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EHF EURO 2014: Final draw on 21 June 2013 at Finals venue

Vienna, 26 April 2013. A special venue has been selected to host the draw for the Men's EHF EURO 2014 Final Tournament. Up to 15,000 spectators will be present when the four preliminary round groups will be drawn at Jyske Bank Boxen in Herning, Denmark.



The final draw for the 2014 Men's EHF European Championship in Denmark will take place on 21 June 2013 at the Jyske Bank Boxen in Herning, Denmark, at 18.30 hrs. ahead of a match between EHF EURO 2014 hosts, Denmark, and Poland.

Jyske Bank Boxen, the 15,000-spectator arena, is the biggest indoor venue in Denmark and will also host preliminary round and main round matches as well as the entire final round during the Men's EHF EURO 2014, the European Handball Federation's flagship national team event.

"We are always excited to play in Herning which is the ultimate heartland of Danish handball," says Ulrik Wilbek, head coach of the Danish men's national team.

"The decision to arrange the EHF EURO 2014 draw here is the right one and I am sure that event will attract large numbers of the vast handball crowds you always find in this part of our country.

"And they will be just as excited as we are in the Danish team with regards to what the groups are going to look like."

Four from six rounds in the EHF EURO 2014 qualification have been played, and 2013 world champions, Spain, 2012 Olympic champions, France, and 2008 Olympic Games silver medallists, Iceland, have already qualified for the final tournament.

Rounds 5 and 6 will be played all across Europe from 12 to 16 June 2013.

The Men's EHF EURO 2014 will take place from 12 to 26 January 2014, with venues including Copenhagen, Aalborg, Aarhus and Herning.

More info on the event's official website www.ehf-euro.com.

Draw procedure

The 16 participating teams are seeded in four pots according to their results in the qualification groups and the ranking of the EHF EURO 2012.

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Hosts, Denmark, will be seeded in pot 1 and as they are already confirmed as the team heading Group A, they will play their preliminary round matches in the 15,000-capacity Jyske Bank Boxen in Herning.

Pot 1 will be completed by another three teams that rank first in the EHF EURO 2014 qualification groups. The remaining four group winners of the qualification groups will be seeded in pot 2.

The seven second ranked teams from the qualification and the best third ranked team make up pots 3 and 4.

The organising nation also has the right to choose one team to be automatically seeded in Groups B, C, and D respectively.

The placement will depend on the pot of the respective team.

Row	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
	Herning	Copenhagen	Aarhus	Aalborg
1	Denmark			
2		XXX*		
3			XXX*	
4				XXX*

(*to be defined by the organiser, placement depending on the pot of the respective team)

In a first step three teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4. In a second step three teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3.

In a third step three teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2, and in the fourth and last step three teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1.

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