



DRAW INFORMATION

EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23 GROUP PHASE DRAW

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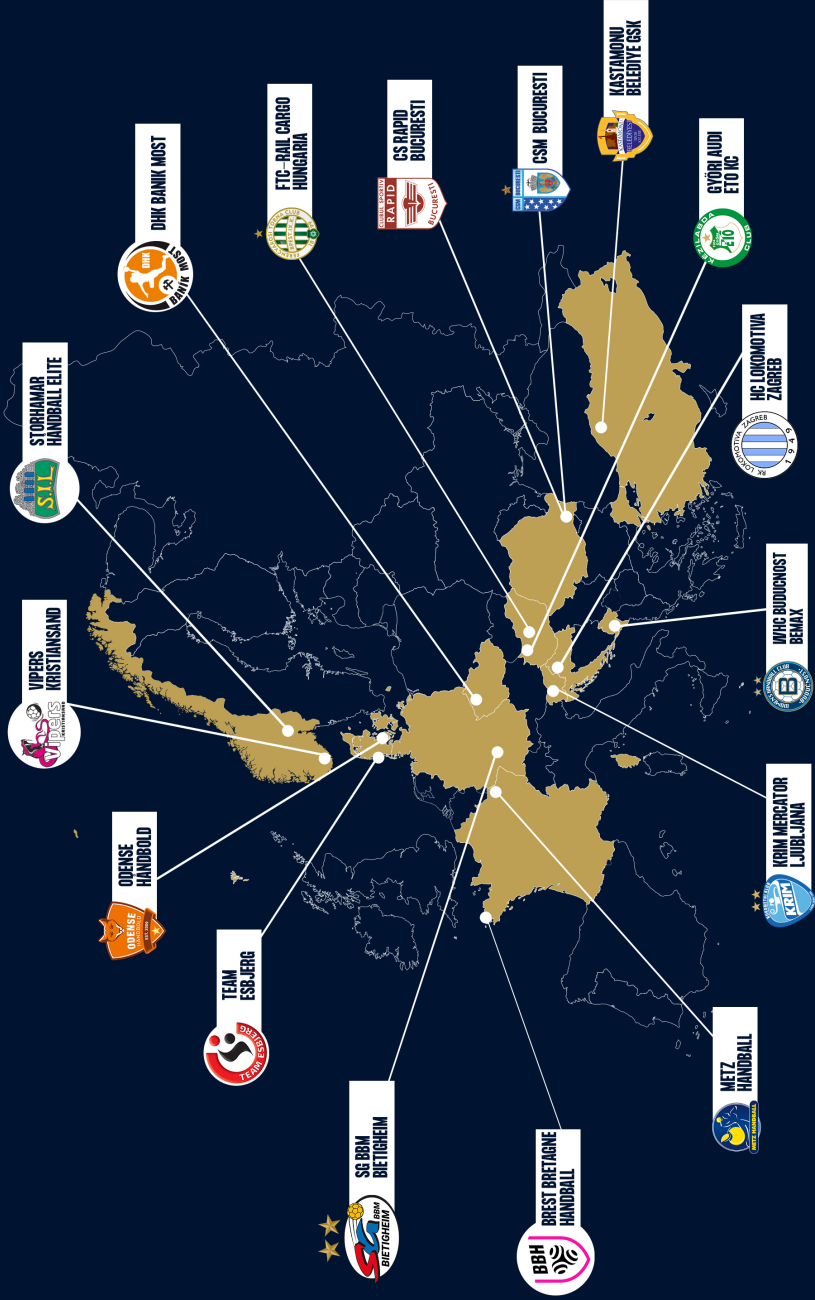
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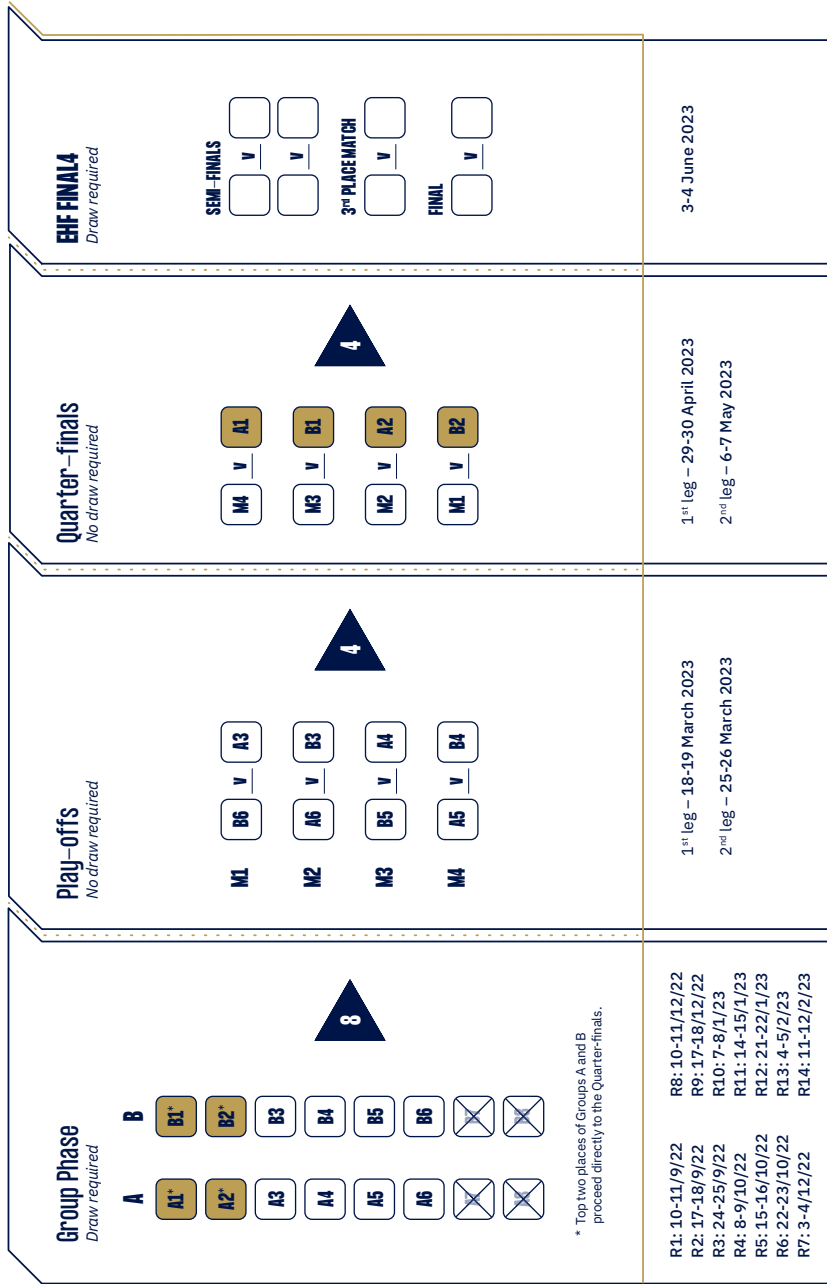
SEASON 2022/23



EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

2022/23 SEASON

Playing system and dates



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

16 TEAMS, FOUR POTS, TWO GROUPS

Boarding for the new season in Europe's top-level women's club competition was completed Monday 27 June with the announcement of the line-up of participants. A total of 16 teams from 11 nations are eager to start their EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 campaigns.

The question who they are going to play against in the group phase will be answered during the draw in Vienna on Friday 1 July 2022 at 11:00 CEST.

Like in the past two seasons, the EHF Champions League Women 2022/23 will start with two groups of eight teams each, with the top-six ranked teams qualifying for the knockout phase. Both the group winners and runners-up from each group will be heading directly into the quarter-finals, and the teams ranked third through sixth will advance to the play-offs.

So, how will the 16 teams be divided into the two groups?

This is how the draw works: all teams have been placed in four pots prior to the draw:

GROUP PHASE DRAW 2022/23
EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN 2022/23

POT 1	POT 2
VIPERS KRISTIANSAND (NOR)	CS RAPID BUCURESTI (ROU)
GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC (HUN)	WHC BUDUCNOST BEMAX (MNE)
METZ HANDBALL (FRA)	KRIM MERCATOR LJUBLJANA (SLO)
ODENSE HÅNDBOLD (DEN)	SG BBM BIETIGHEIM (GER)
POT 3	POT 4
STORHAMAR HÅNDBALL ELITE (NOR)	DHK BANIK MOST (CZE)
FTC-RAIL CARGO HUNGARIA (HUN)	HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB (CRO)
BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL (FRA)	KASTAMONU BELEDIYE GSK (TUR)
TEAM ESBJERG (DEN)	CSM BUCURESTI (ROU)

From here, the draw procedure will be:

- step 1: a team from Pot 1 is drawn to Row 1 or 2 (4x)
- step 2: a team from Pot 2 is drawn to Row 3 or 4 (4x)
- step 3: all teams from Pot 3 are allocated to Rows 5 and 6 (no draw)
- step 4: CSM Bucuresti are allocated to Row 7 or 8 (no draw)
- step 5: Most, Zagreb and Kastamonu are drawn to Row 7 or 8

Some teams have to be allocated due to the country protection rule, as teams from the same nation cannot be drawn into the same group. So, the participants from Denmark, Hungary, France, Norway, and Romania will not meet their respective domestic rivals in the group phase.

I EHFTV

The OTT platform 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.

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.



I HANDBALLS GET FRESH LOOK FOR THE NEW SEASON

News season, new look! The official SELECT SPORT match balls for the 2022/23 season of the EHF Champions League appear in a high-class and fresh design. In line with the competition's brand identity introduced in 2020, the new EHF Champions League ball showcases the use of flashes of gold colour.

The hand-sewn ball is made of extremely hard-wearing synthetic leather material and a patented zero-wing bladder inside the ball ensures optimal roundness.

The new balls were first introduced at both EHF FINAL4 2022 events - for women, on 4/5 June in Budapest; for men, on 18/19 June in Cologne.

Only one click away - the Home of Handball Shop

The new official SELECT SPORT match balls as well as more products of the EHF's official supplier can be purchased in the Home of Handball web shop on shop.eurohandball.com. Since its launch in autumn of 2020, 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.





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GROUP PHASE DRAW

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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



- lifted the CL trophy for a second time in a row in 2021/22, winning the final in Budapest against the only other team that had won the EHF FINAL4 in consecutive years – Győr
- also celebrated domestic success, winning the Norwegian league for the fourth straight time in 2022 and the Norwegian cup for the fifth time
- have reached the EHF FINAL4 three times in four seasons
- have seen several players moving to other clubs, most notably CL 2021/22 All-star Team right back Nora Mørk, who joins Esbjerg
- are reinforced with several arrivals, including Jamina Roberts and Sofie Börjesson (both Sävehof) and Oceane Sercien-Ugolin (Krim)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6
Winners (2): 2020/21, 2021/22
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: 4 titles (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)

Norwegian cup: 5 titles (2018-22)

POT 1



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC



- are the record champions who lifted the CL trophy five times – but not since 2019
- have also been runners-up four times, including in 2022
- were the best represented club in the CL 2021/22 All-star Team with four players plus coach Ambros Martin
- made several key signings for 2022/23, including Slovenian star Ana Gros, who arrives from Krim, and Dutch line player Yvette Broch, who joins from CSM Bucuresti and is swapping clubs with Crina Pintea
- have lost their two French goalkeepers Amandine Leynaud (retirement) and Laura Glauser (CSM), but replaced them with Sandra Toft (Brest Bretagne) and Evelina Eriksson (Vipers)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 21
Winners (5): 2012/13, 2013/14, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19
Final (4): 2008/09, 2011/12, 2015/16, 2021/22
Semi-finals (5): 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2020/21
Quarter-finals (3): 2014/15, 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: Final: 2005/06, Semi-finals: 2002/03
EHF Cup: Final: 1998/99, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2004/05

Hungarian league: 16 titles (1957, 1959, 2005, 2006, 2008-14, 2016-19, 2022)
Hungarian cup: 15 titles (2005-16, 2018, 2019, 2021)

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Kit colours

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

Les Arènes de Metz
5 av. Rue Louis le Debonnaire
57000 Metz
France
Capacity: 4,500

METZ HANDBALL



- made made it to the EHF FINAL4 for the second time in 2022; finished third for the best result in the club's CL history
- beat Brest Bretagne 25:22 to win the French championship in May 2022, and beat Besancon 33:23 to win the French cup in June
- have seen captain and 2021/22 top scorer Méline Nocandy leaving for Paris 92 this summer
- will also have to do without Orlane Kanor and Ivana Kapitanovic, who moved Rapid Bucuresti, while recently returned Grace Zaadi moved to CSM Bucuresti
- have signed Viborg left back Kristina Jørgensen among others as their newcomers for the 2022/23 season

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 24
Semi-finals (2): 2018/19, 2021/22
Quarter-finals (4): 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-finals: 2000/01, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2007/08
Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 2012/13; Semi-finals: 1998/99, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11

French league: 24 titles (1989, 1990, 1993-97, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004-09, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016-19, 2022)

French cup: 10 titles (1990, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022)

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

Dark

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



Playing hall

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

ODENSE HÅNDBOLD



- made CL debut in 2018/19 and reached the quarter-finals in their first season, losing to eventual champions Győr
- lost to Brest Bretagne Handball 53:51 on aggregate in last season's play-offs, and to eventual champions Vipers Kristiansand 65:62 in the 2020/21 season
- successfully defended their Danish league title, beating fellow CL contenders Esbjerg 25:24 in the deciding match
- include a number of top Dutch internationals, though they will miss Lois Abbingh due to pregnancy for the first part of the new season
- made several new signings for 2022/23, including left back Tonje Løseth from Brest Bretagne

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Quarter-finals (1): 2018/19
Play-offs (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

Other

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

Danish league: 2 titles (2021, 2022)
Danish cup: 1 title (2021)

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Kit colours

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Player short: black
GK shirt: black

Dark

Player shirt: red
Player short: red
GK shirt: dark grey



Playing hall

**Complexul National Sala
Polivalenta Bucuresti**
Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
030454 Romania
Capacity: 5,000

CS RAPID BUCURESTI



- are newcomers in the CL but have a rich history in the sport, winning the European Champions Cup in 1964 and the IHF Cup in 1993
- also had previous success in EHF competitions, as they won the Challenge Cup in 2000
- earned their first CL berth by winning the Romanian league for the first time since 2003, edging fellow CL contenders and local rivals CSM Bucuresti by a single point in the final standings
- have brought on board a raft of talent, including wing Jennifer Gutierrez (Dortmund), backs Orlane Kanor (Metz) and Alexandra Lacrabere (Chambray Touraine), line player Lorena Ostase (CSM Slatina), and goalkeeper Ivana Kapitanovic (Metz)
- are led by head coach Carlos Viver, who previously worked with Granollers and who has also been Spanish national team head coach since 2017

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 1

Other

Challenge Cup: Winners 1999/2000

Romanian league: 6 titles (1961-63, 1967, 2003, 2022)

Romanian cup: 1 title (2004)

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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

W/HC BUDUCNOST BEMAX



- reached the CL quarter-finals in 2020/21, but followed up with a rather disappointing group phase campaign and a seventh-place finish in group A last season
- are two-time CL winners, in 2012 and 2015
- have won all 15 Montenegrin league titles in history and never missed a CL season
- will have to do without last season's top scorer, Matea Pletikotic, who has left the club for fellow CL contenders Krim
- made several new signings, which include Milena Raicevic, returning after one season at Kastamonu, and right wing Adriana Cardoso

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 27

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 (7): 1996/97, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2021/22

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

Other

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

Montenegrin league: 33 titles (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992-2019, 2021, 2022)

Montenegrin cup: 27 titles (1984, 1989, 1995-98, 2000-02, 2005-22)

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Light

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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



- are heading into their 28th straight season in Europe's top flight, and are two-time CL winners: in 2011 and 2003
- had their squad vastly reinforced last season with 10 newcomers, and with CL 2020/21 top scorer Ana Gros arriving during the season, but Krim still clearly lost 65:49 on aggregate to eventual champions Vipers in the quarter-finals
- will start the season with Dragan Adzic on the bench: the long-term Buducnost coach has replaced Nataliya Derepasko, who took over from Uros Bregar during the 2021/22 group phase
- have signed Jovanka Radicevic (Kastamonu) and Barbara Lazovic (CSM) as noteworthy newcomers, but saw Ana Gros leave for Győr
- won their sixth domestic title in a row and 27th overall in Slovenia last season; also won the national cup for the 27th time

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 28

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

Final (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06

Semi-finals (1): 2012/13

Quarter-finals (5): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2021/22

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: 27 titles (1995-15, 2017-22)

Slovenian cup: 27 titles (1993-97, 1999-2019, 2022)

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Kit colours

Light

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Shorts: black
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

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



Playing hall

MHP Arena Ludwigsburg
Schwieberdinger Str. 30
71636 Ludwigsburg
Germany

Capacity: 4,185

SG BBM BIETIGHEIM



- are making their return to the CL after a one-year absence for their fifth appearance in Europe's top flight
- are coming off a perfect 2021/22 season: Bietigheim won all their matches in both the EHF European League and the Bundesliga, and also won the German cup
- got their best result in the CL so far in 2020/21, when they reached the play-offs in which they lost to eventual finalists Győr
- are led by head coach Markus Gaugisch, who took on the additional role of German women's national team coach in April 2022
- saw left back Stine Jørgensen (København) and line player Luisa Schulze (Neckarsulmer) both leaving the team
- have signed Nantes line player Kaba Gassama as a new arrival

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 5
Play-offs (1): 2020/21
Main Round (1): 2017/18
Group Matches (2): 2018/19, 2019/20

Other

EHF European Cup: Winners 2021/22
EHF Cup: Final 2016/17; Group Phase 2018/19, 2019/20

German league: 3 titles (2017, 2019, 2022)

German cup: 2 titles (2021, 2022)

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Kit colours

Light

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GK shirt: red

Dark

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

Playing hall

TBD

STORHAMAR HANDBALL ELITE



- have finished runners-up to champions Vipers in the Norwegian league in each of the past four seasons
- are heading into the CL for the first time, after several seasons in the EHF Cup and European League
- have two quarter-final appearances as their best results in Europe so far – in the EHF Cup in 2018/19 and in the Cup Winners' Cup in 2008/09
- have signed Anna Jacobsen, Olivia Löfqvist, Line Ellertsen and Tina Abdulla for the 2022/23 season
- are led since 2020 by head coach Kenneth Gabrielsen, who previously worked with Norwegian league rivals and current CL titleholders Vipers

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 1

Other

EHF European League: Group Phase: 2020/21

EHF Cup: Quarter-finals: 2018/19; Group Phase: 2019/20

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: 2009/10

Norwegian league: -

Norwegian cup: -

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Kit colours

Light

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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



- are going into their 23rd season, but have yet to qualify for the EHF FINAL4 in their home town, Budapest
- saw their CL campaign last season stranded in the play-offs, losing to Krim despite winning the home leg by four goals
- will have Gabor Elek on the bench again as the head coach goes into his 16th season with the club
- lost their 2021 domestic league title to Győr again last season, but did win the Hungarian cup final
- welcomed Dragana Cvijic (from CSKA), Andrea Lekic (Krim), and Zsuzsanna Tomori (Vipers) as notable newcomers

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 23

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 (2): 2020/21, 2021/22

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: 13 titles (1967, 1970, 1972, 1977, 1993-97, 2001, 2003, 2017, 2022)

POT 3



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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

BREST BRETAGNE HANDBALL



- are already entering their sixth CL season, having made their European debut only in 2016/17
- made it all the way to the CL 2020/21 final, but missed a return to the EHF FINAL4 last season after losing in the quarter-finals to Győr – the team they had sensationally beaten in the 2021 semi-finals
- welcome Montenegrin international Tatjana Brnovic, who arrives from Krim, and Dutch line player Merel Freriks among their most notable newcomers for 2022/23
- will have to replace Serbian international Sladjana Pop-Lazic, who has retired at age 33 after playing the last five years in Brest
- have also said farewell to Danish national team goalkeeper Sandra Toft, who has moved to Győr; Kalidiatou Niakaté (CSM) and Tonje Løseth (Odense) have also departed

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6

Final (1): 2020/21

Quarter-finals (2): 2019/20*, 2021/22

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)



POT 3

TEAM ESBJERG



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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

- were the surprise package of the 2021/22 season, reaching their debut EHF FINAL4
- topped their group A last year, losing only one of their 14 matches across the group phase
- are coached by Jesper Jensen, also the head coach of the Danish women's national team
- were represented in the CL 2021/22 All-star Team by left wing Sanna Solberg-Isaksen
- have reinforced their squad with key arrivals, including six-time CL winner Nora Mørk (from Vipers Kristiansand) and line player Kathrine Heindahl (previously at CSKA)

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 6

Semi-finals (1): 2021/22

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: Final: 2013/14, 2018/19; Quarter-finals: 2010/11, 2014/15

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2012/13

Danish league: 3 titles (2016, 2019, 2020)

Danish cup: 2 titles (2018, 2022)

POT 4



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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

Player shirt: black-orange
Player short: black
GK shirt: green



Playing hall

Rocknet aréna

Mostecká 5900
430 01 Chomutov
Czech Republic
Capacity: 5,250

DHK BANÍK MOST



- became nine-time Czech champions last season, earning them a return to the CL, three years after their debut season
- won the CL 2019/20 qualification tournament and played the group matches but failed to qualify for the main round
- suffered a 45:21 home defeat to Győr that season, which still marks the record champions' biggest-ever win in the competition
- won the Challenge Cup in 2012/13 for their best European result
- will play their CL home matches in a bigger arena in nearby Chomutov

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 2
Group Matches (1): 2019/20

Other

EHF Cup: Last 16: 2013/14; Group Phase: 2017/18, 2019/20

Challenge Cup: Winners: 2012/13; Quarter-finals: 2011/12

Czech league: 9 titles (2013-19, 2021, 2022)

Czech cup: 7 titles (2014-18, 2020, 2022)

POT 4



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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: white
Player short: royal blue
GK shirt: green

Dark

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

Playing hall

TBD

HC LOKOMOTIVA ZAGREB



- will play in the CL group phase for only the second time; they lost in qualification twice but did play the group matches in 2014/15
- won their fourth Croatian league title in 2022 to return to the CL after eight years
- won the Challenge Cup title in 2017 and reached the final of the European Cup in 2021 in recent years
- played in the EHF European League group phase in 2021/22 but lost all six matches
- have been coached by Nenad Sostaric since 2016, who also led Croatia to EHF EURO 2020 bronze

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Group Matches (1): 2014/15
Qualification (2): 2004/05, 2013/14

Other

EHF European League: Group Phase: 2021/22
EHF European Cup: Final 2020/21
Challenge Cup: Winners: 2016/17; Semi-finals: 2011/12, 2017/18
Cup Winners' Cup: Final: 1995/96, 1997/98

Croatian league: 4 titles (1992, 2004, 2014, 2022)
Croatian cup: 6 titles (1992, 2005, 2007, 2014, 2018, 2021)

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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
Türkiye
Capacity: 4,000

KASTAMONU BELEDİYE GSK



- are returning to the group phase of the CL for a second straight season, after they became the first club from Türkiye at this stage last year
- are now led by new head coach Claus Mogensen, who has left Denmark after six seasons with København Håndbold
- saw only Majda Mehmedovic stay from the four Montenegrin internationals who joined the club a year ago: Jovanka Radicevic (Krim), Milena Raicevic (Buducnost), and Marina Rajcic (Siófok) have all left
- welcomed Croatian international Katarina Jezic and Danish international Simone Böhme among their new arrivals
- won their fifth Turkish league title last season, their fourth in a row

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 4
Group Phase (1); 2021/22
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

Turkish league (5): 2017, 2019-22

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Kit colours

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Player short: black
GK shirt: red

Dark

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



Playing hall

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Calea Piscului Nr. 10,
sector 4, Bucharest
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Capacity: 5,000

CSM BUCURESTI



- are entering their eighth CL season; the 2016 winners have reached at least the quarter-finals in each of their previous seven seasons
- will look vastly different following a string of arrivals and departures after the 2021/22 season
- have welcomed newcomers like French internationals Laura Glauser, Grace Zaadi and Kalidiatou Niakaté, as well as line player Crina Pintea; Eduarda Amorim (retired), goalkeepers Jelena Grubisic (retired) and Tess Wester (pregnant), right back Barbara Lazovic and line player Yvette Broch are the most notable players leaving
- did not play the play-offs and missed the EHF FINAL4, but left back Cristina Neagu still became top scorer of the CL 2021/22, with 110 goals
- just failed to win their sixth Romanian league title as they finished runners-up, one point behind champions Rapid, but they did win the domestic cup last season

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2022/23 season): 8

Winners (1): 2015/16

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

Quarter-finals (4): 2018/19, 2019/20*, 2020/21, 2021/22

* 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: 5 titles (2016-19, 2022)

I TOP SCORERS 2021/22

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	110
2	Nora Mørk (NOR)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	107
3	Ana Gros (SLO)	CSKA (RUS) / Krim (SLO)	104
	Henny Reistad (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	104
5	Grace Zaadi Deuna (FRA)	Rostov-Don (RUS) / Metz Handball (FRA)	91
6	Helene Fauske (NOR)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	87
	Jamina Roberts (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	87
8	Jovanka Radicevic (MNE)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	86
9	Alina Grijseels (GER)	BV Borussia 09 Dortmund (GER)	84
10	Kristine Breistøl (NOR)	Team Esbjerg (DEN)	83
11	Matea Pletikovic (MNE)	Krim (SLO) / Buducnost (MNE)	81
	Angela Malestein (NED)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	81
12	Katarina Krpez-Slezak (SRB)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	80
13	Dione Housheer (NED)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	79
14	Méline Nocandy (FRA)	Metz Handball (FRA)	78
15	Alicia Toublanc (FRA)	Brest Bretagne Handball (FRA)	77
16	Dejana Milosavljevic (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	75
	Tjaša Stanko (SLO)	Krim Mercator Ljubljana (SLO)	75
18	Markéta Jerábková (CZE)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	74
19	Emily Bölk (GER)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	72
	Ana Debelic (CRO)	Vipers Kristiansand (NOR)	72

I PAST WINNERS

Year	Club	Nation
2022	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2021	Vipers Kristiansand	NOR
2020	<i>no title awarded</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'Eliaana Valencia	ESP
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT

I ALL-TIME CLUB STANDINGS 1993–2022

TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:FA	GD	P	NP	%
1	Györi Audi ETO KC HUN	254	191	20	43	7409:6241	+1168	402:106	(19)	79,13%
2	Buducnost BEMAX MNE	290	152	24	114	7636:7389	+247	328:252	(27)	56,55%
3	Krim Mercator Ljubljana SLO	284	124	19	141	7523:7638	-115	267:301	(27)	47,01%
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	204	105	17	82	5609:5485	+124	227:181	(21)	55,64%
7	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%
8	Metz Handball FRA	160	80	12	68	4195:4037	+158	172:148	(16)	53,75%
9	SCM Ramnicu Valcea ROU	146	72	9	65	3769:3688	+81	153:139	(13)	52,40%
10	Rostov-Don RUS	98	65	7	26	2570:2309	+261	137:59	(7)	69,90%
11	CSM Bucuresti ROU	110	62	8	40	2885:2673	+212	132:88	(8)	60,00%
12	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	166	55	8	103	4131:4565	-434	118:214	(22)	35,54%
13	HC Vardar MKD	78	55	6	17	2272:1959	+313	116:40	(5)	74,36%
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	Vipers Kristiansand NOR	72	39	5	28	2016:1893	+123	83:61	(6)	57,64%
19	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%
20	Brest Bretagne Handball FRA	68	31	12	25	1891:1806	+85	74:62	(6)	54,41%
21	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%
22	Team Esbjerg DEN	58	28	7	23	1603:1532	+71	63:53	(5)	54,31%
23	Dunaferr NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%
24	Thüringer HC GER	86	25	7	54	2204:2360	-156	57:115	(8)	33,14%
25	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%
26	Odense Håndbold DEN	46	20	4	22	1257:1251	+6	44:48	(4)	47,83%
41	SG BBM Bietigheim GER	40	7	2	31	995:1176	-181	16:64	(5)	20,00%
61	DHK Banik Most CZE	6	1	1	4	151:190	-39	3:9	(2)	25,00%
63	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO	6	0	2	4	132:164	-32	2:10	(2)	16,67%
77	Kastamonu Belediye GSK TUR	14	0	0	14	349:462	-113	0:28	(2)	0,00%
NR	Storhamar Handball Elite NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	
NR	CS Rapid Bucuresti ROU	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(1)	

NP = number of seasons played, teams in bold play in CL 2022/23 (included in number)

% = winning percentage

* = point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

I HISTORY: 29 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: 29 YEARS OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

2007 – 2022

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)

Vardar eliminated defending champions Györ in the quarter-final, but had to settle for third place again after stumbling upon Buducnost in the semi-final. In the final, Buducnost eased past Larvik to their second European crown.

2015/16

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

CSM upset Rostov-Don in the quarter-finals to make the EHF FINAL4 for the first time. And they ousted Vardar in the semi-final and completely stunned handball Europe by defeating Györi Audi ETO KC in front of the favourites' Hungarian home crowd. Unstoppable Isabelle Gulldén netted 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)

The 2016/17 finalists went all the way again in 2017/18. And yet again they pampered the sold-out crowd in Budapest 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 the extra time and she was also instrumental in the final 10 minutes of the game.

2018/19

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

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.

2021/22

Vipers Kristiansand vs Györi Audi ETO KC 33:31 (15:13)

Vipers made it two in a row as they repeated their triumph from the previous season. Having beaten record champions Györ once in the group phase, the Norwegian side knew what they had to do when the teams met again in the final, this time in the newly built MVM Dome in Budapest. Led by MVP Markéta Jerábková, who scored 19 times in the two EHF FINAL4 games, including seven in the final, Vipers became only the second team to win the EHF FINAL4 in back-to-back years.

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