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2008 Men's 18 European Championship



Under a pleasant atmosphere, the final draw for the 2008 Men's 18 European Championship was carried out in the new Town Hall of Brno/CZE. The 16 teams taking part at the event were divided into four groups for the preliminary round of the final tournament to take place in Brno/CZE on 8-17 August 2008.

The draw was carried out by EHF Secretary General, Michael Wiederer, together with the Mayor of Brno, Roman Onderka, the EHF Executive Member Frantisek Taborsky and representatives from the Czech Handball Federation. The Governor of the Brno Province, Stanislav Joraneck was also in attendance.

The draw results:

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group C</u>	<u>Group D</u>
<i>Kralovo Pole 1 Sports Hall</i>	<i>Kralovo Pole 1 Sports Hall</i>	<i>Kralovo Pole 2 Sports Hall</i>	<i>Kralovo Pole 2 Sports Hall</i>
SLO	DEN	CRO	SWE
SRB	ISL	ESP	BIH
FRA	CZE	HUN	GER
NOR	FIN	SVK	RUS

The substitute nations are:

No. 1 → UKR (finished 2nd in qualification group 1)

No. 2 → POL (finished 2nd in qualification group 4)

No. 3 → GRE (finished 2nd in qualification group 6)

The Men's 18 European Championship will start on 8 August 2008, which will be also the day of the official opening ceremony. The preliminary round phase will come to a conclusion on 10 August 2008. The two top teams from each group will qualify for the main round (places 1 - 8), while the third and fourth placed teams meet in the intermediate round (places 9 -16) to be played on 12 and 13 August 2008. After the conclusion of these two rounds, cross matches, placement matches, semi-finals and final will be played on 14-17 August 2008.

A detailed playing schedule will be available on the EHF website as well as on the event website (www.handball18.eu) in the coming weeks as soon as the playing times will be finalised.

Further qualification: the two finalists of the 2008 Men's 18 European Championship will represent Europe at next year's Men's Youth World Championship to be held in Tunisia from 24 July to 2 August 2009 (the exact number of places for Europe will be defined by the IHF, depending on the format of this WCh).

