



# DRAW INFORMATION

**DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2020/21**  
**GROUP PHASE DRAW**

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# I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

In almost three decades of EHF Champions League history there has hardly ever been as much excitement as for the upcoming 28th edition, and not only because all handball fans eagerly await new match action after the previous season was paused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Europe's premium competitions open their new chapter after the EHF has teamed up with Infront and DAZN for the next decade and the EHF Champions League will get a fresh look across several layers.

## **New brand, new playing system and new trophy**

Already before the group phase draw the new attractive brand identity has been rolled out, the competition will be played in a new playing system and also the playing times have been fixed with Wednesdays and Thursdays reserved for the EHF Champions League Men and weekends for the DELO EHF Champions League. On every match day an appointment to view has been confirmed with all matches starting either at 18:45 or 20:45 (CET/CEST).

Both competitions open as usual with a group phase, though this time only two groups of eight teams are starting the long and exciting road to the EHF FINAL4.

The group phase will be followed by the play-offs and the quarter-finals, to find the four teams that will battle for the prestigious title in Budapest.

## **16 elite teams on the starting grid**

The number of participating teams has remained at 16 and ten countries from almost all the corners of the continent are represented.

Most of the teams have a rich history in the European top-flight and besides the record holders with the biggest number of participations, like HC Podravka Vegeta (27) and RK Krim Mercator (26), also the most decorated team can be found among the participants with Györi Audi ETO KC (5 titles). In total, there will be five former EHF Champions League winners on the starting grid when the race for the newly designed trophy commences on 12 September.

## I WE PLAY HANDBALL: A NEW BRAND IDENTITY

We play handball. It is what we do, and it is the sport we have had in hearts ever since the European Handball Federation was born back in 1991. In the 29 years that have followed we have kept pace with an ever-evolving society that shapes the way we work and see ourselves. One thing we have not changed, however, is our commitment to staying true to the origins of handball. This spirit of an active, social community is a core part of the handball DNA even today. Since the European Handball Federation was founded, we have served each national federation, each club, thousands of players and millions of fans with respect, honesty and transparency.

### A fresh approach to logo design

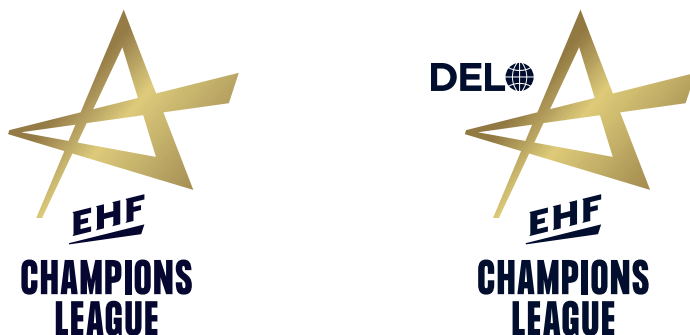
At the heart of the new approach is an updated and fresh representation of how the origins and successes of European handball are communicated, expressed and promoted. Therefore, subtle alterations have been made in the visual presentation of the EHF and its associated competitions with a newly developed design, created to offer consistent communication of the new handball umbrella brand across all European competitions. The shape of a handball itself is referenced throughout the entire EHF brand system. On a national team level, the circular shape of the ball is used to empower all national team competition logos.

By emphasising an individual tile on the ball – represented by the pentagon and the lines which form the stitching – the form becomes a strong abstract symbol for the club competitions, including the pentagon which is visible in the distorted version of the logo. The new EHF Champions League logo is the best example with a rejuvenated golden star forming the basis of the refreshed emblem of European handball's elite competitions.

### New claims, same aims

We do play handball. We always have and always will – but the European Handball Federation does more than that. The new era is an opportunity for the EHF, EHF Marketing, players, fans and officials to not only celebrate what has been achieved so far, but to strengthen core values and beliefs from which the EHF has been built on and make handball an even greater success story. While the new brand identity heralds the start of a new era, our goals remain the same as they have always been: to encourage the public to pick up a ball and join their local club; to promote the highest profile matches on television and across our digital ecosystem; and to motivate fans to experience the spine-tingling atmosphere of a live match inside Europe's biggest handball arenas.

We are all part of the game, so if you are ready, we will let the new era begin...



## I BRAND SOUND PROJECT

As part of a holistic brand experience strategy, sound is an essential brand asset. Together with the sound agency WESOUND, EHF and EHF Marketing developed an acoustic identity for their brands, reflecting and representing the core of handball.

A modern brand sound approach is part of the vision of positioning handball as the most attractive indoor sport and it supports the goal of attracting a younger audience. Through the coherent and consistent use of unique and recognisable sound elements together with the consistent graphical picture conveyed, an improved connection of the competitions and their followers will be achieved. Much like the visual brand identity, the brand sound identity will acoustically connect the various leagues and tournaments which fit under the EHF umbrella.

For the EHF Brand Sound, the authors got to the core of “The Sound of Handball” and created a handball sound DNA as the recurring element across all audio-visual applications. The jump shot was identified as the most iconic and defining handball movement. Through video analysis and motion tracking, the jump shot was extracted into a rhythmic design pattern.

There are numerous application opportunities of the brand sound, which will be developed over time. First implementations of the new EHF Brand Sound will be heard in the EHF Champions League. The premium character of this tournament was translated into a modern sound design through a new EHF Champions League sound logo and anthem. Both will come to life in the arena and will consistently complement all audio-visual communications.



# I RELAUNCH OF EHFTV

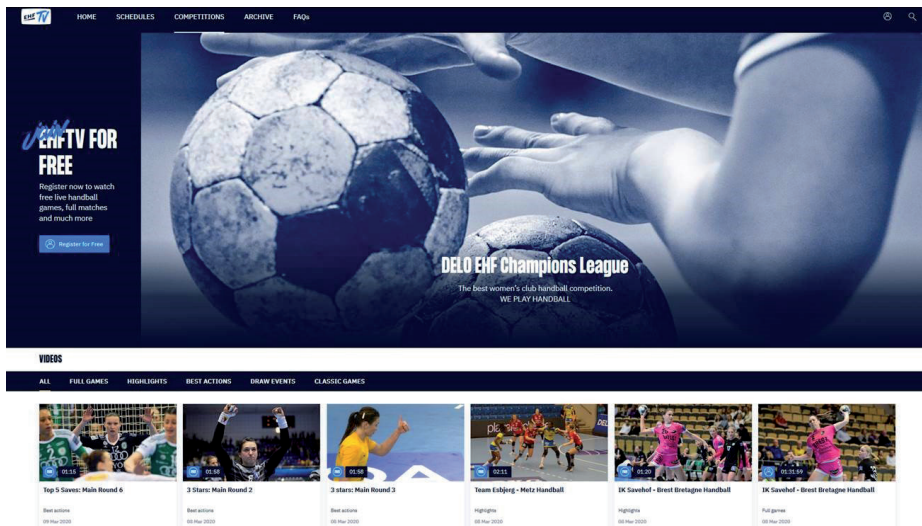
Starting with the official throw-off for the 2020/21 season with the EHF Champions League draw event on 1 July and complementing the launch of the new Home of Handball, EHFTV, the OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, will be relaunched. The new Brand identity applied to Home of Handball has been followed to create a new look for EHFTV, an OTT service which will be powered by DAZN Group.

EHFTV has established itself over the past decade as a meeting point for all handball fans. The option to watch EHF games for free, live and on-demand, as well as the opportunity to enjoy additional content created for the EHF competitions on a regular basis, has made EHFTV a unique and highly-appreciated OTT service in the sport market. The general approach of EHFTV will remain, offering the best handball content for free. This approach will be complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. This registration will give the handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but will also allow fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season – and all of that for free.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition will be available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal. As the new EHFTV has been designed to be fully adaptable to all devices, regardless of whether fans are at home or on the go, the best handball action will be accessible any time and from anywhere. Once the fans enter in the re-launched EHFTV, they will find an adapted filter menu, an improved navigation through the portal and the option to personalise the favourite competition and/or club directly on their registration account. These new features will permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the new and state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, will guarantee the best quality and the perfect conditions to follow the EHF Champions League, whenever it is played.”

Join EHFTV and get ready for a new handball era.



## I HOME OF HANDBALL

1 July sees the launch of the newly designed Home of Handball website. The European Handball Federation and EHF Marketing in cooperation with Kraftwerk, the number one digital agency in Austria, are excited to introduce a new home and single hub for all fans, friends and the entire family of handball.

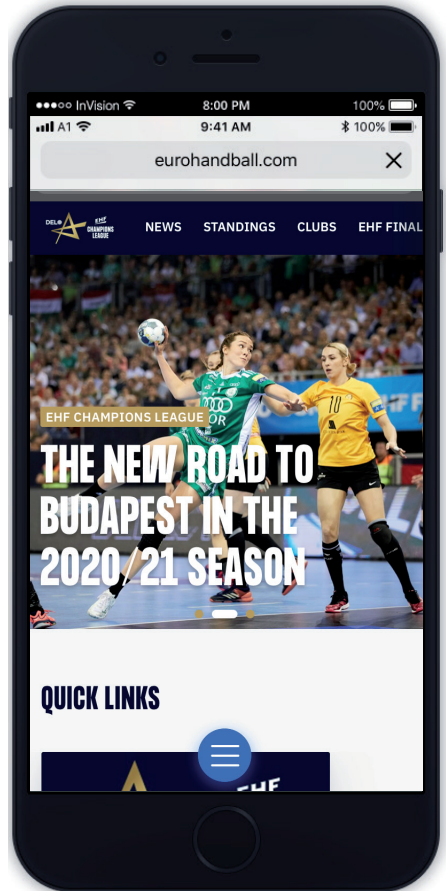
The old website was calling for an overhaul and needed rejuvenation, both visually and functionally. In a first step, the decision has been taken to merge the many different web assets onto one and from 1 July, the websites of the EHF Champions League, ehfTV, EHF FINAL4 and EHF Marketing as well as EHF national team competitions are all to be found under one single EHF roof with: [www.eurohandball.com](http://www.eurohandball.com).

One of the main goals was to best represent the EHF's personality, culture and spirit, thus the new corporate identity. A newly-developed brand strategy will be reflected on every page, providing a modern, professional and comprehensive look and feel. Every competition is presented in its very own premium colour pallet, easily distinguishable and featuring elegant new logos.

Another one of the key objectives was a 'mobile first' strategy to accommodate mobile users. A team of designers and developers kept this focus throughout the process, ensuring the site will function on all devices.

A key element in functionality is the so-called "Home of Handball-button" on the new website. It is located at the bottom centre of the page ensuring quick navigation to key features such as 'Competitions', 'TV', 'Teams', 'Tickets', 'Home' and 'More'.

Furthermore, to ensure a real-time information stream of ongoing or upcoming handball matches EHF, EHF and Kraftwerk have developed a Live Ticker located at the very top of the page which allows the handball community to stay on the ball at all times. The Live Ticker provides live match results and follows the user on their entire journey through the new Home of Handball.





## I NEW SOCIAL MEDIA SET-UP

To reflect the new digital set-up with the Home of Handball website, the EHF's social media channel structure has been adapted accordingly.

Overall, there are three pillars to the EHF's social media presence:

- **Top competitions keep their own channels**
- **'Home of Handball' approach on website is mirrored**
- **'Activities' as the EHF's educational and corporate hub**

The EHF Champions League as the premium club competition will continue to be represented on its own social media channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

In addition, there are the newly created Home of Handball channels, which showcase the best content from all EHF competitions, including the EHF Champions League. Handball fans worldwide can keep up to date with everything happening in European handball, from club and national team competitions to beach handball, all on one channel.

This also includes the video-sharing social network Tiktok, which is mostly used by a younger audience. For the first time, the EHF Champions League will be featured on TikTok through the Home of Handball channel.



## I NEW DESIGN FOR THE WINNERS' TROPHY

The new ultimate prize for Europe's elite handball clubs will be revealed on the fringes of the EHF Champions League Group Phase Draw in Vienna. One design has emerged from 27 submissions across 12 European nations to become the new EHF Champions League trophy.

With a new era of European handball on the horizon, EHF Marketing launched a public tender through the website and social media with the goal of finding the best possible new trophy design for the EHF Champions League. During this process, a total of 27 designs were received from companies and artists in 12 countries, making it a truly European competition.

The new trophies, which will be lifted by the champions of the DELO EHF Champions League and the EHF Champions League Men from the 2020/21 season onwards, have been created in accordance with the new brand guidelines. The winning agency was Sustain Awards by Oiko Design Office, a Spanish agency based in Barcelona, specialising in the design and production of environmentally responsible trophies.

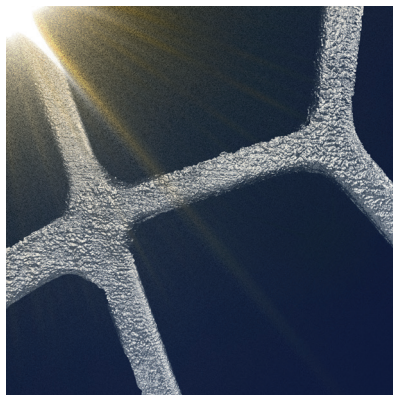
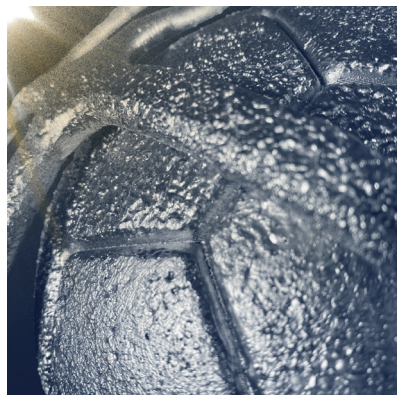
### Idea behind it

The core idea of the trophy was to represent a goal as the main objective of the sport, to reflect the dynamic movement of a ball hitting the target and to transmit handball as a team sport by forming the net in the shape of a shield. The net itself symbolises the needed connection within a team - all for one and one for all.

For the first time, the design is the same for both men's and women's competitions and every element from the font to the logo fits the new competition identity.

The materials of which the trophies consist of are aluminium cast (30% recycled aluminium) for the body and base, and recycled balls used for the sculptural ball which hits the net. A golden bath covers the trophies, making sure they are in line with the new brand image, giving them the premium touch that all trophies need. The sustainability of the materials, a design that reflects the equality between women and men as well as the spectacular way in which the trophies reflect the core of the sport have been the key elements in the choice of the winning design.

The trophies are each 80 cm high, 57 cm wide and weigh 10 kg.



# I SPONSORS AND SUPPLIERS OVERVIEW

## DELO Group

- Title Sponsor of the EHF Champions League Women, referred to as the DELO EHF Champions League
- Signed by EHF, on board since DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 2019 until and including DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21 and the DELO EHF FINAL4 2021
- Their aim is to strengthen and promote women's handball as well as expose and promote the Delo Group internationally and on the European market



## SELECT

- Recently signed a four-year contract extension until 2023/24
- Official Ball Supplier for the EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- Dedicated ball designs for EHF Champions League and EHF European League as of the 2021/22 season, so that men and women of the same competition play with the same design



## Hummel

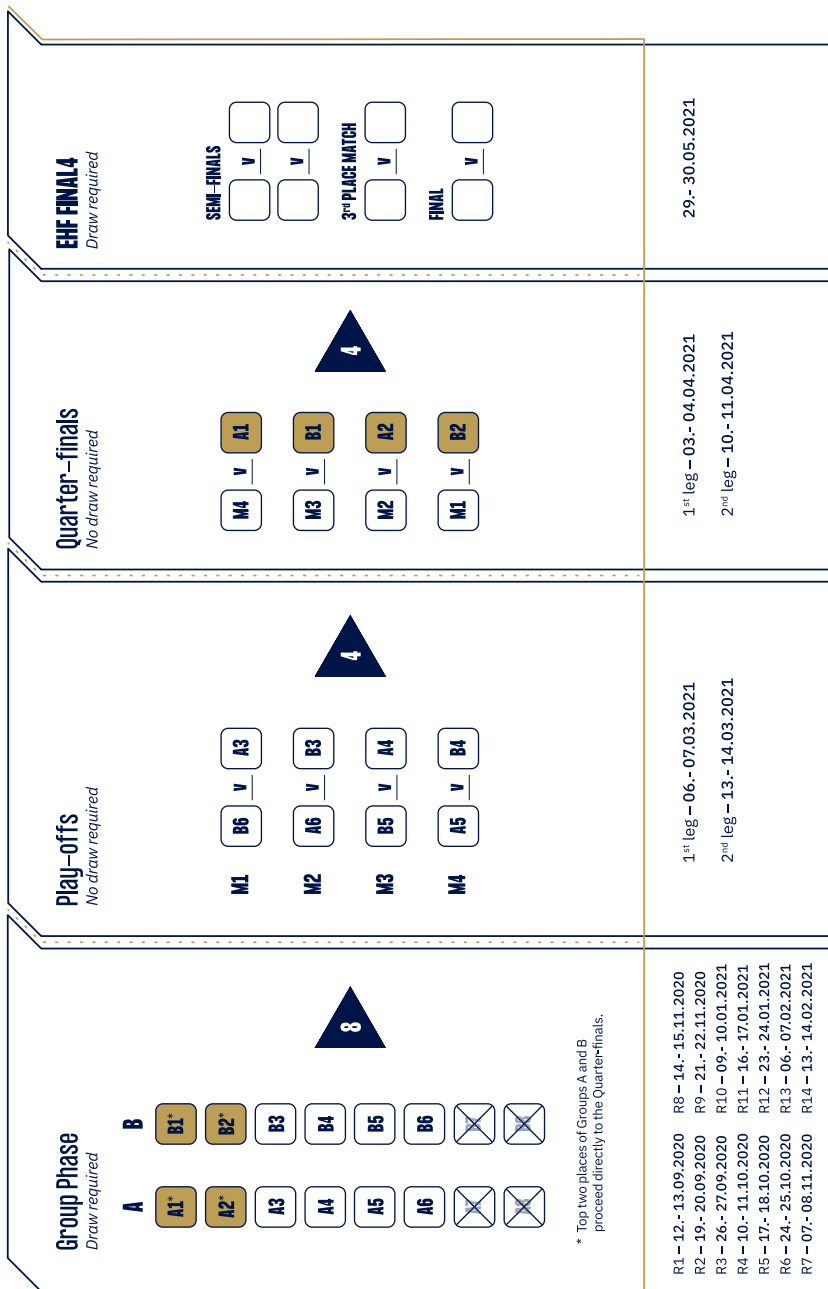
- New contract from 2020/21 until 2023/24
- Official apparel supplier for EHF Champions League and EHF European League
- EHF/M webshop to be launched in autumn 2020 with special products designed according to the competition designs, merchandising at the EHF FINAL4s and EHF European League Finals



# DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## 2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



# DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEASON 2020/21

● Group phase teams



## I SEEDING FOR THE GROUP PHASE DRAW

Following the confirmation of all 16 participants in the DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21 by the EHF Executive Committee on 19 June, another step towards next season has been taken, as the four pots for the group phase draw have been determined. On Wednesday 1 July 18:00 CEST in Vienna, the participants in the 28th season of the competition will learn their opponents when the draw divides the clubs into two groups of eight teams.

Europe's premier club competition will be played with the same number of teams as the previous season, but in a changed format, with two groups of eight. From each of the four pots, two teams will be drawn/allocated into group A, while the other two will be placed in group B. Country protection will be applied, therefore, the teams from France, Hungary, Germany, Denmark, Romania and Russia will not meet their opponents from the national leagues.



### Draw run-down

- Step 1 = a team from Pot 1 will be drawn to one of the positions A1, A2, B1, B2 (four times)
- Step 2 = a team from Pot 2 will be drawn to one of the positions A3, A4, B3, B4 (four times)
- Step 3 = FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria from Pot 3 will be allocated a different group to Györi Audi ETO KC
- Step 4 = CSKA from Pot 3 will be allocated a different group to Rostov-Don
- Step 5 = Brest Bretagne Handball from Pot 3 will be allocated a different group to Metz Handball
- Step 6 = CSM Bucuresti from Pot 3 will be allocated a different group to SCM Ramnicu Valcea
- Step 7 = Odense Handbold from Pot 4 will be allocated a different group to Team Esbjerg
- Step 8 = SG BBM Bietigheim from Pot 4 will be allocated a different group to BV 09 Borussia Dortmund
- Step 9 = a team from Pot 4 will be drawn either to group A or group B (two times)

### Follow the draw live

The group phase draw will be streamed on EHFTV, the Home of Handball YouTube channel and the EHF Champions League Facebook page. Additionally, the live coverage will be available on the @ehfcl Twitter and right after the draw players' interviews will take place on @ehfcl Instagram TV.



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GROUP PHASE DRAW

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: red

### Dark

Player shirt: green  
Player short: green  
GK shirt: blue, black



## Playing hall

**AUDI Arena Győr**  
Toth Laszlo utca 1  
9027 Győr  
Hungary  
Capacity: 5,500

# GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC



- remained unbeaten in group matches and main round of CL 2019/20 season, winning 11 of their 12 matches and drawing with Brest
- defender Eduarda Amorim, centre back Stine Oftedal and goalkeeper Amandine Leynaud were voted in CL 2019/20 All-star Team
- led Hungarian league after 20 rounds, well ahead of Siófok and FTC, but were not awarded championship when season was cancelled in March
- goalkeeper Eva Kiss has retired and right wing Jana Knedlikova joins Vipers, but four-time CL winner Katarina Bulatovic has extended her contract
- head coach Gabor Danyi continues his joined work with FTC counterpart Gabor Elek as coaches of the Hungarian women's national team

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 18  
Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19  
Runners-up (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16  
Semi-finals (4): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11  
Quarter-finals (3): 2014/15, 2019/20, 2019/20  
Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06  
Qualification (1): 2004/05

### Other

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Runners-up 2005/06, Semi-final 2002/03  
*EHF Cup*: Runners-up 1998/99, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05

*Hungarian league*: 15 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)  
*Hungarian cup*: 14 titles



## POT 1



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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: yellow/black  
Player short: yellow  
GK shirt: yellow

### Dark

Player shirt: black/yellow  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: dark red



## Playing hall

Palace of Sport Rostov Don  
St. Khalturinskiy lane 103  
344011 Rostov-on-Don  
Russia  
Capacity: 3,500

# ROSTOV-DON



- 2019 runners-up finished 2019/20 main round ranked third, though were level on points with top two teams, Metz and Esbjerg (all 13 point)
- won fourth straight Russian championship, and sixth in club's history, in 2020
- right back Anna Vyakhireva was voted in CL 2019/20 All-star Team
- Ambros Martin, who is also coach of Russian national team, starts his third season at Rostov
- Martin will welcome newcomers Grace Zaadi, Katarina Krpez Slezak, Anna Lagerquist and Viktoriya Kalinina to his squad for 2020/21
- Maya Petrova and Regina Kalinichenko have retired, while Lois Abbingh, Ana Paula Rodrigues, Marina Sudakova, Anna Sedoykina, Irina Nikitina, Valeriia Maslova and Julia Behnke all left

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 9  
Runners-up (1): 2018/19  
Semi-finals (1): 2017/18  
Quarter-finals (2): 2015/16, 2019/20  
Group Matches (1): 2016/17  
Qualification (3): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

### Other

*EHF Cup*: Winners 2016/17; Runners-up 2014/15; Quarter-finals 2009/10  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Semi-finals 2012/13, 2013/14; Quarter-finals 2010/11

*Russian league*: 8 titles (1990, 1991, 1994, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
*Russian cup*: 11 titles

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## Kit colours

### Light

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Player short: blue  
GK shirt: green

### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: purple



## Playing hall

**"Les Arenes" Metz**  
5 av. Rue Louis le Debonnaire  
57000 Metz  
France  
Capacity: 4,500

# METZ HANDBALL



- qualified for CL for 18th time, a record for a team from France
- made it all the way to EHF FINAL4 once, in 2019
- lost only twice in the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League  
2019/20 season to reach quarter-final as winners of their main round group
- coach Emmanuel Mayonnade was named best coach at CL 2019/20 All-star Team vote
- Metz will look different in 2020/21 after three main players left: captain Grace Zaadi (Rostov), goalkeeper Laura Glauser (Győr) and right wing Laura Flippes (Paris)

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 22

Semi-final (1): 2018/19

Quarter-final (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20

Main Round (2): 2011/12, 2014/15

Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Last 32 (1): 1993/94

Group Matches (8): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2013/14

Qualification (4): 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08

### Other

*EHF Cup*: final 2012/13; quarter-final 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08

*Cup Winners' Cup*: final 2012/13; Semi-final 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11

*French league*: 23 titles

*French cup*: 8 titles

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: red or white  
Player short: red or white  
GK shirt: yellow/black

### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: green/black



## Playing hall

### "Traian" Sport Hall

Str.Nicolae Balcescu Nr.24  
240190 Ramnicu Valcea  
Romania  
Capacity: 2,239

# SCM RAMNICU VALCEA



- going into their 14th CL season, a record for a Romanian club
- were leading Romanian domestic league when season was cancelled due to pandemic, but have not been awarded the title
- squad includes nine different nationalities: Romanian, Spanish, Montenegrin, Danish, Serbian, Norwegian, Hungarian, German and Ukrainian
- five players have left, including captain Yuliya Dumanska who joined Podravka
- three newcomers reinforce the squad: Serbian right wing Zeljka Nikolic, Norwegian line player Maren Aardahl, and German back Evgenija Minevskaia

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 15  
Runners-up (1): 2009/10  
Semi-finals (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2012/13  
Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20  
Main Round (2): 2007/08, 2010/11  
Group Matches (1): 2000/01  
Champions League (4): 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99  
Last 32 (1): 1999/2000  
Qualification Round 2 (1): 2002/03

### Other:

*Cup Winners' Cup:* Winners 2006/07, Runners-up 2001/02  
*Champions Trophy:* Winners 2006/07

*Romanian league:* 20 titles (1989, 1990, 1991, 1993-2000, 2002, 2007-13, 2019)  
*Romanian cup:* 13 titles

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## Kit colours

### Light

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GK shirt: red

### Dark

Player shirt: dark blue

Player short: dark blue

GK shirt: black



## Playing hall

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Montenegro  
Capacity: 5,000

# WHC BUDUCNOST



- going into their jubilee 25th CL season, after winning competition in 2012 and 2015
- Dragan Adzic starts his 11th season on club's bench, making him longest-serving head coach in CL
- Buducnost continue to be mixture of young and experienced players
- newcomers underline club's ambitions as likes of Allison Pineau, Andrea Lekic, Bárbara Arenhart, Valerija Maslova and Anastasija Marsenic are joining
- Djurdjina Jaukovic, Sanja Vujovic, Matea Pletikosic, Emily Sando and Barbara Lazovic have left the club

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 25

Winners (2): 2011/12, 2014/15

Runners-up (1): 2013/14

Semi-finals (8): 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2010/11, 2015/16, 2016/17

Quarter-final (5): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

Main Round (1): 2012/13

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

Group Matches (6): 1996/97, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10

### Other

*Cup Winners Cup*: Winners 2005/06, 2009/10

*Montenegrin league*: 31 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2019)

*Montenegrin cup*: 24 titles

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## Kit colours

### Light

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Player short: black  
GK shirt: green

### Dark

Player shirt: red  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue



## Playing hall

**Blue Water Dokken**  
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6700 Esbjerg  
Denmark  
Capacity: 2,949

# TEAM ESBJERG



- surprise package of CL 2019/20 season, scoring number of high-profile victories en route to finishing second in their main round group
- their brilliant season in Europe was recognised in the form of All-star Team award for left wing Sanna Solberg
- a stellar domestic campaign ended prematurely, but Esbjerg were awarded Danish league title for third time
- coach Jesper Jensen's achievements were also recognised as he took over Danish women's national team earlier this year
- Esbjerg's major summer signing was talented right back Mette Tranborg, a youth World Championship winner, who joined from Odense

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4  
Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20  
Main Round (1): 2016/17  
Qualification (1): 2015/16

### Other

*EHF Cup*: Runners-up: 2013/14, 2018/19; Quarter-finals: 2010/11, 2014/15  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Last 16 2012/13

*Danish league*: 2 titles (2016, 2019)

*Danish cup*: 1 title (2018)

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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue

#### Dark

Player shirt: pink  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black



### Playing hall

**Aquarama Kristiansand**  
Tangen 8  
4608 Kristiansand  
Norway  
Capacity: 2,200

# VIPERS KRISTIANSAND



- having lost just one match all season, Kristiansand were declared winners of last season's Norwegian league, their third consecutive title
- in CL 2019/20 season they could not emulate the form which brought them to Budapest in 2019, losing all six main round matches
- signed superstar Nora Mørk after she left CSM Bucuresti due to an illness in the family; Mørk and coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad previously worked together at Larvik
- goalkeeper Katrine Lunde returns from knee injury, forming trio between the posts with Andrea Pedersen and Swedish newcomer Evelina Eriksson
- squad has remained stable and is further bolstered by Jeanett Kristiansen's return from Herning-Ikast and Jana Knedlikova joining from Győr

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4

Semi-final (1): 2018/19

Main round (1): 2019/20

Group matches (1): 2017/18

#### Other

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Quarter-finals: 2015/16

*EHF Cup*: Final: 2017/18; Semi-final: 2003/04;

*Last 16*: 2004/05

*Norwegian league*: 2 title (2018, 2019)

*Norwegian cup*: 2 titles

## POT 2

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**Kit colours****Light**

Player shirt: yellow  
Shorts: black  
Goalkeeper shirt: black

**Dark**

Player shirt: black  
Player shorts: black  
Goalkeeper shirt: red

**Playing hall**

**Helmut Körnig Halle**  
Strobelallee 32  
44139 Dortmund  
Germany  
Capacity: 4,065

- making CL debut in 2020/21, after winning Challenge Cup (2003) and playing final of EHF Cup (1997) in past
- were leading Bundesliga when domestic league was interrupted in March but were not officially awarded championship - contrary to Kiel on men's side
- in his first season in charge, coach Andre Fuhr steered team to biggest success in club's history
- Dutch back-court player Kelly Dulfer, world champion in 2019, was awarded MVP of Bundesliga 2019/20 season
- goalkeeper coach is two-time CL winner Clara Woltering, who played for Dortmund after leaving Buducnost
- seven new arrivals include five nationalities: German, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian and Spanish
- Netherlands international Delaila Amega joins from Metzgingen, raising total number of Dutch players in squad to eight

**Past achievements****EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 1

**Other**

Challenge Cup: Winners 2002/03  
EHF Cup: Runners-up 1996/97, semi-finals 1999/2000  
Cup Winners' Cup: semi-finals 1994/95, 1997/98

*German league:* - (runners-up 1999)

*German cup:* 1 title

## POT 3



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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: red  
Player short: blue  
GK shirt: yellow

#### Dark

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: black



### Playing hall

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121552 Moscow  
Russia  
Capacity: 4,080

# CSKA



- Moscow-based team will make CL debut in 2020/21, only one year after club was founded in 2019
- finished third in their maiden Russian league campaign, behind Rostov and Lada
- coached by Denmark's Jan Leslie, who previously worked with Rostov in 2014-16
- Leslie can work with newcomers Anna Sedoykina and Marina Sudakova, who join from Rostov, while rising star Elena Mikhaylichenko moves from Lada
- also, Denmark's Kathrine Heindahl (Odense) and Anastasia Illarionova (Zvezda) are joining, while four players have left

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 1

#### Other

*Russian league: 3<sup>rd</sup> place (2020)*



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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: white  
GK shirt: red

### Dark

Player shirt: green  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue/black



## Playing hall

**Erd Arena**  
Velencei út 39-41  
2030 Erd  
Hungary  
Capacity: 2,200

# FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA



- entering their 21<sup>st</sup> CL season after request for upgrade from EHF European League was granted
- coming off disappointing 2019/20 season, finishing main round in last place of group 1
- Noemi Hafra was chosen best young player in CL 2019/20 All-star Team
- Dutch world champion line player Danick Snelder has left after four seasons, joining league rivals Siófok
- head coach Gabor Elek is teaming up with Győr colleague Gabor Danyi as joined head coaches of Hungarian national women's team

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 21

Runners-up (1): 2001/02

Semi-finals (2): 1996/97, 2000/01

Quarter-finals (7): 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

Main Round (2): 2012/13, 2019/20

Group Matches/Champions League (6): 1994/95, 1995/96, 1997/98, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14

Qualification (2): 2009/10, 2014/15

### Other

*EHF Cup:* Winners 2005/06; Semi-finals 2004/05

*Cup Winners' Cup:* Winners 2010/11, 2011/12; Semi-finals: 2006/07, 2014/15

*Hungarian league:* 12 titles (1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015)

*Hungarian cup:* 13 titles

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#### Light

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Player short: black  
GK shirt: white

#### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: blue



### Playing hall

**Arena Brest**  
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Plymouth  
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France  
Capacity: 4,077

# BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL



- entering fourth EHF Champions League season in club's history
- gradually improving each year, reaching main round for first time in 2018/19 and quarter-final in 2019/20
- shared lead with Metz in French domestic league when season was interrupted in March 2020
- main newcomers for 2020/21 include Buducnost stalwart Djurdjina Jaukovic and Herring-Ikast line player Tonje Løseth
- coach Laurent Bezeau will start his eighth consecutive season on club's bench

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4

Quarter-final (1): 2019/20

Main Round (1): 2018/19

Group Matches (1): 2017/18

#### Other

*EHF Cup*: quarter-finals 2016/17

*French league*: 1 title (2012)

*French cup*: 2 titles (2016, 2018)

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: grey  
GK shirt: red

### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: grey  
GK shirt: black



## Playing hall

**Sala Polivalenta Ioan Kunst Ghermanescu**  
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,  
sector 4, Bucharest  
Romania  
Capacity: 5,000

# CSM BUCURESTI



- starting in their sixth CL season, after reaching at least the quarter-final in all five previous appearances
- were only ranked second in domestic Romanian league, behind Valcea, when remainder of the season was called off in March 2020
- coach Adrian Vasile has been confirmed for 2020/21, after serving as assistant between 2014-19 and taking over from Tomas Ryde in October 2019
- newcomers include left wings Siraba Dembele and Martine Smeets, and backs Alexandrina Barbosa and Barbara Lazovic
- six players left the club, including backs Nora Mørk and Andrea Lekic and wing Itana Grbic, while left wing Iulia Curea and back Linnea Torstenson have retired
- left back Cristina Neagu has extended her contract until 2022

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 6  
Winners (1): 2015/16  
Semi-final (2): 2016/17, 2017/18  
Quarter-finals (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

### Other

*EHF Cup*: Last 16 2011/12

*Romanian league*: 4 titles (2015-18)

*Romanian cup*: 4 titles (2016-19)

## POT 4



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### Kit colours

#### Light

Player shirt: pink  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: green

#### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: black



### Playing hall

**Arena Stožice**  
Vojkova cesta 100  
1000 Ljubljana  
Slovenia  
Capacity: 6,000

# RK KRIM MERCATOR



- entering 26th straight CL season after winning their 25th domestic title in Slovenia
- the two-time champions (2001, 2003) finished fifth in main round group 2 in 2019/20
- head coach Uros Bregar is starting his fifth season in charge at the club, after joining in 2016 at age 36
- three of their best scoring players in the CL 2019/20 season have left: Alja Varagic (62 goals), Nina Zulic (54) and Polona Baric (33)
- on other hand, squad will be reinforced with six newcomers

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 26

Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03

Runners-up (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06

Semi-final (1): 2012/13

Quarter-final (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07

Main Round (10): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17,

2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

Group Matches (4): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2015/16

#### Other

*Champions Trophy:* Winners 2002/03, 2003/04

*Cup Winners' Cup:* Semi-final 2015/16

*Slovenian league:* 25 titles (1995 – 2015, 2017-2020)

*Slovenian cup:* 26 titles

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## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: red/white  
Player short: red  
Goalkeeper shirt: white/  
turquoise-blue

### Dark

Player shirt: blue  
Player short: blue/black  
Goalkeeper shirt: black



## Playing hall

Sport Hall Fran Galović  
Zeljka Selinger 3A  
48000 Koprivnica  
Croatia  
Capacity: 2,500

# HC PODRAVKA VEGETA



- going into CL group phase for third straight season, and 23<sup>rd</sup> time in club's history
- runners-up in 1995 and champions in 1996, Podravka have not reached the knock-out stages for 22 years
- Croatian legend and former Zagreb coach Zlatko Saracevic heads into his third season as head coach
- pandemic situation prevented Podravka from winning their 26th domestic title in Croatia in 2019/20
- six players have left: Ana Debelic, Elena Gjorgijevska, Jovana Risovic, Tjasa Stanko, Andreea Ianasi and Aneta Benko
- Romanian goalkeeper Yuliya Dumanska joins from another CL competitor, Valcea

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 27

Winners (1): 1995/96

Runners-up (1): 1994/95

Semi-finals (1): 1997/98

Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97

Main Round (3): 2000/01, 2001/02, 2008/09

Group Matches/Champions League (15): 1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2018/19, 2019/20

Qualification (4): 2003/04, 2005/06, 2016/17, 2017/18

### Other

*Champions Trophy*: Winners 1995/96

*Cup Winners' Cup*: Runners-up 2004/05; Semi-finals 2007/08

*EHF Cup*: Runners-up 2000/01, 2005/06

*Croatian league*: 25 titles

*Croatian cup*: 23 titles

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### Kit colours

#### Light

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Player short: black  
GK shirt: red/green/blue

#### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: red/green/blue



### Playing hall

**Jyske Bank Arena**  
Odense  
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5220 Odense  
Denmark  
Capacity: 4,000

# ODENSE HÅNDBOLD



- 2019 quarter-finalists return to CL after one-year absence, in which they reached semi-finals of incomplete EHF Cup
- enjoyed successful debut season in 2018/19, reaching quarter-finals before losing to eventual champions Győr
- massive overhaul this summer includes head coach position as Ulrik Kirkely returns after leaving in 2017 to coach Japan's women's national team
- eight new players join this summer, with Lois Abbingh's move from Rostov the biggest headline
- two-time CL All-star centre back Nycke Groot will return to the limelight in her second season with the club

### Past achievements

#### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 2  
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19

#### Other

*EHF Cup*: semi-finals 2019/20, quarter-finals 2015/16  
*Cup Winners' Cup*: Last 16 2013/14

*Danish league*: - (runners-up 2018, 2020)

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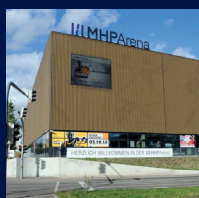
## Kit colours

### Light

Player shirt: white  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow

### Dark

Player shirt: black  
Player short: black  
GK shirt: yellow



## Playing hall

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Germany  
Capacity: 4,185

- returning to CL for fourth straight season after request for upgrade from EHF European League was granted
- biggest international success was reaching EHF Cup final in 2017, against Rostov
- two-time German champions (2017, 2019), were second behind Dortmund when 2019/20 season was ended
- new head coach Markus Gaugisch replaces Martin Albertsen for his first job with elite women's team, after coaching men's Bundesliga teams of Neuhausen and Balingen
- several big names left, including Dutch world champions Angela Malestein (FTC) and Laura van der Heijden (Siófok) and German No. 1 goalkeeper Dinah Eckerle (Siófok)
- newcomers include German international Xenia Smits (Metz), Norwegian goalkeeper Emily Stang Sando (Buducnost) and Danish duo Stine Jørgensen and Trine Østergaard (both Odense)

## Past achievements

### EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2020/21 season): 4  
Main Round (1): 2017/18  
Group Matches (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

### Other

*EHF Cup*: runners-up 2016/17, group phase 2018/19, 2019/20

*German league*: 2 titles (2017, 2019)

## I 2019–20 SEASON RECAP

Like in the most of the sports in Europe the COVID-19 pandemic has interrupted also the national teams and club competitions under the EHF umbrella. The DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 has been paused and the last 12 matches of the season (quarter-finals and the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4) cancelled.

### Facts & figures of the season

**0** team won all of their main round matches.

**1** match of the 2019/20 season ended with more than 70 goals (Vipers vs Metz 38:38).

**11** from 12 points in Győr's six main round matches was the best record.

**37** matches is Győr's current unbeaten streak in the competition.

**+58** goals of Brest was the best overall goal difference in the main round, ahead of Győr (+57).

**97** goals scored by the season's top scorer Jovanka Radicevic (Buducnost).

**250** goals conceded by CSM Bucuresti is the best defensive record in the main round

**250** matches in the EHF Champions League was reached by Krim in their final main round match against Buducnost. The 29:23 win was the 126<sup>th</sup> victory.

**311** goals scored by Brest gives them the best attacking record, ahead of Győr (309).

**4,849** goals have been scored in total in the 2019/20 season - 206 in qualification, 2,671 in the group matches and 1,972 in the main round.

**5,437** spectators attended Győr vs Buducnost, the highest main round attendance.

**15,960** fans in total attended Győr's three main round matches. The three CSM main round matches were attended by 12,500 fans, putting them just ahead of Metz with 12,063 fans.

### Over 50,000 fans cast their votes to decide the All-star team line-ups

Handball fans across the world have voted in their thousands to determine the EHF Champions League 2019/20 All-star teams. Last season's voting took place in unique circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic leading to a number of matches being cancelled and EHF FINAL4s postponed. However, that did not deter over 50,000 fans voting for their favourite players in both men's and women's vote.

DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League 2019/20 All-star Team, presented by Uniq:

**Goalkeeper:** Amandine Leynaud, Györi Audi ETO KC

**Left wing:** Sanna Solberg, Team Esbjerg

**Left back:** Cristina Neagu, CSM Bucuresti

**Centre back:** Stine Oftedal, Györi Audi ETO KC

**Line player:** Asma Elghaoui, SCM Ramnicu Valcea

**Right back:** Anna Vyakhireva, Rostov-Don

**Right wing:** Jovanka Radicevic, Buducnost

**Defender:** Eduarda Amorim, Györi Audi ETO KC

**Young player:** Noemi Hafra, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria

**Best coach:** Emmanuel Mayonnade, Metz Handball

### Nearly a million views for the live streaming of the press conferences

The live post-match press conferences, launched at the beginning of the 2019/20 season and streamed by clubs competing in this season's EHF Champions League competitions, have proven to be a huge hit with handball fans. Teams participating in both the VELUX EHF Champions League and the DELO WOMEN'S EHF Champions League have been broadcasting press conferences live across their own social media channels straight after their matches to give fans even more insight. The interest in the post-match thoughts of the coaches and the players involved have been popular since the concept's introduction, with the number of combined views across both competitions already approaching one million mark after the group phase and main round respectively.



## I 2019/20 TOP SCORERS

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	97
2	Katrin Klujber (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	84
3	Ana Gros (SLO)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	78
4	Estavana Polman (NED)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	74
5	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	72
6	Alja Varagic (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	62
7	Sonja Frey (AUT)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	61
8	Stine Oftedal (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	58
9	Anna Vyakhireva (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	57
10	Iuliia Managarova (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	56
11	Grace Zaadi (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	54
	Nina Zulic (SLO)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	54
13	Viktória Lukács (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	53
14	Eduarda Amorim Taleska (BRA)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	50
	Asma Elghaoui (HUN)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea (ROU)	50
	Heidi Løke (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	50
17	Noémi Háfra (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	49
	Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	49
19	Ida Lagerbon (DEN)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	48
	Barbara Lazovic (SLO)	Buducnost (MNE)	48
21	Kristine Breistøl (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	46
22	Marit Røsberg Jacobsen (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	45
	Ann Grete Nørgaard (DEN)	SCM Ramnicu Valcea (ROU)	45
24	Milena Raicevic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	44
25	Monika Kobylinska (POL)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	43
	Helene Sajka (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	43
	Marta Tomac (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	43

## I PAST WINNERS

Year	Club	Nation
<b>2020</b>	<i>no title awarded due to the COVID-19 pandemic</i>	
<b>2019</b>	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
<b>2018</b>	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
<b>2017</b>	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
<b>2016</b>	CSM Bucuresti	ROU
<b>2015</b>	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
<b>2014</b>	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	GER
<b>2013</b>	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
<b>2012</b>	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
<b>2011</b>	Larvik HK	NOR
<b>2010</b>	Viborg A/S	DEN
<b>2009</b>	Viborg A/S	DEN
<b>2008</b>	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
<b>2007</b>	Slagelse FH	DEN
<b>2006</b>	Viborg A/S	DEN
<b>2005</b>	Slagelse FH	DEN
<b>2004</b>	Slagelse FH	DEN
<b>2003</b>	Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
<b>2002</b>	Kometal Skopje	MKD
<b>2001</b>	Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
<b>2000</b>	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
<b>1999</b>	Dunaferr SE	HUN
<b>1998</b>	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
<b>1997</b>	Mar El Osito L'Eliaana Valencia	ESP
<b>1996</b>	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
<b>1995</b>	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
<b>1994</b>	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT

# I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2020

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
<b>1</b>	<b>Györi Audi ETO KC HUN</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6182:5294</b>	<b>+888</b>	<b>337:95</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>78,01%</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>WHC Buducnost MNE</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>6846:6503</b>	<b>+343</b>	<b>308:208</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>59,69%</b>
3	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252:144	(23)	63,64%
<b>4</b>	<b>RK Krim Mercator SLO</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>6686:6718</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>246:254</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>49,20%</b>
5	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
<b>6</b>	<b>FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4745:4630</b>	<b>+115</b>	<b>188:156</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>54,65%</b>
7	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
<b>8</b>	<b>SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3455:3315</b>	<b>+140</b>	<b>141:119</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>54,23%</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Metz Handball FRA</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3182:3148</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>118:126</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>48,36%</b>
10	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
<b>11</b>	<b>HC Podravka Vegeta CRO</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3427:3637</b>	<b>-210</b>	<b>112:160</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>41,18%</b>
12	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%
13	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
14	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
<b>15</b>	<b>CSM Bucuresti ROU</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2012:1867</b>	<b>+145</b>	<b>91:57</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>61,49%</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Rostov-Don RUS</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1756:1578</b>	<b>+178</b>	<b>90:38</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>70,31%</b>
17	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%
18	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
19	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
20	Dunaferri NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
21	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
22	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%
23	HC Leipzig GER	72	20	3	49	1792:2025	-233	43:101	(9)	29,86%
24	MKS Perla Lublin POL	70	18	5	47	1740:1969	-229	41:99	(11)	29,29%
25	Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP	34	17	5	12	879:839	+40	39:29	(3)	57,35%
<b>29</b>	<b>Vipers Kristiansand NOR</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>934:926</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>30:38</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>44,12%</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Brest Bretagne Handball FRA</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>840:822</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>28:32</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>46,67%</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Team Esbjerg DEN</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>657:656</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>25:23</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>52,08%</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>SG BBM Bietigheim GER</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>629:721</b>	<b>-92</b>	<b>13:35</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>27,08%</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Odense HC DEN</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>355:377</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>12:16</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>42,86%</b>
NR	Borussia Dortmund GER	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	CSKA RUS	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	

TR - total ranking  
 NR - not ranked  
 MP - matches played  
 W - wins  
 D - draws  
 L - losses

GF - goals for  
 GA - goals against  
 GD - goal difference  
 P - points  
 NP - number of participations including the 2020/21 season  
 % - points efficiency

## I HISTORY: 27 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

1993 – 2007

1993/94

**Final: Hypo Niederösterreich vs Vasas  
Budapest 20:18 / 25:21 (45:39)**

New name, new playing system, but well-known finalists – just as in the men's competition the Champions League replaced the Champions Cup from the 1993/94 season. 32 teams played two K.O. rounds for the eight places in the Champions League. The two finalists were the winners of the two groups of four. Hypo Niederösterreich became the first title holder showing a spotless performance with 12 victories from 12 matches.

1994/95

**Hypo Niederösterreich vs Podravka  
Koprivnica 14:17 / 26:19 (40:36)**

After 20 victories in 20 Champions League matches, Hypo Niederösterreich was beaten for the first time in the first leg of the final in Koprivnica. But the 14:17 in Croatia was followed by a clear 26:19 victory in the second leg and the cup remained in Austria.

1995/96

**Podravka Koprivnica vs Hypo  
Niederösterreich 13:17 / 25:20 (38:37)**

In the 1995/96 season Austrian side Hypo Niederösterreich „only” finished second and that created tremendous joy for the Eastern Croatians. Under the leadership of the old and new top scorer, Snežana Petika, Podravka Koprivnica for the first time took the crown of the greatest club competition.

1996/97

**Mar Valencia vs Viborg HK 35:26 / 23:24  
(58:50)**

In 1997 there was a whole new constellation in

the final. Mar Valencia, who had narrowly lost three times in the Champions League Group Phase, celebrated a Spanish fiesta. The team, which was based around the excellent Natalia Morskova, was the first Spanish team in the history of the competition to reach the final. The opponent was Viborg – the first Danish finalist since Copenhagen in 1966 (ed. IHF competition).

1997/98

**Hypo Niederösterreich vs Mar El Osito  
L'Elia 28:21 / 28:26 (56:47)**

Mar El Osito L'Elia had reached the final by scoring at least 31 goals per match. They failed to repeat this feat when they needed it most. Hypo Niederösterreich triumphed with two victories, earning their third Champions League title.

1998/99

**Dunaferr SE vs Krim Electa Ljubljana 25:23 /  
26:26 (51:49)**

Two new faces appeared in the Champions League final in the 1998/99 season. In the semi-finals Dunaferr had beaten defending champion Hypo Niederösterreich while Ljubljana narrowly held the upper hand over Podgorica. In the final it was the Hungarian side that prevailed, winning their first Champions League title.

1999/00

**Hypo Niederösterreich vs Kometal Skopje  
32:23 / 20:22 (52:45)**

The final of the 1999/00 is less likely to be remembered for Hypo's fourth title but more for the violent disruptions caused during the final by Macedonian fans. In the second leg objects had been thrown onto the court for almost the entire match, and the problems reached a climax when everyone fled into the

changing rooms and Hypo manager Gunnar Prokop was attacked.

**2000/01**

**Viborg HK A/S vs RK Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 22:22 / 19:25 (41:47)**

After suffering defeat in the 1999 finals against Dunaferr, the time was finally ripe in 2001 for Krim, Slovenia's most dominating club whose focus had always been to win the Champions League. In the final Krim prevailed over Viborg thanks to win and a draw.

**2001/02**

**FTC HERZ Budapest vs Kometal D. P. Skopje 27:25 / 22:26 (49:51)**

On 19 May 2002, 45,000 fans people celebrated their heroines enthusiastically in the main square of the Macedonian capital – a great achievement had been made: Kometal Skopje wore the crown of Europe's top club competition for the first time. Two years before, the Macedonians had played in the finals against Hypo Niederösterreich but after rioting fans during the second leg in Skopje all Macedonian clubs were banned for one year from the European Cup, and no one had expected Macedonian handball to recover that fast from the shock.

**2002/03**

**El Osito Valencia vs Krim N. Roberts Ljubljana 30:27 / 28:36 (58:63)**

For the third time in a row, the Champions League winner came from former Yugoslavia and for the second time after 2001 Krim Ljubljana was sitting on the European throne. Skopje had won the title in 2002. There was also another record: goalkeeper Luminita Dinu won the European title for the third time in a row.

**2003/04**

**Slagelse DT vs Krim Ljubljana 25:24 / 36:32 (61:56)**

In less than four years world class player and

world class coach Anja Andersen had led Danish side Slagelse DT out of the second division and straight into their first Champions League season. And just one year after they had already celebrated the win of the EHF Cup, the team was victorious once more – this time in Europe's most prestigious club handball competition. It was a fairy tale come true.

**2004/05**

**Slagelse DT vs Kometal D.P. Skopje 27:23 / 27:20 (54:43)**

For the second time in the history of the Champions League and after the double victory of Hypo Niederösterreich in 1994 and 1995, a team was able to defend its title. In all twelve Champions League matches, from the Group Phase to the final, coach Anja Andersen's team suffered only one defeat.

**2005/06**

**Krim Ljubljana vs Viborg HK A/S 22:24 / 21:20 (43:44)**

In the history of the CL that had not happened before. In both final matches of the 2005/06 season the away teams won. It seemed a mere formality for Viborg to lift the trophy following their 24:22 win in Slovenia, but Ljubljana fought back and had one hand on the cup when they led 20:17 in the 52nd minute before running out of steam.

**2006/07**

**Slagelse DT vs Lada Togliatti 29:29 / 32:24 (61:53)**

It was Slagelse's third go at gold and they did it convincingly. With elite performances both in the Champions League and the Danish league, where they did not lose one single point, Anja Andersen's women were the favourites for the title – so another success of the "dream team" was not a surprise. The season as they won 12 matches and drew twice with Buducnost in the main round. Győr's captain Anita Görbicz became the season's top scorer for the second time scoring 87 goals.

## I HISTORY: 27 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

### 2007 – 2020

2007/08

**Zvezda Zvenigorod vs Hypo Niederösterreich 25:24 / 31:29 (56:53)**

After having beaten Hypo Niederösterreich at home 25:24, the Russian champions were also triumphant in Wiener Neustadt in a very tough second leg. For Hypo it was a big disappointment as everything had been prepared for party at the Arena Nova to celebrated then ninth title since 1989.

2008/09

**Viborg HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 24:26 / 26:23 (50:49)**

Viborg HK won the Champions League for the second time after having lost the first leg of the final 24:26 but winning the second leg 26:23 against Györ. Viborg's Grit Jurack contributed four goals in the second match and became the Champions League's top scorer with 113 goals in the 2008/09 season.

2009/10

**Viborg HK vs Oltchim Rm. Vâlcea 28:21 / 32:31 (60:52)**

Viborg HK defeated Oltchim Vâlcea to win the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League for the second consecutive time and the third time in the last five years. Also the Danish dominance continued. Since 2003/2004 all Champions League titles had gone to Danish teams, except for the 2007/2008 season when Russian team Zvezda Zvenigorod celebrated the victory.

2010/11

**Larvik vs Itxako Reyno De Navarra 23:21 / 24:25 (47:46)**

In a real nail-biting thriller right until the dying seconds, Itxako defeated Larvik by a single goal in the second leg of the final, but with the aggregate score, the Norwegians were the lucky winners of this clash and brought home the EHF Champions League trophy for the first time in the club's history.

2011/12

**Györi AUDI ETO KC vs Buducnost 29:27 / 25:27 (54:54)**

Buducnost won the tightest edition of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League by account of scoring the greater number of away goals (27 in Hungary) than Györi AUDI ETO KC (25 in Montenegro). It was only a small consolation for Györ's Anita Görbicz who picked up the top scorer for the 2011/12 season.

2012/13

**Larvik HK vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:24 / 22:23 (43:47)**

After losing the finals in 2009 and 2012 Györ finally ended their curse of seven European Cup finals without a trophy. The coronation of the new queens of European handball took place in jam-packed Veszprém Aréna after the second leg victory and carried on in the streets of the city of Györ. The Hungarian team were dominant throughout the whole season as they suffered only one defeat (in the semi-final at home vs Oltchim) in 16 matches.

2013/14

**Buducnost vs Györi AUDI ETO KC 21:27 (10:15)**

For the first time in history just one final game decided about the new title holders as Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena hosted the excellent premiere edition of the MVM EHF FINAL4. Györ successfully defended the title after avenging their 2012 defeat by Buducnost in front of a sold-out crowd (10,000). Hungarian champions were the only undefeated team of

2014/15

**Larvik vs Buducnost 22:26 (8:14)**

After defending champions Györi Audi ETO KC had been hit by a series of injuries and maternity leaves it became as no major surprise as they were eliminated in the quarter-finals by Vardar. The Macedonian champions had to

settle with the third place finish for the second straight time though, after stumbling upon Buducnost once again in the semi-final. In the final showdown of the two previously unbeaten teams in Budapest the Montegrin side cruised past Larvik to their second European crown. Andrea Penezic and Cristina Neagu shared the top scorer's title with each scoring 102 goals.

## 2015/16

### **CSM Bucuresti vs Györi Audi ETO KC 29:26 after penalty shootout (25:25, 13:12)**

The Romanian newcomers were all but impressive before the final rounds of the main round and only a few people would expect they could stand a chance against another debutants Rostov-Don in the quarter-finals. However the team of Kim Rasmussen not only eliminated the previously unbeaten Russian team after two narrow wins but also ousted Vardar in the semi-final and completely stunned handball Europe by defeating Györi Audi ETO KC despite the fact the Hungarian favourites played with support of a sold-out crowd (12.000) of the Papp Laszlo Arena behind them. Unstoppable Isabelle Gullden netted in 15 goals in the final and Aurelia Bradeanu scored the deciding penalty in the shoot-out for CSM.

## 2016/17

### **Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 31:30 after extra-time (26:26, 15:12)**

The sold-out Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena witnessed a very similar and thrilling scenario like the year before as the final went to the extra-time. Vardar, who ousted the defending champions CSM Bucuresti in the semi-final, climbed back from a three-goal deficit, but mainly courtesy of a stellar performance of Anita Görbicz Györ were able to snatch a narrow victory and their third title in five years.

## 2017/18

### **Györi Audi ETO KC vs HC Vardar 27:26 after extra-time (20:20, 9:9)**

Both rivals from the previous season continued to dominate the competition also in the new

season and eventually met in the final again. And yet again they pampered the sold-out crowd in the Papp Laszlo Budapest Sportarena with an extra-time thriller. In the end, Györ became the first team to successfully defend the EHF FINAL4 trophy after they were propelled to the title by their Brazilian star Eduarda Amorim. The left back first equalised for 20:20 and forced an extra-time and she was also instrumental in the final 10 minutes of the game.

## 2018/19

### **Györi Audi ETO KC vs Rostov-Don 24:25 (11:15)**

Once again Ambros Martin and Györi Audi ETO KC made it all the way to the final match of the season but at the DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 the Spanish coach and the Hungarian team were facing each other as Martin steered his new team from Rostov-Don and his place in Györ was taken by his former assistant Gábor Danyi. Despite facing the capacity crowd in the Papp Laszlo Sportarena, Rostov climbed back from a four-goal deficit in the second half and were close to force an extra-time, however, Györ supported mainly by ever-inspirational Eduarda Amorim and the tournament's MVP Kari Grimsbo prevailed in the dramatic finish.

## 2019/20

### **No title awarded**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the CL has been paused after the main round and the remaining matches (quarter-finals and EHF FINAL4 cancelled).

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