

**EHF NEWS 85 – 05.06.2008****2009 Men's World Championship  
Qualification EUROPE  
PLAY-OFF MATCHES**

The 2009 Men's World Championship - Play-offs (Europe) will take place on 7/8 June (1<sup>st</sup> leg) and 14/15 June 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> leg). The winners will qualify for the 2009 Men's World Championship (IHF event) which will take place in Croatia from 16 January to 1 February 2009.

Europe has a total of 14 places available. The following teams have already qualified for the final tournament:

**GER** as defending champion, **FRA**, **DEN**, **SWE** (directly qualified from the Euro 2008 in NOR) and **CRO** as organiser.

The remaining eight places for Europe will be decided in the play-off matches taking place over the coming weekends (7/8 June and 14/15 June 2008).

For an actual summary of all match details, please visit the following link:  
<http://home.eurohandball.com/report.asp?bid=260&rnr=2&pha=1026>.

The nine winners of the play-off matches will qualify for the 21<sup>st</sup> Men's World Championship Final Tournament in Croatia.

The IHF announced the draw for the Final Tournament for Saturday, 21 June 2008, in Zagreb, Croatia.

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