



MEDIA GUIDE

DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2021/22
GROUP PHASE

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I INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW SEASON

The summer wait is over and all is set for a new edition of the DELO EHF Champions League. Following two seasons marked by the Covid-19 pandemic there is much excitement for the upcoming 29th edition, and not only because all handball fans eagerly await new match action.

Europe's premium competitions opened their new chapter last year after the EHF has teamed up with Infront and DAZN for the next decade and the EHF Champions League got a fresh look across several layers. The playing times have been fixed with weekends reserved for the DELO EHF Champions League and Wednesdays and Thursdays for the EHF Champions League Men. On every match day an appointment to view has been confirmed with all matches starting either at 16:00 or 18:00 (CET/CEST) on Saturdays and 14:00 or 16:00 on Sundays.

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.

Six former winners and 26 nations represented among the players

The number of participating teams has remained at 16 but the number of countries has increased to 12 from almost all the corners of the continent are represented. In addition the 300+ players entering the courts come from no fewer than 26 countries.

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 (28) and Krim Mercator Ljubljana (27), also the most decorated team can be found among the participants with Györi Audi ETO KC (5 titles). In total, there will be six former EHF Champions League winners on the starting grid when the race for the newly designed trophy commences on 11 September.

I WE PLAY HANDBALL: OUR 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 three decades 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 implemented in 2020 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.



I NEW OFFICIAL EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SONG

The official EHF Champions League Song is a first spin-off from the EHF Brand Sound. At its core is the handball sound DNA: a rhythmic interpretation of the sport's most iconic movement, the jump shot. Composing a unique song dedicated to Europe's premium handball club competition has been the next step after sound logos and anthems for the EHF Champions League and the EHF European League as well as opening and closing sequences for TV elements, OTT streaming platforms and social media had already been released earlier.

MESMERIZE is the title of the official EHF Champions League Song, deriving from the handball sound DNA. With a catchy synth hook line and raw and massive dancehall power, it provides the recipe to become a new in-arena hit and to attract a younger audience. The official EHF Champions League Song is the first single of JOIN7, an international producer team. The track will be part of the official opening ceremony of all matches during the EHF Champions League Season 2021/22 and can be listened to on various platforms including: Spotify, iTunes, [YouTube](#) or Amazon music.

THE 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.

I NEW HOME OF HANDBALL

Follow your favourite EHF Champions League clubs and players with the new Home of Handball app. The EHF announced the launch of its very first dedicated mobile app, Home of Handball, just before the start of the new season.

APP

The app, available on iOS and Android, follows the EHF's 'Home of Handball' approach and unites all of Europe's major handball competitions – from the club as well as from the national team side – under one roof. The integration of highlights from EHFTV, as well as of live scores, club and player information, are key ingredients for an enriching user experience. The app features gamification elements and furthermore allows for each user to completely individualise his or her experience by selecting their favourite club and/or favourite competition.

The arrival of the app offers handball fans across the globe European handball at their fingertips while at the same time creates an entry point for new fans to enter the arena and learn about the excitement of handball.

Developed together alongside Austrian start-up House of Web, the app offers smooth user experience, allowing for an easy as well as exciting entry into the world of handball with a comprehensive overview about every single match in the EHF's competitions each season.



STAY UP TO DATE WITH EHFCL WEEKLY

If you can't get enough of the EHF Champions League you should be a subscriber to our weekly EHF Champions League newsletter. EHFCL Weekly brings you a fresh slice of the latest news of your favourite club competition direct to your inbox every Friday during the season.

From exclusive interviews with top players in the popular 'This is Me' series, to a light-hearted look at handball in the Timeout section, EHFCL Weekly is your perfect way to end the working week and start the weekend.

<https://go.eurohandball.com/ehfcl>



TUNE IN TO EHFCL ON TIKTOK AND TWITCH

Long gone are the days when social media consisted of a few Facebook posts. The latest generation of social media platforms are here and of course the EHF Champions League has embraced them. Tiktok will showcase quirky, creative and viral video content and can be found on the Home of Handball Tiktok channel. Twitch, a video-streaming channel, will also have a number of EHF Champions League related shows screened throughout the season. Among the success stories of last season were the EHF Champions League preview shows, which were broadcast live over the weekends of both men's and women's EHF FINAL4 events. Expect more of the same in 2021/22.

That's not to say traditional social media channels have been forgotten about. The EHF Champions League accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram will continue to give fans a steady stream of sharable and engaging content, keeping them informed on all the latest results and news from handball's top-flight.



<https://www.twitch.tv/homeofhandball>

<https://www.tiktok.com/@homeofhandball>



SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS!

WATCH EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE ON EHFTV.COM

SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS!

Ahead of the start of season 2020/21 SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS! was introduced to highlight the revamped EHF Champions League. Now the claim will be carried over into the 2021/22 season and will serve as headline for this year's core theme: the return of fans to the arena to reunite for the teams and to celebrate the EHF Champions League as a mesmerizing theater, made to inspire. This season it's finally SHOWTIME FOR CHAMPIONS! again – get ready to be mesmerized!

The new campaign highlights the core values of handball and the EHF Champions League especially. The passionate handball fans that evoke great excitement and emotion, the action-packed sport spectacle itself, which is created by speed, energy, skill and tactics and the players overwhelming emotions, who are all vying to be crowned "Champions of Europe".

Of course, a perfect musical accompaniment was needed for this campaign and found in the official EHF Champions League Song MESMERIZE by Join7, which was derived from the recently established handball sound DNA.



| MOTW SHOWCASES THE BEST OF THE BEST

The thrill of live top club handball is back and with it also the MOTW series. So what better time to re-introduce the three faces of the EHF Champions League for the 2021/22 season who will help bring the action even closer to fans watching around the world.

Following a positive example from the EHF Champions League Men the Match of the Week (MOTW) project was introduced also into the women's European top flight in the 2019/20 season.






FACES OF #ehfcl BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the campaign in the EHF Champions League Men and the DELO EHF Champions League, our Faces of #ehfcl will give fans a unique blend of behind-the-scenes content and interviews with the people that matter the most: the players, staff and fans.

One of the three Faces of #ehfcl is legendary former line player Anja Althaus (on top of the picture). The three-time EHF Champions League winner is no stranger to DELO EHF Champions League coverage, having joined the team as an ambassador in the 2018/19 season. Since then the retired German international became a Face of #ehfcl, using her knowledge and insights in the game to give fans a sneak peek around the iconic handball courts of Europe.

While Anja will continue to be the main Face in the women's European top flight also in the upcoming season, Hannah Jackson and Markus Floth go on to lead the line during this season's EHF Champions League Men, working closely with on-site EHF mobile reporters to give fans the most comprehensive coverage of top-flight handball, with interviews and behind-the-scenes insights. Due to possible Covid-19 restrictions there the on-site coverage might be limited in some cases, but fans will get special insights nevertheless.

So, make sure you pay our social media channels a visit to ensure you get the most of the content – and to get to know your Faces of #ehfcl

-  @ehfcl
-  ehf.champions.league
-  @ehfcl
-  homeofhandball
-  homeofhandball



| DELO SUPERFAN 2021/22

The DELO Superfan is a seasonal activation presented by Delo Group that offers all 16 clubs of the DELO EHF Champions League the opportunity to give something back to their fans, actually their best fans. Delo provides the chosen Superfans, chosen by the respective club, with money can't buy elements and an unforgettable experience.

Each of the 16 participating clubs will be involved throughout the season and the focus will not only be on the MOTW activation but also when there are no matches to provide the floor to clubs that are no MOTW participants.

As part of the on-site activation the Delo Superfan Boxes with signed shirts, match balls, merchandise and VIP Tickets for the match will be handed over. In addition the awarded fans will get a behind-the-scenes tour and can participate at the 'Player of the match' trophy handover on court. In the online environment the DELO Super fans can be included in an IG live interview with one of the EHF Champions League Faces, and one selected player.

Of course, the whole activation will strictly follow the local regulations and the EHF Hygiene concept in all venues.



HOME OF HANDBALL SHOP

Since the launch of the Home of Handball web shop in autumn of 2020, handball fans and players can easily find products of the EHF's official suppliers hummel and SELECT and purchase the best handball equipment and sportswear. While customers can get their hands on official match balls and replica balls of all EHF Competitions (EHF Champions League, EHF European League, EHF EURO) and also benefit from worldwide shipping in the SELECT shop - the Hummel shop offers official merchandising of the EHF Competitions as well as a big variety of handball shoes and clothing. This wide selection of products is only a click away, we invite every handball fan to visit the HoH web shop on shop.eurohandball.com and follow the EHF's social media channels for newest releases and special offers.

I EHFTV

The OTT portal of the EHF and EHF Marketing, 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 remains, offering the best handball content for free. This approach is complemented with the option to register to the portal for free. This registration gives the handball fans the option to watch games live and on-demand, but also allows fans to improve and personalise their fan experience during the season – and all of that for free.

On EHFTV, matches from every EHF competition are available, complemented with highlights, the best goals and saves and plenty of additional content created exclusively for the portal. Since 2020 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 is accessible any time and from anywhere. Once the fans enter in the EHFTV, they 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 features permit all users to find, select and enjoy the best handball in an easy manner.

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art video player, which also includes a multi-screen feature, guarantees 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.

EHF TV

HOME SCHEDULES COMPETITIONS ARCHIVE FAQs

Dear EHFTV user, please check your inbox and reset your password now to update your account and access myHome of Handball. [Click here to learn more](#)

Join EHFTV FOR FREE

Register now to watch free live handball games, full matches and much more

11 SEP | 16:00

BV BORUSSIA 09 DORTMUND vs FTC-RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA

Register for Free

TV STATIONS TO BROADCAST MATCHES ALL OVER THE WORLD

The start of the DELO EHF Champions League 2021/22 is mere days away and fans around the world will have the chance to enjoy the excitement throughout the season.

Alongside the free-with-registration platform EHFTV.com, broadcasters across Europe grabbed the chance to show the pinnacle competition during the 2021/22 season. 35 stations are set to broadcast to more than 40 territories, with the action beginning on Saturday and following the same throw-off schedule as in 2020/21 – games every Saturday (16:00 and 18:00 CEST/CET) and Sunday (14:00 and 16:00 CEST/CET).

After gaining over 250,000 subscribers last season, EHFTV will also give viewers outside the TV broadcast territories the chance to catch the action. All 132 matches that will form the DELO EHF Champions League season to be shown on the platform, complemented by highlights and many other special video features.

TV PARTNERS BROADCASTING THE DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2021/22

ALB	Arena Sport
AUT	DAZN
BIH	Arenasport
BLR	BTRC
CRO	Arenasport
CZE	SportTV
DEN	TV3 Sport, Viasat
ESP	DAZN
FIN	Viaplay
FRA	Eurosport
GER	DAZN
GEO	Silknet
HUN	Sport TV
ISR	Sport1
ITA	Sky Sport
KOS	Arenasport

MKD	Arenasport
MNE	Arenasport
NED	Ziggo Sports
NOR	Viasat, Viaplay
POL	Eurosport Player
POR	SportTV
ROU	Telekom Sport, Digi Sport, Look Sport
RUS	Match TV
SLO	Arenasport
SRB	Arenasport
SUI	DAZN
SVK	Sport TV
SWE	Viasat, Viaplay
UKR	SportTV
Worldwide – EHFTV (Geo-restrictions could apply)	

I PARTNERS AND SUPPLIERS



- Title partner of the EHF Champions League Women, referred to as the DELO EHF Champions League
- Signed by EHF/M, since DELO EHF FINAL4 2019 until and including DELO EHF Champions League 2021/22 and the DELO EHF FINAL4 2022
- 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



- In 2020 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
- the official balls are also available in the Home of Handball web shop



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



- Official insurance supplier
- Present in: AUT, BIH, CRO, CZE, HUN, MKD, MNE, POL, ROU, SRB, SVK, UKR
- Cooperation prolonged until and including the 2022/23 season.



- Official flooring supplier
- The distinctive "lagoon blue" court first introduced to the men's competition at the start of the 2006/07 season and extended to the women's competition from 2011/12
- Cooperation extended until and including the 2025/26 season



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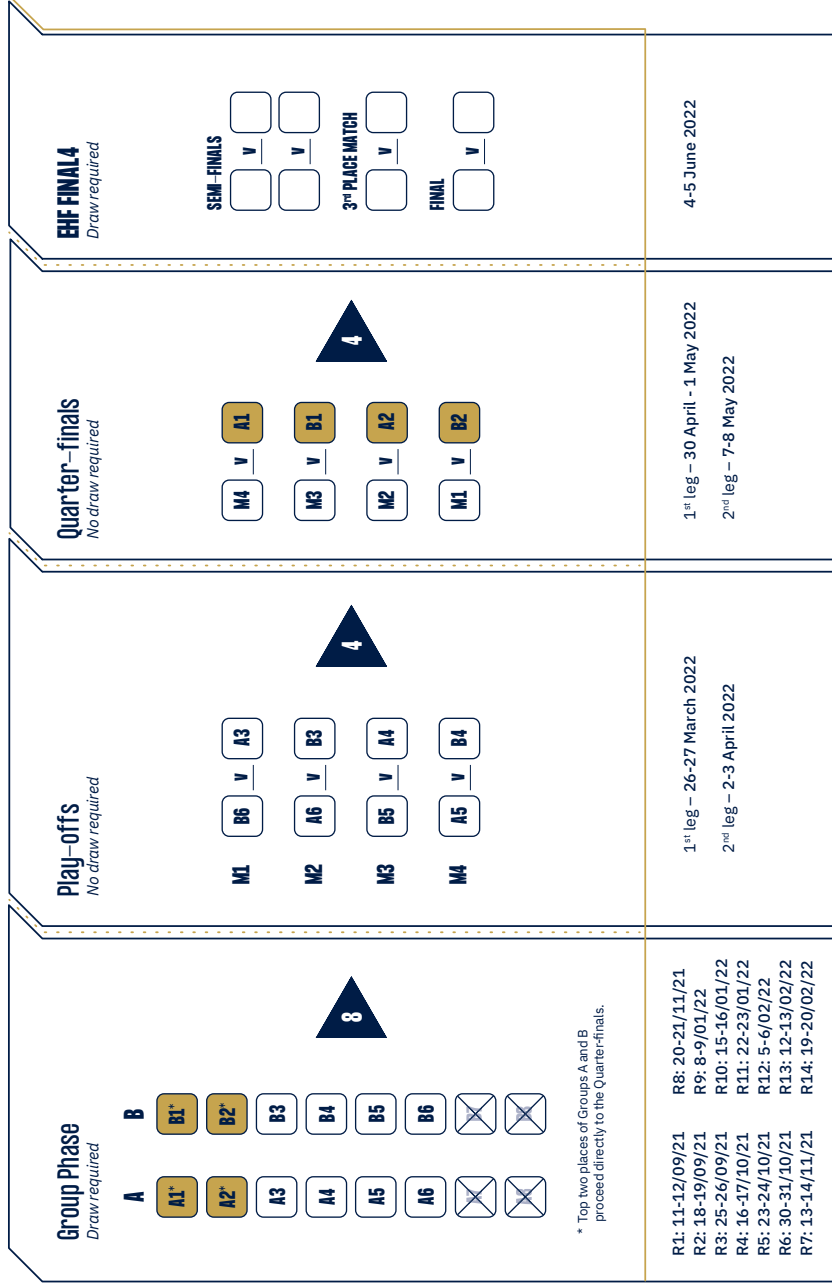
SEASON 2021/22



DELO EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

2021/22 SEASON

Playing system and dates



* Top two places of Groups A and B proceed directly to the Quarter-finals.

132 MATCHES, 12 NATIONS, 6 PAST WINNERS, 1 TROPHY

FACTS AND FIGURES: ALL THE NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON

With defending champions **Vipers Kristiansand** as the hunted team and five-time champions **Györi Audi ETO KC** as one of their main challengers, the **DELO EHF Champions League** is ready for a new season. Here is the traditional overview of the main facts and figures of Europe's premium competition in women's club handball.

0 teams have been part of all seven EHF FINAL4 events so far; record winners Györ lead the way with six appearances.

1

sustainable trophy, designed in 2020 and showing the moment a ball hits the net, is the prize the 16 teams are playing for.

1 time, Györ missed the EHF FINAL4 (in 2015) and one time they were there but missed the final (in 2021, losing the semi-final against Brest).

1 team managed to win the EHF FINAL4 in back-to-back seasons: Györ in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The last victory marked the first time a team won the women's edition of the CL three times in a row.

1 more draw is needed this season: for the semi-finals. The play-offs and the quarter-finals are determined by the final standings in the group phase.

1 debutant is among the 16 group phase participants: Turkish champions Kastamonu, who previously stranded in CL qualification twice – in 2017/18 and 2019/20.

2 group winners and 2 runners-ups will skip the play-offs and advance from the group phase directly to the quarter-finals

2 EHF FINAL4 matches did Györ lose in a penalty shoot-out: in 2016 against CSM and in 2021 against Brest. Both times Isabelle Gulldén was part of the winning team.

2

teams from each group - those who finish seventh and eighth - will see their European journeys come to an end after the group phase.

2 CL debutants made it to the EHF FINAL4 in their first CL season: Vardar (2014) and CSM Bucuresti (2016).

4 players, part of the 2021/22 competition, have each won the CL five times: Rostov player Eduarda Amorim as well as Vipers (and former Györ) players Katrine Lunde, Heidi Løke and Nora Mørk.

4 nations have two teams each in the group phase: Russia, Denmark, France and Hungary. Last season six nations were all represented twice.

4 times has Ambros Martin won the CL with Györ; since April he is back at the Hungarian side. Martin was coach in seven CL finals in total.

4 throw-off times will make it easy for fans to follow the CL 2021/22: on Saturday at 16:00 and 18:00 CET/CEST, on Sunday at 14:00 and 16:00 CET/CEST.

4 countries had a winning team at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Hungary (four), Montenegro, Romania and Norway (all one).

5 (former) CL top scorers are part of the group phase: Heidi Løke (Vipers/2011: 99 goals for Larvik), Cristina Neagu (CSM Bucuresti/2015: 102 for Buducnost, 2018: 110 for CSM), Isabelle Gulldén (Vipers/2016: 108 for CSM), Jovanka Radicevic (Kastamonu/2020: 97 goals for Buducnost) and Ana Gros (CSKA/2021: 135 goals for Brest).

5 (former) World Players of the Year are part of the group phase: Neagu (CSM/2010, 2015, 2016, 2018), Løke (Vipers/2011), Andrea Lekic (Krim/2013), Eduarda Amorim (Rostov/2014) and Stine Oftedal (Györ/2019).

6 (former) CL winners – and all winners since 2012 – are part of the group phase: Podravka (1996), Krim (2001, 2003), Buducnost (2012, 2015), Győr (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019), CSM (2016) and Vipers (2021).

8 of the 16 group phase teams played at the EHF FINAL4 in the past: Brest, Bucuresti, Buducnost, CSKA, Győr, Metz, Rostov, Vipers.

8 matches (four home-and-away ties) will be played in the play-offs and again in the quarter-finals.

11 nations in total have been represented by the CL winners since 1993: Denmark, Hungary (six titles each), Austria (four), Montenegro, Norway, Slovenia (two each), Croatia, North Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Spain (one each).

12 nations, compared to 10 last season, are represented in the group phase: Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Montenegro, Norway, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden and Turkey.

12 different clubs have played at the seven EHF FINAL4 events so far (since 2014): Győr (six times), Vardar (five), Buducnost (four), CSM Bucuresti (three), Rostov, Vipers (two each), Metz, Midtjylland, Volgograd, Larvik, CSKA, Brest (one each).

14 of the 16 clubs from the 2020/21 group phase

are back again this season; new this time are Sävehof and Kastamonu, replacing Valcea and Bietigheim.

15 times in the last 15 seasons, Győr reached at least the quarter-finals of the CL.

16 or **18** matches will be played by each team that qualifies for the EHF FINAL4 on 4/5 June 2022 – depending on whether they skip the play-offs or not.

28 seasons (including 2021/22) Podravka from Croatia have been part of the CL; Krim from Slovenia are going into their 27th season; Buducnost from Montenegro into their 26th.

55 CL matches in a row was the length of Győr's unbeaten streak, which ended with their semi-final defeat against Brest last season.

57 is the highest number of goals scored by a single player at EHF FINAL4 events; this record is currently shared by Nycke Groot and Anita Görbicz, who both retired after the 2020/21 season.

112 matches are scheduled in the group phase between 11 September 2021 and 20 February 2022.

132 matches, including the final in Budapest on 5 June, will be needed to find the winners of the CL 2021/22.

TEAMS BY AGE AVERAGE

Vipers Kristiansand	28.6
Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	28.1
Odense Håndbold	27.5
CSM Bucuresti	27.3
Rostov-Don	27.1
Győri Audi ETO KC	26.9
Krim Mercator Ljubljana	26.5
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	25.9
CSKA	25.5
CL Average Age	25.2
Team Esbjerg	25.2
HC Podravka Vegeta	25.1
Brest Bretagne Handball	23.4
BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	23.0
Metz Handball	22.7
Buducnost BEMAX	21.8
IK Sävehof	21.4

TEAMS BY HEIGHT AVERAGE

CSM Bucuresti	178.0
FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	177.4
Metz Handball	177.2
Buducnost BEMAX	177.1
Team Esbjerg	177.0
Győri Audi ETO KC	176.8
HC Podravka Vegeta	176.6
CSKA	176.4
Vipers Kristiansand	176.0
CL Average Height	175.9
Rostov-Don	175.8
Brest Bretagne Handball	175.8
Odense Håndbold	174.8
IK Sävehof	174.7
Krim Mercator Ljubljana	174.5
Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	173.4
BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	172.6

I FACTS AND FIGURES – MAX AND MIN

YOUNGEST



23.08.2005

Nika Galinec

HC Podravka Vegeta

Nika Galinec	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	23/08/2005
Romane Lehuault-Parc	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	23/04/2005
Valeriia Klishina	RUS	Rostov-Don	14/04/2005
Julie Ami Sall	DEN	Team Esbjerg	21/11/2004
Line Bergfeldt	SWE	IK Sävehof	07/11/2004
Melanya Pichugina	RUS	Rostov-Don	22/09/2004
Julia Farkas	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	01/08/2004
Stella Huselius	SWE	IK Sävehof	22/07/2004
Kirstine-Marie Heide	DEN	Team Esbjerg	18/07/2004
Caroline Gade	DEN	Team Esbjerg	11/07/2004
Alina Reshetnikova	RUS	Rostov-Don	30/06/2004
Szofi Imre	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	21/06/2004
Thea Kylberg	SWE	IK Sävehof	20/06/2004
Carla Broquaire	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	24/05/2004
Madeleine Rehnberg	SWE	IK Sävehof	22/05/2004
Tindra Carlsson	SWE	IK Sävehof	16/05/2004
Mia Brinch-Nielsen	DEN	Team Esbjerg	07/05/2004
Marija Marsenic	MNE	Buducnost BEMAX	06/05/2004
Yan Li Stannies	GER	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	20/04/2004
Merle Albers	GER	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	19/04/2004

SHORTEST

158 cm



Ayaka Ikehara

Odense Håndbold



Jacqueline Moreno

BV 09 Borussia Dortmund

Ayaka Ikehara	JPN	Odense Håndbold	158
Jacqueline Moreno	SWE	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	158
Yagmur Toprak	TUR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	160
Julie Ami Sall	DEN	Team Esbjerg	162
Vilde Jonassen	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	164
Marina Sudakova	RUS	CSKA	164
Mathilda Lundström	SWE	IK Sävehof	164
Pauline Coatanea	FRA	Brest Bretagne Handball	165
Chloe Valentini	FRA	Metz Handball	165
Meissa Maurice	FRA	Metz Handball	165
Tina Abdulla	NOR	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund	165
Julia Farkas	HUN	Györi Audi ETO KC	165
Malin Aune	NOR	CSM Bucuresti	165
Geanina Finaru	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	165
Anastasiia Alekseeva	RUS	Rostov-Don	165
Valeriia Klishina	RUS	Rostov-Don	165
Zala Miklic	SLO	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	165
Kübra Sarikaya	TUR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	166
Ana Turk	CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	167
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30.03.1980

Katrine Lunde*Vipers Kristiansand*

Katrine Lunde	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	30/03/1980
Serpil Iskenderoglu	TUR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	15/07/1982
Heidi Løke	NOR	Vipers Kristiansand	12/12/1982
Kamilla Birkedal Larsen	DEN	Odense Håndbold	02/09/1983
Anna Sedoykina	RUS	CSKA	01/08/1984
Galina Gabisova	RUS	Rostov-Don	17/06/1985
Marit Malm Frafjord	NOR	Team Esbjerg	25/11/1985
Viktoriya Borschenko	UKR	Rostov-Don	05/01/1986
Angelica Wallén	SWE	IK Sävehof	11/04/1986
Rikke Poulsen	DEN	Team Esbjerg	20/04/1986
Amandine Leynaud	FRA	Györi Audi ETO KC	02/05/1986
Siraba Dembele Pavlovic	FRA	CSM Bucuresti	28/06/1986
Eduarda Amorim Taleska	BRA	Rostov-Don	23/09/1986
Barbara Arenhart	BRA	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	04/10/1986
Jovanka Radicevic	MNE	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK	23/10/1986
Jelena Grubisic	CRO	CSM Bucuresti	20/01/1987
Zita Szucsánszki	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	22/05/1987
Polina Kuznetsova	RUS	Rostov-Don	10/06/1987
Andrea Lekic	SRB	Krim Mercator Ljubljana	06/09/1987
Vladlena Bobrovnikova	RUS	Rostov-Don	24/10/1987

TALLEST



194 cm

Camila Micijevic*Metz Handball*

Camila Micijevic	CRO	Metz Handball	194
Kristine Breistøl	NOR	Team Esbjerg	193
Iryna Stelmakh	UKR	HC Podravka Vegeta	192
Mette Tranborg	DEN	Team Esbjerg	192
Crina Pintea	ROU	Györi Audi ETO KC	192
Emma Jacques	FRA	Metz Handball	190
Ruth Joao Francisco	ANG	Kastamonu BSK	189
Valeriia Maslova	RUS	Buducnost BEMAX	188
Astride N'gouan	FRA	Metz Handball	187
Melanie Halter	FRA	Metz Handball	187
Blanka Bíró	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	187
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Klára Csiszár - Szekeres	HUN	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria	186
Nikolina Vukcevic	MNE	Buducnost BEMAX	186
Ana Gros	SLO	CSKA	186
Anna Sen	RUS	Rostov-Don	186
Eduarda Amorim Taleska	BRA	Rostov-Don	186
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Sofie Börjesson	SWE	IK Sävehof	186
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GROUP PHASE



GROUP A PREVIEW

FAMILIAR FACES CLASH ONCE AGAIN IN GROUP A

Six champions and two other powerhouses will feature in group A of the DELO EHF Champions League this season, with mouthwatering clashes ready to set alight the table throughout the next months.

The title winners from France, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Germany and Croatia were drawn in the group, while the Russian runners-up, Rostov-Don, and one of the Danish powerhouses, Team Esbjerg, will be fighting for the first six places in the group, which ensure safe passage to the next phases of the competition.

Brest Bretagne Handball enjoyed their greatest ever season last time around, after finishing second in the DELO EHF Champions League, with a loss in the final against Vipers Kristiansand, while clinching the French title in a fiery clash with rivals Metz Handball.

This time around, however, the winds of change were definitely felt at Brest, as coach Laurent Bezeau stepped down after nine seasons, being replaced by Pablo Morel. The DELO EHF Champions League top scorer, Ana Gros, also left for CSKA Moscow, while influential centre back Isabelle Gullden left for title winners Vipers.

There were not too many changes in the roster, however. Brest's core is still intact, as the team has conceded only five losses in the European top competition in the past two seasons. Yet the challenge will be difficult, with teams like Rostov-Don, CSM Bucuresti, Team Esbjerg and FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria ready to pounce.

Since the current format, including the EHF FINAL4 in Budapest was introduced in the 2013/14 season, FTC have always failed to progress to the business end of the competition. Buoyed by winning their first title since 2015, the Hungarian powerhouse will surely be aiming to seal a berth for it come May.

Losing talented Hungarian players like Noemi Hafra and Nadine Schatzl to arch-rivals Györi Audi ETO KC was definitely a blow, but FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria doubled down on experience, ushering in back Szandra Zacsik and Montenegrin centre back Itana Grbic from Buducnost BEMAX.

The Montenegrin side will be one of the outsiders this season, losing virtually the entire first seven from last season. Goalkeeper Barbara Arenhart and backs Andrea Lekic and Allison Pineau left for Krim Mercator Ljubljana, Milena Raicevic, Marina Rajcic and wings Majda Mehmedovic together with Jovanka Radicevic signed for Kastamonu, while line player





Ema Ramusovic went to CSM Bucuresti, in an unprecedented exodus for the former champions.

With one of the youngest teams in the competition, Buducnost's aim will be to progress to the next phase of the DELO EHF Champions League, yet their work will be cut out.

A perennial contender, CSM Bucuresti have set their aim high, with a DELO EHF FINAL4 berth as an objective. Consistency has been their biggest undoing in the past seasons and this was also a problem in the start of the season, after CSM delivered good performances in the Romanian Cup, until the final, where they lost, 29:35, to SCM Gloria Buzau.



Dutch duo Yvette Broch and Tess Wester brings a plethora of experience, while another duo, Norway's Emilie Hegh Arntzen and Malin Aune, is also due to be crucial this season.

This group will feature once again a battle between two friends. Adrian Vasile, CSM's coach, a former longtime assistant for Rostov-Don's coach, Per Johansson.

Rostov's previous season was hugely underwhelming, failing to secure a DELO EHF FINAL4 berth, while also conceding the Russian title. Yet adding experienced back Eduarda Amorim was a huge coup, one that could prove very useful come the business end of the competition, especially in defence.



Last season, BV Borussia 09 Dortmund and RK Podravka Vegeta finished on the last two places in Group B, but they will surely aim higher this time, with plenty of experience soaked in by the two sides.

Dortmund lost eight players, including Dutch backs Inger Smits, Kelly Dulfer and goalkeeper Rinka Duijndam, but ushered in seven others, while Podravka brought in six new additions, including centre back Larissa Kalas and left back Bianca Bazaliu, with coach Neven Hrupec taking over.

Team Esbjerg might be the odd team out, after having finished fourth last season in the Danish league and being granted an upgrade for the DELO EHF Champions League. Yet coach Jesper Jensen will hope for less injuries, while also boasting the MVP of the DELO EHF FINAL4, Norwegian back Henny Reistad, who was brought from Vipers Kristiansand.



Esbjerg also progressed from the group phase each time in the last three participations in the European premium competition, therefore should be a team to watch out for here.

Adrian Costeiu

I GROUP A HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP A TEAMS

Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost BEMAX 2-3-1 (166:160) 7:5

10.02.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	28:27 (15:12)
10.03.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (13:13)
05.10.2019	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	32:35 (17:16)
10.11.2019	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group C	32:28 (14:15)
10.10.2020	Buducnost vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	22:22 (12:12)
17.01.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	28:28 (11:18)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund 1-1-0 (74:62) 3:1

20.09.2020	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	29:41 (13:23)
06.02.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	33:33 (17:20)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs Rostov-Don 0-1-5 (140:168) 1:11

04.03.2017	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	21:26 (11:13)
11.03.2017	Rostov-Don vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Cup – Quarter-final	28:19 (13:8)
07.10.2017	Rostov-Don vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (14:13)
11.11.2017	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Group B	23:29 (14:15)
13.10.2018	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:29 (15:16)
17.11.2018	Rostov-Don vs Brest Bretagne Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:24 (18:12)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs Team Esbjerg 2-0-0 (63:54) 4:0

07.03.2021	Team Esbjerg vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	27:33 (16:17)
14.03.2021	Brest Bretagne Handball vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	30:27 (19:11)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs HC Podravka Vegeta 2-0-0 (65:54) 4:0

14.11.2020	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Brest Bretagne Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	29:33 (14:16)
16.11.2020	Brest Bretagne Handball vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:25 (15:12)

Brest Bretagne Handball vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria

No previous encounters in European competitions

Brest Bretagne Handball vs CSM Bucuresti

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost BEMAX 7-1-5 (354:345) 15:11

14.04.2002	HERZ – FTC Budapest vs Bud. Brilliant Podgorica, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	32:32 (16:14)
21.04.2002	Bud. Brilliant Podgorica vs HERZ – FTC Budapest, EHF Champions League – Semi-final	31:32 (16:16)
29.10.2006	Buducnost T-Mobile vs FTC Budapest HUN, Champions Trophy – Place 3/4	30:25 (15:14)
27.10.2007	Buducnost T-Mobile vs Budapest Bank-FTC, EHF Champions League – Group D	22:19 (11:9)
06.01.2008	Budapest Bank-FTC vs Buducnost T-Mobile, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:28 (15:12)
13.10.2013	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:25 (13:13)
17.11.2013	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:21 (15:14)
12.02.2017	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:33 (9:19)
11.03.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:24 (8:9)
28.01.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	34:26 (19:18)
24.02.2018	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	23:24 (12:12)
07.03.2021	Buducnost vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	22:19 (11:7)
13.03.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	29:28 (9:15)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti 2-0-6 (217:229) 4:12

07.04.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	30:25 (17:15)
15.04.2017	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:27 (15:14)
05.10.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group D	36:31 (18:13)
11.11.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	28:34 (10:17)
25.01.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	33:23 (19:10)
21.02.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	27:24 (16:13)
18.10.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:19 (12:10)
09.01.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	31:27 (14:16)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund

No previous encounters in European competitions

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don 1-1-10 (309:339) 3:21

05.02.2012	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	23:22 (13:8)
11.02.2012	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	32:23 (15:11)
09.01.2016	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	23:21 (13:11)
13.02.2016	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:29 (15:13)
07.04.2018	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	29:31 (15:16)
14.04.2018	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:22 (20:12)
07.04.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:29 (13:14)
13.04.2019	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:22 (15:9)
08.02.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	31:35 (14:19)
07.03.2020	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:26 (17:9)
12.09.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	25:26 (12:16)
13.02.2021	Rostov-Don vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:24 (12:12)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Team Esbjerg 2-0-2 (101:103) 4:4

02.02.2020	Team Esbjerg vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	29:27 (13:13)
01.03.2020	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	26:25 (13:15)
11.10.2020	Team Esbjerg vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	21:24 (13:9)
16.01.2021	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	24:28 (12:13)

FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta 7-1-0 (236:210) 15:1

22.01.1995	Podravka Koprivnica vs Ferencvaros Budapest, EHF Champions League – Group B	21:21 (10:14)
19.03.1995	Ferencvaros Budapest vs Podravka Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Group B	26:24 (13:12)
13.05.2006	FTC Budapest vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, EHF Cup – Final	37:36 (16:19)
20.05.2006	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs FTC Budapest, EHF Cup – Final	32:33 (14:20)
18.10.2015	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	28:16 (13:5)
15.11.2015	HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:27 (12:16)
19.10.2019	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:31 (17:17)
02.11.2019	HC Podravka Vegeta vs FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (15:14)

Buducnost BEMAX vs CSM Bucuresti 1-1-1 (71:71) 3:3

01.11.2015	CSM Bucuresti vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group D	22:28 (11:15)
08.11.2015	Buducnost vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group D	23:23 (12:13)
07.05.2017	Buducnost vs CSM Bucuresti, TIPPMIX EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	20:26 (12:13)

Buducnost BEMAX vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund 2-0-0 (59:53) 4:0

18.10.2020	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:28 (15:13)
09.01.2021	Buducnost vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	31:27 (15:15)

Buducnost BEMAX vs Rostov-Don 0-0-2 (42:47) 0:4

02.02.2019	Rostov-Don vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	24:22 (13:11)
03.03.2019	Buducnost vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	20:23 (9:11)

Buducnost BEMAX vs Team Esbjerg

No previous encounters in European competitions

Buducnost BEMAX vs HC Podravka Vegeta 4-0-2 (169:154) 8:4

02.10.2005	Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica vs ZRK Buducnost MONET, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	28:22 (13:10)
09.10.2005	ZRK Buducnost MONET vs Podravka Vegeta, Koprivnica, EHF Champions League – Qualification Round 2	24:18 (10:8)
25.10.2014	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Buducnost, EHF Champions League – Group B	27:32 (14:18)
23.11.2014	Buducnost vs HC Podravka Vegeta, EHF Champions League – Group B	32:26 (15:13)
13.09.2020	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Buducnost, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	29:26 (12:17)
13.02.2021	Buducnost vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	33:26 (13:11)

CSM Bucuresti vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don 5-2-3 (245:244) 12:8

31.03.2016	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	26:25 (11:12)
09.04.2016	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (11:16)
16.10.2016	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Group C	24:21 (12:10)
11.11.2016	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Group C	20:22 (11:10)
11.02.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	22:22 (11:12)
10.03.2018	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:24 (9:12)
13.05.2018	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, EHF Champions League - EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	31:30 (19:14)
11.10.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	23:23 (13:14)
16.11.2019	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	23:22 (14:7)
19.11.2020	CSM Bucuresti vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:27 (10:16)
10.02.2021	Rostov-Don vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	0:10 (0:0)*

* Match not played and points allocated. Result not included in overall stats

CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg 5-0-1 (161:147) 10:2

12.02.2017	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	33:25 (17:13)
12.03.2017	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:25 (7:12)
06.10.2019	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	22:24 (8:13)
10.11.2019	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	21:25 (12:13)
20.09.2020	Team Esbjerg vs CSM Bucuresti, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	29:30 (15:17)
06.02.2021	CSM Bucuresti vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:26 (15:10)

CSM Bucuresti vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Rostov-Don

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs Team Esbjerg

No previous encounters in European competitions

BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs HC Podravka Vegeta 2-0-0 (58:56) 4:0

26.09.2020	HC Podravka Vegeta vs BV Borussia 09 Dortmund, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	25:26 (14:15)
24.01.2021	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:31 (13:12)

Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg 5-0-1 (173:161) 10:2

02.02.2013	Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	29:28 (13:14)
03.02.2013	Team Esbjerg vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	28:31 (10:19)
19.10.2019	Team Esbjerg vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	31:26 (16:11)
02.11.2019	Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	34:26 (16:13)
07.11.2020	Rostov-Don vs Team Esbjerg, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:24 (15:13)
15.11.2020	Team Esbjerg vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	24:25 (12:13)

Rostov-Don vs HC Podravka Vegeta 3-0-1 (123:93) 6:2

02.02.2014	Rostov-Don vs HC Podravka Vegeta, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	24:19 (14:7)
09.02.2014	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Rostov-Don, Cup Winners' Cup – Last 16	30:28 (14:15)
06.03.2021	HC Podravka Vegeta vs Rostov-Don, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	20:29 (10:17)
14.03.2021	Rostov-Don vs HC Podravka Vegeta, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	42:24 (24:11)

Team Esbjerg vs HC Podravka Vegeta

No previous encounters in European competitions

GROUP A



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Arena de Brest
140 Boulevard de
Plymouth
29200 Brest
France
Capacity: 4,077

The second French team to have reached the DELO EHF FINAL4 – after Metz Handball did it in 2019 – Brest Bretagne Handball are no longer a surprise name among the Champions League favourites.

Since their debut season in 2017/18, Brest have gone step further each year, culminating in the 2020/21 final they lost to Vipers Kristiansand. But in the 2021/22 season, Brest face a challenge since coach Laurent Bezeau and key players Ana Gros and Isabelle Gullédén have left, but the team will be expected to deliver the goods again.

Main facts:

- Brest start in their fifth EHF Champions League season
- they have steadily improved each season: from the group phase in 2017/18 via main round and quarter-final to the final in 2020/21
- Brest won both the domestic league and cup in France to crown their near-perfect season
- after eight years in charge, head coach Laurent Bezeau has been replaced with Pablo Morel
- Ana Gros, last season's Champions League top scorer, and Isabelle Gullédén have both left the club, with Norwegian international Helene Fauske the most notable newcomer

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 5

Final (1): 2020/21

Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20*

Main Round (1): 2018/19

Group Matches (1): 2017/18

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: quarter-finals 2016/17

French league: 2 titles (2012, 2021)

French cup: 3 titles (2016, 2018, 2021)



10 **MATCHES**
Longest unbeaten run

41 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:24 (22:9) v SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU (h), 12.10.2019
Biggest defeat	39:26 (17:13) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.03.2019
Longest winning run	6 matches (05.10.2019 – 16.11.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	10 matches (10.03.2019 – 09.02.2020)
Longest losing run	7 matches (07.10.2017 - 06.10.2018)
Longest run without win	8 matches (07.10.2017 - 13.10.2018)
	8 matches (10.11.2018 – 10.03.2019)
Most goals	41 v BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER 29:41W (a), 20.09.2020
Most goals opponent	39 v Metz Handball FRA 39:26L (a), 03.03.2019
Most goals both teams	70 v BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER 29:41W (a), 20.09.2020
Fewest goals	17 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 26:17L (a), 18.11.2017
Fewest goals opponent	17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:29W (a), 08.03.2020
Fewest goals both teams	44 v Buducnost MNE 22:22D (h), 10.03.2019
	44 v Buducnost MNE 22:22D (a), 10.10.2020

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	6	0	0	6	132:157	-25	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2018/19 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	2	3	7	326:350	-24	7:17	6th MR Gr. 1	
2019/20 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	12	10	1	1	382:315	+67	21:3	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	20	10	6	4	562:512	+50	26:14	Runner-up	
Total:	50	22	10	18	1402:1334	+68	54:46		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Pablo Morel

Coach

- replaced Laurent Bezeau this summer who was on the bench since 2013 and led the team to the 2020/21 CL final
- took on coaching in 2003, when he was just 20
- had his first professional experience from 2014 to 2016 in Paris
- aged 38, he has already a lot of experience in his career, including one with the Gabon national team

Arrivals:

Helene Fauske (Herning-Ikast/DEN)
Aïssatou Kouyaté (ESBF Besançon)
Eva Jarrige (Brest youth)

Departures:

Amandine Tissier (Les Neptunes de Nantes)
Laurène Catani (Mérignac Handball)
Isabelle Gulldén (Vipers Kristiansand/NOR),
Ana Gros (CSKA/RUS)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Agathe	Quiniou	FRA	Goalkeeper	31/10/2000	Brest, FRA	178
2	Constance	Mauny	FRA	Left Wing	17/12/1998	Chambrayles Tours, FRA	172
3	Alicia	Toublanc	FRA	Right Wing	03/05/1996	Saint-Brieuc, FRA	168
5	Carla	Broquaire	FRA	Line Player	24/05/2004	Lorient, FRA	177
6	Helene	Fauske	NOR	Centre Back	31/01/1997	Bærum, NOR	177
7	Romane	Kromoska	FRA	Centre Back	01/10/2002	Tourcoing, FRA	170
8	Monika	Kobylinska	POL	Right Back	09/04/1995	Zary, POL	177
C 10	Coralie	Lassource	FRA	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Maisons-Laffitte, FRA	170
11	Amandine	Lagattu	FRA	Left Wing	10/02/1999	Brest, FRA	168
12	Petra	Marinovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	29/06/2001	Split, CRO	178
13	Melina	Cantin	FRA	Goalkeeper	25/11/2003	Brest, FRA	176
15	Kalidiatou	Niakate	FRA	Left Back	15/03/1995	Aubervilliers, FRA	177
16	Cleopatre	Darleux	FRA	Goalkeeper	01/07/1989	Mulhouse, FRA	176
18	Chloe	Le Quellec	FRA	Left Back	07/05/2003	Brest, FRA	185
20	Sladjana	Pop-Lazic	SRB	Line Player	26/07/1988	Belgrade, SRB	178
21	Aissatou	Kouyate	FRA	Right Back	19/04/1995	Clichy-la-Garenne, FRA	184
22	Pauletta	Foppa	FRA	Line Player	22/12/2000	Amilly, FRA	177
23	Djurdjina	Jaukovic	MNE	Left Back	24/02/1997	Niksic, MNE	185
24	Romane	Lehuault-Parc	FRA	Goalkeeper	23/04/2005	Morlaix, FRA	175
25	Tonje	Løseth	NOR	Left Back	01/01/1991	Bergen, NOR	183
26	Mathilde	Cayez	FRA	Right Wing	17/01/2003	LambreslezDouai, FRA	168
27	Justine	Raulo	FRA	Line Player	22/06/2003	Pontivy, FRA	180
28	Ludivine	Mey	FRA	Right Wing	28/03/2004	Chaoguan, CHN	167
29	Aminata	Wague	FRA	Goalkeeper	30/12/1998	Saint-Brieuc, FRA	177
55	Pauline	Coatanea	FRA	Right Wing	06/07/1993	Saint-Renan, FRA	165
63	Eva	Jarrige	FRA	Right Back	17/02/2000	Clermont Ferrand, FRA	182
89	Sandra	Toft	DEN	Goalkeeper	18/10/1989	Gribskov, DEN	176



Sandra Toft

 @sandratoft89

Goalkeeper

- her 25th birthday on 18 October 2014 marked her debut in the CL, against Metz
- reached the CL final in 2015 with Larvik and again in 2021 with Brest
- joined Brest in the summer of 2019 after two seasons with Team Esbjerg
- played EHF Cup final in 2019, losing to Hungarian side Siófok
- broke neck and back in car accident in 2009 but returned to the courts within six months

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Cleopatre Darleux

 @cleopatredarleux

Goalkeeper

- played for one season in Brest in 2011/2012, before moving to Viborg and Nice and eventually coming back to Brest in 2016
- part of the France team which won the gold medal at the 2017 WCh and the Tokyo Olympics
- gave birth to her first daughter in November 2019
- the goal she scored against Norway in a friendly game with France in 2016 is probably the most-known action she has ever played

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2014
OG: G 2020, EURO: S 2020, WCh: G 2017, S 2009, 2011



Coralie Lassource

 @lassourcecoralie

Left wing

- started playing handball in Issy-Paris, a club her younger sister Deborah plays for
- returned to France after two seasons with Érd in Hungary
- known for her defensive abilities on the backcourt position
- regular fixture in the French team, was set to play already at the 2016 Olympics but got injured just before the start

OG: G 2020, EURO: S 2020



Djurdjina Jaukovic

 @djina_jaukovic

Left back

- started with handball aged nine in her home town Niksic, thanks to her father Jovo, former president of Sutjeska
- joined Buducnost in 2013 aged 15, was on loan in Danilovgrad for two years, and will move to Brest in summer of 2020
- named best young player in Montenegro twice (2014, 2015)
- scored four goals on her CL debut against Sävehof in 2015/16
- top scorer (71) and MVP of W19 EHF EURO 2015, scored 31 goals in nine games at her first WCh, in 2015 in Denmark



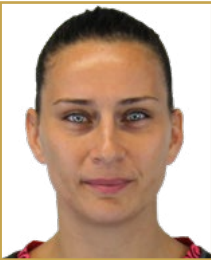
Helene Fauske

 @helenefauske

Centre back

- joined Brest in 2021, after playing all her career in Norway, then Denmark
- one of the best scorers in the EL 2020/21, when Herning-Ikast reached the EHF Finals
- part of the Norway national team during the 2017 World Championship
- gave birth to a daughter in November 2019

WCh: S 2017



Sladjana Pop-Lazic

 @sladjanapoplazic

Line player

- Serbian international who joined Brest in 2017
- first arrived in France in 2012, played in Besançon for three seasons before joining Metz in 2015
- had CL debut in 2016/17 with Metz, scoring 39 goals in her first season
- netted a personal best 49 times for Brest in the CL 2020/21 season



Monika Kobylinska

 @monika.kobylinska8

Right back

- Polish international, who arrived in Brest in summer of 2019 after two seasons in the German Bundesliga with TuS Metzingen
- started career at Gdynia in her native Poland, has scored more than 150 goals for the Polish national team
- returned to the courts near the end of the 2020/21 season after tearing a knee ligament in October 2020



Pauline Coatanea

 @pcoatanea_55

Right wing

- joined Brest from Nantes in summer of 2017, alongside Jovana Stoiljkovic
- born in Brest, moved to Nantes in 2012 before returning to her hometown, where her family lives
- elected best right wing of the Junior WCh 2012, made senior national team debut in March 2017

OG: G 2020, EURO: G 2018, S 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 ut 39-41
2030 Erd
Hungary
Capacity: 2,200

FTC–RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA



After a battered season, full of unpredictable difficulties, FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria managed to win the Hungarian domestic championship with a spectacular game and confident victory against Győr.

Despite the domestic success, there was European disappointment again as they could not proceed from the play-offs of the DELO EHF Champions League.

Summer preparation is also altered by the Tokyo Olympic Games as eight key players of the club and head coach Gábor Elek have been on national team duty, diverting their attention from the coming season until now.

Main facts

- FTC still wait for that final step that could lead them into the DELO EHF FINAL4
- they made the first step by winning the domestic championship against Győr in the 2020/21 season
- it will be the 15th season for Gábor Elek as head coach of the team
- Nadine Schatzl and Noémi Háfra left the club and both joined domestic rivals Győri Audi ETO KC
- FTC recently lost two of their key players, Anikó Kovacsics and Zita Szucsánszki, for an indefinite period of time as the co-team captains both sprained their shoulders at the Olympics in Tokyo

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 22
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
Play-offs (1): 2020/21
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: 13 titles (1966, 1968-69, 1971, 1994-97, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2015, 2021)

Hungarian cup: 12 titles (1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1993-97, 2001, 2003, 2017)



8 **MATCHES**
Longest
unbeaten run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

36 **GOALS**
Fewest goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	42:16 (19:7) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 18.01.1997
Biggest defeat	40:23 (22:10) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 09.04.2016
Longest winning run	5 matches (14.10.2012 – 11.11.2012) 5 matches (20.11.2016 – 25.02.2017)
Longest unbeaten run	8 matches (09.11.2013 – 22.11.2015)
Longest losing run	4 matches (12.01.2007 – 17.02.2007) 4 matches (27.10.2007 – 16.11.2007) 4 matches (02.03.2013 – 06.10.2013) 4 matches (11.03.2017 – 06.10.2017) 4 matches (11.03.2018 – 05.10.2018) 4 matches (07.04.2019 – 13.10.2019)
Longest run without win	5 matches (04.01.1998 – 31.10.1999) 5 matches (05.03.2017 – 06.10.2017)
Most goals	42 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997
Most goals opponent	40 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 40:23L (a), 09.04.2016
Most goals both teams	70 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 34:36L (h), 10.02.2007
Fewest goals	70 v Larvik NOR 37:33W (h), 14.10.2017 17 v Volgograd AKVA RUS 22:17L (a), 03.03.2001
Fewest goals opponent	16 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 42:16W (h), 18.01.1997 16 v TUS Walle Bremen GER 27:16W (h), 25.01.1997 16 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 28:16W (h), 18.10.2015
Fewest goals both teams	36 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 18:18D (h), 31.03.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1994/95 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	1	2	135:129	+6	7:5		3rd Gr. B
1995/96 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	6	3	2	1	145:137	+8	8:4		2nd Gr. B
1996/97 Ferencvaros Budapest HUN	10	6	1	3	264:208	+56	13:7		Semi-final
1997/98 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	6	1	1	4	147:159	-12	3:9		3rd Gr. B
1999/00 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	4	0	4	204:201	+3	8:8		Quarter-final
2000/01 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	10	5	0	5	264:232	+32	10:10		Semi-final
2001/02 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	12	6	2	4	348:341	+7	14:10		Runner-up
2002/03 HERZ – FTC Budapest HUN	8	6	0	2	252:228	+24	12:4		Quarter-final
2003/04 FTC Budapest HUN	8	5	0	3	220:221	-1	10:6		Quarter-final
2006/07 FTC Budapest HUN	6	2	0	4	177:188	-11	4:8		3rd Gr. D
2007/08 Budapest Bank-FTC HUN	6	1	0	5	165:192	-27	2:10		4th Gr. D
2012/13 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	8	0	4	346:336	+10	16:8		3rd MR Gr. 2
2013/14 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	6	3	0	3	162:161	+1	6:6		3rd Gr. B
2015/16 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	378:383	-5	16:12		Quarter-final
2016/17 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	2	4	397:361	+36	18:10		Quarter-final
2017/18 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	8	0	6	400:382	+18	16:12		Quarter-final
2018/19 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	14	7	2	5	407:423	-16	16:12		Quarter-final
2019/20 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	12	4	1	7	334:348	-14	9:15		6th MR Gr. 1
2020/21 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	16	9	0	7	434:428	+6	18:14		Play-offs
Total:	188	96	14	78	5179:5058	+121	206:170		



Gábor Elek

Coach

- steered his team to a stunning Hungarian title in 2021 at the expense of the heavy favourites from Győr
- son of legendary coach Gyula Elek, who led FTC for almost three decades, now works in arena named after his father
- leads Ferencváros since 2008 but won first domestic title only in 2015 as the team regularly finishes runner-up to Győr
- won back-to-back Cup Winners' Cups in 2011 and 2012
- respected member of the Ferencváros family, apart from his father his mother also played for the club

EC trophies: Cup Winners' Cup 2011, 2012

Arrivals

Szandra Szöllösi-Zácsik (MTK Budapest)
 Júlia Hársfalvi (Siófok KC)
 Diána Ferenczy (FTC youth team)
 Itana Grbic (Buducnost)

Departures

Noémi Háfra (Győri Audi ETO KC)
 Nadine Schatzl (Győri Audi ETO KC)
 Noémi Pásztor (Mosonmagyaróvári KC)
 Borbála Ballai (loan to Vác)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Szandra	Szöllosi-Zácsik	HUN	Right Back	22/04/1990	Komárno, SVK	185
C 8	Zita	Szucsánszki	HUN	Centre Back	22/05/1987	Budapest, HUN	172
9	Júlia	Hársfalvi	HUN	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Zalaegerszeg, HUN	168
10	Klára	Csiszár-Szekeres	HUN	Left Back	01/12/1987	Békéscsaba, HUN	186
13	Kinga	Janurik	HUN	Goalkeeper	06/11/1991	Budapest, HUN	178
14	Anett	Kisfaludy	HUN	Line Player	31/08/1990	Kapuvár, HUN	183
16	Blanka	Bíró	HUN	Goalkeeper	22/09/1994	Vác, HUN	187
17	Alicia	Stolle	GER	Right Back	17/06/1996	Ahlen, GER	182
18	Anett	Kovács	HUN	Right Wing	12/11/1994	Mezőtúr, HUN	
20	Emily	Bölk	GER	Left Back	26/04/1998	Buxtehude, GER	182
21	Gréta	Márton	HUN	Left Wing	03/10/1999	Mohács, HUN	173
26	Antje Angela	Malestein	NED	Right Wing	31/01/1993	Spankenburg, GER	174
33	Nikolett	Tóth	HUN	Centre Back	13/07/2001	Budapest, HUN	175
42	Katrin Gitta	Klujber	HUN	Right Back	21/04/1999	Dunaújváros, HUN	170
88	Diana Dora	Ferenczy	HUN	Right Back	07/04/2002	Budapest, HUN	181
C 91	Anikó	Kovacsics	HUN	Centre Back	29/08/1991	Nagyatád, HUN	170
93	Julia	Behnke	GER	Line Player	28/03/1993	Mannheim, GER	180
96	Itana	Grbic	MNE	Centre Back	01/09/1996	Podgorica, MNE	169
	Szofi	Imre	HUN	Goalkeeper	21/06/2004	HUN	
	Anna	Ballai	HUN	Left Wing	22/01/2003	HUN	



Blanka Biro

 @biroblanka

Goalkeeper

- born and raised in Vác, where she played for eight years
- played internationally in the EHF Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup, and was first called up for the national team at age 18 - for the home EHF EURO 2014
- the 186-cm tall goalkeeper is a regular choice for the national team
- won silver with Hungary at the Women's 19 EURO in 2013



Gréta Márton

 @gretamarton

Left wing

- was key member of the Hungarian squad which one the junior WCh 2019
- since her debut in the senior national team in 2017, she always gets an invitation
- one of the most active athletes on social media
- despite sharing her playing time with Nadine Schatzl she scored her CL personal best 28 goals in the 2020/21 season



Emily Bölk

 @emily_boelk

Left back

- joined FTC in 2020 from Thüringer HC where she played two seasons
- made Bundesliga debut with Buxtehuder SV at age 16
- visited Viborg youth academy at age 14
- MVP of U18 WCh 2014, is part of senior national team since age 18
- mother Andrea was also a national team player
- became youngest player ever in German national team to pass 100-goal mark



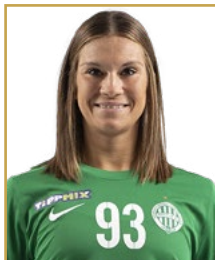
Aniko Kovacsics

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Centre back

- made her CL debut at 16 and is already in her 14th CL season - her fifth with FTC
- joined in 2016 from arch rivals Győr, after not getting enough playing time
- also able to play left wing, and was deployed in that position by Hungary during EHF EURO 2014
- awarded best young CL player in 2012/13

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014
EURO: B 2012



Julia Behnke

 @behnkejulia

Line player

- replaced Dutch World Champion Dannick Snelder at FTC in summer 2020 and formed a German trio with her national teammates Alicia Stolle and Emily Bölk at FTC
- best German scorer at the 2019 World Championship
- was the first German ever player to join a Russian club (Rostov) in 2019
- born in the same city as German men's national team captain Uwe Gensheimer, Mannheim



Katrin Klujber

 @keti_klujber

Right back

- debuted in Hungarian league at age 16; won EHF Cup with Dunaújváros in 2016
- joined Ferencvaros in January 2019, and was named EHF Player of the Month in February and in November
- part of the Hungarian team that won the Junior WCh in Hungary in 2018

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2016



Angela Malestein

 @angelamalestein

Right wing

- arrived in Budapest in the summer of 2020 from SG BBM Bietigheim
- All-star Team member of W19 EHF EURO 2011, first played in Dutch team at age 16
- played for VOC Amsterdam and Dalfsen before moving to German side Blomberg at age 19 in 2012
- played her first major tournament at the EHF EURO 2010

EURO: S 2016, B 2018, WCh: B 2017, G 2019



Itana Grbic

 @iiiiig96

Centre back

- born in Podgorica and learned handball at Buducnost, but started senior career at Vardar where she played between 2014 and 2016
- joined FTC in the summer of 2021 from Buducnost, where she played since 2016 except for the 2019/20 season when she was at CSM
- can perform as both left wing and centre back
- wears number 96 because her birth year is 1996

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue &
white stripes
Player short: blue
GK shirt: pink

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: lime



Playing hall

Bemax Arena
Ulica Svetlane Kane
Radević
81000 Podgorica
Montenegro
Capacity: 2,245

BUDUCNOST BEMAX



Buducnost BEMAX are long-time DELO EHF Champions League contenders with high goals each season and that has not changed this year, despite having a rejuvenated squad.

Head coach Bojana Popovic will have a tough task ahead. With a number of players from the Montenegrin national team departing over the summer, the collection of a few experienced players and young talents must fight hard to progress from group A.

Main facts

- going into their 26th top-flight season, Buducnost have a rich tradition in the competition as two-time champions, in 2012 and 2015
- in November 2020, after 11 seasons, Dragan Adzic left the club, replaced by Bojana Popovic, also Montenegro's national team coach
- it will be an almost all new Buducnost this season as big-name players such as Andrea Lekic, Allison Pineau, Jovanka Radicevic and Barbara Arenhart left the club
- the Montenegrin powerhouse still hope to thrive with a mixture of young and experienced players

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 26

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

Final (1): 2013/14

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

Quarter-finals (6): 2002/03, 2003/04, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21

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

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

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

Montenegrin league: 32 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2019, 2021)

Montenegrin cup: 25 titles (1984, 1989, 1995-98, 2000-02, 2005-21)



9 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

72 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

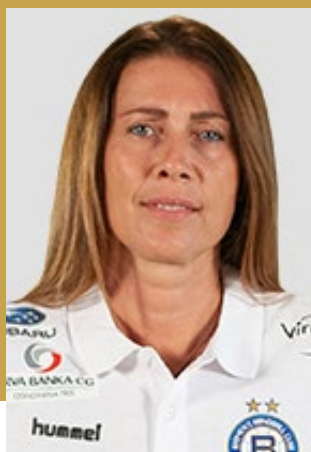
I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	39:20 (19:8) v RK Krim Mercator SLO (h), 15.03.2015
Biggest defeat	36:21 (18:11) v Viborg HK DEN (a), 19.01.1997
Longest winning run	14 matches (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)
Longest unbeaten run	22 matches (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Longest losing run	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
Longest run without win	7 matches (21.02.2004 – 30.01.2005)
Most goals	40 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Most goals opponent	40 v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP 26:40L (h), 05.04.1998
Most goals both teams	76 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 36:40W (a), 04.03.2011
Fewest goals	16 v Dunafer SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005 16 v Larvik NOR 28:16L (a), 16.03.2013
Fewest goals opponent	14 v Thüringer HC GER 23:14W (h), 09.11.2014
Fewest goals both teams	34 v Dunafer SE HUN 16:18L (h), 06.02.2005

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	6	2	2	2	130:143	-13	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. A
1997/98 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	1	4	292:305	-13	11:9	11:9	Semi-final
1998/99 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	8	1	1	297:238	+59	17:3	17:3	Semi-final
1999/00 Buducnost Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	287:274	+13	12:8	12:8	Semi-final
2000/01 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	3	2	265:246	+19	13:7	13:7	Semi-final
2001/02 Bud. Brilliant Podgorica YUG	10	5	2	3	297:277	+20	12:8	12:8	Semi-final
2002/03 RK Buducnost MONET YUG	8	4	0	4	215:216	-1	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
2003/04 RK Buducnost MONET SCG	8	4	0	4	209:219	-10	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
2004/05 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	1	0	5	141:165	-24	2:10	2:10	4th Gr. A
2005/06 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG	6	3	0	3	150:154	-4	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. C
2006/07 ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	0	0	6	141:174	-33	0:12	0:12	4th Gr. B
2007/08 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	1	1	4	153:189	-36	3:9	3:9	3rd Gr. D
2008/09 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	12	6	2	4	317:326	-9	14:10	14:10	3rd MR Gr. 2
2009/10 Buducnost T-Mobile MNE	6	2	1	3	138:155	-17	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. D
2010/11 'Buducnost' MNE	14	10	0	4	417:360	+57	20:8	20:8	Semi-final
2011/12 Buducnost MNE	16	14	0	2	453:385	+68	28:4	28:4	Winner
2012/13 Buducnost MNE	12	5	1	6	265:273	-8	11:13	11:13	3rd MR Gr. 1
2013/14 Buducnost MNE	14	8	3	3	349:298	+51	19:9	19:9	Runner-up
2014/15 Buducnost MNE	16	15	1	0	444:326	+118	31:1	31:1	Winner
2015/16 Buducnost MNE	16	11	1	4	433:359	+74	23:9	23:9	Fourth Place
2016/17 Buducnost MNE	16	11	0	5	444:391	+53	22:10	22:10	Fourth Place
2017/18 Buducnost MNE	14	5	0	9	344:368	-24	10:18	10:18	Quarter-final
2018/19 Buducnost MNE	14	6	1	7	330:345	-15	13:15	13:15	Quarter-final
2019/20 Buducnost MNE	12	7	0	5	335:317	+18	14:10	14:10	Quarter-final*
2020/21 Buducnost MNE	18	6	2	10	453:479	-26	14:22	14:22	Quarter-final
Total:	276	149	24	103	7299:6982	+317	322:230		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Bojana Popovic

Coach

- replaced Dragan Adzic as head coach in November 2020
- before that, worked at Buducnost as sports director and Adzic's assistant
- born Petrovic, she was one of the best players of the world
- born in Nis, Serbia, she played for Buducnost, Slagelse and Viborg, winning the CL with each of these teams, six times combined
- finished playing career in 2012 after winning silver at Olympics in London, but made a comeback in 2016 to feature at Olympics in Rio

EC trophies: CL: 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, EHF Cup: 2003

OG: S 2012 WCh: B 2001

Arrivals

Ilda Kepic (Skövde HF)
 Ivana Mitrovic (Békéscsabai Előre NKSE)
 Anastasija Babovic (Dunaújvárosi Kohász KA)
 Bruna Zrnić (RK Podravka Vegeta)
 Nataša Ćorović (Levaela 2010)
 Matea Pletikosic (on loan from Krim)

Departures

Ema Ramusović (CSM București)
 Andrea Lekić (RK Krim Mercator)
 Bárbara Arenhart (RK Krim Mercator)
 Allison Pineau (RK Krim Mercator)
 Anastasija Marsenic (Molde)
 Majda Mehmedović (Kastamonu)
 Jovanka Radičević (Kastamonu)
 Marina Rajčić (Kastamonu)
 Milena Raičević (Kastamonu)
 Itana Grbic (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Andrea	Skerovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	10/04/2004	Podgorica, MNE	181
6	Ivana	Mitrovic	SRB	Back	03/02/1993	Bor, SRB	177
9	Nina	Bulatovic	MNE	Right Wing	09/12/1996	Cetinje, MNE	168
10	Armelle	Attingré	FRA	Goalkeeper	15/01/1989	Kadjokro, CIV	179
13	Andrijana	Popovic	MNE	Left Back	20/04/2002	Niksic, MNE	180
14	Katarina	Dzaferovic	MNE	Right Back	14/07/2002	Podgorica, MNE	182
15	Gordana	Marsenic	MNE	Centre Back	09/01/2003	Berane, MNE	178
17	Ilda	Kepic	DEN	Left Back	17/01/1995	Thisted, DEN	182
C 34	Tatjana	Brnovic	MNE	Line Player	09/11/1998	Cetinje, MNE	184
40	Anastasija	Babovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	13/12/2000	Podgorica, MNE	178
55	Ivona	Pavicevic	MNE	Left Wing	21/04/1996	Podgorica, MNE	167
61	Valeriia	Maslova	RUS	Right Back	23/01/2001	Rostov-on-Don, RUS	188
83	Milica	Andjusic	MNE	Left Wing	22/10/2002	Podgorica, MNE	167
87	Jovana	Kadovic	MNE	Goalkeeper	09/01/2002	Podgorica, MNE	182
88	Nadja	Kadovic	MNE	Left Wing	28/08/2003	Podgorica, MNE	176
97	Nikolina	Vukcevic	MNE	Line Player	28/07/2000	Podgorica, MNE	186
99	Anastasija Nataša	Krivokapic Corovic	MNE MNE	Line Player Centre Back	21/04/2002 07/05/1999	Podgorica, MNE Niksic, MNE	182 178



Armelle Attingre

 @aarmelle23

Goalkeeper

- joined Budućnost in 2020 from Fehérvár (HUN)
- also played for Nantes, Ankara, Issy Paris, Fleury-les-Aubrain and Ivry
- in 2013 and 2014 was the best goalkeeper of French League
- makes a goalkeeping duo with Anastasija Babović after departure of Barbara Arenhart

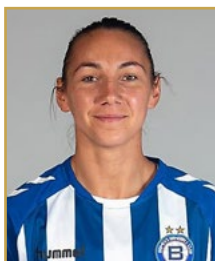


Ivona Pavicevic

 @ivonapavicevic55

Left wing

- 1996-born Montenegrin player, started her career in Danilovgrad
- played for Budućnost from 2015 until 2019, spent a year at Corona Brasov
- returned to Podgorica in 2020
- has been a member of Montenegro team at Tokyo 2020

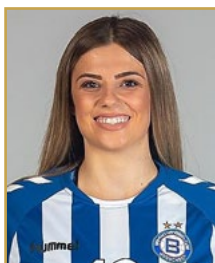


Ivana Mitrovic

 @ivka_6

Left back

- 1993-born Serbian player, started her career in Bor
- joining Budućnost from Bekescabai
- also played for Kikinda, Jagodina, Szombathelyi
- was named best scorer of Serbia in 2017/18



Matea Pletikosc

 @mateapletikosc

Centre back

- born in Sinj, Croatia, received Montenegrin citizenship in 2020
- came from Krim Mercator in August 2021 on a one-year loan after the departure of Itana Grbic from Budućnost
- made an immediate impact when debuting at age 17 in 2015/16 CL season
- heads into her seventh CL season
- was a member of youth Croatia national team, part of all-star team at U17 ECh 2015



Nikolina Vukcevic

 @_nvukcevic_

Line player

- the 20-year-old is one of the most promising Montenegrin players
- born in Podgorica and started to play handball at the age of eight
- in childhood, she admired the game of her current teammates Andrea Lekic and Majda Mehmedovic
- made her debut at Buducnost's first team in 2017
- plays for Montenegro national team since 2019; took part in EHF EURO 2020



Valeriia Maslova

 @lrmaslova_

Right back

- born in Rostov-on-Don, Russia where she started her career, made her debut in the CL in 2017/18
- heading into her fourth season in the European top flight
- talented youngster, who will try to earn coach Popovic's trust in the revamped team
- in May 2018 made a debut in Russia national team at age 17; was a member of youth and junior national team, winning gold at Junior World Championship in 2018



Bruna Zrnic

 @brunazrnic

Right wing

- young Croatian player, named best right wing at the W19 EHF EURO 2021
- joined Budućnost in summer 2021 from Podravka Vegeta
- started her career in Lokomotiva Zagreb
- she's a niece of former Croatian player Vedran Zrnić



Tatjana Brnovic

 @tbrnovic34

Line player

- scored 34 goals in her CL debut in 2017/18, was named Rookie of the Main Round by EHFTV viewers
- impressed during two-year spell at Danilovgrad before replacing Dragana Cvijic at Buducnost in summer of 2017
- made national team debut for Montenegro in 2017

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Complex Sportiv National
Sala Polivalenta Bucuresti
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CSM BUCURESTI



Another difficult season and another early exit in the DELO EHF Champions League 2020/21 saw CSM Bucuresti head directly to the drawing board to make some changes in their roster. CSM did not resort to changing the coach as they did in the past, with Adi Vasile becoming the longest-tenured coach for the team – a much-needed beacon of stability.

With eight new players in the roster, including six seniors, CSM will have a new look and a Nordic twist this season. Yet the feeling is that the current iteration of their roster, with stalwarts like Cristina Neagu, Jelena Grubisic and Carmen Martin, has yet another chance to challenge for the title.

Main facts

- CSM won the Romanian title for the first time since 2017/18 season.
- the Romanian side are one of the six teams that start the competition as previous winners of the DELO EHF Champions League
- after three consecutive EHF FINAL4 berths in their first three seasons in the competition, CSM failed to progress to Budapest in the last three seasons
- players of eight nationalities form CSM's roster (six from Romania, three each from the Netherlands and Norway, two from Montenegro and Slovenia, and one from France, Spain and Croatia)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 7

Winners (1): 2015/16

Semi-finals (2): 2016/17, 2017/18

Quarter-finals (3): 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16 2011/12

Romanian league: 5 titles (2015-18, 2021)

Romanian cup: 4 titles (2016-19)



5 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

39 **GOALS**
Most goals

71 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:19 (16:10) v MKS Perla Lublin POL (h), 19.10.2019
Biggest defeat	33:23 (19:10) v FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN (a), 25.01.2020
Longest winning run	5 matches (31.03.2016 – 16.10.2016) 5 matches (04.11.2017 – 04.02.2018)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (04.11.2017 – 11.02.2018)
Longest losing run	3 matches (22.10.2016 – 04.11.2016) 3 matches (10.11.2019 – 25.01.2020) 3 matches (19.11.2020 – 16.01.2021)
Longest run without win	5 matches (23.02.2019 – 13.04.2019)
Most goals	39 v NFH – Nykøbing Falster HK DEN 39:26W (h), 04.11.2017
Most goals opponent	38 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
Most goals both teams	71 v HC Vardar MKD 33:38L (a), 06.05.2017
Fewest goals	19 v CSKA RUS 24:19L (a), 11.04.2021
Fewest goals opponent	17 v IK Sävehof SWE 17:28W (a), 23.10.2015
Fewest goals both teams	42 v Rostov-Don RUS 20:22W (a), 11.11.2016

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	416:387		+29	21:11	Winner
2016/17 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	427:407		+20	21:11	Third Place
2017/18 CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	455:395		+60	21:11	Third Place
2018/19 CSM Bucuresti ROU	14	6	1	7	400:390		+10	13:15	Quarter-final
2019/20 CSM Bucuresti ROU	12	7	1	4	314:288		+26	15:9	Quarter-final*
2020/21 CSM Bucuresti ROU	18	10	1	7	436:411		+25	21:15	Quarter-final
Total:	92	53	6	33	2448:2278		+170	112:72	

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Adrian Vasile
Coach

 @adivasielofficial

- former right wing for Steaua Bucuresti between 2001 and 2011, won the Challenge Cup in 2006
- after ending his playing career, he became the strength and conditioning coach at Steaua, moving on to CSM in 2014, when he also became an assistant coach for Mette Klit
- has been at CSM since 2014, witnessing 11 coaching changes for the Romanian powerhouse, winning the CL in 2016 with Kim Rasmussen
- since January 2021 also the head coach of the Romanian national team

EC trophies: CL 2016 (as assistant coach)

Arrivals

Tess Wester (Odense Håndbold)
Marie Davidsen (Thüringer HC)
Malin Aune (Vipers Kristiansand)
Yvette Broch (Metz Handball)
Ema Ramusovic (Buducnost)
Emilie Hegg Arntzen (Vipers Kristiansand)
Alicia Gogirla (Corona Brasov)
Andreea Ailincai (Chimia Ramnicu Valcea)

Departures

Bianca Bazaliu (RK Podravka Vegeta)
Alexandrina Cabral Barbosa (Gloria Bistrita)
Denisa Dedu (Rapid Bucuresti)
Laura Moisa (Gloria Bistrita)
Gabriela Perianu (Rapid Bucuresti)
Crina Pintea (Györi Audi ETO KC)
Dragana Cvijic (Krim Mercator)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Emilie Hegh	Arntzen	NOR	Left Back	01/01/1994	Skien, NOR	184
6	Malin	Larsen Aune	NOR	Right Wing	04/03/1995	Ranheim, NOR	165
7	Alicia Maria	Gogirla	ROU	Right Back	17/01/2003	Ramnicu Valcea, ROU	183
C 8	Cristina	Neagu	ROU	Left Back	26/08/1988	Bucuresti, ROU	180
9	Denisa Andreea	Valcan	ROU	Centre Back	19/09/2000	Tulcea, ROU	174
10	Angela Stefania	Stoica	ROU	Left Back	24/08/2003	Ploiesti, ROU	182
12	Marie Skurtveit	Davidsen	NOR	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Bergen, NOR	178
15	Andrea	Klikovac	MNE	Right Back	05/05/1991	Podgorica, MNE	180
17	Elizabeth	Omoregie	SLO	Centre Back	29/12/1996	Athens, GRE	178
20	Carmen	Martin	ESP	Right Wing	29/05/1988	Almeria, ESP	169
22	Yvette	Broch	NED	Line Player	21/12/1990	Monster, NED	185
23	Geanina	Finaru	ROU	Left Wing	23/04/2001	Bucuresti, ROU	165
24	Martine	Smeets	NED	Left Wing	05/05/1990	Almelo, NED	172
25	Barbara	Lazovic	SLO	Right Back	04/01/1988	Brezice, SLO	183
28	Siraba Demebele	Pavlovic	FRA	Left Wing	28/06/1986	Dreux, FRA	172
33	Tess	Wester	NED	Goalkeeper	19/05/1993	Heehuggwaard, NED	178
49	Andreea	Ailincai	ROU	Line Player	15/12/2003	Bacau, ROU	185
66	Ema	Ramusovic	MNE	Line Player	28/11/1996	Berane, MNE	187
87	Jelena	Grubisic	CRO	Goalkeeper	20/01/1987	Zagreb, CRO	181



Jelena Grubisic

@gruba87

Goalkeeper

- the longest-serving player at CSM, having signed for the Romanian outfit in 2015
- named the MVP of the DELO EHF FINAL 4 and the best Croatian handball player in 2016, when she lifted CSM in Budapest for their first-ever trophy in the competition
- has only played for four teams in her career: Lokomotiva Zagreb, RK Krim Mercator, Győr and CSM
- one of the leaders of the locker, usually acting as a DJ during the trips and prior to the matches

EC trophies: CL 2016



Tess Wester

@tessiewester

Goalkeeper

- joined CSM in the summer of 2021 after three seasons with Odense
- like many Dutch national team players started career at academy in Papendal
- played in Emmen and Amsterdam before joining German side Oldenburg at age 18
- scored 'goal of the season' in Germany in 2014/15, and joined Bietigheim that year
- awarded best goalkeeper of WCh 2015 in Denmark, where the Dutch won silver

EHF EURO: B 2018, S 2016, WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017



Malin Aune

@malinaune

Right wing

- this is her first experience outside Norway, having played for Selbu, Oppsal and Vipers Kristianstad
- named the All-star right wing of the Norwegian League in 2019
- sister of former ski jumper, Joakim Aune
- studied to be a nurse, but decided to pursue a full-time handball career

EC trophies: CL 2021

EHF EURO: G 2016, G 2020



Cristina Neagu

@cristinaneaguofficial

Left back

- four-time IHF Player of the Year, widely regarded as best Romanian player ever
- left Romania in 2013 for Buducnost but returned to hometown club CSM in 2017
- considered quitting sport in 2011, suffering from severe shoulder and knee injuries
- one of the best CL scorers of all time, netted 800 goals in 15 seasons
- widely respected and considered one of the best sportsmen in Romania's history

EC trophies: CL 2015

EHF EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015



Elizabeth Omeregic

@elizabethomeregic

Centre back

- born and raised in Greece to a Nigerian father and Bulgarian mother, played for Bulgaria, but is now currently representing Slovenia
- considered one of the top prospects in the last years, signed with CSM Bucuresti in the summer of 2018
- started as a track and field athlete, only to take up handball when she was only eight and never looked back
- before starting to play for Krim in 2014, she stopped playing for two years, due to disagreements with her former coach in Bulgaria



Yvette Broch

@yvette.broch

Line player

- her first experience in Romania, after playing in the Netherlands, Spain, France and Hungary
- defensive specialist, which enhances her team's play in defence, but can also score plenty of goals
- the All-star line player of the EHF EURO 2016 and the WCh in 2017
- took a break in 2018, citing severe exhaustion, but was back in the fold in 2020, signing for her previous club, Metz Handball

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018
WCh: S 2015, B 2017, EHF EURO: S 2016



Barbara Lazovic

@barbaralazovic

Right back

- Slovenian national team player who returned to CSM in summer of 2020 after one season with Buducnost
- 2019/20 season was her personal best with 48 goals scored for Buducnost
- earlier played for Krim (until 2014) and four seasons for Vardar, twice finishing second in CL, also had a one-year stint with Zajecar in the past
- married to Montenegrin national team player Vuk Lazovic



Carmen Martin

@carmen_martin4

Right wing

- in 2019 returned to the club she won the CL with in 2016
- All-star right wing of CL 2016/17, when she scored 65 times, and at EHF EURO 2014
- previously played CL with Krim Mercator (SLO) and Itxako (ESP)
- studied for a degree in tourism, speaks fluent English and French

EC trophies: CL 2016
EURO: S 2008, S 2014; WCh: B 2011; OG: B 2012

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Kit colours**Light**

Player shirt: white
Shorts: grey
Goalkeeper shirt: turquoise

Dark

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

**Playing hall**

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

BV BORUSSIA 09 DORTMUND



After BV Borussia 09 Dortmund took their first steps in the DELO EHF Champions League last season, the club will make their first appearance in the competition as German champions.

The aim is to proceed to the knockout stage – but it will not be easy after some big players departed the club in the summer.

Main Facts

- their biggest European success was winning the Women's Challenge Cup in 2002/03 and reaching the EHF Cup final in 1996/97
- Dortmund finished the Bundesliga season with a perfect record, beating main rivals Bietigheim twice – the biggest success in the coaching career of Andre Fuhr, who arrived in 2019
- after four Dutch national team players – including top left back Kelly Dulfer – and three German internationals left, eight new arrivals from five countries must be integrated
- while Dulfer and fellow Dutch left back Inger Smits now play for Bietigheim, German international Amelie Berger has arrived from the former champions
- new arrival Mia Zschocke should share the playmaker position with team captain Alina Grijseels
- Dortmund will face former player Alicia Stolle when they meet FTC in the group phase

Past achievements**EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 2
Play-offs (1): 2020/21

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: 1 title (2021)

German cup: 1 title (1997)



3 **MATCHES**
Longest
unbeaten run

33 **GOALS**
Most goals

70 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	32:24 (17:12) v Odense Håndbold DEN (h), 14.02.2021
Biggest defeat	38:25 (19:11) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 08.11.2020
Longest winning run	1 match (14.02.2021)
	1 match (24.01.2021)
	1 match (26.09.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	3 matches (24.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Longest losing run	6 matches (11.10.2020 – 16.01.2021)
Longest run without win	6 matches (11.10.2020 – 16.01.2021)
Most goals	33 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 33:33D (a), 06.02.2021
Most goals opponent	41 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 29:41L (h), 20.09.2020
Most goals both teams	70 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 29:41L (h), 20.09.2020
Fewest goals	24 v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN 24:34L (h), 06.11.2020
Fewest goals opponent	24 v v Odense Håndbold DEN 32:24W (h), 14.02.2021
Fewest goals both teams	51 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 25:26W (a), 20.09.2020

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2020/21 BV Borussia Dortmund 09 GER	16	4	1	11	347:411	-64	9:23	Play-offs	
Total:	16	4	1	11	347:411	-64	9:23		



Andre Fuhr Coach

- replaced Gino Smits as Dortmund coach at start of 2019/20 season and led team to No. 1 spot in Bundesliga in his first year
- previously coached former EHF Cup finalists TuS Metzingen (2018/19) and was at the helm of Blomberg for more than a decade
- also coaching the German U20 women's national team besides his job at BVB



Arrivals

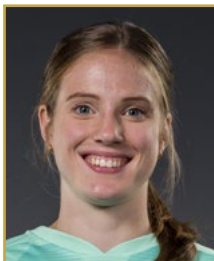
Madita Kohorst (TUSSIES Metzingen)
 Amelie Berger (SG BBM Bietigheim)
 Mia Zschocke (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen)
 Jacqueline Jenny Moreno (SønderjyskE)
 Mie Sophie Sando (Herning-Ikast Handbold)
 Haruno Sasaki (Hokkoku Bank Ishikawa)
 Viktoria Woth (Boglar Akademia SZISE)
 Fatos Kücüküldiz (HL Buchholz 08-Rosengarten)
 Frida Nåmo Rønning (Oppsal IF)

Departures

Kelly Vollebregt (Odense Håndbold)
 Kelly Dulfer (SG BBM Bietigheim)
 Inger Smits (SG BBM Bietigheim)
 Johanna Stockscläder (Sport-Union Neckarsulm)
 Isabell Roch (SCM Ramnicu Valcea)
 Rinka Duijndam (Thüringer HC)
 Jennifer Rode (Thüringer HC)
 Clara Monti Danielsson (Chambray Touraine HB)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Amelie	Berger	GER	Right Back	22/07/1999	Tübingen, GER	169
C 4	Alina	Grijseels	GER	Centre Back	12/04/1996	Wesel, GER	174
7	Mia	Zschocke	GER	Left Back	28/05/1998	Aschaffenburg, GER	178
8	Tessa	van Zijl	NED	Right Back	05/04/1996	s-Gravenhage, NED	173
9	Jacqueline	Moreno	SWE	Left Wing	16/02/2001	Stockholm, SWE	158
10	Fatos	Kücükyilidiz	SWE	Left Back	30/09/1992	TUR	
11	Tina	Abdulla	NOR	Right Wing	20/09/1997	Skopje, MKD	165
14	Delaila	Amega	NED	Centre Back	21/09/1997	Heerhugowaard, NED	170
15	Madita	Kohorst	GER	Goalkeeper	14/10/1996	Lohne, GWE	183
19	Jennifer	Gutiérrez Bermejo	ESP	Left Wing	20/02/1995	Horgen, ESP	169
20	Merel	Freriks	NED	Line Player	06/01/1998	Hoofddorp, NED	175
23	Haruno	Sasaki	JPN	Left Back	26/02/1995	Toyama, JPN	
27	Laura	Van der Heijden	NED	Right Back	27/06/1990	Amersfoort, NED	173
28	Mie Sophie	Sando	NOR	Line Player	26/10/1993	Tonsberg, NOR	182
30	Frida Nâmo	Rønning	NOR	Centre Back	03/02/1997	Oslo, NOR	
30	Yara	Ten Holte	NED	Goalkeeper	23/11/1999	Amsterdam, NED	175
66	Dana	Bleckmann	GER	Left Back	09/05/2001	Kempfen, GER	
	Lotte	Iker	GER		16/04/2003	GER	
	Lyna	Schwarz	GER		17/03/2004	GER	
	Merle	Albers	GER		19/04/2004	GER	
	Jana	Nordberg	GER		11/03/2003	GER	
	Yan Li	Stannies	GER		20/04/2004	GER	

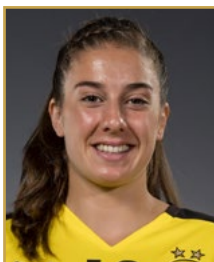


Madita Kohorst

 @maditako

Goalkeeper

- started her professional career at the age of 17 at VfL Oldenburg
- played for all German youth and junior national teams, at the age of 22, joined TuS Metzinger and had her first EC experience
- arrived at Dortmund right before the 2021/22 season to build a new goalkeeping duo with Dutch Yara ten Holteis
- in the extended squad list of the German women's team



Jennifer Gutierrez Bermejo

 @gb_jenni

Left wing

- born in Switzerland, but has the Spanish citizenship
- played most of her previous career for the Spanish clubs Elche, Malaga and Mecalía
- awarded best left wing of Spanish league in 2017
- awarded MVP of the season 2019/20 in the Spanish league
- plays for the Spanish national team since 2017

WCh: S 2019



Alina Grijseels

 @alinagrijseels

Left back

- plays her seventh season already for BVB after having transferred to Dortmund at the age of 18
- played for all German youth and junior national teams, highlighted by the silver medal at the U18 World Championship in 2014
- new team captain of the German national team can play as centre back and left back
- had her debut in the German women's team in 2018

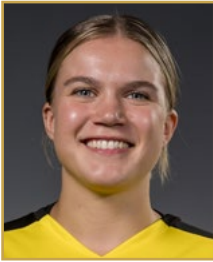


Mia Zschocke

 @mia.zschocke

Centre back

- arrived at Dortmund before this season, arriving from Bayer Leverkusen
- went to the Bayer Youth academy at the age of 16, had her Bundesliga debut at the age of 18
- part of all German youth and junior national teams, became women's NT player in 2018
- played the EHF EURO 2018 and the 2019 WCh for Germany
- can play on the centre and left back position



Merel Freriks

 @merelfreriks

Line player

- started her professional career at E&O in the Netherlands
- joined a German club Bensheim at the age of 19 in 2017, then Dortmund in 2019
- part of all Dutch youth and junior teams
- made her debut in the Dutch senior team in 2017

EURO: B 2018, WCh: G 2019



Mie Sando

Line player

- one of three Norwegians in Dortmund's squad
- had gained CL experience at her former club Larvik HK, for which she played twice
- arrived at Dortmund after one season at Danish European League semi-finalists Herning-Ikast
- had already quit playing handball in 2020, before she re-started in Denmark
- came to strengthen Dortmund's defence



Laura van der Heijden

 @lauravdheijden

Right back

- the most experienced player in Dortmund's squad
- arrived in October 2020 from Hungarian side Siófok at BVB
- had played for Amsterdam, Oldenburg, Esbjerg, Bietigheim and FTC before
- played more than 250 international matches for the Netherlands
- had been part of the Dutch squad at all major tournaments since 2010 including two Olympic Games

EHF EURO: S 2016, B 2018, WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017



Amelie Berger

 @_amelie_berger

Right wing

- arrived from Bietigheim before the season, the new club of former BVB stars Kelly Dulfer and Inger Smits
- at the age of 20, left Bayer Leverkusen youth academy for the former German champion
- after playing all youth and junior teams for Germany, had her debut in the women's team in 2018 at the age of 19
- the youngest German player at the EHF EURO 2019 and the WCh 2019

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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



Last season was hardly a success for Rostov-Don. The ambitious Russian team lost the domestic championship title to CSKA, and in the DELO EHF Champions League, they were defeated by future winners Vipers Kristiansand as early as the quarter-final.

In the new season, Rostov hope to do better, even though it will not be easy without their emblematic leader Anna Vyakhireva, who decided to take a break in her career. However, head coach Per Johansson has quite a number of other world-class players at his disposal, so the Russian side are aiming high as always.

Main facts

- after winning the Russian league four consecutive times, Rostov lost the title to CSKA in 2020/21
- in the continental top flight last season, Rostov failed to reach the EHF FINAL4 for the first time since 2016/17
- Grace Zaadi and new signing Beatrice Edwige won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with France
- Edwige and Eduarda Amorim both joined Rostov from Győr, while Anastasia Lagina and Ekaterina Levsha moved from domestic rivals, Lada and Astrakhanochka, respectively
- Anna Vyakhireva suspended her career, while four other players also left the team
- Swedish coach Per Johansson starts his second season at the team

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 10

Final (1): 2018/19

Semi-finals (1): 2017/18

Quarter-finals (3): 2015/16, 2019/20*, 2020/21

Group Matches (1): 2016/17

Qualification (3): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

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 (1990-91, 1994, 2015, 2017-20)

Russian cup: 13 titles (1980, 1982, 2007-08, 2012-13, 2015-21)



9 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

67 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	42:24 (24:11) v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO (h), 14.03.2021
Biggest defeat	18:26 (12:13) v Metz Handball FRA (h), 23.02.2019
Longest winning run	9 matches (17.10.2015 – 06.02.2016)
Longest unbeaten run	12 matches (17.10.2015 – 28.02.2016)
Longest losing run	4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
Longest run without win	4 matches (31.03.2016 – 22.10.2016)
Most goals	42 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 42:24W (h), 14.03.2021
Most goals opponent	34 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 27:34L (h), 10.04.2021
Most goals both teams	67 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 31:36W (a), 20.11.2015
Fewest goals	18 v Metz Handball FRA 18:26L (h), 23.02.2019
Fewest goals opponent	19 v Odense HC DEN 25:19W (h), 09.03.2019
Fewest goals both teams	42 v HCM Baia Mare ROU 20:22W (a), 30.10.2015 42 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:22L (h), 11.11.2016

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2015/16 Rostov-Don RUS	14	11	1	2	405:348	+57	23:5	Quarter-final	
2016/17 Rostov-Don RUS	6	1	0	5	142:151	-9	2:10	4th Gr. C	
2017/18 Rostov-Don RUS	16	11	1	4	433:386	+47	23:9	Fourth Place	
2018/19 Rostov-Don RUS	16	12	1	3	436:386	+50	25:7	Runner-up	
2019/20 Rostov-Don RUS	12	8	1	3	340:307	+33	17:7	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Rostov-Don RUS	18	12	2	4	452:409	+43	26:10	Quarter-final	
Total:	82	55	6	21	2208:1987	+221	116:48		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Per Johansson

Coach

 @perglobe

- won the silver medal with Sweden's women's national team at the EHF EURO 2010
- had three stints for CSM Bucuresti, two as a head coach (2017 and 2018) and one as an assistant (2020)
- loves rock music and is a West Ham United fan, but he is also an equestrian aficionado

EURO: S 2010

Arrivals

Beatrice Edwige (Györi Audi ETO KC)
 Eduarda Amorim (Györi Audi ETO KC)
 Anastasia Lagina (Handball Club Lada)
 Ekaterina Levsha (Astrakhanochka)

Departures

Anna Vyakhireva (suspended career)
 Mayssa Pessoa (Dunarea Braila)
 Katarina Krpez Slezak (Krim)
 Valeriya Sobkalo (Kuban)
 Kristina Sorokina (Stavropol-SKFU)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Galina	Gabisova	RUS	Goalkeeper	17/06/1985	Rostov-On-Don, RUS	180
1	Anastasiia	Lagina	RUS	Goalkeeper	11/08/1995	Yaroslavl, RUS	178
2	Beatrice	Edwige	FRA	Line Player	03/10/1988	Paris, FRA	182
C 6	Iuliia	Managarova	RUS	Right Wing	27/09/1988	Dnepropetrovsk, UKR	170
8	Anna	Sen	RUS	Right Back	03/12/1990	Krasnodar, RUS	186
13	Anna	Vyakhireva	RUS	Right Back	13/03/1995	Volgograd, RUS	168
14	Ekaterina	Levsha	RUS	Right Wing	06/04/1993	Maykop, RUS	170
14	Anna	Lagerquist	SWE	Line Player	16/10/1993	Lund, SWE	175
16	Dar`ja	Tkacheva	RUS	Goalkeeper	21/11/2001	Rostov-on-Don, RUS	176
17	Vladlena	Bobrovnikova	RUS	Left Back	24/10/1987	Krasnodar, RUS	183
18	Eduarda	Amorim Taleska	BRA	Left Back	23/09/1986	Blumenau, BRA	186
19	Ksenia	Makeeva	RUS	Line Player	19/09/1990	Ufa, RUS	186
22	Aleksandra	Smirnova	RUS	Left Wing	26/10/2001	Moscow, RUS	175
25	Yaroslava	Frolova	RUS	Centre Back	18/05/1997	Volgograd, RUS	178
28	Viktoriiia	Kalinina	RUS	Goalkeeper	08/12/1988	Maykop, RUS	183
51	Milana	Tazhenova	RUS	Centre Back	06/03/1999	Astrakhan, RUS	175
63	Kristina	Kozhokar	RUS	Left Wing	28/02/1994	Togliatti, RUS	174
77	Grace	Zaadi Deuna	FRA	Centre Back	07/07/1993	Courcouronnes, FRA	171
88	Polina	Kuznetsova	RUS	Left Wing	10/06/1987	Shopokov, KGZ	168
99	Viktoriya	Borschenko	UKR	Left Wing	05/01/1986	Herson, UKR	170
	Anastasiia	Alekseeva	RUS	Right Back	01/07/2003	Rostov-on-Don, RUS	165
	Melanya	Pichugina	RUS	Line Player	22/09/2004	Krasnodar, RUS	175
	Alina	Reshetnikova	RUS	Centre Back	30/06/2004	Tolyatti, RUS	180
	Valeriiia	Klishina	RUS	Right Wing	14/04/2005	Protvino, RUS	165



Viktoriia Kalinina

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Goalkeeper

- the 32-year-old plays her second season at Rostov after moving from Kuban in 2020
- born in Maykop, she started career at local club AGU-ADYIF
- later had two spells at Kuban, in 2013-15 and 2016-20, and also played for Zvezda and Astrakhanochka
- became a Russian champion with Astrakhanochka in 2016
- regular member of Russian national team since 2015

EC trophies: CL 2008, EHF Cup 2007

OG: G 2016, S 2020; EURO: S 2006, 2018; WCh: G 2005, 2007, B 2019



Polina Kuznetsova

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Left wing

- elder sister of Rostov teammate Anna Vyakhireva, returned to Russia in 2018 after one season at Vardar
- also played for Rostov early in her career, in 2003/04
- had spells at five more Russian clubs (Akva, Lada, Zvezda, Astrakhanochka, Kuban) and won five domestic titles
- retired from the Russian national team after Tokyo Olympics in 2021

EC trophies: CL 2008, EHF Cup 2007

OG: G 2016, S 2020; EURO: S 2006, 2018; WCh: G 2005, 2007, B 2019



Eduarda Amorim Taleska

@duda18amorim

Left back

- World Player of the Year in 2014; All-star left back at WCh 2013 and CL 2013/14, and All-star defender in CL 2015/16, 2016/17, 2018/19 and 2019/20
- first arrived in Europe from her native Brazil in 2006, joining Kometal Skopje
- moved to Rostov after 12 glorious seasons at Győr

EC trophies: CL 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019

WCh: G 2013; Pan-American Games: G 2003, 2007, 2011, 2019



Grace Zaadi

@gracezaadi

Centre back

- in 2020, left her native France for the first time, signing with Rostov
- one of the products of the local handball school, she played for Metz throughout her previous career
- plays centre back but is also able to help on the left side
- big social media fan, often posting sporting outlandish hats and original outfits

EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; OG: G 2020, S 2016; WCh: G 2017



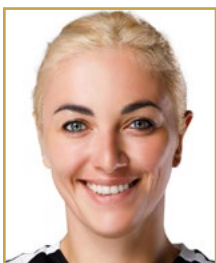
Béatrice Edwige

@edwige_beatrice

Line player

- born in Paris, moved to Mana, in French Guiana, but returned to France at age 11
- nicknamed Bea, she left France after 15 seasons spent at Cercle Dijon, OGC Nice and Metz Handball in the summer of 2019 to join Győr
- in 2021 joined her friend Grace Zaadi at Rostov following two seasons at Győr
- first ever Guianese player to take part in Olympics, best defender at EHF EURO 2016
- first majored in athletics before settling for handball

OG: G 2020, S 2016; EURO: G 2018, S 2020, B 2016; WCh: G 2017



Anna Sen

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Right back

- normally a left back, she is expected to play more on the right after Anna Vyakhireva suspended her career
- played for Rostov since 2011 - with exception of 2014/15, when she was with Győr;
- previously had spells at Kuban and Zvezda Zvenigorod
- won the Junior WCh 2008 with Russia and became the tournament's top scorer

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017
EURO: S 2018; OG: G 2016, S 2020; WCh: B 2019



Iuliia Managarova

@imanagarova

Right wing

- moved to Rostov in 2013 and quickly became one of the fan favourites
- quiet and humble off the court, but a natural leader in the game with a powerful shot and great scoring abilities
- played for Ukraine but changed citizenship to Russian in 2017
- domestic champion in three different countries: in Ukraine with Smart Kriviy Rog, in Romania with Oltschim, and in Russia with Rostov-Don

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2017
OG: S 2020



Vladlena Bobrovnikova

@vlada17bohr

Left back

- one of Rostov's veterans is heading into her tenth season at the club
- born in Krasnodar and started her career at the local side Kuban
- also played for ZRK Klikinda (SRB), HC Sassari and HF Teramo (ITA)
- married to an Italian Federico, she gave birth to her daughter Aria in October 2018
- nicknamed the Queen of Instagram for her love of photos and social media

EC trophies: CL: 2009
OG: G 2008, 2012, S 2016, S 2020; EURO: G 2006, 2010, 2014, B 2018; WCh: 2009, 2011, 2017, B 2019

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Blue Water Dokken
Gammel Vardevej 82
6700 Esbjerg
Denmark
Capacity: 2,949

TEAM ESBJERG



Having just signed one of the hottest talents in world handball, there will be plenty of attention on the already entertaining Team Esbjerg this season as they search for a more consistent campaign and establish themselves as mainstays in the DELO EHF Champions League.

Main facts

- having been granted an additional place in the competition, Esbjerg are set for their third straight season in Europe's top tier
- knocked out in the playoffs last season against eventual finalists Brest, bringing a rollercoaster ride of a campaign to an end in which Esbjerg were consistently battling injury problems
- their biggest signing of the summer is last May's DELO EHF FINAL4 MVP Henny Reistad from Vipers Kristiansand
- while Nerea Pena has gone to Vipers, Sonja Frey has moved to Danish league rivals Herning-Ikast

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 5

Quarter-finals (1): 2019/20*

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Main Round (1): 2016/17

Qualification (1): 2015/16

* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

Other

EHF Cup: Runners-up: 2013/14, 2018/19; Quarter-finals: 2010/11, 2014/15

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2012/13

Danish league: 3 titles (2016, 2019-20)

Danish cup: 1 title (2018)



4 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

37 **GOALS**
Most goals

66 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:22 (20:9) v MKS Perla Lublin POL (h), 17.11.2019
Biggest defeat	38:26 (17:19) v FC Midtjylland DEN (a), 29.01.2017
Longest winning run	4 matches (10.11.2019 – 02.02.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (10.11.2019 – 23.02.2020)
Longest losing run	4 matches (24.10.2020 – 22.11.2020)
Longest run without win	8 matches (20.09.2020 – 09.01.2021)
Most goals	37 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 37:29W (h), 14.02.2021
Most goals opponent	38 v FC Midtjylland DEN 38:26L (a), 29.01.2017
Most goals both teams	66 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 31:35W (a), 25.01.2020 66 v SG BBM Bietigheim GER 37:29W (h), 14.02.2021
Fewest goals	20 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 20:25L (h), 12.03.2017
Fewest goals opponent	18 v IK Sävehof SWE 29:18W (h), 20.11.2016
Fewest goals both teams	43 v FC Midtjylland DEN 22:21W (h), 26.02.2017

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2016/17 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	4	0	8	305:333	-28	8:16	6th MR Gr. 2	
2019/20 Team Esbjerg DEN	12	8	1	3	352:323	+29	17:7	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Team Esbjerg DEN	16	5	2	9	428:414	+14	12:20	Play-offs	
Total:	40	17	3	20	1085:1070	+15	37:43		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Jesper Jensen
Coach

- former assistant coach who became the team's head coach in 2017
- previously worked at KIF Vejle (women) and Aalborg Håndbold (men)
- as a centre back he played 120 games and scored 238 goals for Denmark
- his sister, Trine Nielsen, played as a right back for Denmark and works as an analyst for Viasat Denmark
- appointed as head coach of Denmark national team in 2020

EURO: G 2008, B 2006, WCh: B 2007 (as player)

Arrivals

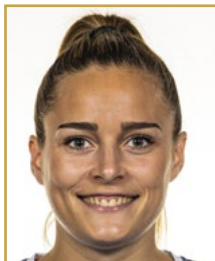
Michala Møller (Herning-Ikast Håndbold)
Beyza Irem Türkoğlu (Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK)
Dinah Eckerle (Metz Handball)
Henny Reistad (Vipers Kristiansand)

Departures

Stella Muir (SønderjyskE)
Rikke Marie Granlund (Chambray Touraine)
Elma Halilcevic (Nykøbing F. Håndbold)
Nerea Pena (Vipers Kristiansand)
Sonja Frey (Herning-Ikast Håndbold)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Rikke Vestergaard	Poulsen	DEN	Goalkeeper	20/04/1986	Holstebro, DEN	177
2	Mia	Brinch-Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	07/05/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	178
3	Kaja Kamp	Nielsen	DEN	Line Player	29/04/1994	Rebild, DEN	172
4	Michala Elsberg	Møller	DEN	Left Back	16/02/2000	Aalborg, DEN	178
6	Signe	Damgaard Kreil	DEN	Centre Back	21/02/2003	Esbjerg, DEN	176
7	Julie Ami	Sall	DEN	Left Wing	21/11/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	162
9	Caroline	Gade	DEN	Right Wing	11/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	169
10	Julie Vogt	Hansen	DEN	Line Player	14/02/2002	Esbjerg, DEN	184
11	Kirstine-Marie	Heide	DEN	Right Wing	18/07/2004	Esbjerg, DEN	172
C 13	Marit Malm	Frafjord	NOR	Line Player	25/11/1985	Tromsø, NOR	182
14	Kristine	Breistøl	NOR	Left Back	23/08/1993	Oslo, NOR	193
16	Stine	Lund	DEN	Goalkeeper	08/05/2003	Esbjerg, DEN	179
17	Beyza Irem	Türkoglu	TUR	Left Wing	04/02/1997	Altindag, TUR	175
18	Mette	Tranborg	DEN	Right Back	01/01/1996	Aarhus, DEN	192
19	Line Myers (Jørgensen)		DEN	Right Back	31/12/1989	Hvidovre, DEN	183
20	Marit Røsberg	Jacobsen	NOR	Right Wing	25/02/1994	Narvik, NOR	168
23	Dinah	Eckerle	GER	Goalkeeper	16/10/1995	Leonberg, GER	170
24	Sanna	Solberg-Isaksen	NOR	Left Wing	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
25	Henny Ella	Reistad	NOR	Centre Back	09/02/1999	Bærum, NOR	181
29	Annette	Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	24/09/1991	Frederica, DEN	176
42	Jane Maria Mayes	Harkes	GBR	Goalkeeper	10/01/1989	Esbjerg, DEN	174
51	Vilde Mortensen	Ingstad	NOR	Line Player	18/12/1994	Oslo, NOR	178
79	Estavana	Polman	NED	Left Back	05/08/1992	Arnhem, NED	173



Dinah Eckerle

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Goalkeeper

- arrived at Esbjerg in the summer of 2021, after playing for Siofok and Metz Handball
- previously played for German champions THC and competed in her first CL match at age 17
- No. 1 goalkeeper in German national team
- third-best goalkeeper in terms of saved shots at WCh 2019 in Japan
- All-Star goalkeeper at the IHF Women's Junior Championship in 2014



Sanna Solberg-Isaksen

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Left wing

- joined in the summer of 2017 from Norwegian side Larvik HK
- regular in the Norwegian national team, like twin sister Silje Solberg, who plays as a goalkeeper for Győr
- tall and efficient wing player with a large variety of shots

OG: B 2016, 2020; WCh: G 2015, S 2017; EURO: G 2014, 2016, 2020



Estavana Polman

@estavana

Left back

- plays for Team Esbjerg since 2013, when she joined from SønderjyskE
- in relationship with the former soccer star Rafael van der Vaart; they have a daughter (2016)
- known for her team spirit and humour as well as for great shot technique
- also a key player in the Dutch national team
- MVP of the WCh 2019

WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017; EURO: S 2016, B 2018



Henny Reistad

@hennyreistad

Centre back

- signed for Esbjerg in 2021, after having already played for Vipers Kristiansand for three years
- became first-choice playmaker in her first season with Vipers, despite being just 19
- awarded the MVP of the DELO EHF FINAL4 2021, after scoring 25 goals in two games
- has scored 189 goals in three seasons for Vipers in the CL

EURO: G 2020



Marit Malm Frafjord

 @maritmalm

Line player

- retired after 2017/18 season but started playing again at Esbjerg in December 2018
- initially signed for six months, but ultimately agreed to stay for longer
- played for another Danish clubs before, for Viborg HK from 2010 to 2014
- highly experienced and complete player, but mainly used in defence by Esbjerg

WCh: B 2009, G 2011, S 2017; EURO: G 2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, 2020, S 2012; OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016, 2020



Line Myers (Jørgensen)

 @linejorgensen89

Right back

- Danish international who joined from CSM Bucuresti in the summer of 2018
- started playing handball aged three, also played football as a child
- All-star Right back at the WCh 2011
- known for her physical strength and her hard and varied shot
- educated physiotherapist

EC trophies: CL 2016
WCh: B 2013



Mette Tranborg

 @mettetranborg

Right back

- signed for Esbjerg in 2020, after playing for SK Aarhus and Odense Handbold, has never played at club level outside Denmark
- currently one of the tallest Danish players, nicknamed the Danish tower by the media, being 196 cm tall
- turned pro when she was 16, needing a special approval from the Danish federation to play in the league at such a young age, becoming the youngest ever player to take the court in the competition
- complete player and a great defender, having been touted one of the greatest prospects in Denmark handball back in 2015



Marit Røsberg Jacobsen

 @maritrij

Right wing

- Norwegian international, arrived from Byasen in the summer of 2018
- Team Esbjerg is her first club outside Norway
- studying for a bachelor's degree in sports besides her handball career
- fast and reliable wing with an effective variety of shots

EURO: G 2020, WCh: S 2017

GROUP A



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: red/white
Player short: red
Goalkeeper shirt: white/
glory pink

Dark

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



Playing hall

ŠSD Josip Samaržija-Bepo
Zeljka Selingerova 3A
48000 Koprivnica
Croatia
Capacity: 2,500

HC PODRAVKA VEGETA



From the three clear goals that HC Podravka Vegeta have set for the upcoming season, the Croatian champions' main goal is reaching the DELO EHF Champions League knockout stage.

The stronghold of women's handball in Croatia experienced some difficult times last season, but big changes to their squad have created the belief that they can light up Europe's elite competition in 2021/22.

Main facts

- after a challenging season, Podravka have clear goals for the 2021/22 season
- entering the CL group phase for the 22nd time and the fourth consecutive season
- two important players retired at the end of last season: Dragica Dzono and Magdalena Ecimovic
- Podravka won their 26th domestic title 2020/21 but lost the cup title to Lokomotiva Zagreb
- Neven Hrupec is returning to Podravka after coaching in Italy, Poland and Romania

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 28

Winners (1): 1995/96

Final (1): 1994/95

Semi-finals (1): 1997/98

Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97

Play-offs (1): 2020/21

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: Final 2004/05; Semi-finals 2007/08

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

Croatian league: 26 titles (1993-2003, 2005-13, 2015-19, 2021)

Croatian cup: 23 titles (1993-2004, 2006, 2008-13, 2015-17, 2019)



6 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

41 GOALS
Most goals

73 GOALS
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	35:20 (21:9) v GAS Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 19.02.2000
Biggest defeat	37:17 (17:9) v Györi Audi ETO HUN (a), 17.11.2018
Longest winning run	6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (09.11.1997 – 01.02.1998)
Longest losing run	14 matches (19.09.2020 – 14.03.2021)
Longest run without win	16 matches (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
Most goals	41 v Zvezda RUS 41:28W (h), 21.11.2010
Most goals opponent	43 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 43:28L (a), 19.09.2020
Most goals both teams	73 v Györi Audi ETO HUN 33:40W (h), 13.01.2008
Fewest goals	13 v HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996
Fewest goals opponent	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 17:14W (h), 29.04.1995
Fewest goals both teams	30 v HYPO Niederösterreich AUT 17:13L (a), 04.05.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1993/94 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	123:138	-15	4:8	4th Gr. A	
1994/95 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	4	2	2	183:167	+16	10:6	Runner-up	
1995/96 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	6	0	2	191:163	+28	12:4	Winner	
1996/97 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	8	5	1	2	208:187	+21	11:5	Quarter-final	
1997/98 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	10	7	0	3	254:220	+34	14:6	Semi-final	
1998/99 Podravka Koprivnica CRO	6	3	0	3	148:152	-4	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
1999/00 Podravka Dolcela CRO	6	3	0	3	144:144	0	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2002/03 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	1	3	163:168	-5	5:7	3rd Gr. A	
2006/07 Podravka Vegeta Koprivnica CRO	6	2	0	4	171:197	-26	4:8	3rd Gr. C	
2007/08 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	173:182	-9	4:8	3rd Gr. A	
2008/09 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	12	6	0	6	347:349	-2	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1	
2009/10 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	2	0	4	172:192	-20	4:8	4th Gr. A	
2010/11 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	168:180	-12	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2011/12 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	2	3	146:161	-15	4:8	4th Gr. B	
2012/13 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	3	0	3	136:143	-7	6:6	3rd Gr. B	
2013/14 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	128:178	-50	2:10	3rd Gr. D	
2014/15 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	0	6	152:191	-39	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2015/16 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	0	1	5	117:150	-33	1:11	4th Gr. B	
2018/19 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	1	4	142:181	-39	3:9	4th Gr. C	
2019/20 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	6	1	0	5	161:194	-33	2:10	4th Gr. A	
2020/21 HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	16	2	0	14	370:490	-120	4:28	Play-offs	
Total:	152	54	8	90	3797:4127	-330	116:188		



Neven Hrupec

Coach

- started his professional career in Podravka's academy in 1998
- Podravka's head coach in 2013 and led the team from 2010 until 2013
- gained his experience in Italy, Poland and Romania, throughout eight years
- was also head coach of Croatia's youth and junior women's team

Arrivals

Bianca Maria Bazalium (CSM Bucuresti)
 Bojana Milic (H.C. Dunarea Braila)
 Dzijana Ilyina (CS Gloria 2018 Bistrita-Nasaud)
 Iryna Stelmakh (Astrakhanochka)
 Larissa Kalas (HC Lokomotiva Zagreb)
 Sara Šenvald (Neckarsulmer SU)

Departures

Lamprini Tsakalou (Thüringer HC)
 Aneja Beganović (Szombathely KKA)
 Magdalena Ecimovic (retired)
 Lucija Jandrašić (ZRK Bjelovar)
 Bruna Zrnic (Buducnost)
 Dragica Džono (retired)
 Ivona Mrđen (Osijek)
 Azenaide Danila José Carlos (Rapid Bucuresti)
 Margarita Škarić (Tresnjevka)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Antonia	Tucakovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	09/05/1992	Split, CRO	172
2	Nikolina	Zadavec	CRO	Right Wing	02/09/1997	Cakovec, CRO	167
3	Ana	Turk	CRO	Right Wing	29/06/1989	Jakarta, IDN	167
C 4	Larissa	Kalaus	CRO	Centre Back	24/06/1996	Zagreb, CRO	173
5	Korina	Karlovcan	CRO	Left Wing	18/10/1998	Zagreb, CRO	168
6	Elena	Popovic	CRO	Line Player	29/05/2000	Koprivnica, CRO	178
8	Selena	Milošević	CRO	Centre Back	09/06/1989	Pula, CRO	176
10	Dejana	Milosavljevic	CRO	Right Back	23/11/1994	Pozega, CRO	173
13	Dijana	Mugoša	MNE	Left Wing	22/10/1995	Podgorica, MNE	169
14	Lea	Franušić	CRO	Right Back	07/09/2000	Dubrovnik, CRO	184
15	Ana	Buljan	CRO	Left Back	19/01/2002	Split, CRO	178
18	Sara	Šenvald	CRO	Line Player	14/03/1996	Koprivnica, CRO	185
20	Yuliya	Dumanska	ROU	Goalkeeper	15/08/1996	Gorodenka, UKR	178
21	Dziyana	Ilyina	BLR	Left Back	04/01/1996	Gomel, BLR	174
22	Bojana	Milic	SRB	Left Back	30/06/1993	Ruma, SRB	181
27	Iryna	Stelmakh	UKR	Line Player	18/08/1993	Ternopilska obl., UKR	192
30	Nika	Galinec	CRO	Goalkeeper	23/08/2005	Koprivnica, CRO	180
97	Bianca Maria	Bazaliu	ROU	Left Back	30/07/1997	Slatina, ROU	183



Yuliya Dumanska

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Goalkeeper

- born in Ukraine, started to play handball when she was 11, then moved to Romania three years later and became a Romanian citizen in 2016
- came to Podravka Vegeta from another CL competitor, Valcea, but had her first appearance in the CL back in 2014/15 season with Baia Mare
- won the bronze medal with the Romanian team at the IHF Junior WCh in 2016
- named the MVP of the Romanian domestic league in 2019
- her father was a football player, her mother a handball goalkeeper, while her sister is also a goalkeeper



Korina Karlovcan

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Left wing

- also played tennis in her youth, started her handball career at the age of eight in Podravka Academy, scored first CL goal in the 2015/16 season
- was a member of Croatia's youth and junior national teams, gained invitation to senior national team
- scored the winning goal in the decisive CL 2018/19 qualification match against Craiova, bringing top-level handball back to Koprivnica
- at the end of 2019/20 had a shoulder injury, but came back stronger



Dziyana Ilyina

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Left back

- Belarus international player, started playing at the age of 12 in Gomel
- used to play volleyball, basketball, athletics before deciding for handball
- versatile back player
- played for Astrahanochka, Vardar, Dunarea Braila, Gloria Buzau and Gloria Bistrita
- younger sister was also handball player



Selena Milosevic

 @milosevicselena

Centre back

- started playing handball at the age of seven in Rovinj
- her mother was a handball player as well
- Podravka is her fifth club in career, already playing there in 2015/16 and 2016/17 season and coming back after one season with Maccabi Rishon in 2018
- had a knee injury in January 2021, will be ready for the new season as she is important link for Podravka play



Larissa Kalaus

 @larissakalaus

Centre back

- started playing handball in HC Mlinar in Križevci
- already played for Podravka in her youth, later for Koka and Lokomotiva
- her twin sister Dora is also a handball player
- won former EHF Challenge Cup in 2017
- had her national team debut in 2018, winning bronze with Croatia at the EHF EURO 2020

EC trophies: Challenge Cup 2017
EHF EURO: B 2020



Iryna Stelmakh

Line player

- started playing handball at the age of nine at HC Galychanka Lviv
- used to play for Gomel and Astrahanochka
- loves to dance, especially folk and traditional dance
- her hobbies are baking and finding new recipes



Dejana Milosavljevic

 @dejana148

Right back

- born in Rijeka, Croatia, started her career in Orijent Presoflex
- before joining Podravka also played for Zamet, Sesvete and Koka
- versatile player, can play all back positions
- member of Croatia national team, part of historic team that won bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2020

EURO: B 2020



Ana Turk

 @nikki2906

Right wing

- born in Jakarta, Indonesia, and joined club from league rivals Lokomotiva Zagreb
- started her career in Borovo, also played for Osijek and Sesvete before
- gained international experience in Hungary, playing for Szekesfeharvar and Vac
- member of Croatia national team
- extended her contract with Podravka until the end of 2021/22 season

GROUP B PREVIEW



TITLE HOLDERS VIPERS FACE STRONG COMPETITION

With the defending champions Vipers Kristiansand, two other last season's DELO EHF FINAL4 competitors Györi Audi ETO KC and CSKA, and ambitious sides Metz Handball, Odense Håndbold and Krim Mercator Ljubljana, a lot of action and excitement is expected in the competitive group B.

Vipers's triumph last season was quite impressive, but can the team of coach Ole Gustav Gjekstad defend their title? It is not an easy question, given that the Norwegian side have undergone quite a lot of changes. While local talents like Henny Reistad, Malin Aune and Emilie Hegh Arntzen preferred to move abroad, they were replaced by experienced foreigners such as Isabelle Gullden, Nerea Pena and Ana Debelic. The stellar veterans Kathrine Lunde, Heide Loke and Nora Mork have all stayed at the club, but a lot will depend on their health and fitness.



For Györi Audi ETO KC, last season was hardly a success, as the Hungarian powerhouse lost their domestic title to FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria, and did not reach the DELO EHF Champions League final. Yet with head coach Martin Ambros, who returned to Győr at the end of the 2020/21 campaign, the club hope to be back on top. In summer, they lost some experienced players, as Anita Görbicz retired, while Eduarda Amorim and Beatrice Edwige moved to Rostov. Yet new signings Nadine Schatzl, Noemi Hafra, Jelena Despotovic and Crina Pintea should make up for these losses, and the team's roster again looks very strong on paper.



For CSKA, reaching the FINAL4 in their maiden Champions League campaign was a big success, yet the club who was founded just two years ago is not going to rest on their laurels. Ana Gros, who became the top scorer of the continental top flight last season, is a big addition to the Russian team. On the other hand, Darya Dmitrieva's decision to suspend her career is a hard blow for CSKA. But even without her, Moscow-based side boast six players from the silver-winning Russian squad in Tokyo, so they certainly has a big potential.

The financial situation forced Metz Handball to part with as many as ten players, yet the team leaders Meline Nocandy, Orlane Kanor and Louise Burggaard have stayed, and new signings Bruna De Paula, Chloe Valentini and Tamara Horacek have a potential to play important roles. Last season, Metz lost to fellow French side Brest Bretagne Handball in the Champions League quarter-final, but now they aim to return to the DELO EHF FINAL4.



Although Odense Håndbold lost to Vipers already in the play-offs in the last Champions League season, they made a domestic double, winning both the Danish league and cup for the first time. Now it should help them to feel more confident in Europe's main club competition, where Odense are also aiming high. Despite losing Nyckie Groot and Tess Wester, the club signed



three other Dutch talents, Dione Housheer, Kelly Vollebregt and Bo van Wetering, so their squad looks quite impressive.

Krim Mercator Ljubljana, the Champions League winners in 2001 and 2003, have had ups and down in recent years, but now their goal is to return on top. And the Slovene team's squad allows to hope for a bright future. In summer, they signed ten newcomers, including the experienced Andrea Lekic, Dragana Cvijic, Katarina Krpez Slezak, Allison Pineau and Tjasa Stanko, so now Krim are the force to be reckoned with.



Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK are debutants at this level and the first Turkish club to participate in the DELO EHF Champions League group stage. However, they have enough international experience after becoming runners-up in the Challenge Cup in 2016 and reaching the EHF Cup semi-final in 2018. In summer, Kastamonu signed four players from Buducnost – Jovanka Radicevic, Majda Mehmedovic, Marina Rajcic and Milena Raicevic – whose Champions League experience should further help the team.

In six previous seasons in Europe's premier club competition, IK Sävehof managed to progress from the group four times. Now it seems to be a difficult task for the young Swedish team, who were granted a Champions League spot despite finishing only third in the domestic league. However, Sävehof also have their trump cards, such as left back Jamina Roberts who was included into the All-Star Team at the 2020 Olympics.

Sergey Nikolaev



I GROUP B HEAD-TO-HEADS

PREVIOUS EC ENCOUNTERS OF THE GROUP B TEAMS

CSKA vs Vipers Kristiansand 0-0-1 (30:33) 0:2

29.05.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs CSKA, DELO EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	33:30 (18:12)
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CSKA vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 1-0-1 (47:46) 2:2

06.03.2021	RK Krim Mercator vs CSKA, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	25:20 (12:11)
13.03.2021	CSKA vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	27:21 (14:11)

CSKA vs Odense Håndbold 1-0-1 (52:49) 2:2

08.11.2020	CSKA vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:23 (14:11)
15.11.2020	Odense Håndbold vs CSKA, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	26:25 (12:11)

CSKA vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-1-2 (72:90) 1:5

12.09.2020	CSKA vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	27:27 (14:14)
13.02.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CSKA, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	31:24 (14:13)
30.05.2021	Györi Audi ETO KC vs CSKA, DELO EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	32:21 (18:8)

CSKA vs Metz Handball

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSKA vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

CSKA vs IK Sävehof

No previous encounters in European competitions

Vipers Kristiansand vs Krim Mercator Ljubljana 5-0-1 (167:158) 10:2

20.02.2016	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	29:27 (15:15)
27.02.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, Cup Winners' Cup – Quarter-final	30:20 (14:8)
26.01.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	24:25 (8:10)
23.02.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	29:21 (14:14)
12.09.2020	RK Krim Mercator vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:27 (9:14)
13.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	37:30 (16:15)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Odense Håndbold 1-0-1 (65:62) 2:2

07.03.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	35:36 (16:17)
14.03.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Play-offs	26:30 (14:19)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC 1-0-6 (179:223) 2:12

18.04.2004	Györi Graboplast ETO vs Vag HK, EHF Cup – Semi-final	29:20 (18:10)
24.04.2004	Vag HK vs Györi Graboplast ETO, EHF Cup – Semi-final	29:26 (13:9)
12.02.2005	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs Vag Vipers HK, EHF Cup – Last 16	33:25 (19:12)
13.02.2005	Györi ETO Kezilabda Club vs Vag Vipers HK, EHF Cup – Last 16	38:28 (18:14)
09.02.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	33:29 ((19:14)
09.03.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	26:33 (17:17)
11.05.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF FINAL4 – Semi-final	22:31 (8:18)

Vipers Kristiansand vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball 2-1-3 (159:177) 5:7

08.10.2017	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:22 (14:12)
10.11.2017	Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	22:25 (11:12)
12.05.2019	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, EHF Champions League – DELO EHF FINAL4 – Place 3/4	30:31 (16:15)
20.10.2019	Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	38:38 (17:21)
03.11.2019	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	26:17 (12:10)
03.02.2021	Metz Handball vs Vipers Kristiansand, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	28:29 (11:13)
10.02.2021	Vipers Kristiansand vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	0:10 (0:0)*

* Match not played and points allocated. Result not included in overall stats.

Vipers Kristiansand vs IK Sävehof

No previous encounters in European competitions

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Odense Håndbold

No previous encounters in European competitions

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-3-17 (476:611) 3:37

13.01.2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts vs Györi Graboplast ETO, EHF Champions League – Group D	27:27 (11:15)
28.01.2001	Györi Graboplast ETO vs RK Krim Neutro Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	21:21 (7:13)
07.02.2009	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:35 (15:15)
15.03.2009	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	34:33 (19:13)
06.02.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	25:23 (11:14)
13.03.2010	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	24:24 (10:11)
23.10.2010	RK Krim vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group D	30:34 (14:19)
20.11.2010	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:21 (11:9)
28.10.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group B	20:31 (9:12)
03.11.2012	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	29:22 (16:9)
16.02.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	27:24 (14:12)
01.03.2014	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	22:24 (14:14)
28.01.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	39:22 (20:9)
25.02.2017	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	17:34 (10:18)
10.02.2018	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	21:32 (12:15)
10.03.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 1	34:25 (17:12)
06.10.2018	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	39:23 (18:9)
10.11.2018	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	23:32 (10:16)
19.10.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	21:33 (9:13)
02.11.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	31:26 (13:13)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Metz Handball 9-0-5 (398:368) 18:10

04.01.1998	ASPTT Metz HB vs Krim Electa Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:26 (14:10)
01.02.1998	Krim Electa Ljubljana vs ASPTT Metz HB, EHF Champions League – Group B	31:25 (12:11)
11.01.2003	Krim ETA N. Roberts vs Handball Metz Metropole, EHF Champions League – Group D	34:22 (18:9)
09.02.2003	Handball Metz Metropole vs Krim ETA N. Roberts, EHF Champions League – Group D	25:31 (12:17)
09.11.2008	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:31 (11:19)
03.01.2009	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group D	29:33 (12:18)
24.10.2009	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:37 (12:22)
09.01.2010	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group B	35:31 (20:14)
18.02.2012	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:21 (8:13)
10.03.2012	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	28:24 (14:9)
20.10.2013	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	21:20 (12:7)
02.11.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	27:21 (13:11)
10.10.2020	Metz Handball vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	33:27 (19:11)
16.01.2021	RK Krim Mercator vs Metz Handball, DELO EHF Champions League – Group A	22:26 (10:14)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs IK Sävehof 4-2-2 (223:211) 10:6

27.10.2007	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana, EHF Champions League – Group B	30:31 (14:17)
05.01.2008	RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group B	24:24 (13:13)
05.10.2013	RK Krim Mercator vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	36:28 (14:12)
10.11.2013	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group C	25:25 (16:13)
29.10.2016	RK Krim Mercator vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group D	32:29 (20:10)
05.11.2016	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator, EHF Champions League – Group D	26:24 (12:11)
13.10.2019	IK Sävehof vs RK Krim Mercator, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	21:25 (10:13)
17.11.2019	RK Krim Mercator vs IK Sävehof, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	26:28 (12:14)

Krim Mercator Ljubljana vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Odense Håndbold vs Györi Audi ETO KC 0-1-3 (106:126) 1:7

07.04.2019	Odense HC vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:29 (13:18)
13.04.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	33:21 (18:10)
10.10.2020	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Odense Håndbold, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:25 (16:11)
17.01.2021	Odense Håndbold vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group B	32:32 (18:17)

Odense Håndbold vs Metz Handball 0-1-1 (45:60) 1:3

14.10.2018	Odense HC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group A	19:19 (10:10)
18.11.2018	Metz Handball vs Odense HC, EHF Champions League – Group A	41:26 (21:12)

Odense Håndbold vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Odense Håndbold vs IK Sävehof

No previous encounters in European competitions

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball 6-0-1 (208:175) 12:2

30.09.2007	Györi Audi ETO vs HB Metz Moselle Lorraine, EHF Champions League – Qualification Tournament 2	30:27 (15:12)
09.10.2011	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	28:23 (16:13)
30.10.2011	Metz Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	24:33 (7:17)
14.02.2015	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	31:27 (15:11)
15.03.2015	Metz Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	20:27 (8:12)
09.04.2017	Metz Handball vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	32:31 (16:16)
15.04.2017	Györi Audi ETO KC vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Quarter-final	28:22 (17:12)

Györi Audi ETO KC vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof 6-0-0 (202:138) 12:0

26.10.2014	IK Sävehof vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Group C	21:38 (8:20)
23.11.2014	Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	35:23 (16:14)
17.01.2016	IK Sävehof vs Györi Audi ETO KC, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	18:26 (6:13)
19.02.2016	Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	32:26 (19:14)
06.10.2019	Györi Audi ETO KC vs IK Sävehof, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	35:23 (17:11)
09.11.2019	IK Sävehof vs Györi Audi ETO KC, DELO EHF Champions League – Group D	27:36 (12:19)

Metz Handball vs Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK

No previous encounters in European competitions

Metz Handball vs IK Sävehof 2-0-2 (105:98) 4:4

12.10.2013	IK Sävehof vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Group C	32:30 (15:19)
17.11.2013	Metz Handball vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Group C	30:20 (20:10)
06.02.2015	Metz Handball vs IK Sävehof, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	22:25 (12:15)
08.03.2015	IK Sävehof vs Metz Handball, EHF Champions League – Main Round Group 2	21:23 (11:16)

Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK vs IK Sävehof

No previous encounters in European competitions

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue
Player short: dark blue
GK shirt: grey



Playing hall

Volleyball Arena Dynamo
Vasilisa Kozhina 13
121552 Moscow
Russia
Capacity: 3,000

CSKA



The Russian team's debut season in the continental top flight was quite successful, as they reached the DELO EHF FINAL4.

Now CSKA want to confirm that they belong to that level, and with the new head coach and some changes in the squad, they hope to do well again.

Main facts

- the Moscow-based club was founded just two years ago, in 2019
- reached DELO EHF FINAL4 in their maiden European campaign last season
- also became the Russian champion in 2020/21, ending a four-year Rostov's hegemony
- coached by Florentin Pera, who replaced Olga Akopyan in the summer
- eight players left the team in summer, and three others joined, including the top scorer of the DELO EHF Champions League in 2020/21 Ana Gros

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 2
Semi-finals (1): 2020/21

Other

Russian league: 1 title (2021)
Russian cup: -



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

36 **GOALS**
Most goals

63 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	36:20 (16:10) v HC Podravka CRO (h), 01.02.2021
Biggest defeat	32:21 (18:8) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 30.05.2021
Longest winning run	6 matches (09.01.2021 - 07.02.2021)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (09.01.2021 - 07.02.2021)
	6 matches (12.09.2020 - 08.11.2020)
Longest losing run	2 matches (13.02.2021 – 06.03.2021)
Longest run without win	2 matches (13.02.2021 – 06.03.2021)
	2 matches (29.05.2021 – 30.05.2021)
Most goals	36 v HC Podravka CRO 36:20W (h), 01.02.2021
Most goals opponent	33 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 33:30L (a), 29.05.2021
Most goals both teams	63 v BV Borussia Dortmund GER 35:28W (h), 16.01.2021
	63 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 33:30L (a), 29.05.2021
Fewest goals	20 v RK Krim Mercator SLO 25:20L (a), 06.03.2021
	20 v HC Podravka CRO 36:20W (h), 01.02.2021
Fewest goals opponent	19 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 24:19W (h), 11.04.2021
Fewest goals both teams	43 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 24:19W (h), 11.04.2021

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2020/21 CSKA RUS	20	13	1	6	553:512		+41	27:13	Fourth Place
Total:	20	13	1	6	553:512		+41	27:13	



Florentin Pera

Coach

- replaced Olga Akopyan as team's head coach in summer 2021
- this is his first experience of coaching abroad
- worked at a number of Romanian clubs including Ramnicu Valcea whom he led to the domestic championship title in 2019
- was assistant coach of Romania national team between 2012 and 2015

Arrivals

Ana Gros (Brest Bretagne Handball)
 Karina Sabirova (Astrakhanochka)
 Viktoriya Shamanouskaya (Handball Club Lada)

Departures

Elena Utkina (CS Minaur Baia Mare)
 Sabina Jacobsen (Dunarea Braila)
 Olga Gorshenina (SCM Ramnicu Valcea)
 Chana Masson (HH Elite)
 Kseniya Trukhina (Kuban)
 Ekaterina Bobina (Kuban)
 Lada Samoilenko (Gomel)
 Eva Demidovich (finished career)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
3	Polina	Gorshkova	RUS	Left Wing	22/11/1989	Togliatti, RUS	172
5	Kristina	Scheglova	RUS	Right Back	20/05/2003	Tolyatti, RUS	174
6	Ana	Gros	SLO	Right Back	21/01/1991	Ljubljana, SLO	186
8	Elena	Mikhaylichenko	RUS	Left Back	14/09/2001	Togliatti, RUS	180
10	Viktoryia	Shamanouskaya	BLR	Line Player	08/08/1993	Minsk, BLR	172
10	Viktoria	Kipen	RUS	Right Wing	14/05/2003	Togliatti, RUS	169
C 11	Darya	Dmitrieva	RUS	Centre Back	09/08/1995	Togliatti, RUS	181
11	Karina	Sabirova	RUS	Centre Back	23/03/1998	Astrakhan, RUS	180
14	Polina	Vedekhina	RUS	Left Back	06/01/1994	Volgograd, RUS	177
15	Marina	Sudakova	RUS	Right Wing	17/02/1989	Volgograd, RUS	164
18	Valeriia	Vasilenko	RUS	Goalkeeper	10/07/2002	Moscow, RUS	171
19	Yuliia	Markova	RUS	Left Wing	10/08/1996	Volgograd, RUS	169
21	Anna	Sedoykina	RUS	Goalkeeper	01/08/1984	Volgograd, RUS	184
33	Ekaterina	Ilina	RUS	Centre Back	07/03/1991	Togliatti, RUS	175
36	Kathrine	Heindahl	DEN	Line Player	26/03/1992	Rudersdal, DEN	185
39	Antonina	Skorobogatchenko	RUS	Right Back	14/02/1999	Volgograd, RUS	182
67	Anastasiia	Illarionova	RUS	Line Player	28/03/1999	Istra, Moscow reg., RUS	180
83	Elena	Rabazulkina	RUS	Left Wing	03/12/2001	Moscow, RUS	177
91	Sara	Ristovska	MKD	Right Wing	09/09/1996	Skopje, MKD	169
99	Polina	Kaplina	RUS	Goalkeeper	16/08/1999	Irkutsk, RUS	181



Anna Sedoykina

Goalkeeper

- experienced goalkeeper, arrived in summer of 2020 from domestic rivals Rostov-Don
- spent most of her career at her local club Dinamo Volgograd, joined Rostov in 2015
- 10-time Russian champion, won domestic title with all three clubs she played for
- made debut in Russian national team in 2004, part of many of the team's successes since, including winning the world title in 2009 and Olympic gold in 2016

OG: G 2016, S 2020, WCh: G 2009, B 2019, EURO: B 2008, S 2018



Polina Gorshkova

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Left wing

- born in Togliatti, she started to play handball at the age of 10
- spent more than a decade at local club Lada before joining CSKA in 2019
- became Russian champion in 2008 with Lada and in 2021 with CSKA
- with Russia, won the 2015 Summer Universiade in Gwangju

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2012, 2014
EHF EURO: OG S 2020



Polina Vedekhina

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Left back

- joined CSKA from Lada Togliatti in 2019
- born in Volgograd and played at local team Dinamo-Sinara before moving to Lada in 2017
- played for Russia at World Championships 2015 and 2017 as well as EHF EURO 2020, and the team finished fifth each time
- with seven goals, was Russia's top scorer at the lost Tokyo Olympics final against France
- studied at musical school as a kid and could become a musician, but chose handball in the end

EHF EURO: OG S 2020



Elena Mikhaylichenko

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Left back

- 19-year-old rising star of Russian and European handball, was MVP at Youth WCh 2018 and W19 EHF EURO 2019
- born in Togliatti and started career at local side Lada; moved to CSKA in 2020
- started her debut CL season exceptionally, scoring 32 goals in five matches
- missed much of 2020/21 season due to severe injury

OG: S 2020; WCh: B 2019



Ekaterina Ilina

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Centre back

- the 2016 Olympic champion heads into her third season at CSKA
- played for Kuban, Lada and Rostov-Don in the past
- in 2018, suspended her career because of health issues, but returned to handball in 2019
- playmaker, but also can perform as left back

OG: G 2016



Kathrine Heindahl

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Line player

- this is the second season in a foreign club for the Dane
- moved to CSKA from Odense where she had played since 2017, and earlier also in 2010/11
- worked with CSKA's coach Jan Leslie at Randers; also played for GOG and Holstebro
- since 2016, played for Danish national team in every EURO and WCh

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2013



Ana Gros

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Right back

- joined CSKA in 2021 after eight seasons in France at Metz and Brest
- also played for Győr, Krim and THC
- reached the CL final with Győr in 2012 and with Brest in 2021
- became top scorer of the CL 2020/21 with 135 goals
- CL All-star right back in 2017/18



Marina Sudakova

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Right wing

- joined CSKA from domestic rivals Rostov-Don in 2020
- had played entire career at Rostov, except for one season at Kuban (2016/17)
- was engaged in folk songs as a child, but eventually switched to handball
- her first coach was Viktor Vyakhirev, father of fellow Russian internationals Anna Vyakhireva and Polina Kuznetsova

OG: G 2016, WCh: G 2009; EURO: S 2008, B 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



Vipers battled through one of the most unusual European campaigns last season to claim their first DELO EHF Champions League title in impressive fashion.

Following their surprise triumph, there has been a raft of changes in the squad, with Norwegian national team players making their first move abroad and a collection of experienced talent coming the other way

Main facts

- Vipers stormed to their first EHF Champions League title in May, beating Brest 34:28 in the final
- top scorer and MVP of the event in Budapest, Henny Reistad, is the biggest profile to leave the club over the summer, alongside the likes of Malin Aune and Emilie Hegh Arntzen
- on 7 September, Zsuzsanna Tomori was the latest signing for the reigning champions, adding further depth and creative quality to the Vipers back court
- other big summer signings include Bella Gulldén, Ana Debelić and Nerea Pena

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 5
Winners (1): 2020/21
Semi-finals (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: 3 titles (2018, 2019, 2021)
Norwegian cup: 4 titles (2018-21)



5 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

38 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	29:19 (15:11) v Buducnost MNE (h), 14.10.2017
Biggest defeat	22:31 (8:18) v Györi Audi ETO KC HUN (a), 11.05.2019 26:17 (12:10) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 03.11.2019
Longest winning run	5 matches (04.11.2018 – 02.02.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (12.09.2020 – 03.02.2021)
Longest losing run	6 matches (25.01.2020 – 07.03.2020)
Longest run without win	7 matches (22.10.2017 – 20.10.2018)
Most goals	38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
Most goals opponent	38 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
Most goals both teams	76 v Metz Handball FRA 38:38D (h), 20.10.2019
Fewest goals	17 v Metz Handball FRA 26:17L (a), 03.11.2019
Fewest goals opponent	18 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019
Fewest goals both teams	43 v Buducnost MNE 19:24W (a), 07.04.2019 43 v Buducnost MNE 25:18W (h), 13.04.2019 43 v Metz Handball FRA 26:17L (a), 03.11.2019

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2017/18 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	6	1	0	5	144:154	-10	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2018/19 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	16	10	1	5	451:416	+35	21:11	Third Place	
2019/20 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	12	3	1	8	339:356	-17	7:17	5th MR Gr. 1	
2020/21 Vipers Kristiansand NOR	20	11	3	6	516:490	+26	25:15	Winner	
Total:	54	25	5	24	1450:1416	+34	55:53		



Ole Gustav Gjekstad

Coach

 @olegustavgjekstad

- joined Vipere in 2018 and led the team to the Norwegian title in his first season in charge
- worked at Larvik until 2015, after an earlier stint with that club between 1999 and 2005
- replaced Kenneth Gabrielsen, who led Vipere in their maiden CL season in 2017/18
- as a player, scored 548 goals in 149 games for the Norwegian national team

Arrivals

Isabelle Gullén (Brest Bretagne Handball)
 Tuva Ulsaker Høve (Aker Toppåndball)
 Nerea Pena (Team Esbjerg)
 Ana Debelić (HC Astrakhanochka)
 Markéta Jeřábková (Thüringer HC)
 Zsuzsanna Tomori (Siófok KC)

Departures

Linn Jørum Sulland (retires)
 June Andenæs (retires)
 Emilie Hegh Arntzen (CSM București)
 Malin Aune (CSM București)
 Henny Reistad (Team Esbjerg)
 Jeanett Kristiansen (Storhamar HE)
 Carolina Morais

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm	g
1	Andrea	Austmo Pedersen	NOR	Goalkeeper	19/04/1994	Trondheim, NOR	180	
2	Karoline	Olsen	NOR	Left Wing	16/06/1998	Kristiansand, NOR	171	
4	Tonje Haugjord	Refsnes	NOR	Back	13/11/1994	Kristiansand, NOR	170	
8	Karine Emilie	Dahlum	NOR	Back	16/12/1999	Kristiansand, NOR	175	
9	Isabelle	Gulldén	SWE	Back	29/06/1989	Sävedalen, SWE	178	
9	Nora	Mørk	NOR	Back	05/04/1991	Oslo, NOR	167	
10	Vilde Kaurin	Jonassen	NOR	Left Wing	01/09/1992	Kristiansand, NOR	164	
11	Silje Katrine	Waade	NOR	Back	20/03/1994	Stjørdal, NOR	183	
12	Evelina	Eriksson	SWE	Goalkeeper	20/08/1996	Østerhaninge, SWE	184	
C 16	Katrine	Lunde	NOR	Goalkeeper	30/03/1980	Kristiansand, NOR	181	
19	Tuva Ulsaker	Hoeve	NOR	Right Wing	11/06/2000	Trondheim, NOR	175	
21	Ragnhild	Dahl	NOR	Back	02/01/1998	Molde, NOR	183	
22	Marta	Tomac	NOR	Back	20/09/1990	Trondheim, NOR	179	
24	Hanna Maria	Yttereng	NOR	Line Player	20/02/1991	Trondheim, NOR	184	
25	Nerea	Pena	ESP	Back	13/12/1989	Pamplona, ESP	175	
27	Sunniva Amalie	Naes Andersen	NOR	Left Wing	12/11/1996	Skien, NOR	173	
31	Ana	Debelic	CRO	Line Player	09/01/1994	Rijeka, CRO	183	
37	Jana	Knedlikova	CZE	Right Wing	22/06/1989	Praha, CZE	168	
51	Markéta	Jerábková	CZE	Back	08/02/1996	Plzen, CZE	174	
55	Heidi	Løke	NOR	Line Player	12/12/1982	Tonsberg, NOR	177	



Katrine Lunde

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Goalkeeper

- returned to action in the 2020/21 season after an ACL tear at the EHF FINAL4 in 2019 kept her sidelined for a year
- still considered a top-class keeper at the age of 41, with a storied career behind her including spells with Viborg, Győr and Rostov-Don
- the 2019 CL All-star goalkeeper played for her hometown club Vipers until 2004, alongside twin sister Kristine, before they moved together to Aalborg, then Viborg until 2010
- won the CL with three different clubs - twice with Viborg and Győr each and once with Vipers

EC trophies: CL 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2021, EHF Cup 2017

EURO: G 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2020, S 2002, 2012; OG: G 2008, 2012, B 2016;

WCh: G2011, S 2007, 2017, B 2009



Vilde Jonassen

 @vildekaurin

Left wing

- a Kristiansand girl born and raised, has been with Vipers since the age of 19
- longest-serving player in the squad, having been with the team when they languished in the mid-to-lower part of the Norwegian league
- has developed into the club's first choice on the left wing
- enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2019/20, scoring 33 goals in Europe and ending the season with her first national team training camp

EC trophies: CL 2021



Marta Tomac

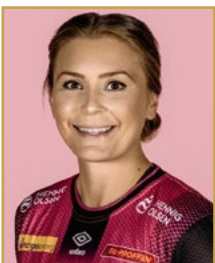
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Centre back

- joined Vipers from Byasen in 2015; played for Danish side SK Aarhus in 2010/11
- born in Zagreb, Croatia, and represented Croatia before playing for Norway
- good at both ends of the court, and her ability to read the game, as well as her eye

EC trophies: CL 2021

EURO: G 2016, 2020, WCh: G 2015



Isabelle Gullden

 @bellagullden

Centre back

- joined Brest in 2018, the fourth club in her career after Sävehof, Viborg and CSM
- her uncle, Christer, was an Olympic wrestler; her partner was a Swedish goalkeeper Linus Persson
- scored all 27 goals from as many penalty throws at EHF EURO 2014
- MVP and top scorer (58 goals) of EHF EURO 2014; top scorer of CL 2015/16 (108)
- gave birth to her son in July 2019, returned during group matches of 2019/20 season

EC trophies: CL 2016; Cup Winners' Cup 2014

EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Heidi Løke

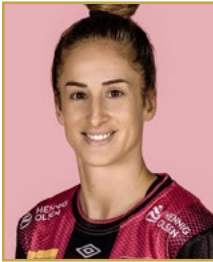
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Line player

- joined Vipers from league runners-up Storhamar Elite in the summer of 2019
- would join Larvik but that move was cancelled due to financial issues at that club
- Vipers said they had been trying to sign Løke since 2013
- one of the all-time greats of women's handball, still producing the goods at the veteran age

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

EURO: G 2008, 2010, 2014, 2020, S 2012; OG: G 2012, B 2016; WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017, B 2009



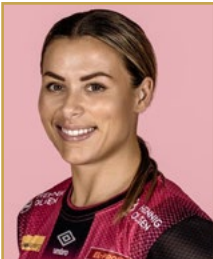
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 @nereitxu25

Centre back

- joined Vipers from CL rivals Team Esbjerg ahead of the 2020/21 season
- spent eight seasons in Hungary playing mostly for FTC, top scorer of the Hungarian league in 2014/15
- reached the CL final with Itxako in 2011
- approaching 100th cap for Spain and 300 goals in the national team
- All-star Right back of the EHF EURO 2010

EURO: S 2014; WCh: B 2011, S 2019



Nora Mørk

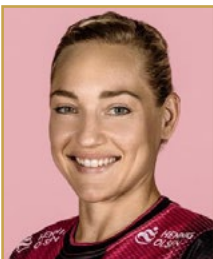
 @noramrk_9

Right back

- her move to Vipers was the most spectacular news of the 2020 summer
- arguably the best right back in the world, with three All-star Team awards in the CL among many individual accolades
- with over 100 caps for Norway, she has won medals at every major championship, only lacking a gold in the Olympics
- hampered by terrible luck with injuries throughout her career, with surgeries hitting the double digits, Mørk hoping to put a frustrating time behind her and start fresh

EC trophies: CL 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020; OG: B 2016; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



Jana Knedlikova

 @jana_knedlikova

Right wing

- Czech winger moved to Vipers after five years with Győr, played for Mosonmagyaróvár and Slavia Prague before
- won twice Czecho-Slovakian WHIL with Slavia Prague in 2010 and 2011
- used to do ice skating and ballet as a child
- set her new personal best in European competitions in 2020/21 season scoring 52 goals

EC trophies: CL 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

GROUP B



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA



Having reached the main round in recent seasons as well as play-offs in last season's DELO EHF Champions League, Krim Mercator have been reliable challenger but now they want more.

The club with a rich history gathered experienced players for the upcoming season in order to emulate the titles they claimed in 2001 and 2003.

Main facts

- head coach Uros Bregar heads into his sixth season with Krim, after joining in 2016
- the squad is reinforced with ten newcomers, including Andrea Lekić, Alisson Pineau, Kristina Krpež Šlezak and Barbara Arenhart
- Alja Varagič is returning to the squad after maternity leave
- last season's top scorer, Samara da Silva Vieira, left the club
- the two-time champions (2000/01, 2002/03) were knocked out by CSKA by a single goal in last season's play-offs
- they head into their 27th consecutive season in the top flight

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 27
 Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03
 Final (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06
 Semi-finals (1): 2012/13
 Quarter-finals (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07
 Play-offs (1): 2020/21
 Last 16 (1): 1995/96
 Main Round (10): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20
 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: 26 titles (1995-15, 2017-21)
Slovenian cup: 26 titles (1993-97, 1999-2019)



6 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

41 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	36:12 (18:3) v Anagennisi Artas GRE (h), 25.01.1997
Biggest defeat	39:20 (19:8) v Buducnost MNE (a), 15.03.2015
Longest winning run	6 matches (04.01.2003 – 22.02.2003)
	6 matches (08.01.2005 – 19.02.2005)
Longest unbeaten run	7 matches (20.02.2000 – 10.02.2001)
Longest losing run	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Longest run without win	16 matches (09.11.2014 – 20.11.2015)
Most goals	41 v H/K Dinamo Volgograd RUS 41:33W (h), 13.01.2007
Most goals opponent	47 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Most goals both teams	76 v 'Buducnost' MNE 36:40L (h), 04.03.2011
	76 v WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47L (h), 06.03.2015
Fewest goals	15 v Buducnost MNE 30:15L (a), 09.02.2014
Fewest goals opponent	12 v Anagennisi Artas GRE 36:12W (h), 25.01.1997
Fewest goals both teams	34 v ESBF Besancon FRA 19:15W (h), 02.01.1999

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	197:178	+19	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
1997/98 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	8	4	0	4	210:218	-8	8:8	8:8	Quarter-final
1998/99 Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO	12	6	1	5	298:287	+11	13:11	13:11	Runner-up
1999/00 Krim Electa NR Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	153:146	+7	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2000/01 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	12	6	3	3	302:270	+32	15:9	15:9	Winner
2001/02 RK Krim Neutro Roberts SLO	6	3	0	3	148:151	-3	6:6	6:6	3rd Gr. D
2002/03 Krim ETA N. Roberts Ljubljana SLO	12	10	0	2	357:302	+55	20:4	20:4	Winner
2003/04 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	7	0	5	344:309	+35	14:10	14:10	Runner-up
2004/05 Krim Ljubljana SLO	8	7	0	1	222:185	+37	14:2	14:2	Quarter-final
2005/06 Krim Ljubljana Slovenia SLO	12	8	0	4	312:285	+27	16:8	16:8	Runner-up
2006/07 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	8	5	0	3	245:231	+14	10:6	10:6	Quarter-final
2007/08 RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	6	2	1	3	175:180	-5	5:7	5:7	3rd Gr. B
2008/09 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	383:386	-3	12:12	12:12	4th MR Gr. 2
2009/10 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	7	1	4	364:334	+30	15:9	15:9	3rd MR Gr. 1
2010/11 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	6	0	6	364:356	+8	12:12	12:12	3rd MR Gr. 1
2011/12 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	2	6	290:312	-22	10:14	10:14	3rd MR Gr. 2
2012/13 RK Krim Mercator SLO	14	8	0	6	355:355	0	16:12	16:12	Semi-final
2013/14 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	5	1	6	300:295	+5	11:13	11:13	4th MR Gr. 2
2014/15 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	2	0	10	305:374	-69	4:20	4:20	6th MR Gr. 1
2015/16 RK Krim Mercator SLO	6	0	0	6	160:208	-48	0:12	0:12	4th Gr. A
2016/17 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	0	8	294:345	-51	8:16	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2017/18 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	4	1	7	301:335	-34	9:15	9:15	6th MR Gr. 1
2018/19 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	2	7	297:328	-31	8:16	8:16	5th MR Gr. 2
2019/20 RK Krim Mercator SLO	12	3	1	8	310:348	-38	7:17	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2
2020/21 RK Krim Mercator SLO	16	3	3	10	371:422	-51	9:23	9:23	Play-offs
Total:	266	119	17	130	7057:7140	-83	255:277		



Uros Bregar

Coach

- took over as head coach of Krim at age 36
- started his coaching career as a 20-year-old, later mentored by Marta Bon, whom he succeeded at the helm of Krim in 2015
- was assistant coach to Indira Kastratovic at Vardar in 2013 before taking over at Hungarian side Vac
- also the current Slovenian women's national team coach
- expert in youth coaching, having worked with all Slovenian women's youth categories in the past

Arrivals

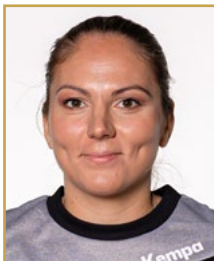
Andrea Lekic (Buducnost)
 Dragana Cvijic (CSM Bucuresti)
 Paula Posavec (RK Lokomotiva)
 Alja Varagic (maternity leave)
 Allison Pineau (Buducnost)
 Sanja Radosavljevic (Vac NKSE)
 Katarina Krpez-Slezak (Rostov-Don)
 Tjaša Stanko (Metz Handball)
 Barbara Elisabeth Arenhart (Buducnost)
 Zala Miklic (Krim Mercator youth academy)

Departures

Hana Gjerek
 Samara da Silva Vieira (HC Dunărea Brăila)
 Laura Cerovak
 Branka Konatar
 Anna Dobric
 Matea Pletikosic (loaned to Buducnost)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
3	Manca	Juric	SLO	Line Player	18/01/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	169
5	Tjaša	Stanko	SLO	Left Back	05/11/1997	Maribor, SLO	173
6	Oceane	Sercien Ugolin	FRA	Left Back	15/12/1997	Cherbourg-Octeville, FRA	175
7	Allison Marie	Pineau	FRA	Left Back	02/05/1989	Chartres, FRA	181
8	Ema	Abina	SLO	Left Wing	18/02/1999	Ljubljana, SLO	170
C 9	Nina	Zabjek	SLO	Centre Back	04/03/1998	Ljubljana, SLO	178
11	Harma	van Kreij	NED	Left Back	11/11/1993	Venray, NED	175
12	Barbara	Arenhart	BRA	Goalkeeper	04/10/1986	Novo Hamburgo, BRA	181
13	Paula	Posavec	CRO	Left Wing	26/08/1996	Cakovec, CRO	170
15	Valentina	Klemencic	SLO	Line Player	05/02/2002	Kranj, SLO	185
16	Zala	Miklic	SLO	Goalkeeper	13/09/2002	Ljubljana, SLO	165
19	Natasa	Ljepoja	SLO	Line Player	28/01/1996	Celje, SLO	178
20	Alja	Varagic	SLO	Left Back	11/12/1990	Celje, SLO	185
26	Tija	Gomilar Zickero	SLO	Right Wing	12/05/2000	Ljubljana, SLO	168
33	Katarina	Krpez-Slezak	SRB	Right Wing	02/05/1988	Sombor, SRB	169
61	Jovana	Risovic	SRB	Goalkeeper	07/10/1993	Beograd, SRB	171
72	Dragana	Cvijic	SRB	Line Player	15/03/1990	Belgrade, SRB	183
77	Andrea	Lekic	SRB	Centre Back	06/09/1987	Beograd, SRB	178
99	Maja	Svetik	SLO	Left Wing	09/03/1996	Sempeter pri Gorici, SLO	167



Jovana Risovic

 @zmajce16

Goalkeeper

- Serbian international, joined from Podravka Vegeta
- started handball career at age eight – first on the wing, later as goalkeeper
- part of the Serbian team that finished runners-up at the WCh in 2013
- best goalkeeper at 2012 Junior World Championship
- also played for Nova Pazova, Kragujevac, Randers and Kecskemeti

WCh: S 2013



Paula Posavec

Left wing

- 1996-born Croatian origins from Čakovec
- joined Krim Mercator in summer 2021 from Lokomotiva Zagreb
- member of Croatia national team, which won the historic bronze medal at the EHF EURO 2020
- has a twin sister Stela, who is also a handball player in Croatia
- fast and smart wing player with a wide variety of shots

EHF EURO: B 2010



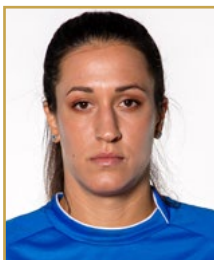
Allison Pineau

 @allisonpineau

Left back

- another big star joining Krim, coming from Buducnost
- already played for Krim in 2014/15 season, in a 14-year long career played for nine clubs, including Vardar, Metz and Baia Mare
- voted World Player of the Year in 2009, all-star MVP at World Championship 2009 and 2011
- made her debut at senior national team at age of 17

OG: G 2020, S 2016; EURO: G 2018, B 2016; WCh: G 2017, S 2009, S 2011



Andrea Lekic

 @lekicandrea

Centre back

- reinforces Krim Mercator from Buducnost alongside Allison Pineau
- also played for Vardar, CSM Bucuresti and Győr
- won the CL with Győr in 2012/13, finished runner-up once, and third three times
- competed in karate and reached the blue belt before moving on to ball sports, including volleyball, basketball, football and tennis
- voted World Player of the Year in 2013, made All-star Team at EHF EURO 2012

WCh: S 2013

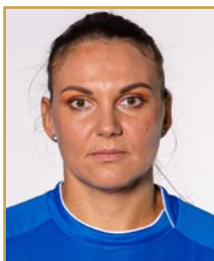


Valentina Klemencic

 @valentina_klemencic

Line player

- young and talented Slovenian line player
- season 2019/20 was her first in the CL at age 17
- named rookie of the round 4 in that season
- represented Slovenia at the 2019 World Championship
- her handball idol is Hendrik Pekeler



Dragana Cvijic

 @dragana_cvijic

Line player

- played for Krim already between 2009-2011
- joined the Slovenian team from CSM Bucuresti ahead of the 2021/22 season
- renowned for her defensive skills
- well-known line player of Serbia national team

WCh: S 2013



Oceane Sercien-Ugolin

 @oceane_sercien

Right back

- French born player, played in Issy Paris 92 from 2016 until 2020
- won two medals with France in a seven-month period (EHF EURO 2020 and OG Tokyo 2020/1)
- young and talented player, named one to watch in France; possesses great physical strength
- enters her second season with Krim Mercator

OG: G 2020; EHF EURO: S 2020



Katarina Krpez-Slezak

 @krpi33

Right wing

- experienced player joins Krim from Rostov Don
- had her first EHF CL appearance in Krim, playing for Slovenian club 2012-2014
- long-term team captain of Serbia, but quit from the national team in 2021
- also played for Vranjačka Banja, Kikinda, Zaječar, Metalurg and Ērd
- EHF EURO 2018 top scorer

WCh: S 2013

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Sydbank Arena Odense
Odense Israels Plads 3
5200 Odense
Denmark
Capacity: 2,236

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD



With their first Danish title in the bag, Odense set their sights to making a splash in Europe this season with a refreshed squad, laden with bright young talents to add to an already exciting collection of players.

Main facts

- won the Danish league title for the first time last season, beating Viborg in the final
- that qualified them for their third season in Europe's top flight, returning after a loss in the play-offs last season to eventual winners Vipers Kristiansand
- two major Dutch profiles left the club in the summer, goalkeeper Tess Wester moved to CSM Bucuresti and Nycke Groot retired
- two rising Dutch stars have arrived, however, with the summer signings of Dione Housheer and Bo van Wetering

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 3
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19
Play-offs (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Cup: Semi-finals 2019/20, Quarter-finals 2015/16
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2013/14

Danish league: 1 title (2021)

Danish cup: 1 title (2021)



3 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

36 **GOALS**
Most goals

71 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	17:33 (12:16) v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO (a), 18.10.2020
Biggest defeat	41:26 (21:12) v Metz Handball FRA (a), 18.11.2018
Longest winning run	3 matches (12.09.2020 – 27.09.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	3 matches (14.10.2018 – 04.11.2018)
	3 matches (12.09.2020 – 27.09.2020)
Longest losing run	3 matches (09.03.2019 – 13.04.2019)
	3 matches (23.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Longest run without win	4 matches (17.01.2021 – 14.02.2021)
Most goals	36 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 35:36W (a), 07.03.2021
Most goals opponent	41 v Metz Handball FRA 41:26L (a), 18.11.2018
Most goals both teams	71 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 35:36W (a), 07.03.2021
Fewest goals	19 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018
	19 v Rostov-Don RUS 25:19L (a), 09.03.2019
Fewest goals opponent	17 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 17:33W (a), 18.10.2020
Fewest goals both teams	38 v Metz Handball FRA 19:19D (h), 14.10.2018

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2018/19 Odense HC DEN	14	5	2	7	355:377	-22	12:16	Quarter-final	
2020/21 Odense Handbold DEN	16	7	1	8	446:435	+11	15:17	Play-offs	
Total:	30	12	3	15	801:812	-11	27:33		



Ulrik Kirkely

Coach

 @ulrikkirkely

- returned for his second spell as Odense coach in the summer of 2020, replacing Jan Pytlick
- his first stint with the club lasted from 2015-17, when he left to lead the Japan women's team to the Tokyo Olympics
- the 48-year-old has also coached Bahrain and Saudi Arabia's men's teams
- was Denmark women's assistant coach at major championships in 2012-14

Arrivals

Martina Thörn (Aarhus United)
 Maren Aardahl (SCM Ramnicu Valcea)
 Bo van Wetering (TuS Metzingen)
 Kelly Vollebregt (Borussia Dortmund)
 Dione Housheer (Nykøbing F. Håndboldklub)
 Trine Knudsen (HH Elite)

Departures

Tess Wester (CSM Bucuresti)
 Nycke Groot (retired)
 Anne Cecilie La Cour (retired)
 Angelica Wallén (IK Sävehof)
 Jéssica Quintino (HC Dunarea Braila)
 Katja Johansen (SønderjyskE)
 Sara Hald (Viborg HK)
 Iben Hesseldal Hansen (DHG)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Martina	Thörn	SWE	Goalkeeper	21/02/1991	Västerås, SWE	178
3	Maren Nyland	Aardahl	NOR	Line Player	02/03/1994	Trondheim, NOR	180
4	Malene	Aambakk	NOR	Right Back	13/05/1993	Orsta, NOR	180
5	Trine	Knudsen	DEN	Back	03/05/1993	Holstebro, DEN	170
6	Freja Cohrt	Kyndboel	DEN	Left Wing	20/01/1994	Odense, DEN	170
7	Bo	van Wetering	NED	Left Wing	05/10/1999	Heerhugowaard, NED	172
8	Lois	Abbingh	NED	Left Back	13/08/1992	Groningen, NED	177
11	Rikke	Iversen	DEN	Line Player	18/05/1993	NykøbingFalster, DEN	179
16	Althea Rebecca	Reinhardt	DEN	Goalkeeper	01/09/1996	Aarhus, DEN	84
C 18	Kamilla Birkedal	Larsen	DEN	Line Player	02/09/1983	Birkerød, DEN	183
21	Ayaka	Ikehara	JPN	Right Wing	24/09/1990	Okinawa, JPN	158
31	Kelly	Vollebregt	NED	Right Wing	01/01/1995	Delft, NED	167
32	Mie Enggrob	Højlund	DEN	Left Back	24/10/1997	Favrskov, DEN	175
48	Dione	Housheer	NED	Right Back	26/09/1999	Gendringen, NED	180
68	Helena Elver	Hagesø	DEN	Centre Back	01/03/1998	København, DEN	175
90	Mia Rej	Bidstrup	DEN	Centre Back	02/02/1990	Valby, DEN	169



Althea Reinhardt

Goalkeeper

 @altheareinhardt

- set for her second season in the top flight after she helped Odense reach the quarter-finals in 2018 as a 22-year-old
- already collected over 50 appearances for Denmark and has consolidated her status in the squad behind Sandra Toft
- one of the best goalkeeper at facing penalty shots, she saved five from 13 at the EHF EURO 2020 and six out of 13 at the EHF EURO 2016
- has a passion for horses and has ridden competitively in her spare time



Freja Cohrt

Left wing


 @frejacohrt

- joined from league rivals Silkeborg Voel in the summer of 2017
- was part of the Danish team that won the under 18 WCh 2013 in Montenegro
- a fast and technically skilled winger with a good variety of shots
- also played in the CL for Herning-Ikast and Randers but impressed in the 2018/19 season with Odense having scored 45 goals and earned an All-star Team nomination

EC trophies: CL 2015; EHF Cup 2005
OG: S 2008; EURO B 2010



Lois Abbingh

 @loisabbingh1

Left back

- switched for the Danish side in the summer of 2020 after coming from Rostov
- was first Dutch player in Russian handball, joined Rostov in 2018 from Issy Paris; previously played for Emmen, Oldenburg (both NED) and Baia Mare (ROU)
- scored her personal best of 84 goals in the 2020/21 CL season
- one of the few players to constantly shoot the ball at speeds over 100 km/h
- her parents, grandparents and aunt also played handball
- scored the winning goal for the Netherlands in WCh 2019 final against Spain

EURO: S 2016, B 2018; WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017



Mia Rej Bidstrup

 @miarej90

Centre back

- joined from league rivals Kobenhavn in 2020
- represented FCK Handbold in the Danish league before her Swedish adventure
- fast and inventive playmaker with a fine eye for her teammates
- played for Denmark at WCh 2019, her first major championship at age 29



Kamilla Larsen

 @kamillabirkedallarsen

Line player

- has only played handball for three clubs, in a professional career spanning over two decades: started in Slagelse in 2001, spent two years in GOG Svendborg before joining Odense
- in her 13th season for Odense, a team she captains since 2015
- played 99 games for the Danish national team and has two sons
- married to former player turned coach Jakob Larsen

EC trophies: CL 2004, 2005, 2007, EHF Cup: 2003
EURO: B 2010



Mie Højlund

 @miehjlund

Left back

- joined from league rivals Randers HK in the summer of 2017
- selected but did not take part in the WCh 2015 (shoulder injury) and EHF EURO 2016 (school exams) but is now a regular national team player
- by many considered one of the greatest playmaker talents in Denmark
- fast, inventive and in possession of an excellent two-feet feint



Dione Housheer

 @dionehouseheer

Right back

- member of the Dutch team who won the WCh in 2019 and has been playing in Denmark since 2018
- has been playing handball since the age of 5, at UGHV and AAC 1899, two local clubs in the Netherlands
- on trial at Nykobing in 2018 and she impressed the Danish side, who handed her the first professional contract outside of the Netherlands, when she was only 18
- MVP of the Youth European Open Championships in 2016 and was also the Player of the Year of the Dutch League in 2017 and 2018

WCh: G 2019, EHF EURO: B 2018



Ayaka Ikehara

Right wing

- one of the shortest players in the CL with 157 cm
- arrived in Europe in 2017 and had her debut in the CL with Nykobing before she joined their league rivals from Odense in 2020
- suffered a knee injury in 2019, but bounced back and scored 23 goals in the European Premium competition in the last season
- played for Japan national team since 2012 and also at the Tokyo Olympics

Asian Ch: S 2018

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Player short: white
GK shirt: red

Dark

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



Playing hall

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Capacity: 5,500

GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC



The end of last season was not ideal for Györi Audi ETO KC. After they lost the domestic championship against their arch rivals, FTC for the first time since 2015, coach Gabor Danyi was dismissed only days before the Hungarian Cup final and two weeks prior to the DELO EHF FINAL4 in Budapest. They could not fight their way into the Champions League final — not even with the help of returning mastermind Ambros Martin.

This season will definitely be hard, not only because of the developing FTC team in the Hungarian league but also due to the Olympics — having 12 players from the roster in Tokyo made the proper regeneration impossible for a considerable part of the team.

Main facts

- Győr could not defend their domestic league title last season and missed out on the DELO EHF Champions League trophy
- coach Martin replaced Gabor Danyi at the end of last season
- Eduarda Amorim Taleska left the club after 12 years, departing for Rostov, while Anita Görbicz retired from her active career, but will stick with the club as sports director
- Crina Pintea returned to the club, while Nadine Schatzl and Noémi Háfra joined the team from FTC
- the most interesting newcomer is definitely South Korea's biggest national team star Eun Hee Ryu, however the team has been bolstered also by arrivals of Linn Blohm and Jelena Despotovic

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 20
Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Final (3): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16
Semi-finals (5): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2020/21
Quarter-finals (3): 2014/15, 2019/20, 2019/20*
Group Matches (2): 2000/01, 2005/06
Qualification (1): 2004/05
* 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic

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, 2005-06, 2008-14, 2016-19)
Hungarian cup: 15 titles (2005-16, 2018-19, 2021)



16 MATCHES
Longest
winning run

55 MATCHES
Longest
unbeaten run

46 GOALS
Most goals

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	21:46 (13:23) v DHK Banik Most CZE (a), 13.10.2019
Biggest defeat	39:28 (20:12) v Spartak Kiev UKR (a), 17.02.2001
Longest winning run	16 matches (05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)
Longest unbeaten run	55 matches (05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)
Longest losing run	3 matches (11.02.2001 – 07.01.2006)
Longest run without win	4 matches (28.01.2001 – 07.01.2006) 4 matches (20.03.2011 – 02.10.2011)
Most goals	46 v DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46W (a), 13.10.2019
Most goals opponent	39 v Spartak Kiev UKR 39:28L (a), 17.02.2001
Most goals both teams	73 v HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 33:40W (a), 13.01.2008
Fewest goals	18 v Larvik NOR 18:24L (h), 20.03.2011 18 v WHC Vardar SCBT 24:18L (a), 04.04.2015
Fewest goals opponent	14 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009
Fewest goals both teams	34 v SD Itxako ESP 14:20W (a), 14.11.2009

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2000/01 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN	6	1	2	3	156:168	-12	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2005/06 Györi ETO Kezilabda Club HUN	6	3	0	3	154:169	-15	6:6	3rd Gr. D	
2006/07 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	10	6	0	4	291:267	+24	12:8	Semi-final	
2007/08 Györi Audi ETO HUN	14	11	0	3	415:366	+49	22:6	Semi-final	
2008/09 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	11	1	4	454:415	+39	23:9	Runner-up	
2009/10 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	8	2	4	355:337	+18	18:10	Semi-final	
2010/11 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	387:334	+53	21:7	Semi-final	
2011/12 Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	16	10	1	5	472:422	+50	21:11	Runner-up	
2012/13 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	15	0	1	435:346	+89	30:2	Winner	
2013/14 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	12	2	0	408:337	+71	26:2	Winner	
2014/15 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	14	10	1	3	385:313	+72	21:7	Quarter-final	
2015/16 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	12	1	3	436:357	+79	25:7	Runner-up	
2016/17 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	13	1	2	481:390	+91	27:5	Winner	
2017/18 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	0	2	442:365	+77	28:4	Winner	
2018/19 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	16	14	2	0	521:406	+115	30:2	Winner	
2019/20 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	12	11	1	0	390:302	+88	23:1	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	20	15	4	1	637:489	+148	34:6	Third Place	
Total:	236	176	19	41	6819:5783	+1036	371:101		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Ambros Martin

Coach

- former left wing won the CL with Portland San Antonio in 2001, the Super Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup in 2000
- moved to coaching in 2003, was on Itxako's bench between 2004 and 2012, then moved to Győr, where he coached between 2012 and 2018, winning four CL trophies
- named the best coach in the CL between 2015 and 2018, has also coached the Romanian and Russian women's national teams, winning the bronze medal at the WCh in 2019
- left Rostov-Don after a two-year stint and re-joined Győr in May 2021 just ahead of the DELO EHF FINAL4

**EC trophies: CL 2001 (as player) 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018 (as coach), Cup Winners' Cup 2000 (as player), EHF Cup (as coach)
WCh: B 2019 (as coach)**

Arrivals

Eun Hee Ryu (Busan)
Linn Blohm (Baia Mare)
Jelena Despotovic (DVSC Schaeffler)
Crina Pintea (CSM Bucuresti)
Noemi Hafra (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
Nadine Schatzl (FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria)
Julia Farkas (Győri Audi ETO KC junior team)

Departures

Amanda Kurtovic (HC Dunarea Braila)
Beatrice Edwige (Rostov-Don)
Eduarda Amorim (Rostov-Don)
Anita Görbicz (retired)
Szidonia Puhalak (Siófok KC)
Laura Kürthi (loan to MTK Budapest)
Brigitta Csekő (loan to Mosonmagyaróvár KC)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	cm
1	Laura	Glauer	FRA	Goalkeeper	20/08/1993	Besancon, FRA	178
2	Fanni	Gelencser	HUN	Back	06/01/2003	Győr, HUN	172
4	Eszter	Ogonovszky	HUN	Right Back	14/07/2003	Komárom, HUN	178
5	Linn	Blohm	SWE	Line Player	20/05/1992	Stockholm, SWE	180
6	Nadine	Schatzl	HUN	Left Wing	19/11/1993	München, GER	173
7	Kari Brattset	Dale	NOR	Right Wing	15/02/1991	Fredrikstad, NOR	183
C 8	Anne Mette	Hansen	DEN	Right Back	25/08/1994	Glostrup, DEN	185
12	Amandine	Leynaud	FRA	Goalkeeper	02/05/1986	Aubenas, FRA	178
15	Stine Bredal	Oftedal	NOR	Centre Back	25/09/1991	Oslo, NOR	168
16	Silje Margaretha	Solberg	NOR	Goalkeeper	16/06/1990	Bærum, NOR	178
17	Eun Hee	Ryu	KOR	Right Back	24/02/1990	Inchon, KOR	178
21	Veronica	Kristiansen	NOR	Right Back	10/07/1990	Stavanger, NOR	175
22	Viktória	Lukács	HUN	Right Wing	31/10/1995	Budapest, HUN	168
23	Csenge Réka	Fodor	HUN	Left Wing	23/04/1999	Keszthely, HUN	174
27	Estelle	Nze Minko	FRA	Centre Back	11/08/1991	Sébastien-sur-Loire, FRA	178
45	Noémi	Háfra	HUN	Left Back	05/10/1998	Cegléd, HUN	179
48	Dorottya	Faluvégi	HUN	Right Wing	31/03/1998	Budapest, HUN	170
77	Crina Elena	Pintea	ROU	Line Player	03/04/1990	Podu Turcului, ROU	192
80	Jelena	Despotovic	MNE	Right Back	30/04/1994	Podgorica, MNE	183
81	Julia	Farkas	HUN	Centre Back	01/08/2004	Sárvár, HUN	165



Silje Solberg

 @siljemso

Goalkeeper

- arrived in Győr in 2020 after two seasons at another Hungarian club, Siófok
- left Norway in 2014, also played for TTH Holstebro and Issy Paris
- her twin sister, Sanna, plays as left wing at CL side Team Esbjerg in Denmark
- Silje and Sanna Solberg won EHF EURO titles together in 2014, 2016 and 2020

EC trophies: EHF Cup 2019

EURO: G 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012; WCh: G 2015, S 2017



Nadine Schatzl

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Left wing

- joined Győr in the summer of 2021 from their arch rivals FTC, played previously also for Érd
- had her first CL experience as an 18-year-old with Győr in 2010/11, and she reached the CL final with that club the following season
- born in Munich, Germany, but started playing handball in Mohács at the age of 10
- member of Hungarian national team, and was CL All-star Team nominee in 2016/17



Anne Mette Hansen

 @a_to_the_m

Left back

- started handball at age 9, spent junior years at Ajax Kobenhavn, then moved to Kobenhavn Handbold in 2014
- missed WCh 2017 and following season with knee injury in first season with Győr
- All-star left back of DELO EHF Champions League in 2019, when she won her second trophy with Győr

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019

WCh: B2013



Stine Oftedal

 @stineoftedal

Centre back

- has won three EHF EUROs and two WChs since making her debut for Norway in 2010
- playing her fifth season for Győr, after spending four with Issy Paris Hand
- individual accolades include MVP of the World Championship 2017 and French league MVP in 2014, in addition to various other recognitions
- younger sister Hanna was also a right back, but retired in 2019, due to injuries

EC trophies: CL 2018, 2019

EURO: G 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020, S 2012; WCh: G 2011, 2015, S 2017; OG: B 2016, 2020



Kari Dale Brattset

@kbrattset

Line player

- joined from Vipers in summer of 2018; previously played for other Norwegian clubs Sarpsborg IL, Fredrikstad and Glassverket
- part of Norwegian team that won silver at WCh 2017
- physically strong and efficient line player, also good in defence
- All-star line player, Best Player and 'Fan's Favourite' of Norwegian league in 2018

EC trophies: CL 2019
OG: B 2020; EURO: G 2020, WCh: S 2017



Crina Pintea

@crinapintea11

Line player

- returned from CSM to Győr, with whom she won the CL with the Hungarian side in 2019
- line player of the CL All-star Team in 2018/19
- her younger sister, Andreea Ailincai, also is a professional handball player with CSM
- has an Eiffel tower tattoo as playing for Issy Paris changed her life

EC trophies: CL: 2019
WCh: B 2015



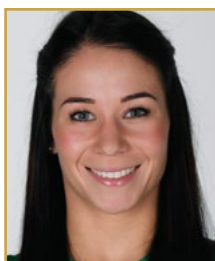
Veronica Kristiansen

@veronicakristiansen

Left back

- has played for Norwegian clubs before moving to FCM Handbold in 2015, before signing for Győr in 2018
- her younger sister, Jeanett, is also a handball player, currently playing for Norwegian club Storhamar, after leaving Vipers Kristiansand
- was the MVP of the Danish League in the 2017/18 season and the best centre back in the CL in 2018, however she can operate across all backcourt positions
- her tattoo on her right hand states that "The strength of the mind beats the strength of the body every time"

EC trophies: CL 2019
EURO: G 2014, G 2016, G 2020, WCh: G 2015, S 2017, OG: B 2016, 2020



Viktória Lukács

@lukacsviki

Right wing

- Budapest-born talented player, raised by local team Spartacus
- despite her young age enters her ninth European campaign
- joined in the summer of 2020 from arch rivals Ferencváros
- had a breakthrough season in 2016/17 as she scored her personal best of 42 goals, but improved her best scoring record in 2020/21 with 68 goals
- All-star Right wing of the CL 2020/21

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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

"Les Arenes" Metz
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Capacity: 4,500

METZ HANDBALL



Until last season, Metz Handball had been the only French side to ever reach the DELO EHF FINAL4, when they managed it in 2019. But Brest matched this performance last season, after beating their fellow French team in the quarter-finals.

Can Metz regain domestic superiority and make it to Budapest for a second time?

Main facts

- this season will be their 23 in the EHF Champions League, making them the leaders among all French teams that have taken part in the competition
- they made it to the quarter-finals last season, before being eliminated by fellow French side Brest
- unlike the previous summers, Metz managed to keep their most important players, meaning that Meline Nocandy, Orlane Kanor and Louise Bargaard will be on the starting grid with the team in September
- 10 players left the club this summer while only three joined, however, those three look like potential key players

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 23
Semi-finals (1): 2018/19
Quarter-finals (3): 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20*, 2020/21
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
** 2019/20 season not played to a finish due to Covid-19 pandemic*

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 (1989-90, 1993-97, 1999-2000, 2002, 2004-09, 2011, 2013-14, 2016-19)

French cup: 9 titles (1990, 1994, 1998-99, 2010, 2013-14, 2017, 2019)



7 **MATCHES**
Longest
winning run

42 **GOALS**
Most goals

76 **GOALS**
Most goals
both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	37:18 (17:10) v Astrakhanochka RUS (h), 11.02.2017
Biggest defeat	34:17 (13:10) v Mar El Osito L'Eliana ESP (a), 25.01.1998
Longest winning run	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)
	7 matches (10.11.2018 – 03.03.2019)
	7 matches (06.10.2019 – 25.01.2020)
Longest unbeaten run	6 matches (11.01.2003 – 01.11.2008)
Longest losing run	8 matches (10.11.1996 – 15.11.1997)
Longest run without win	8 matches (04.02.2012 – 12.10.2013)
Most goals	42 v HC Vardar MKD 42:28W (h), 05.03.2017
Most goals opponent	38 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019
Most goals both teams	76 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 38:38D (a), 20.10.2019
Fewest goals	14 v Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 27:14L (a), 17.11.1996
Fewest goals opponent	17 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996
	17 v Vipers Kristiansand NOR 26:17W (h), 03.11.2019
Fewest goals both teams	33 v Byasen Trondheim NOR 16:17L (h), 10.11.1996

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
1996/97 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	0	2	4	108:137	-29	2:10	4th Gr. C	
1997/98 ASPTT Metz HB FRA	6	1	1	4	135:166	-31	3:9	4th Gr. B	
1999/00 ASPTT Metz FRA	6	3	0	3	130:121	+9	6:6	3rd Gr. A	
2002/03 Handball Metz Metropole FRA	6	1	0	5	142:176	-34	2:10	4th Gr. D	
2008/09 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	0	4	173:188	-15	4:8	3rd Gr. D	
2009/10 Metz Handball FRA	6	2	1	3	163:174	-11	5:7	3rd Gr. B	
2011/12 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	298:322	-24	7:17	4th MR Gr. 2	
2013/14 Metz Handball FRA	6	3	0	3	149:144	+5	6:6	3rd Gr. C	
2014/15 Metz Handball FRA	12	3	1	8	305:318	-13	7:17	5th MR Gr. 2	
2016/17 Metz Handball FRA	14	8	0	6	376:338	+38	16:12	Quarter-final	
2017/18 Metz Handball FRA	14	10	0	4	372:354	+18	20:8	Quarter-final	
2018/19 Metz Handball FRA	16	11	1	4	470:389	+81	23:9	Fourth Place	
2019/20 Metz Handball FRA	12	7	3	2	361:321	+40	17:7	Quarter-final*	
2020/21 Metz Handball FRA	18	12	1	5	459:414	+45	25:11	Quarter-final	
Total:	140	66	11	63	3641:3562	+79	143:137		

* Quarter-finals and DELO WOMEN'S EHF FINAL4 cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Emmanuel Mayonnade

Coach

 @mayonnade_manu

- reached the DELO's EHF FINAL4 in 2019 as the second ever French coach
- elected best coach in the All-Star Team 2019/20 season
- started coaching at 23 in Mios, a club he only left ten years later when it suffered bankruptcy
- took the reins of the Dutch national team in March 2019, winning the world title a couple of months later

WCh: G 2019

Arrivals

Chloé Valentini (Besançon)
Bruna De Paula (Nantes)
Tamara Horacek (Siófok KC)

Departures

Daphné Gautschi (Neckarsulmer Sport-Union)
Manon Houette (Bourg de Péage)
Tjasa Stanko (RK Krim Mercator)
Dinah Eckerle (Team Esbjerg)
Marie-Hélène Sajka (Paris 92)
Maud-Eva Copy (Noisy-le-Grand)
Ailly Luciano (Retirement)
Yvette Broch (CSM Bucuresti)
Julie Le Blévec (Fleury)
Audrey Dembélé (Besançon)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
2	Bruna	Almeida De Paula	BRA	Centre Back	26/09/1996	Campestre/BRA	170
2	Emma	Jacques	FRA	Right Back	29/11/2001	Metz, FRA	190
6	Chloe	Valentini	FRA	Left Wing	19/04/1995	Morteau, FRA	165
6	Eve	Barlet	FRA	Left Wing	17/07/2002	Montpellier, FRA	170
8	Camila	Micijevic	CRO	Left Back	08/09/1994	Heidenheim, GER	194
9	Astrid	N'gouan	FRA	Line Player	09/07/1991	Saint Denis, FRA	187
C 10	Meline	Nocandy	FRA	Centre Back	25/02/1998	Saint-Claude, FRA	175
12	Ivana	Kapitanovic	CRO	Goalkeeper	17/09/1994	Split, CRO	183
14	Debbie	Bont	NED	Right Wing	09/12/1990	Edam-Volendam, NED	175
15	Anne	Augustine	FRA	Line Player	10/07/2001	Fort de France, FRA	180
17	Orlane	Kanor	FRA	Left Back	16/06/1997	Les Abymes, FRA	178
19	Louise Katharina	Burgaard	DEN	Right Back	17/10/1992	Esbjerg, DEN	178
20	Meissa	Maurice	FRA	Centre Back	25/02/2002	Nimes, FRA	165
20	Laura	Fauvarque	FRA	Left Back	30/10/2003	FRA	183
21	Laura	Kanor	FRA	Left Wing	16/06/1997	Les Abymes, FRA	175
22	Giulia	Fabbo	ITA	Left Back	26/10/2003	Salerno, ITA	174
23	Zaliata	Mlamali	FRA	Left Wing	23/02/2003	FRA	172
27	Sarah	Bouktit	FRA	Line Player	27/08/2002	MontSaintMartin, FRA	183
29	Lalie	Vernay	FRA	Right Back	29/07/2003	FRA	172
42	Emma	Tucella	FRA	Right Wing	08/01/2004	FRA	168
44	Sitha Laureen	Dembele	FRA	Right Back	10/03/2001	Paris, FRA	182
71	Melanie	Halter	FRA	Goalkeeper	17/06/2002	Schitilgheim, FRA	187
99	Hatadou	Sako	FRA	Goalkeeper	21/10/1995	Tournan en Brie, FRA	172



Hatadou Sako

 @hataaw

Goalkeeper

- has two nationalities, French and Senegalese
- played most of her career in the Senegal national team before choosing to call it a day in March 2021
- before joining Metz in 2020, played for Nice from 2016 to 2020
- delivered stellar performances for her first CL season in 2020/21



Chloé Valentini

 @chloppette

Left wing

- after playing for eight seasons in Besançon, moved to Metz in the summer of 2021
- played her first two competitions in the national team in 2020/21, and came back with two medals
- part of the new talented French handball generation, along with Laura Flippes, Meline Nocandy and Orlane Kanor

EURO : S 2020, OG : G 2020



Camila Micijevic

 @canabezmana

Left back

- born in Germany, after her Bosnian parents fled out of the country to escape the war in the mid-90s
- came back to Bosnia at the start of the 2000s with her parents before starting playing handball
- joined Metz in 2020 after playing for four seasons in Hungary
- one of the leaders of the Croatian national team which won bronze at the EHF EURO 2020

EHF EURO: B 2020



Meline Nocandy

 @meline_nocandy

Centre back

- one of the talents to come out of Metz' junior team
- born on the same island (Guadeloupe) as the Kanor sisters, who are her best friends outside of the arena
- enjoyed her first national team games at 21, before taking part in the World Championship 2019, her first major international event
- her speed and one versus one abilities make her one of Metz' biggest offensive threats

OG: G 2020



Astride N'Gouan

 @astride_ngouan

Line player

- young French line player, arrived in Metz in 2018 to replace Laurisa Landré
- given a more prominent role in the team after the departure of Beatrice Edwige
- was captain and a key defensive player with her former side, Brest
- also has CL experience with Issy Paris Hand, from the 2012/13 season

EURO: G 2018, B 2016; OG: S 2016; WCh: G 2017



Louise Burggaard

 @louiburggaard

Right back

- made debut in Danish league at age 17 with KIF Vejen; in Danish national team at 19
- also played for Holstebro, Viborg and Herning-Ikast (formerly known as Midtjylland)
- played CL with all her three Danish clubs and won Cup Winners' Cup with Viborg
- one of several Danish players to have moved to France in the summer of 2019

EC trophies: CWC 2014



Debbie Bont

 @debbiebont

Right wing

- signed for Metz in 2020, after playing in the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark
- one of the most experienced Dutch players, making her debut in the national team when she was only 19, with over 180 matches and 350 goals scored
- cited her decision to sign for Metz was also influenced by being coached by Emmanuel Mayonnade, the Dutch women's national team coach

WCh: G 2019, S 2015, B 2017, EHF EURO: S 2016, B 2018



Ivana Kapitanovic

 @ivana_kapitanovic

Goalkeeper

- joined Metz in 2018 from her only previous club, Podravka
- enters her fourth EHF CL season with Metz, her 13th in career
- one of her great friends, Camila Micijevic, joined her in France in 2020/21
- Croatian handball player of the year in 2019
- missed out EHF EURO 2020 where Croatia won bronze due to ACL injury

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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white-red-black
Player short: white-red black
GK shirt: black-blue-yellow

Dark

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



Playing hall

Kastamonu Sports Hall
İnönü, Mah, Alparslan Türkeş
Blv. 13/1
37150 Kastamonu Merkez
Turkey
Capacity: 4,000

KASTAMONU BELEDİYESİ GSK



In recent years, newcomers had their share of glory in the DELO EHF Champions League, with CSM Bucuresti winning the title in 2015/16 and CSKA securing a DELO EHF FINAL4 berth last season.

This season, the 43rd team to enter the European premium competition is setting the bar high as Kastamonu Belediyesi Gençlik ve Spor Kulübü become the first Turkish side to appear in the Champions League group phase.

Already an experienced side with a Turkish core led by iconic playmaker Serpil Iskenderoglu, Kastamonu ushered in four Montenegrin players from Buducnost BEMAX, including the second-best scorer at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Jovanka Radicevic.

Main facts

- Kastamonu are the first Turkish side to play in the group phase, after they lost in qualification twice in recent years
- the Turkish champions were runners-up in the Challenge Cup in 2016 and reached the semi-finals of the EHF Cup in 2018
- four Montenegrin players – Jovanka Radicevic, Majda Mehmedovic, Milena Raicevic and Marina Rajcic – have been brought in to strengthen the squad
- Romanian coach Costica Buceschi, who led CS Minaur Baia Mare to the EHF Finals last season, has replaced Helle Thomsen at Kastamonu

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 3
Qualification (2): 2017/18, 2019/20

Other

EHF European League: Group Phase: 2020/21
EHF Cup: Semi-finals: 2017/18, Quarter-finals: 2019/20
Challenge Cup: Finalists: 2015/16

National league (4): 2017, 2019-21



I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win

It is the club's first season in the EHF CL

Biggest defeat

Longest winning run

Longest unbeaten run

Longest losing run

Longest run without win

Most goals

Most goals opponent

Most goals both teams

Fewest goals

Fewest goals opponent

Fewest goals both teams

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
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It is the club's first season in the EHF CL.



Costica Buceschi

Coach

- joined the Turkish club in the summer of 2021 replacing Helle Thomsen
- previously coached five teams in the Romanian league, including the men's team of Baia Mare
- also worked as assistant coach at the Romanian women's national team in 2019, under Tomas Ryde
- led Baia Mare to their only national title in 2014 but the club parted ways with him later that year
- his daughter, Eliza, plays handball for Rapid Bucuresti and the Romanian national team, while his wife, Carmen, played for Baia Mare

Arrivals

Jovanka Radicevic (Buducnost BEMAX)
 Majda Mehmedovic (Buducnost BEMAX)
 Milena Raicevic (Buducnost BEMAX)
 Marina Rajcic (Buducnost BEMAX)
 Cansu Akalin (Muratpaşa Belediyesi SK)
 Yağmur Toprak (Muratpaşa Belediyesi SK)
 Costica Buceschi (coach, CS Minaur Baia Mare)
 Ruth Joao Francisco

Departures

Amanda Kurtovic (HC Dunarea Braila)
 Beyza İrem Türkoğlu (Team Esbjerg)
 Alena Ikhneva (Konyaaltı Belediyesi SK)
 Amra Pandzic (CS Minaur Baia Mare)
 Ana Kojic (Mosonmagyaróvár)
 Ekaterina Vetkova (unknown)
 Julia Eriksson (unknown)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Marina	Rajcic	MNE	Goalkeeper	24/08/1993	Podgorica, MNE	178
4	Jovanka	Radicevic	MNE	Right Wing	23/10/1986	Podgorica, MNE	169
6	Kübra	Sarikaya	TUR	Left Wing	14/10/1996	Istanbul, TUR	166
8	Cansu	Akalain	TUR	Line Player	25/08/1998	Ankara, TUR	178
10	Elif Sila	Aydin	TUR	Left Wing	11/04/1996	Ankara, TUR	172
C 13	Serpil	Iskenderoglu	TUR	Centre Back	15/07/1982	Istanbul, TUR	167
18	Nina	Zulic	SLO	Centre Back	04/12/1995	Ljubljana, SLO	170
21	Betül	Yilmaz	TUR	Left Back	31/10/1988	Gebze, TUR	178
29	Birgül	Tuzsuz	TUR	Line Player	02/04/2002	Kastamonu, TUR	173
35	Yagmur	Toprak	TUR	Right Wing	22/02/1992	Urla, TUR	160
35	Halime	Islamoglu	TUR	Goalkeeper	10/09/1993	Izmir, TUR	174
37	Ceren	Coskun	TUR	Line Player	23/02/1992	Amasya, TUR	171
48	Sára	Kovárová	CZE	Right Back	09/02/1999	Písek, CZE	175
58	Merve	Durdu	TUR	Goalkeeper	15/04/1996	Sivas, TUR	180
77	Majda	Mehmedovic	MNE	Left Wing	25/05/1990	Bar, MNE	169
88	Ruth	Joao Francisco	ANG	Line Player	17/10/1998	Luanda, ANG	189
90	Milena	Raicevic	MNE	Back	12/03/1990	Podgorica, MNE	178



Marina Rajcic

 @marinarajcic1

Goalkeeper

- joined from Buducnost in summer 2021 after three years in Montenegro
- other than Buducnost, she played for Metz where she joined her sister
- started her professional career in Podgorica in 2009
- made national team debut aged 16 and, at 18, was youngest player at 2012 Olympics
- best young player in Montenegro and best goalkeeper of Junior WCh in 2010

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012



Majda Mehmedovic

 @majdamehmedovic77

Left wing

- started playing handball in Buducnost where she spent most of her career
- came to Kastamonu in summer 2021, her only other international experience was CSM from 2016 until 2019
- player of Montenegro national team winning silver at the Olympic Games in 2012
- her first CL appearance was in 2008/09, her personal best are 55 goals in 2020/21
- part of All-star team at the EHF EURO 2018

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010
EHF EURO: G 2012; OG S 2012



Milena Raicevic

 @mraicevic90

Left back

- joined Kastamonu in summer 2021 from Buducnost where she spent her entire career
- two times EHF CL winner with Buducnost, in 2012 and 2015
- voted Player of the Year in Montenegro twice, and Best Young Player in 2012
- her sister Dragana also plays handball, brother Ivan is a professional football player

EC trophies: CL 2012, 2015; Cup Winners' Cup 2010
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012



Serpil Iskenderoglu

 @serpiliskenderoglu

Centre back

- her first steps in professional handball were in Ankara at age 15, joined Kastamonu in 2015
- one of the most experienced players in Turkey and most decorated player with many titles
- played most of her career in Turkey - Anadolu, Üsküdar B. S. K. Istanbul, Izmir and Muratpasa Belediyesi GSK
- her only international club was Nürnberg in 2006/07 where she was top scorer of the Bundesliga
- played for Turkey in more than 300 matches
- played two Challenge Cup finals with two different Turkish teams in 2012 and 2016



Ceren Demirçelen

 @cerendemircelen

Line player

- entered senior handball in 2010 playing for Kastamonu Univeristy
- in 2012 joined the club now know as Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK
- part of Turkey national team, first apperance in 2015 WCH qualifiers



Sára Kovářová

 @sarinka_kovarova

Right back

- joined Kastamonu in 2020 from DHK Banik Most
- member of the Czech national team, was part of the EHF EURO 2018
- at age 17 was called one of the country's biggest talents and moved from her maiden club Sokol Pisek to Banik Most



Jovanka Radicevic

 @radicevicjoksi4

Right wing

- born in Podgorica, started playing handball at age of 12
- one of four players that came from Buducnost in the summer 2021
- also played for Győr, Vardar and CSM
- best right wing at the EHF EURO 2012 and WCh 2015
- finished the 2020/21 season with 94 goals making her the team's top scorer

EC trophies: CL 2013
EURO: G 2012; OG: S 2012



Nina Zulic

 @ninazulic

Centre back

- made her debut in the CL when she was only 18, scored 124 goals in six seasons for RK Krim Mercator in the European premium competition
- this is her first-ever experience outside Slovenia, having signed for Kastamonu in 2020
- has played for the Slovenian national team at every major tournament since the EHF EURO 2016, scored four times at the EHF EURO 2020
- named the best player in the Slovenian league in the 2019/2020 season, when she scored 57 goals in the competition

GROUP B



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Partille Arena
Arenatorget 2
43322 Partille
Sweden
Capacity: 4,500

IK SÄVEHOF



Sweden's traditional contenders in the DELO EHF Champions League are back in the big time after a year's absence and although their focus will be on making this season a learning experience, IK Sävehof's squad features some top international talent alongside an exciting young crop of players.

Main facts

- despite missing out on the Swedish title last season, Sävehof were granted a place in Europe's top flight
- with four appearances in the main round since 2013/14, the Swedish club are regulars at this level
- a new-look team will be focused on development after a season away from international competition
- Angelica Wallén returns to Sweden after four seasons in Denmark as one of Sävehof's marquee signings, alongside Dutch international Tamara Haggerty

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2021/22 season): 12
Main Round (4): 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2019/20
Group Matches (4): 2007/08, 2010/11, 2012/13, 2018/19
Qualification (2): 2006/07, 2011/12

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16: 2011/12

Swedish league: 14 titles (1993, 2000, 2006-07, 2009-16, 2018-19)



4 **MATCHES**
Longest unbeaten run

36 **GOALS**
Most goals

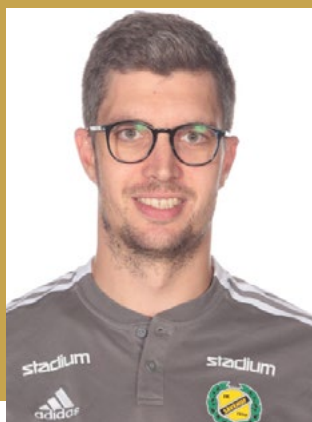
17 **GOALS**
Fewest goals opponent

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB RECORDS

Biggest win	21:34 (10:17) v MKS Selgros Lublin POL (a), 30.10.2015
Biggest defeat	21:38 (8:20) v Györi Audi ETO KC (h), 26.10.2014
Longest winning run	3 matches (12.10.2013 – 03.11.2013)
Longest unbeaten run	4 matches (12.10.2013 – 10.11.2013)
Longest losing run	12 matches (12.01.2008 – 11.11.2012)
Longest run without win	15 matches (10.11.2013 – 06.02.2015)
Most goals	36 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007
Most goals opponent	39 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012
	39 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 27:39L (h), 21.10.2018
Most goals both teams	70 v 1. FC Nürnberg GER 36:34W (h), 11.11.2007
	70 v Viborg HK DEN 37:33L (a), 14.11.2010
	70 v Larvik NOR 39:31L (a), 13.10.2012
	70 v Larvik NOR 32:38L (h), 13.11.2016
Fewest goals	17 v Larvik NOR 25:17L (a), 14.03.2015
	17 v CSM Bucuresti ROU 17:28L (h), 23.10.2015
	17 v SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU 17:23L (h), 02.02.2020
	17 v Brest Bretagne Handball FRA 17:29L (h), 08.03.2020
Fewest goals opponent	19 v DHK Banik Most CZE 24:19W (h), 02.11.2019
Fewest goals both teams	40 v SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU 17:23L (h), 02.02.2020

I EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RECORD

	MP	W	T	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Stage
2007/08 IK Sävehof SWE	6	1	1	4	172:191	-19	3:9	4th Gr. B	
2010/11 IK Sävehof SWE	6	0	0	6	163:212	-49	0:12	4th Gr. A	
2012/13 IK Sävehof SWE	6	1	0	5	174:192	-18	2:10	4th Gr. C	
2013/14 IK Sävehof SWE	12	3	3	6	318:339	-21	9:15	4th MR Gr. 1	
2014/15 IK Sävehof SWE	12	1	3	8	279:345	-66	5:19	5th MR Gr. 2	
2015/16 IK Sävehof SWE	12	3	0	9	286: 331	-45	6:18	6th MR Gr. 2	
2016/17 IK Sävehof SWE	6	2	0	4	150: 170	-20	4:8	4th Gr. D	
2018/19 IK Sävehof SWE	6	0	0	6	144: 204	-60	0:12	4th Gr. B	
2019/20 IK Sävehof SWE	12	2	1	9	273:340	-67	5:19	6th MR Gr. 2	
Total:	78	13	8	57	1959:2324	-365	34:122		



Rasmus Overby

Coach

 @RasmusOverby

- one of the youngest coaches in the CL became Sävehof head coach in the summer of 2018
- replaced Henrik Signell, who wanted to focus entirely on his job as Swedish national coach
- in his playing career, he was a centre back with various Danish league clubs, played in Viborg HK and FC Copenhagen, where he participated in the CL in every season from 2007 to 2010
- lives together with former Sävehof playmaker Johanna Ahlm and their son Theodor

Arrivals

Tamara Haggerty (TuS Metzingen)
 Angelica Wallén (Odense Handblod)
 Frida Rosell (VästeråsIrsta)

Departures

Linnea Pettersson (HSG Blomberg-Lippe)
 Nina Dano (Horsens)
 Ida Lagerbon (Chambray Touraine)
 Louise Rundcrantz (HK Aranäs)
 Thess Krönell (TuS Metzingen)

I TEAM ROSTER

No.	First name	Surname	Nat.	Position	Date of birth	Place of birth	Height
1	Sofie	Börjesson	SWE	Goalkeeper	31/05/1997	Uddevalla, SWE	186
2	Ida	Rahunen Sembe	SWE	Right Wing	16/09/2002	Partile, SWE	168
3	Stella	Huselius	SWE	Left Wing	22/07/2004	St Görans Stockholm, SWE	173
C 5	Mathilda	Lundström	SWE	Right Wing	20/12/1996	Stockholm, SWE	164
6	Trine Wacker	Mortensen	DEN	Left Wing	14/09/1994	Ringsted, DEN	170
7	Elin	Liljeros Heikka	SWE	Left Back	03/07/2002	Härryda, SWE	176
8	Jamina	Roberts	SWE	Left Back	28/05/1990	Bergsjön, SWE	176
9	Nina	Koppang	SWE	Right Back	31/05/2002	Vadstena, SWE	177
11	Ellenor	Åström Nilsson	SWE	Centre Back	05/02/1994	Västerås, SWE	176
12	Line	Bergfeldt	SWE	Goalkeeper	07/11/2004	Härlanda, SWE	175
15	Linn	Johansson	SWE	Line Player	15/07/2002	Lerum, SWE	176
16	Wilma	Kroon Andersson	SWE	Goalkeeper	14/07/1998	N Lundby, SWE	179
18	Laura Cecilie	Jensen	DEN	Centre Back	02/05/1999	Billund, DEN	171
20	Thea	Blomst	SWE	Line Player	27/08/2002	Partille, SWE	182
21	Maja	Appelgren	SWE	Centre Back	24/10/2003	Eskilstuna, SWE	169
23	Linn	Andersson	SWE	Left Wing	08/08/2001	Nylöse, SWE	169
29	Frida	Rosell	SWE	Centre Back	06/05/1999	Stockholm, SWE	177
30	Cassandra	Rosenquist	SWE	Goalkeeper	05/01/2004	Hammarby, SWE	177
31	Tindra	Carlsson	SWE	Right Back	16/05/2004	Bollebygd, SWE	176
32	Irma Wester	Kocanovic	SWE	Left Back	13/05/2003	Hjo, SWE	174
33	Madeleine	Rehnberg	SWE	Right Back	22/05/2004	Norrstrand, SWE	175
34	Thea	Kylberg	SWE	Right Back	20/06/2004	Sofia, SWE	183
35	Elin	Ernelind	SWE	Left Wing	20/05/2003	Henstedt Ulzburg, SWE	168
39	Angelica	Wallén	SWE	Centre Back	11/04/1986	Skön, SWE	172
55	Tamara	Haggerty	NED	Line Player	29/04/1996	Haarlem, NED	178



Sofie Borjesson

 @sofieborjesson

Goalkeeper

- has been playing for Sävehof since 2019, has spent all her playing career in Sweden
- still waiting to make her debut for the Swedish women's national team, after being called up in 2020, as the matches were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- won the Youth ECh with Sweden in 2013 and got the bronze medal at the Junior WCh in 2015



Stella Huselius

 @stellahuselius

Left wing

- at only 17, one of the youngest players in the CL this season
- signed her first professional contract in June, with Sävehof
- her father, Kristian, played 686 games in the NHL and was one of the most recognised Swedish hockey players ever
- has a younger sister, Nova, who is also playing handball



Jamina Roberts

 @jamaroberts

Left back

- started her career at Sävehof, played for Team Tvis Holstebro, Érd and Randers, before coming back to Sweden to have her third stint at Sävehof
- born to an Aruban father and Swedish mother in Gothenburg. Her father was a sailor and started a career in bodybuilding after settling in Sweden
- gave birth to her first child in August 2020 and played her first game only weeks after
- in a relationship with former player, Emil Berggren, who is now working as a sporting director at Sävehof

EHF EURO: S 2010, B 2014



Laura Cecilie Jensen

 @lauraceciliejensen_

Centre back

- has already played two seasons in the CL
- was plying her trade for Danish side Herning-Ikast Handbold
- in her second season at Sävehof, after signing from TTH Holstebro



Angelica Wallén

 @angelicawallen

Centre back

- born in 1986, one of the most experienced players in Sävehof's roster, having won the Danish league once and the Danish Cup twice, with stints in Denmark and France
- part of the Swedish team who won the silver medal at the EHF EURO 2010, played at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games
- worked as a real estate agent in the past, has been a successful blogger about her career
- has also worked as a scout in Swedish handball, uncovering several promising talents

EHF EURO: S 2010



Tamara Haggerty

 @tamarahaggerty5

Line player

- at her first experience in Sweden, after plying her trade for teams in the Netherlands and Germany
- has played six games for the Dutch national team, but is yet to be called up for a major tournament
- 2021/22 is her first season in the CL, after scoring 18 goals for Metzingen in the EHF Cup 2018/19



Nina Koppang

 @ninakoppang

Right back

- one of the youngest players in Sävehof's roster, she was born in 2002
- has also played football until 2019, when she started focusing on handball
- played for the Swedish Under 16 national football team, but has also been named the All-Star right back at the Women's 17 EHF EURO in 2021
- made her debut for the national team in April 2021
- she is a half-sister of Swedish football player Stina Blacktenius



Mathilda Lundström

 @mathildalundstrom

Right wing

- signed for Sävehof in 2020, after playing all her career in Sweden, for Huddinge, Sparvagens and Skuru
- has scored 43 goals in 42 matches for the Swedish women's national team
- has also worked as a part-time cashier and barista in several restaurants
- has been studying at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm
- started to play handball when she was seven, training outside, in mud and slush

I IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO OR MORE TEAMS HAVE THE SAME NUMBER OF POINTS

All matches of the DELO EHF Champions League 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.

GROUP PHASE

If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

During the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

After completion of the group if two teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of the two teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the away match of the two teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

After completion of the group if three or more teams have scored the same number of points:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) higher number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) higher number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in the group phase matches
- g) greater number of points in the group phase

* If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

* If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

QUARTER-FINALS

If, after completion of the two matches, both teams 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) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

RULES FOR EXECUTION OF PENALTY THROWS

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match 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 play 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 scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, 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.

- Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.

- Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.

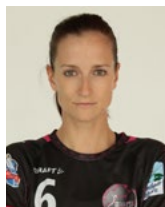
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.

- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.



HISTORY AND FUTURE

I 2020/21 TOP SCORERS



135 goals

Ana Gros

Brest Bretagne Handball

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Ana Gros (SLO)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	135
2	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	115
3	Veronica Kristiansen (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	97
4	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	94
5	Dejana Milosavljevic (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	88
	Henny Reistad (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	88
7	Stine Oftedal (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	87
8	Lois Abbingh (NED)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	84
	Estelle Nze Minko (FRA)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	84
10	Mette Tranborg (DEN)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	77
11	Ekaterina Illina (RUS)	CSKA (RUS)	74
12	Nora Mørk (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	72
13	Iuliia Managarova (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	71
14	Darya Dmitrieva (RUS)	CSKA (RUS)	70
	Allison Pineau (FRA)	Buducnost (MNE)	70
16	Angela Malestein (NED)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	69
17	Katrin Klujber (HUN)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	68
	Barbara Lazovic (SLO)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	68
	Viktória Lukács (HUN)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	68
20	Samara Da Silva Vieira (BRA)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	67
21	Oceane Sercien Ugolin (FRA)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	65
	Polina Vedekhina (RUS)	CSKA (RUS)	65
23	Djurdjina Jaukovic (MNE)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	63
24	Kim Naidzinavicius (GER)	SG BBM Bietigheim (GER)	62
25	Matea Pletikosic (MNE)	RK Krim Mercator (SLO)	61
	Antonina Skorobogatchenko (RUS)	CSKA (RUS)	61

ALL-STAR TEAM 2020/21



PREVIOUS ALL-STAR TEAMS OVERVIEW

S	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
GK	Clara Woltering (Buducnost)	Sandra Toft (Larvik)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Kari Grimsbø (Győr)	Katrine Lunde (Vipers)	Amandine Leynaud (Győr)
LW	Majda Mehmedovic (Buducnost)	Siraba Dembele (Vardar)	Aniko Kovacsics (Győr)	Camilla Herrem (Vardar)	Siraba Dembele (Rostov-Don)	Manon Houette (Metz)	Sanna Solberg (Esbjerg)
LB	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Buducnost)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)	Anne Mette Hansen (Győr)	Cristina Neagu (Bucuresti)
CB	Anita Görbicz (Győr)	Aniko Kovacsics (Győr)	Nycke Groot (Győr)	Nycke Groot (Győr)	Veronica Kristiansen (Midtjylland)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)	Stine Oftedal (Győr)
LP	Ana Dokic (Vardar)	Heidi Løke (Győr)	Heidi Løke (Győr)	Marit Malm Frafjord (Larvik)	Dragana Cvijic (Vardar)	Crina Pintea (Győr)	Asma Elghaoui (Valcea)
RB	Katarina Bulatovic (Győr)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Nora Mørk (Larvik)	Ana Gros (Metz)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)	Anna Vyakhireva (Rostov-Don)
RW	Jovanka Radicevic (Vardar)	Linn-Kristin Riegelhuth-Koren (Larvik)	Jovanka Radicevic (Vardar)	Carmen Martin (Bucuresti)	Iulija Managarova (Rostov-Don)	Jovanka Radicevic (Bucuresti)	Jovanka Radicevic (Bucuresti)
< 23	Fie Woller (Midtjylland)	Eliza Buceschi (Baia Mare)	Luca Szekercs (FTC)	Blanka Biro (FTC)	Tjasa Stanko (Krim)	Noemi Hafra (FTC)	Noemi Hafra (FTC)
DEF	Suzana Lazovic (Buducnost)	Dorina Korsos (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Zsuzsanna Tomori (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)	Eduarda Amorim (Győr)
C	N/A	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Ambros Martin (Győr)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz)	Emmanuel Mayonnade (Metz)

I PAST WINNERS

Year	Club	Nation
2021	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2020	<i>no title awarded due to Covid-19 pandemic</i>	
2019	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2018	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2017	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2016	CSM Bucuresti	ROU
2015	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2014	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2013	Györi Audi ETO KC	HUN
2012	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2011	Larvik HK	NOR
2010	Viborg A/S	DEN
2009	Viborg A/S	DEN
2008	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
2007	Slagelse FH	DEN
2006	Viborg A/S	DEN
2005	Slagelse FH	DEN
2004	Slagelse FH	DEN
2003	Krim Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
2002	Kometal Skopje	MKD
2001	Krim Neutro Roberts Ljubljana	SLO
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1999	Dunaferr SE	HUN
1998	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1997	Mar El Osito L'Eliana Valencia	ESP
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT

I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2021

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	236	176	19	41	6819:5783	+1036	371:101	(18)	78,60%
2	Buducnost BEMAX MNE	276	149	24	103	7299:6982	+317	322:230	(26)	58,33%
3	RK Krim Mercator SLO	266	119	17	130	7057:7140	-83	255:277	(26)	47,93%
4	Hypo Niederösterreich AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252*:144	(23)	63,64%
5	Larvik HK NOR	202	115	10	77	5424:5072	+352	240:164	(20)	59,41%
6	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	188	96	14	78	5179:5058	+121	206:170	(20)	54,79%
7	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
8	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	146	72	9	65	3769:3688	+81	153:139	(13)	52,40%
9	Metz Handball FRA	140	66	11	63	3641:3562	+79	143:137	(15)	51,07%
10	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
11	Rostov-Don RUS	82	55	6	21	2208:1987	+221	116:48	(7)	70,73%
12	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	152	54	8	90	3797:4127	-330	116:188	(22)	38,16%
13	CSM Bucuresti ROU	92	53	6	33	2448:2278	+170	112:72	(7)	60,87%
14	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%
15	FC Midtjylland DEN	110	48	8	54	2794:2828	-34	104:116	(10)	47,27%
16	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%
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	Dunafer 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	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	54	25	5	24	1450:1416	+34	55:53	(5)	50,93%
23	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	50	22	10	18	1402:1334	+68	54:46	(5)	54,00%
24	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%
25	HC Leipzig GER	72	20	3	49	1792:2025	-233	43:101	(9)	29,86%
28	Team Esbjerg DEN	40	17	3	20	1085:1070	+15	37:43	(4)	46,25%
29	IK Sävehof SWE	78	13	8	57	1959:2324	-365	34:122	(10)	21,80%
32	CSKA RUS	20	13	1	6	553:512	+41	27:13	(2)	67,50%
33	Odense Håndbold DEN	30	12	3	15	801:812	-11	27:33	(3)	45,00%
49	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund GER	16	4	1	11	347:411	-64	9:23	(2)	28,13%
NR	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK TUR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	N/A

* = point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

ALL-TIME STATS OF THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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Ferencváros Budapest HUN vs Anagninisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997

Biggest wins

- 25 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 22 Dunaferre SE HUN vs GAS Anagninisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999

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Ferencváros Budapest HUN vs Anagninisi Artas GRE 42:16 (19:7), 18.01.1997

Biggest home wins

- 22 Dunaferre SE HUN vs GAS Anagninisi Artas GRE 41:19 (17:9), 07.11.1999
- 21 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 17.02.2011
- 21 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 37:16 (17:9), 08.11.2015

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Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019

Biggest away wins

- 23 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 19 Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU @ Buxtehuder SV GER 15:34 (6:14), 20.10.2012

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Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO vs Anagninisi Artas GRE 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997

Biggest lead at half-time

- 15 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS vs RK Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 15 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 14 CS 'Oltchim' Rm. Valcea ROU vs 1. FC Nürnberg GER 39:27 (23:9), 07.03.2008
- 14 FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN @ Dinamo Volgograd RUS 21:37 (9:23), 14.10.2012

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WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator SLO 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015

Most goals

- 46 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN @ DHK Banik Most CZE 21:46 (13:23), 13.10.2019
- 45 HC Vardar MKD @ HC Leipzig GER 22:45 (9:22), 19.11.2016
- 43 HC Lada Togliatti RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007
- 43 Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO 43:28 (17:16), 19.09.2020

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HC Lada Togliatti RUS vs Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR 43:39 (22:19), 18.02.2007

Most goals both teams

- 76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Buducnost MNE 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011
- 76 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs WHC Vardar SCBT MKD 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 76 Vipers Kristiansand NOR vs Metz Handball FRA 38:38 (17:21), 20.10.2019

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Granicar Djurdjevac CRO @ Viborg HK DEN 27:10 (12:5), 05.01.1997

Fewest goals

- 12 Anagninisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997
- 12 Kometal Dj. P. Skopje MKD @ Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 26:12 (12:6), 21.02.1998
- 12 Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 12 Slagelse DT DEN vs Viborg HK A/S DEN 12:22 (7:12), 23.02.2008

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HYPONiederösterreich AUT vs Podravka Koprivnica CRO 17:13 (9:7), 04.05.1996

Fewest goals both teams

- 31 Viborg HK DEN vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 15:16 (7:9), 04.01.1998
- 32 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 32 Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 32* WHC Vardar SCBT MKD vs Buducnost MNE 20:22 (6:11, 16:16), 03.05.2014

* after regular time

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Byasen HB Elite Trondheim NOR vs ZRK Buducnost T-Mobile MNE 27:26 (10:18), 25.02.2007

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to win a game

- 6 Montex Lublin POL @ Henzo Swift Roermond NED 22:23 (16:10), 26.01.1997
- 6 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN vs Buducnost MNE 29:28 (9:15), 13.03.2021

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RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Viborg HK DEN 28:28 (16:9), 29.10.2011

Biggest deficit overcome after losing first half to draw a game

- 7 Brest Bretagne Handball FRA vs Buducnost MNE 28:28 (11:18), 17.01.2021
- 6 Ferrobuss KU Mislata ESP vs Baekkelagets SK NOR 26:26 (10:16), 21.01.2001
- 6 Györi Graboplast ETO HUN vs RK Krim Neutro SLO 21:21 (7:13), 28.01.2001
- 6 Larvik NOR @ Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP 19:19 (12:6), 25.02.2012
- 6 Thüringer HC GER @ CSM Bucuresti ROU 23:23 (14:8), 08.03.2019

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Györi Audi ETO KC HUN vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 2nd half 43:28 (17:16), 19.09.2020

Most goals in one half

- 24 HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007
- 24 RK Krim Mercator SLO @ Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS – 2nd half 36:31 (22:7), 09.11.2007
- 24 Larvik NOR vs Dinamo RUS – 1st half 41:20 (24:9), 12.02.2011
- 24 WHC Vardar SCBT MKD @ RK Krim Mercator – 1st half 29:47 (12:24), 06.03.2015
- 24 FTC-Rail Cargo HUN vs Fleury Loiret Handball FRA – 1st half 36:23 (24:12), 22.11.2015
- 24 Metz Handball FRA vs HC Podravka Vegeta CRO – 1st half 40:26 (24:13), 06.10.2019

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HC Leipzig GER vs Viborg HK A/S DEN – 2nd half 35:37 (11:16), 11.02.2007

Most goals in one half both teams

- 42 1. FC Nürnberg GER vs HC 'Lada Togliatti' RUS – 1st half 31:39 (20:22), 23.02.2008
- 42 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 38:34 (20:22), 15.11.2008
- 42 RK Krim Mercator SLO vs 'Buducnost' MNE – 1st half 36:40 (19:23), 04.03.2011

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Anagennisi Artas GRE @ Krim Electa Ljubljana SLO – 1st half 36:12 (18:3), 25.01.1997

Fewest goals in one half

- 4 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 4 Viborg HK DEN @ Oltchim Valcea ROU – 1st half 22:19 (9:4), 08.11.1997
- 4 Slagelse FH DEN @ Kometal DP Skopje MKD – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005
- 4 FC Midtjylland DEN vs HC Vardar MKD – 2nd half 15:25 (11:12), 08.11.2015
- 4 Glassverket NOR @ Thüringer HC GER – 1st half 24:16 (10:4), 16.10.2016

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Granicar Djurdjevac CRO vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 17:19 (5:6), 25.01.1997

Fewest goals in one half both teams

- 11 Oltchim Valcea ROU vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 2nd half 17:18 (11:13), 10.01.1998
- 12 CB Mar Valencia ESP vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 14:18 (4:8), 20.03.1994
- 12 Podravka Koprivnica CRO vs Hypo Niederösterreich AUT – 1st half 17:14 (6:6), 29.04.1995
- 12 ZRK Buducnost MONET SCG vs Dunaferri SE HUN – 2nd half 16:18 (10:12), 06.02.2005
- 13 Oltchim Valcea ROU vs Viborg HK DEN – 1st half 22:19 (9:4), 08.11.1997
- 13 Kometal DP Skopje MKD vs Slagelse FH DEN – 1st half 20:12 (9:4), 22.01.2005

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Györi Audi ETO KC
(05.02.2018 – 26.01.2019)

Longest winning run

- 15 Larvik (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- 14 Hypo Niederösterreich (22.01.1994 – 26.03.1995)
- 14 Buducnost (23.11.2014 – 01.11.2015)
- 13 Hypo Niederösterreich (20.04.2007 – 15.03.2008)
- 13 Györi Audi ETO KC (13.10.2012 – 06.04.2013)

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Györi Audi ETO KC
(05.02.2018 – 10.04.2021)

Longest unbeaten run

- 22 Györi Audi ETO KC (05.05.2013 – 23.11.2014)
- 22 Buducnost (19.10.2014 – 20.11.2015)
- 15 Larvik (18.10.2014 – 09.05.2015)
- 14 Hypo Niederösterreich (22.01.1994 – 26.03.1995)

16

RK Krim Mercator
(09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)

Longest losing run

- 15 GAS Anagennisi Artas (09.01.1999 – 17.02.2001)
- 14 MKS Perla Lublin (16.11.2014 – 17.11.2019)
- 14 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.09.2020 – 14.03.2021)
- 13 Orsan Elda Prestigio (19.02.2005 – 16.01.2009)

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Orsan Elda Prestigio
(22.01.2005 – 16.01.2009)

Longest run without a win

- 16 HC Podravka Vegeta (19.10.2013 – 21.11.2015)
- 16 RK Krim Mercator (09.11.2014 – 15.10.2016)
- 15 GAS Anagennisi Artas (09.01.1999 – 17.02.2001)
- 15 IK Sävehof (10.11.2013 – 06.02.2015)
- 15 MKS Perla Lublin (09.11.2014 – 17.11.2019)

I HISTORY: 28 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: 28 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 EHF FINAL4. Györ 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 the season.

2014/15

Larvik vs Buducnost 22:26 (8:14)

After defending champions Györ 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 Montengrin 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 - but this time as opponents. The Spanish coach had taken over at Rostov-Don, leaving his place at Györ to 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 the ever-inspirational Eduarda Amorim and the event's MVP Kari GrimSBø, prevailed in the dramatic finish.

2019/20

No title awarded

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the CL was put on hold after the main round, and the quarter-finals and the EHF FINAL4 were cancelled.

2020/21

Vipers Kristiansand vs Brest Bretagne Handball 34:28 (18:14)

There is a first for everything but few expected Vipers Kristiansand to go all the way following their up-and-down season. But led by DELO EHF FINAL4 MVP Henny Reistad and experienced players like Nora Mørk, Heide Løke and Katrine Lunde, Vipers defeated Brest Bretagne Handball in the final. The French side, with top scorer Ana Gros (135 goals), had ended Györ's stunning 55-match unbeaten run in a dramatic semi-final decided by a penalty shoot-out.

I NEW HOME FOR THE DELO EHF FINAL4 IN THE 2022 EDITION

The DELO EHF FINAL4 is the culmination of the women European club handball season. The two-day event sees the best four teams in Europe playing to decide the ultimate winner of the DELO EHF Champions League.

Introduced in the 2013/14 season and to be played until at least 2024 in Budapest, the decision to follow the format of the men's version of the competition and create a tournament for the final phase was seen as crucial for the growth of women's handball across Europe. The aim was to create a flagship event, one that could compete on the international sports market and make Europe's leading club competition even more attractive to fans, partners and sponsors.

The success of all previous editions of the EHF FINAL4 up to date showed that this format has been the right strategy. It has set new standards in organisation and entertainment; it is not just four games played over two days but a true entertainment event.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the edition in 2020 had to be called off but the whole handball world witnessed a big return of the highlight event in all its glamour on 29/30 May 2021 in Budapest.

The Hungarian capital will remain the event's host when the season will reach its climax on 4-5 June 2022, however this year the four best teams of the continent will compete in a brand new hall. The Budapest Arena will provide state-of-art facilities for the event and also the capacity will be greatly increased to 20,000 seats. The new hall will have its premiere at the Men's EHF EURO 2022.

Full information at: ehffinal4.eurohandball.com

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The accreditation procedure of media representatives for the DELO EHF FINAL4 2022 will start in March 2022



I THE WINNERS' TROPHY AWAITS

Budapest, Papp László Sportaréna - 30 May 2021, 20:00 CEST: Following their surprising win in the DELO EHF Champions League final the players Vipers Kristiansand not only booked their maiden European title but also became the first team to lift the brand new trophy. The ultimate prize for Europe's elite handball clubs has been revealed on the fringes of the start of 2020/21 season and will be seen after final battles also in many seasons to come.

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 with the goal of finding the best possible new trophy design for the EHF Champions League. A Spanish agency based in Barcelona, specialising in the design and production of environmentally responsible trophies came out victorious from the tender.

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 has been a key element in the choice of the winning design. The trophies are each 80 cm high, 57 cm wide and weigh 10 kg.

Also the medals have been designed in a way that resembles the pentagon-shaped panels of the ball's surface.



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