

Women's 2021 World Championship Qualification Europe



The 25th WWCh (IHF Event) in Spain will be held from 1 to 19 December 2021

DRAW PROCEDURE FOR THE WOMEN'S 2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION EUROPE PHASE 2

Date: 22 March 2021

Time: approx. 15:00 hrs.

Venue: Vienna / AUT

The participants in the Women's 2021 World Championship consist as follows:

Total of 32 teams:

Defending Champion:	NED
Organiser:	ESP
Performance Places (13):	NED + ESP + 9 teams Europe + 2 teams Asia
Compulsory Places (19):	
Europe:	5 teams
Africa:	4 teams
Asia:	4 teams
South America:	3 teams
North America:	1 team
Oceania:	1 team
Wildcard IHF:	1 team

QUALIFICATION EUROPE PROCEDURE:

Europe has a total of 14 places available at the 2021 Women's World Championship (defending Champion NED and Organiser ESP are not included).

Total entries Europe:	33 teams
Places Europe at final tournament:	14 teams (defending Champion NED and organizer ESP not included)

FIXED ENTRANTS:

1. 2019 World Champion NED
2. Organiser ESP
3. Four best ranked teams at the Women's EHF EURO 2020 in DEN/NOR: **NOR, FRA, CRO, DEN**

The remaining European places (10) will be decided in the WCh Qualification Europe Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Qualified for the Phase 2 play-off matches (from EURO DEN/NOR):
RUS, GER, MNE, HUN, SWE, ROU, SRB, POL, CZE, SLO (10 in total)

The following national teams will play the remaining matches in 4 groups in Phase 1:
AUT, BLR, FAR, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, KOS, LTU, LUX, MKD, SUI, SVK, UKR (14 in total)



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The qualification Phase 1 matches will be played in 2 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 3 teams from 19 to 21 March 2021 (after the withdrawal of FIN the matches of group 3 were not any longer necessary and therefore TUR and POR qualified directly to Phase 2).

The winners as well as the 2nd ranked teams of groups 1, 2, 4 and 5 qualify for the Phase 2 play-off matches, which will be played between 16 to 21 April 2021 and will join the remaining 10 teams from the Women's EHF EURO 2020, which are not directly qualified for the Women's 2021 World Championship in Spain.

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10 teams of pot 1:	RUS, GER, MNE, HUN, SWE, ROU, SRB, POL, CZE, SLO (10 best ranked teams of the Women's EHF EURO 2020 DEN/NOR which are not qualified directly for the WCh in ESP)
10 teams of pot 2:	POR, TUR (already qualified) and AUT, BLR, FAR, GRE, ISL, ISR, ITA, KOS, LTU, LUX, MKD, SUI, SVK, UKR (8 out of these 14 teams - the winners and 2 nd ranked teams of each four remaining groups of the Women's 2021 World Championship Qualification Europe phase 1 tournaments)
One team of pot 1 is drawn against one team of pot 2 - winner or 2 nd ranked team of each five groups of the Women's 2021 World Championship Qualification Europe phase 1 tournaments (10 times)	
Teams drawn first have home right in the 1 st leg.	

PLAYING DATES OF THE WOMEN'S 2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION EUROPE PHASE 2 PLAY-OFF MATCHES:

First leg: 16/17 April 2021

Second leg: 20/21 April 2021

The winners of the Women's 2021 World Championship Qualification Europe phase 2 play-off matches will qualify for the Women's 2021 World Championship in Spain (IHF event) from **1 to 19 December 2021**.

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