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### 2008 EHF Women's Champions Trophy



The **2008 Women's Champions Trophy** will take place in Chekhov, Russia, 13 – 14 September 2008. The 2007/2008 EHF Champions League title holders Zvezda Zvenigorod will host the competition. With this event, the Champions Trophy returns to Russia after 1995 when Rotor Volgograd was not only the host but also the winner of this tournament.

#### Participants

Zvezda Zvenigorod (RUS)	(Winner Champions League)
Larvik HK (NOR)	(Winner Cup winners Cup)
HC Dinamo Volgograd (RUS)	(Winner EHF Cup)
Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)	(Wildcard, Champions League runners up)

The competition will be played with two semi-finals and final matches:

#### Playing schedule: **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**

(times to be defined)	Semi-final 1:	Larvik HK – Hypo Niederösterreich
	Semi-final 2:	Zvezda Zvenigorod – Dinamo Volgograd

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Final 3/4:	Loser Semi-final 1 vs Loser Semi-final 2
Final 1/2:	Winner Semi-final 1 vs Winner Semi-final 2

#### History of the event

Year	Winner	Organiser
1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	Viborg HK (DEN)
1995	Rotor Volgograd	Rotor Volgograd (RUS)
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	Podravka Koprivnica (CRO)
1997	Mar EL Osito l'Elia Valencia	Robit Olimpija Ljubljana (SLO)
1998	Ikast F.S.	Ikast F.S. (DEN)
1999	Dunaferre SE	Viborg HK (DEN)
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)
2001	Viborg HK A/S	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)
2002	Kometal D. P. Skopje	Kometal D. P. Skopje (MKD)
2003	Krim Ljubljana	Slagelse FH (DEN)
2004	Krim Ljubljana	HC Leipzig (GER)
2005	Event was not carried out	
2006	Viborg HK A/S	Viborg HK A/S (DEN)
2007	Oltchim Rm. Valcea	Oltchim Rm. Valcea (ROU)

## 2008 EHF Men's Champions Trophy



The 2008 Men's Champions Trophy will take place in Veszprem, Hungary from 20 – 21 September 2008. The city is steeped in handball traditions and the event will be played as the first major sports event in the recently opened new "Veszprem Arena". The event has been part of the EHF men's competition compendium since 1996 when FC Barcelona took the title. Last year in Celje the title went to THW Kiel.

### Participants:

Ciudad Real (ESP)	(Winner Champions League)
MKB Veszprem (HUN)	(Winner Cup winners Cup)
HSG Nordhorn (GER)	(Winner EHF Cup)
THW Kiel (GER)	(Wildcard, Champions League runners up)

The competition will be played with two semi-finals and final matches:

### Playing schedule: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

**16:00 CET** Semi-final 1: MKB Veszprem v HSG Nordhorn

**18:00 CET** Semi-final 2: Ciudad Real v THW Kiel

### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

**13:00 CET** Final 3/4: Loser Semi-final 1 vs Loser Semi-final 2

**15:00 CET** Final 1/2: Winner Semi-final 1 vs Winner Semi-final 2

### Official Season Opener for the 2008/09 EHF Men's Champions League

The 2008/2009 EHF Champions League Season Group Matches will open on 1 October 2008. The EHF, together with EHF Marketing, and EHF Champions League marketing and media partners will hold an Official Season Opener in Veszprem over the course of the weekend. This will include information on the new season, partners and new initiatives, ending with an official press conference. More information is to follow.

### History of the event

**The following teams have won the Champions Trophy:**

Year	Winner	Venue	Year	Winner	Venue
1996	FC Barcelona	Bielefeld (GER)	2002	Magdeburg	Magdeburg (GER)
1997	FC Barcelona	Irun (ESP)	2003	FC Barcelona	Valladolid (ESP)
1998	FC Barcelona	Barcelona (ESP)	2004	Celje Pivovarna Lasko	Ciudad Real (ESP)
1999	FC Barcelona	Magdeburg (GER)	2005	BM Ciudad Real	Leon (ESP)
2000	Portland San Antonio	Pamplona (ESP)	2006	BM Ciudad Real	Köln (GER)
2001	SC Magdeburg	Kiel (GER)	2007	THW Kiel	Celje (SLO)

### Conclusion

The European Handball Federation is proud to announce these two traditional events, with absolute top teams, as EHF-President Tor Lian confirmed, *"Here we have two weekends of matches with the best teams in Europe – they proved this last season. We will hold the events in Russia and Hungary for the first time ever; however both countries are no strangers to organising top level events and have deep-rooted handball traditions. In Veszprem we will hold the first EHF match in the brand new hall, which is a purpose built handball arena, joining the best in Europe. I am certainly looking forward to opening the 2008/2009 season with quality!"*