



Women's 2017 World Championship Qualification Europe



The 23rd WWCh (IHF Event) in Germany will be held from **1 to 17 December 2017**

Procedure for the draw of the Qualification Europe Phase 1

Date: 24 June 2016 **Time:** approx. 14:00 hrs. **Venue:** EHF Office Vienna

Total entries: 31 teams
Total teams at final tournament: 24 teams
Places Europe at final tournament: 12 teams (defending Champion NOR and Org. GER not included)
Qualified for final tournament: **NOR** (defending champion), **GER** (organiser), and the three best ranked teams at the Women's EHF EURO 2016 in SWE

The remaining European places (9) will be decided in the WCh Qualification Europe Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Qualified for play-off matches (from ECh SWE):

CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, HUN, MNE, NED, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SWE, (11 out of these 14)

Following national teams will play in Phase 1:

AUT, BLR, FAR, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, KOS, LTU, MKD, POR, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR (15 in total)

a) Phase 1 – qualification matches:

The qualification Europe for the 2017 Women's World Championship will be played over three weeks in home and away matches. The following three periods are available for these matches:

home and away matches:

Round	Day	Dates	Groups of 4*	Group of 3**
Round 1	Wednesday – Thursday	05. – 06.10.2016	1-3 + 2-4	1-3
Round 2	Saturday – Sunday	08. – 09.10.2016	4-1 + 3-2	3-1
Round 3	Wednesday – Thursday	23. – 24.11.2016	2-1 + 4-3	3-2
Round 4	Saturday – Sunday	26. – 27.11.2016	1-2 + 3-4	2-3
Round 5	Wednesday – Thursday	30.11. – 01.12.2016	3-1 + 4-2	2-1
Round 6	Saturday – Sunday	03. – 04.12.2016	1-4 + 2-3	1-2

* = 2 teams qualify

** = 1 team qualifies

Playing format:

The Member Federations of the teams in each group of the Phase 1 may decide to play their matches in the format of a tournament in one venue. In a specific group, the majority of all Member Federations must agree or disagree (3:1 or 1:3 decision) accordingly and the EHF must be informed of the respective agreement and its particulars within the deadline. If the Member Federations do not find an agreement (in case of 1:3 or 2:2 decision) among them to play the matches in a tournament, the home and away format and the corresponding playing modalities decided by the EHF and communicated are to be implemented. The organisation right will be drawn separately. Depending on the number of qualifying teams of each tournament the respective playing schedules will apply.

b) Phase 2 – play-off matches

Germany, Norway and the **three best ranked** teams from the EHF EURO 2016 in Sweden qualify directly for the participation in 2017 Women's World Championship in Germany. All other teams participating in the final round of the EHF EURO 2016 qualify directly for the 2017 Women's World Championship play-off in June 2017. The remaining teams for the 2017 Women's World Championship play-off come from the Phase 1 qualification matches.



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The play-off matches will be played in a KO-system with first leg matches (09 to 11 June 2017) and second leg matches (13 to 15 June 2017). No double matches in one country are allowed.

The winners of the play-off matches will qualify for the final tournament of the 2017 Women's World Championship in Germany.

The draw of the play-off matches will take place on the final weekend of the Women's 2016 EHF EURO in Sweden on 18 December 2016.

Qualification Phase 1

The qualification Phase 1 will be played over three weeks in home and away matches or in a tournament in one venue among the following national teams:

AUT, BLR, FAR, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, KOS, LTU, MKD, POR, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR (15 in total)

The qualification matches will be played in 3 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams. The seeding to the different pots is based on the results of the 2016 EHF EURO Qualification. The 1st and 2nd ranked team of groups 1 to 3 as well as the winner of group 4 qualify for the play-off matches, which will be played on 9-11 and 13-15 June 2017.

In case of an agreement among the teams of one group to play the qualification matches in a tournament in one venue the teams have to inform the EHF about their decision latest by Monday, 25 July 2016. The respective organisation right will be drawn afterwards.

DRAW QUALIFICATION GROUPS:

POT 1: 6 teams - place 3 in 2016 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2 (in alphabetical order):

AUT, BLR, ISL, SVK, TUR, UKR

POT 2: 5 teams - place 4 in 2016 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2 (in alphabetical order):

ITA, LTU, MKD, POR, SUI

POT 3: 4 teams - not qualified for 2016 EHF EURO Qual. Phase 2 (in alphabetical order):

FAR, GRE, ISR, KOS

STEP 1: 3 teams of pot 1 drawn to row 1, groups 1-3

STEP 2: 3 teams of pot 1 drawn to row 2, groups 1-3

STEP 3: 1 team of pot 2 drawn to row 2, group 4

STEP 4: 4 teams of pot 2 drawn to row 3, group 1-4

STEP 5: 4 teams of pot 3 drawn to row 4, group 1-4

Row	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
1				
2				
3				
4				

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