria	Belarus	–	Slovenia
Spain	–	Lithuania	Sweden	–	Czech Republic
Poland	–	Portugal	Turkey	–	Denmark
Montenegro	–	Croatia	Netherlands	–	Serbia

The winners of the play-off matches will qualify for the EHF EURO 2008 in FYR Macedonia from 2 to 14 December 2008.