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EHF EURO 2008 in FYR Macedonia DRAW FINAL TOURNAMENT – PREVIEW

The 8th Women's European Championship Final Tournament will take place from **2 December to 14 December 2008**.

After the completion of the play-off matches for the Women's EHF EURO 2008, we are now nearing the final tournament draw in FYR Macedonia which will take place this coming Sunday.

The EHF EURO 2008 Preliminary Round Groups will be drawn on Sunday, 20 July 2008, 20:00 hrs. in the Ancient Amphitheatre in Ohrid on the eve of the 2008 Women's U20 World Championship. The following day on Monday 21 July at 11.00hrs. an official Women's EHF Euro 2008 Press Conference will take place.

Altogether 16 teams divided into four pots qualified from the past European Championship and the play-off matches which took place in early June for the Women's EHF EURO 2008 in FYR Macedonia.

POT 1	POT 2	POT 3	POT 4
NOR	HUN	ESP	UKR
RUS	SWE	AUT	SRB
FRA	CRO	DEN	BLR
GER	POR	MKD	ROU

DRAW FOR THE FINAL TOURNAMENT 20 JULY 2008

	A	B	C	D
Row 1				
Row 2				
Row 3				
Row 4				

WOMEN'S HANDBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP Skopje - Ohrid

Along with all three reigning champions:

- European Champion: Norway
- World Champion: Russia
- Olympic Champion: Denmark

Portugal made its way through to a European Championship Final Tournament for the first time in Euro Events history.

The Women's EHF EURO 2008 Preliminary Round and Main Round Groups will be played in Skopje and Ohrid.

The assignment of the four groups to the two venues will take place after the draw and will be announced during the Women's EHF EURO 2008 Press Conference on Monday 21 July at 11.00hrs.

The draw event will be transmitted live by both MKRTV from FYR Macedonia and PROTV from Romania. Live stream of the event will be available via the official event website <http://www.ehf-euro.com/>. The Women's EHF EURO 2008 website has now been launched and will be transmitted live from the Ancient Amphitheatre in Ohrid.

All specific details regarding the EHF EURO 2008 can be found on the official tournament website: <http://www.ehf-euro.com/> and the EHF website: www.eurohandball.com.

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DRAW PROCEDURE

Date: Sunday, 20 July 2008 **Time:** 20:00 hrs.
Venue: Ohrid Amphitheatre

Total number of participating teams: 16 teams

Directly Qualified for the EHF Euro 2008:

- **NOR:** Defending Champion ➤ **MKD:** Organiser
- **RUS, FRA, GER, HUN:** teams ranked 2-5 at EHF Euro 2006 in Sweden

Qualified from Play off matches: AUT, BLR, CRO, DEN, ESP, POR, ROU, SBR, SWE, UKR;
(31 May/1 June and 7/8 June 2008)

Draw for EHF Euro 2008 Final Tournament – Preliminary Round:

The participating teams are seeded as follows:

POT 1: NOR, RUS, FRA, GER

POT 3: ESP, AUT, DEN, MKD

POT 2: HUN, SWE, CRO, POR

POT 4: UKR, SRB, BLR, ROU

Procedure for the draw:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D

- 4th step** teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3*
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- 3rd step** teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1
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- 2nd step** teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2
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- 1st step** teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4

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

The EHF Euro 2008 Final Tournament will take place from 2 to 14 2008.

EHF Euro 2008 venues:

PRELIMINARY ROUND AND MAIN ROUND: SEMIFINALS, FINALS AND PLACEMENT MATCH

- Skopje ➤ Skopje
- Ohrid