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After the conclusion of last weekend's Men's 18 European Championship qualifications (see also EHF NEWS 72 for more information) the 16 teams who will be competing in the final tournament to be held in Brno/CZE from 8 to 17 August 2008 are known. The team of the Czech Republic qualified automatically as the hosts while the other 15 teams had to go through qualifiers to earn their places at this year's Men's 18 European Championship.

The final draw will take place on Wednesday, 28 May 2008, at 14:00hrs in the New Town Hall Brno/CZE. The 16 teams will be drawn into 4 groups of 4 teams each. Czech Republic as the organiser will have the right to choose the group.

Immediately after the draw the results can be viewed at www.handball18.eu (event website).

2008 Men's 18 European Championship

8 to 17 August 2008 in Brno, Czech Republic



Procedure for the Draw of the Final Tournament

Date: Wednesday, 28 May 2008 **Time:** 14:00 hrs.

Venue: New Town Hall Brno, Czech Republic

Total number of participating teams: 16 teams

Directly qualified for the M18 European Championship:

Organiser : CZE

Qualified from the Qualification Tournaments:

First ranked teams: BIH, CRO, DEN, ESP, GER, HUN, ISL, SLO, SRB, SWE

Second ranked teams: FIN, FRA, NOR, RUS, SVK

Draw for the 2008 Men's 18 European Championship Final Tournament:

The participating teams are seeded as follows (based on the ranking of the 2006 M18 ECh in EST):

POT 1: CRO, DEN, SWE, SLO

POT 2: ESP, BIH, SRB, ISL

POT 3: GER, HUN, CZE, FRA

POT 4: SVK, RUS, NOR, FIN

Procedure for the draw:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D

4th step* teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3

3rd step teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1

2nd step teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2

1st step teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4

* The organiser CZE (pot 3) has the right to choose the group after the rows 4, 2 and 1 are determined.

Playing venues: Mestský Sportovní Areal – Kralovo Pole 1 (main hall) and Kralovo Pole 2 (2nd playing hall), Vodova 108, 60200 Brno, Czech Republic.