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EURO 2008 in FYR Macedonia PLAY-OFF MATCHES

The 2008 Women's European Championship in Skopje and Ohrid, FYR Macedonia, from 2 to 14 December 2008 will be played with 16 teams:

- The following nations have already qualified for the final tournament: NOR as defending champion, RUS, FRA, GER, HUN (ranks 2 to 5 at the EURO 2006 in Sweden) and MKD as organiser.
- The remaining ten places will be decided in the play-off matches taking place over the coming weekends:

First leg matches: Second leg matches: 31 May/ 1 June 2008 7/8 June 2008

For an updated summary of all match details, please visit the following link: <u>http://home.eurohandball.com/report.asp?bid=259&rnr=2&pha=1020</u>

The ten winners of these play-off matches will qualify for the 8th Women's European Championship Final Tournament in FYR Macedonia (Skopje and Ohrid), which will take place from 2 to 14 December 2008.

Further qualification from the EURO 2008:

- The three best ranked teams at the EURO 2008 in FYR Macedonia will qualify directly for the 2009 Women's World Championship in China (29 November to 13 December 2009).
- The participants of the 2008 Women's European Championship will qualify directly for participation in the play-off matches for the qualification Europe for the 2009 Women's World Championship in China.

The <u>draw</u> for the Final Tournament of the EURO 2008 will be carried out in in Ohrid, FYR Macedonia on Sunday <u>20 July 2008, 19:00 hrs.</u>

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