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Seven nations bid to host EHF EURO events in 2018 and 2020

Vienna, 12 September 2013. With the preparations for the 2014 Men's EHF European Championship in Denmark and the 2014 Women's final tournament in Hungary and Croatia in full swing, the European Handball Federation is already looking ahead at the future of its flagship national team event.



After the bidding process for the EHF EURO events in 2018 and 2020 opened in early June, seven nations have expressed their interest in hosting the European Championships by the end of the official deadline on 4 September 2013.

Norway have expressed their interest for all four EHF EURO events in question, the Men's and the Women's EHF EURO in 2018 as well as for both events in 2020. Norway were hosts of the 2008 Men's EHF EURO and the co-hosts together with Denmark of the 2010 Women's EHF EURO.

Sweden, hosts of the men's event in 2002 and the women's event in 2006, showed interested in hosting the 2018 Men's EHF EURO and the 2020 Men's EHF EURO. After being awarded the 2014 Women's EHF EURO as co-hosts together with Hungary, Croatia would also like to present themselves as hosts of the 2018 Men's final tournament.

France and Ukraine have entered the race for the 2018 Women's EHF EURO – both countries have never staged the EHF's flagship event before. Austria, after hosting the men's event in 2010, have expressed their interest in the 2020 Men's EHF EURO and Denmark, hosts of the upcoming 2014 Men's EHF EURO in January, have expressed their interest for the 2020 Women's EHF EURO.

The overview of all bidding nations reads as follows:

Men's EHF EURO 2018: Croatia, Norway, Sweden

Women's EHF EURO 2018: France, Norway, Ukraine

Men's EHF EURO 2020: Austria, Norway, Sweden

Women's EHF EURO 2020: Norway, Denmark

"We are delighted by the amount of expressions of interest we received from our member federations," said EHF President Jean Brihault. "All nations that are showing an interest have a strong handball background. They have huge experience in hosting major sporting events and I am confident all of them would be the perfect hosts for the EHF's flagship national team event."

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Expressing an interest was the first step in the bidding process. Formal applications have to be handed to the EHF by 10 December 2013. The EHF Executive Committee will then confirm all applicants at its meeting on 13/14 December 2013. A final decision on the hosts will be made by the Ordinary EHF Congress set to take place in Dublin, Ireland on 19/20 September 2014.

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