



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN 2020/21

FINAL: RINCON FERTILIDAD MALAGA vs HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB

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Welcome to the final of the EHF European Cup Women 2020/21! The two-leg contest between Rincon Fertilidad Malaga from Spain and HC Lokomotiva Zagreb from Croatia on 1 and 8 May 2021 respectively concludes the inaugural season of this revamped competition.

The 28th season of European club competitions under the EHF umbrella has seen a new era starting in 2020/21, as the long-term partnership with Infront and DAZN came into effect. The EHF European Cup replaced the Challenge Cup as the third-tier continental club competition, with a new competition identity and a knockout system throughout the season, culminating in this two-leg final.

In the following media information you will find essential facts about the two teams striving to become the first EHF European Cup Women champions. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

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IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game.

Variations on a technical level are possible.

All matches shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won. If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (**no extra time will be played**), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

Rules for execution of penalty throws

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again, five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

[Find all the regulations here.](#)

RINCON FERTILIDAD MALAGA (ESP) vs HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB (CRO)



1st leg: Malaga, Saturday 1 May 2021, 19:00 CEST

Referees: Viktorija Kijauskaite, Ausra Zaliene (LTU)
EHF Delegate: Antonio Marreiros (POR)

2nd leg: Zagreb, Saturday 8 May 2021, 20:00 CEST

Referees: Marina Duplii, Olena Pobedrina (UKR)
EHF Delegate: Anja Freser (SLO)
EHF Representative: Gabriella Horvath (HUN)



Playing hall

Polideportivo Ciudad Jardin
Plaza John F. Kennedy 3
29014 Malaga
Spain
Capacity: 2,585

Past achievements

Challenge Cup:
Quarter-final (2): 2017/18, 2018/19

Spanish league: -
Spanish cup: -

Domestic league

División de Honor

Last 3 games:

24/04 @ Elche D23:23
10/04 vs La Calzalda W28:22
07/04 @ Granollers W27:38

Standings as of 30/04:

1. Bera Bera	10	289:223	19
2. Guardés	10	242:250	14
3. Gran Canaria	10	252:238	13
4. Malaga	10	258:240	10
5. Elche	10	225:212	9
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8. La Calzada	10	209:280	2

FINAL PREVIEW

Rincon Fertilidad Malaga are approaching a unique moment in the Spanish club's history as they are set to play their first ever European final on Saturday 1 May.

With up to 400 fans allowed into the Ciudad Jardin arena, Malaga will be eager to turn their home advantage into a lead over HC Lokomotiva Zagreb going into the decisive return leg in Croatia on Saturday 8 May.

- Malaga reached their first European final with a 44:37 aggregate win in an all-Spanish semi-final against CB Atlético Guardés
- their previous best result in Europe was a quarter-final, which they reached twice in the former Challenge Cup
- Zagreb are going into their second EHF final, after winning the Challenge Cup in 2016/17
- Zagreb also won the IHF Cup in the early 1990s, and reached the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup on two more occasions
- Malaga won seven of their eight matches in the EHF European Cup this season, only losing 23:22 to A.C. PAOK in the return leg of the quarter-final
- 'Lokosice' have clearly won all six matches they played so far, by margins of at least four goals
- Malaga drew with CB Elche (23:23) in the Spanish league last weekend and are ranked fourth
- Zagreb coach Nenad Sostaric led the Croatian national team to a surprise bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2020
- eight Lokomotiva players were part of the team that shone at the EHF EURO: Lucija Besen, Paula and Stela Posavec, Dora and Larissa Kalas, Tena Japundza, Andrea Simara, and Kristina Prkacin



Playing hall

Sportska Dvorana Tresnjevka
Veprinacka 16
10000 Zagreb
Croatia
Capacity: 1,300

Past achievements

Champions League:
Group matches: 2014/15
Challenge Cup:
Winners (1): 2016/17
Semi-final (2): 2011/12, 2017/18
Cup Winners Cup:
Runners-up (2): 1995/96, 1997/98
IHF Cup: Winners (1): 1991/92

Croatian league: 3 titles
Croatian cup: 5 titles

Domestic league

1. HRL

Last 3 games:

30/03 vs Sinj W34:23
06/03 vs Bjelovar W44:15
03/03 @ Zrinski W28:37

Standings as of 30/04:

1. Podravka Veg.	19	667:435	38
2. Lokomotiva	18	643:369	32
3. Umag	18	479:454	28
4. Osijek	20	565:527	23
5. Koka	20	572:522	22
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14. Virovitica	20	509:730	1

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb

No previous encounters

Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) vs Croatian clubs

No previous encounters

HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) vs Spanish clubs 2-2-4 (191:202) 6:10

24/03/2000	Kras Zagreb vs Milar L'Eliana Valencia, Cup Winners' Cup, quarter-final	25:29 (13:14)
26/03/2000	Milar L'Eliana Valencia vs Kras Zagreb, Cup Winners' Cup, quarter-final	32:25 (18:14)
07/01/2006	RK Lokomotiva Zagreb vs SD Itxako Estella, Cup Winners' Cup, Round 3	24:17 (14:4)
14/01/2006	SD Itxako Estella vs RK Lokomotiva Zagreb, Cup Winners' Cup, Round 3	23:14 (10:5)
04/03/2017	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb vs Rocasa Gran Canaria, Challenge Cup, quarter-final	29:24 (14:14)
12/03/2017	Rocasa Gran Canaria vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb, Challenge Cup, quarter-final	26:23 (12:12)
07/04/2018	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb vs Rocasa Gran Canaria, Challenge Cup, semi-final	26:26 (12:14)
15/04/2018	Rocasa Gran Canaria vs HC Lokomotiva Zagreb, Challenge Cup, semi-final	25:25 (10:13)

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CLUB COMPETITIONS



Rincon Fertilidad Malaga: current run – won two

03.04.2021 Malaga ESP	vs Club Balonman Atletico Guardes ESP	W 21:19
28.03.2021 Pontevedra ESP	@ Club Balonman Atletico Guardes ESP	W 18:23
21.02.2021 Thessaloniki GRE	@ A.C. PAOK GRE	L 23:22
19.02.2021 Thessaloniki GRE	vs A.C. PAOK GRE	W 30:21
17.01.2021 Malaga ESP	@ ZRK Naisa Nis SRB	W 22:23
16.01.2021 Malaga ESP	vs ZRK Naisa Nis SRB	W 37:24
22.11.2020 Wr. Neustadt AUT	@ ROOMZ Hotels ZV Wr. Neustadt AUT	W 17:33
21.11.2020 Wr. Neustadt AUT	vs ROOMZ Hotels ZV Wr. Neustadt AUT	W 31:15
10.03.2019 Kwintusheul NED	@ H.V. Quintus NED	L 34:31
02.03.2019 Malaga ESP	vs H.V. Quintus NED	L 26:29



HC Lokomotiva Zagreb: current run – won 10

14.02.2021 Zagreb CRO	@ DHC Slavia Praha CZE	W 27:31
13.02.2021 Zagreb CRO	vs DHC Slavia Praha CZE	W 30:25
17.01.2021 Zagreb CRO	vs Jomi Salerno ITA	W 34:18
16.01.2021 Zagreb CRO	@ Jomi Salerno ITA	W 22:33
22.11.2020 Zagreb CRO	vs Ali-Best Espresso Mestrino ITA	W 35:18
21.11.2020 Zagreb CRO	@ Ali-Best Espresso Mestrino ITA	W 14:30
07.03.2020 Bjelovar CRO	@ ZRK Bjelovar CRO	W 21:28
29.02.2020 Zagreb CRO	vs ZRK Bjelovar CRO	W 30:23
02.02.2020 Zagreb CRO	vs SIR 1MAIO/ADA CJB POR	W 27:16
01.02.2020 Zagreb CRO	@ SIR 1MAIO/ADA CJB POR	W 21:33

RINCON FERTILIDAD MALAGA (ESP)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First Name	Last Name	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
9	Silvia	Arderius Martin	ESP	Centre Back	11/07/1990	Madrid, ESP	168	15
11	Sara	Bravo Baldomero	ESP	Right Wing	20/09/1993	Mislata, ESP	170	38
17	Rocio	Campigli	ARG	Line Player	06/08/1994	Buenos Aires, ARG	170	2
38	Mercedes	Castellanos Soanez	ESP	Goalkeeper	21/07/1988	Ciudad Real, ESP	184	
6	Estela	Doiro Rodríguez	ESP	Centre Back	28/12/1990	A Guarda, ESP	165	13
27	Isabelle	Dos Santos Medeiros	BRA	Right Wing	10/04/1994	Sao Paulo, BRA	165	12
68	Virginia	Fernandez Robles	ESP	Goalkeeper	06/03/1989	Malaga, ESP	172	3
88	Paula	García Ávila	ESP	Line Player	24/03/1992	Almunecar, ESP	189	13
19	Almudena	Gutierrez Mora	ESP	Line Player	11/09/2002	Gerena, ESP	180	8
20	Esperanza	López Jiménez	ESP	Right Back	04/04/1992	Malaga, ESP	157	21
10	Soledad	López Jiménez	ESP	Left Wing	04/04/1992	Malaga, ESP	162	38
18	Maria	Perez Martin	ESP	Back	07/10/1999	Malaga, ESP	167	18
15	Barbara	Pineira Calero	ESP	Back	21/04/2002	Malaga, ESP	175	3
57	Rocío	Rojas Asensio	ESP	Left Back	07/10/1998	Ciudad Real, ESP	171	25
22	Laura	Sanchez Cano	ESP	Left Wing	05/05/2002	Malaga, ESP	167	11
28	Desire	Segado Montero	ESP	Back	10/06/1998	Malaga, ESP	168	
30	Marta	Vidal del Palacio	ESP	Goalkeeper	20/05/1999	Leon, ESP	170	

Coach: Jesus Gallardo Romero (ESP)



Players' kit

Light:

- player shirt: black/white
- player short: black
- goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark:

- player shirt: blue/white
- player short: blue
- goalkeeper shirt: yellow

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HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB (CRO)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First Name	Last Name	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Height	Goals
12	Lea	Belicev	CRO	Goalkeeper	02/02/1998	Zagreb, CRO	173	
98	Lucija	Bešen	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/03/1998	Zagreb, CRO	180	
25	Maja	Bilandzic	CRO	Right Back	09/02/2002	Sinj, CRO	176	4
16	Iva	Brkljacic	CRO	Goalkeeper	31/08/2002	Zagreb, CRO	180	
20	Antonia	Civljak	CRO	Line Player	19/06/1999	Pula, CRO	176	13
9	Terezija	Curic	CRO	Left Back	18/10/1999	Koprivnica, CRO	175	3
6	Lara	Fures	CRO	Line Player	11/10/2002	Zagreb, CRO	177	1
77	Ana Maria	Gavric	CRO	Left Back	28/07/1994	Bjelovar, CRO	180	12
1	Lena	Ivancok	AUT	Goalkeeper	29/03/2001	Vienna, AUT	184	
2	Magdalena	Jankovic Milos	CRO	Right Wing	10/04/2002	Zagreb, CRO	161	
17	Tena	Japundža	CRO	Right Wing	28/10/1998	Pula, CRO	173	15
14	Larissa	Kalaus	CRO	Left Back	24/06/1996	Zagreb, CRO	173	33
15	Dora	Kalaus	CRO	Right Back	24/06/1996	Zagreb, CRO	172	24
5	Josipa	Kaselj	CRO	Right Back	02/03/2000	Virovitica, CRO	183	2
4	Anja Vida	Luksic	CRO	Left Back	18/06/2000	Zagreb, CRO	175	1
18	Renee	Posavac	CRO	Line Player	25/08/2002	Izola, SLO	165	3
3	Paula	Posavec	CRO	Left Wing	26/08/1996	Cakovec, CRO	170	
8	Stela	Posavec	CRO	Centre Back	26/08/1996	Cakovec, CRO	168	31
88	Kristina	Prkacin	CRO	Left Back	21/10/1997	Dubrovnik, CRO	183	4
31	Andrea	Sedloska	MKD	Left Back	06/03/2003	Prilep, MKD		6
7	Andrea	Simara	CRO	Left Wing	13/07/1997	Zagreb, CRO	171	36
10	Ivona	Skalic	CRO	Left Wing	28/08/2001	Zagreb, CRO	174	1
11	Nika	Vojnovic	CRO	Line Player	22/10/2000	Zagreb, CRO	179	4

Coach: Nenad Sostaric (CRO)



Players' kit

Light:

- player shirt: white
- player short: royal blue
- goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark:

- player shirt: dark blue
- player short: dark blue
- goalkeeper shirt: black

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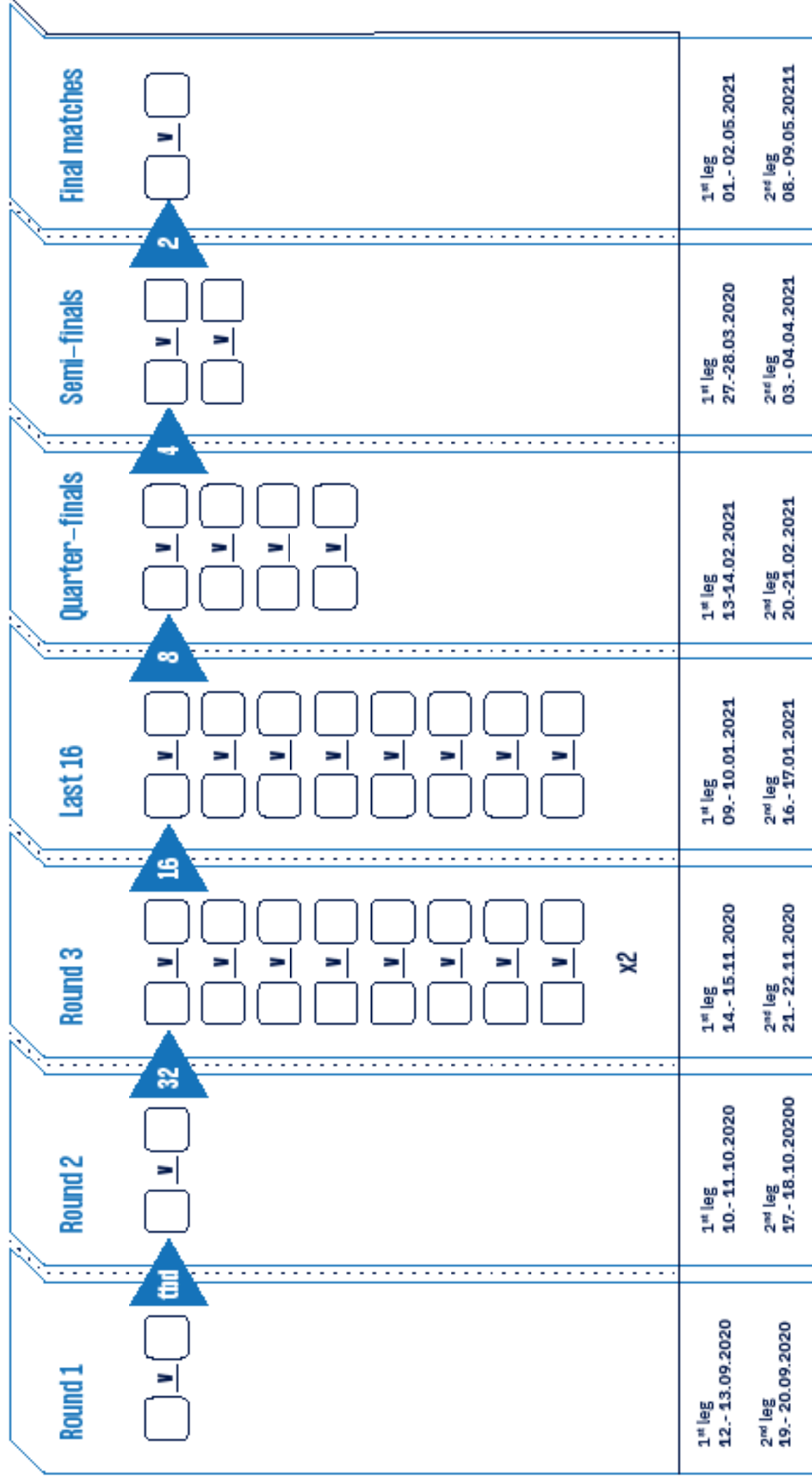
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EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN

2020/21 SEASON

Playing systems and dates



EHF European Cup 2020/21 Women



		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final matches
			18 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
NATION			10.-11.10.2020 first leg	14.-15.11.2020 first leg	09.-10.01.2021 first leg	13.-14.02.2021 first leg	27.-28.03.2021 first leg	01.-02.05.2021 first leg
DRAWN:			17.-18.10.2020 second leg	21.-22.11.2020 second leg	16.-17.01.2021 second leg	20.-21.02.2021 second leg	03.-04.04.2021 second leg	08.-09.05.2021 second leg
DRAWN:			01.09.2020	tbd	tbd	19.01.2021	19.01.2021	06.04.2021
1	ESP	no matches		Club Balonmano Elche	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	8 Winners of Last 16	4 Winners of Quarter-finals	2 Winners of Semi-finals
2	CRO			HC Lokomotiv Zagreb				
3	SRB			ŽRK Jagodina				
4	RUS			JUNO Unbrak VZV				
5	TUR			Yedigöller Spor Club				
6	POL			GDE-Trypsia				
7	BLR			GOR Victoria-Gorodets				
8	CZE			Janyol HC				
9	HRV			ŽRK Kurnavice				
10	GRE			A.C. PAOK				
11	ROU			RNF Farulaj				
12	AUT			KONIG Handball, Rorschach				
13	DEN			FRK Grede				
14	SLO			UK Zag Handball				
15	ITA			Jassi Palermo				
16	GER			DHC Gladbach				
17	LUX			Handball Käerjeng				
18	FIN			DHC Rautas				
19	JPN			KAYFV				
20	KAZ			Kassibul FCZ				
21	UKR			HC Galychanka Lviv				
22	ESP			CB Atlético Guardés				
23	CRO			ŽRK Osijek				
24	SRB		ŽRK Mladost Pils	9 Winners of Qualification Round 2				
25	RUS		Westfieldland GEM					
26	TUR		Harcaspor Bekirbeyli GK					
27	POL		Akademik Lovi Tlivo					
28	ROU		RNF Vulturis					
29	SLO		Grove Eagles					
30	ITA		SEM Grims Göttrich					
31	JPN		Yokur					
32	UKR		HC Real					
33	ESP		Rosario Gran Canaria					
34	ROU		RNF Jolegi					
35	SLO		DHC Rotovos Trzin					
36	ITA		All-Saint Espresso-Pescara					
37	ESP		Rhoón Ferrolbal Millago					
38	ESP		KHF BHL Granollers					
39	TUR		Duzlu Bilyelikler Spor Kulübü					
40	ITA		P. F. Casasco Magenta					
41	HRV		MHC Crikvenica					

TOP SCORERS EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN 2020/21

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Sahin Yasemin (TUR)	Yalikavakspor Club (TUR)	48
2.	Gkatziou Vasiliki (GRE)	A.C. PAOK (GRE)	40
3.	Bravo Baldomero Sara (ESP)	Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP)	38
	Dmytryshyn Diana (UKR)	HC Galychanka Lviv (UKR)	38
	López Jiménez Soledad (ESP)	Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP)	38
6.	Simara Andrea (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	36
7.	Chatziparasidou Maria (GRE)	A.C. PAOK (GRE)	33
	Kalaus Larissa (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	33
9.	Posavec Stela (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	31
10.	Jovanovska Dajana (MKD)	A.C. PAOK (GRE)	28
11.	Rodríguez Hernández Haridian (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP)	27
12.	Muratovic Esmā (MNE)	KHF Istogu (KOS)	25
	Rojas Asensio Rocío (ESP)	Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP)	25
14.	Galušková Veronika (CZE)	DHC Slavia Praha (CZE)	24
	Kalaus Dora (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	24
	Özel Yeliz (TUR)	Yalikavakspor Club (TUR)	24
17.	Kilic Eda Nur (TUR)	Muratpasa Belediyesi SK (TUR)	23
	Poliak Tetiana (UKR)	HC Galychanka Lviv (UKR)	23
19.	Sakizcan Fatmagül (TUR)	Yalikavakspor Club (TUR)	22
	Shynkaruk Iryna (BLR)	COR Victoria-Berestie (BLR)	22

PAST CHAMPIONS EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN

formerly known as Challenge Cup (2001–20) and City Cup (1994–2000)

2020 no title (season suspended due to Covid-19)

2019 Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE ESP

2018 MKS Perla Lublin POL

2017 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO

2016 Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE ESP

2015 Union Mios Biganos-Begle FRA

2014 H65 Höör SWE

2013 DHK Banik Most CZE

2012 HAC Havre FRA

2011 Mios Biganos FRA

2010 Buxtehuder SV GER

2009 Handball Cercle Nimes FRA

2008 VfL Oldenburg GER

2007 HC Naisa Nis SRB

2006 C.S. Rulmentul Brasov ROU

2005 TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen GER

2004 1.FC Nürnberg GER

2003 Borussia Dortmund GER

2002 Non Profit S.A. Uni ROU

2001 Handball Cercle Nimes FRA

2000 Rapid Bucuresti ROU

1999 Napredak Krusevac YUG

1998 Ikast F.S. DEN

1997 Frankfurter Handball Club GER

1996 AS Silcotub Zalau ROU

1995 Rotor Volgograd RUS

1994 Buxtehuder SV GER





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