



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN 2021/22

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Welcome to the EHF European Cup Women 2021/22 as the competition returns after its successful inaugural season. In 2020, the EHF European Cup replaced the Challenge Cup as Europe's third-tier women's club handball competition behind the DELO EHF Champions League and the EHF European League Women.

The first trophy went to Spain, to Rincon Fertilidad Malaga, who are back under a new name – Costa del Sol Malaga – in the new season to defend their title.

The EHF European Cup will again be played in a knock-out system throughout the whole season and culminate in a home and away two-legged final. In the following media information, you will find the essential facts you need for the upcoming season and the participating teams.

Additional information can be found on the [eurohandball.com website](https://eurohandball.com). For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department. We are glad to help you with any requests you might have concerning the EHF European Cup. Enjoy the season!



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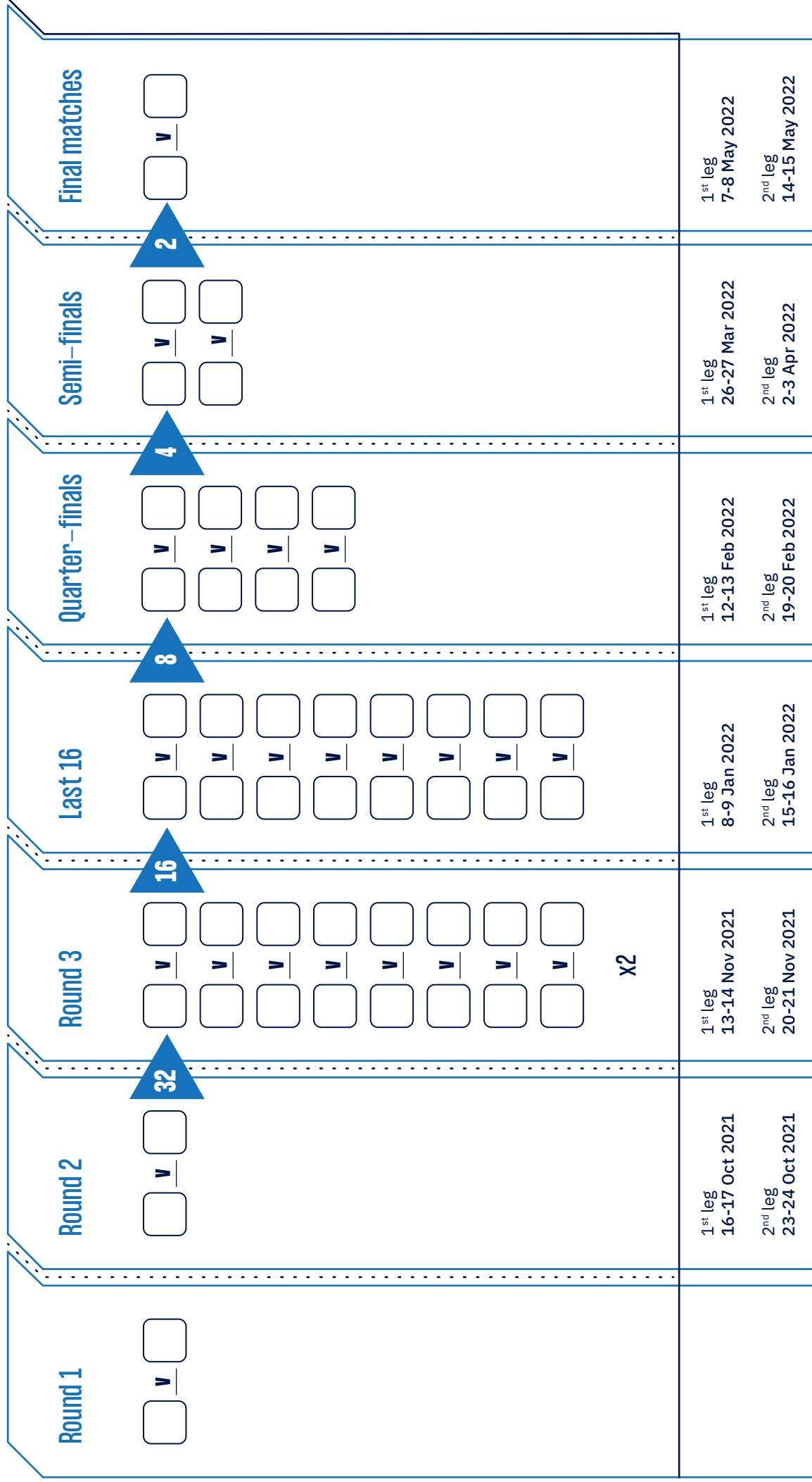
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EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN

2021/22 SEASON

Playing system and dates



EHF European Cup Women 2021/22 Seeding



| | R 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Last 16 | Quarter-finals | Semi-finals | Final matches |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 50 teams | 32 teams | 16 teams | 8 teams | 4 teams | 2 teams |
| | | 16.- 17.10.2021 first leg 23.- 24.10.2021 second leg | 13.- 14.11.2021 first leg 20.- 21.11.2021 second leg | 08.- 09.01.2022 first leg 15.- 16.01.2022 second leg | 12.- 13.02.2022 first leg 19.- 20.02.2022 second leg | 26.- 27.03.2022 first leg 02.- 03.04.2022 second leg | 07.- 08.05.2022 first leg 14.- 15.05.2022 second leg |
| NATION | | | | | | | |
| DRAWS: | 20.07.2021 | 25.10.2021 | 23.11.2021 | 18.01.2022 | 18.01.2022 | 05.04.2022 | |
| 1 <i>Def. Champ</i> | no matches | | Costa del Sol Malaga/ESP | 16 Winners of Round 3 | 8 Winners of Last 16 | 4 Winners of Quarter-finals | 2 Winners of Semi-finals |
| 2 <i>ESP</i> | | | Club Balonmano Elche | | | | |
| 3 <i>SRB</i> | | | ZRK Naisa Nis | | | | |
| 4 <i>NED</i> | | | Cabooter Handball Venlo | | | | |
| 5 <i>TUR</i> | | | Ankara Yenimahalle BSK | | | | |
| 6 <i>BLR</i> | | | COR Victoria-Berestie | | | | |
| 7 <i>POR</i> | | | Madeira Andebol SAD | | | | |
| 8 <i>CZE</i> | | | DHC Slavia Praha | | | | |
| 9 <i>GRE</i> | | | AC PAOK | | | | |
| 10 <i>SWE</i> | | | Skara HF | | | | |
| 11 <i>UKR</i> | | | HC Galychanka Lviv | | | | |
| 12 <i>ITA</i> | | | Jomi Salerno | | | | |
| 13 <i>BIH</i> | | | ZRK Borac | | | | |
| 14 <i>KOS</i> | | | KHF Vushtrria | | | | |
| 15 <i>MKD</i> | | | WHC Vardar | | | | |
| 16 <i>ISR</i> | | | Maccabi Arazim Ramat Gan | | | | |
| 17 <i>SUI</i> | | | LK Zug | | | | |
| 18 <i>AUT</i> | | | UHC Stockerau | | | | |
| 19 <i>LTU</i> | | | ACME-Zalgiris Kaunas | | | | |
| 20 <i>AZE</i> | | | Azeryol HC | | | | |
| 21 <i>ISL</i> | | | KA/Por | | | | |
| 22 <i>LUX</i> | | | HB Dudelange | | | | |
| 23 <i>FIN</i> | | | Dicken | | | | |
| 24 <i>SLO</i> | | | ZRK Mlinotest Ajdovscina | | | | |
| 25 <i>FAR</i> | | | H 71 | | | | |
| 26 <i>SVK</i> | | | Iuventa Michalovce | | | | |
| 27 <i>ESP</i> | | | Rocasa Gran Canaria | | | | |
| 28 <i>SRB</i> | | | Bekament Bukovicka Banja | | | | |
| 29 <i>NED</i> | | | JuRo Unirek VZV | | | | |
| 30 <i>TUR</i> | | | Izmir BSB SK | | | | |
| 31 <i>POR</i> | | | Alavarium Love Tiles | | | | |
| 32 <i>CZE</i> | | | TJ Sokol Pisek | | | | |
| 33 <i>GRE</i> | | | A.E.S.H. Pylea | | | | |
| 34 <i>SWE</i> | | | Kristianstad HK | | | | |
| 35 <i>ITA</i> | | | SSV Brixen Südtirol | | | | |
| 36 <i>BIH</i> | | | RK Hadzici Interlogistic | | | | |
| 37 <i>KOS</i> | | | KHF Istogu | | | | |
| 38 <i>MKD</i> | | | WHC Metalurg | | | | |
| 39 <i>SUI</i> | | | Spono Eagles | | | | |
| 40 <i>AUT</i> | | | BT Fuchse Powersports | | | | |
| 41 <i>ISL</i> | | | Valur Iceland | | | | |
| 42 <i>SVK</i> | | | HC DAC Dunajska Streda | | | | |
| 43 <i>NED</i> | | | H.V. Quintus | | | | |
| 44 <i>POR</i> | | | A.R.C. Alpendorada | | | | |
| 45 <i>CZE</i> | | | HK Hodonin | | | | |
| 46 <i>GRE</i> | | | AEP Panorama | | | | |
| 47 <i>ITA</i> | | | AC Life Style Handball Erice | | | | |
| 48 <i>BIH</i> | | | HRK Grude | | | | |
| 49 <i>KOS</i> | | | KHF Prishtina | | | | |
| 50 <i>MKD</i> | | | WHC Cair Skopje | | | | |
| 51 <i>SUI</i> | | | HSC Kreuzlingen | | | | |
| 52 <i>AUT</i> | | | roomz JAGS WV | | | | |
| 53 <i>ISL</i> | | | IBV | | | | |
| 54 <i>ITA</i> | | | Ali-Best Espresso Mestrino | | | | |
| 55 <i>KOS</i> | | | KHF Ferizaj | | | | |
| 56 <i>NED</i> | | | Westfriesland SEW | | | | |
| 57 <i>MKD</i> | | | ZRK Despina Prilep | | | | |

VARDAR TO MAKE EUROPEAN RETURN AFTER THREE YEARS

The start of the EHF European Cup Women 2021/22 season will see the return of one of biggest heavyweights in women's handball over the past decade: WHC Vardar.

The Macedonian side were EHF FINAL4 participants in five consecutive seasons (2014-18) and reached the final two times, in 2017 and 2018, losing to Györi Audi ETO KC in extra time on both occasions.

However, in 2018 the club was reorganised, putting an emphasis on bringing up youth players and refraining from playing international matches.

But after a three-year absence, Vardar return to the continental stage on Saturday, when they will face KHF Prishtina in Kosovo in the first leg of qualification round 2 of the European Cup.

- **the competition starts already on Thursday and Friday, when ZRK Mlinotest Adjovscina will host Kristianstad Handboll from Sweden in a double-header in Slovenia**
- **nine more double-headers are scheduled for the weekend, as well as six first-leg encounters**
- **both legs of the tie IUVENTA Michalovce vs RK Hadzici Interlogistic on Saturday and Sunday will be streamed live on EHFTV**
- **nine other double-headers will be played next weekend, between 22 and 24 October**
- **title holders Costa del Sol Malaga from Spain, previously playing as Rincon Fertilidad Malaga, will enter the competition in qualification round 3 alongside six other teams**

Portuguese barrier for Rocasa

While Malaga will join the race later, fellow Spanish team Rocasa Gran Canaria, 2016 and 2019 Challenge Cup winners, are among the teams who begin the competition in round 2. Their first opponents are A.R.C. Alpendorada from neighbouring country Portugal. The first leg of this Iberian derby will take place on Saturday in Spain.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

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

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

Rules for execution of penalty throws

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

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

[Find all the regulations here](#)

ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

MatchID: 202212020702-

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|---------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|--|
| 001 | SRB | ZRK Bekament Bukovicka Banja | 002 | ISL | Valur Iceland |
| | | 16.10.2021 18:00 Arandjelovac | | | 17.10.2021 18:00 Arandjelovac |
| | | Ref.: Antashev, Musatov RUS Del.: Cojocarou ROU | | | Ref.: Antashev, Musatov RUS Del.: Cojocarou ROU |
| Both matches in SRB | | | | | |
| 003 | MKD | ZRK Despina Prilep | 004 | SWE | Skara HF |
| | | 23.10.2021 16:00 Skara | | | 24.10.2021 14:00 Skara |
| | | Ref.: Kinnari, Skogberg FIN Del.: Gecevicus LTU | | | Ref.: Kinnari, Skogberg FIN Del.: Gecevicus LTU |
| Both matches in SWE | | | | | |
| 005 | ITA | Ali-Best Espresso Mestrino | 006 | CZE | DHC Slavia Praha |
| | | 23.10.2021 17:00 Mestrino | | | 24.10.2021 11:30 Mestrino |
| | | Ref.: Manea, Ilescu ROU Del.: Antonopoulos GRE | | | Ref.: Manea, Ilescu ROU Del.: Antonopoulos GRE |
| Both matches in ITA | | | | | |
| 007 | GRE | A.C. PAOK | 008 | ISL | IBV Vestmannaeyjar |
| | | 23.10.2021 16:00 Thessaloniki | | | 24.10.2021 16:00 Thessaloniki |
| | | Ref.: Panayides, Andreou CYP Del.: Genchev BUL | | | Ref.: Panayides, Andreou CYP Del.: Genchev BUL |
| Both matches in GRE | | | | | |
| 009 | KOS | KHF Prishtina | 010 | MKD | WHC Vardar |
| | | 16.10.2021 17:00 Prishtina | | | 23.10.2021 17:00 Skopje |
| | | Ref.: Kaludjerovic, Vujacic MNE Del.: Sivrikaya TUR | | | Ref.: Kulovic, Skaljic BIH Del.: Rakocevic MNE |
| 011 | SUI | HSC Kreuzlingen | 012 | AUT | UHC Stockerau |
| | | 16.10.2021 16:00 Kreuzlingen | | | 23.10.2021 16:00 Stockerau |
| | | Ref.: Braseth, Sundet NOR Del.: Gökmen TUR | | | Ref.: Bytyqi, Kasapi KOS Del.: Trojková CZE |
| 013 | SVK | HC DAC Dunajská Streda | 014 | BIH | ZRK Borac |
| | | 16.10.2021 18:00 Dunajska Streda | | | 23.10.2021 17:00 Banja Luka |
| | | Ref.: Hofer, Schmidhuber AUT Del.: Novak CZE | | | Ref.: Sirbu, Serdiuc MDA Del.: Nikolovski MKD |
| 015 | LUX | HB Dudelange | 016 | MKD | WHC Metalurg |
| | | 16.10.2021 19:00 Dudelange | | | 17.10.2021 18:00 Dudelange |
| | | Ref.: Ivanauskas, Jencevicus LTU Del.: Tordai HUN | | | Ref.: Ivanauskas, Jencevicus LTU Del.: Tordai HUN |
| Both matches in LUX | | | | | |
| 017 | ITA | AC Life Style Handball Erice | 018 | ISR | Maccabi Arazim Ramat gan |
| | | 22.10.2021 18:00 Casa Santa Erice | | | 23.10.2021 18:00 Casa Santa Erice |
| | | Ref.: Monjo Ortega, Soria Fabian ESP Del.: Conceicao POR | | | Ref.: Monjo Ortega, Soria Fabian ESP Del.: Conceicao POR |
| Both matches in ITA | | | | | |
| 019 | GRE | AEP Panorama | 020 | AZE | Azeryol HC |
| | | 23.10.2021 18:30 Thessaloniki | | | 24.10.2021 18:30 Thessaloniki |
| | | Ref.: Ciulei, Stanescu ROU Del.: Constantinou CYP | | | Ref.: Ciulei, Stanescu ROU Del.: Constantinou CYP |
| Both matches in GRE | | | | | |
| 021 | AUT | roomz JAGS WV | 022 | ITA | Jomi Salerno |
| | | 16.10.2021 17:00 Salerno | | | 17.10.2021 17:00 Salerno |
| | | Ref.: Charitsos, Naskos GRE Del.: Levin ISR | | | Ref.: Charitsos, Naskos GRE Del.: Levin ISR |
| Both matches in ITA | | | | | |
| 023 | BIH | RK Hadzici-Interlogistic | 024 | SVK | IUVENTA Michalovce |
| | | 16.10.2021 16:00 Michalovce | | | 17.10.2021 14:00 Michalovce |
| | | Ref.: Fukala, Mohyla CZE Del.: Fegir UKR | | | Ref.: Fukala, Mohyla CZE Del.: Fegir UKR |
| Both matches in SVK | | | | | |
| 025 | NED | JuRo Unirek VZV | 026 | KOS | KHF Ferizaj |
| | | 23.10.2021 19:00 GG 't Veld | | | 24.10.2021 13:00 GG 't Veld |
| | | Ref.: Fahner, Kubis POL Del.: Wills GBR | | | Ref.: Fahner, Kubis POL Del.: Wills GBR |

ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

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|---------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|--|
| 029 | AUT | BT Fuchse Powersports | 030 | SUI | LK Zug Handball |
| | | 23.10.2021 18:00 Trofaiach | | | 24.10.2021 14:00 Bruck/Mur |
| | | Ref.: Thiyagarajah, Thiyagarajah GER Del.: Novak CZE | | | Ref.: Thiyagarajah, Thiyagarajah GER Del.: Novak CZE |
| Both matches in AUT | | | | | |
| 031 | LTU | ACME-Zalgiris Kaunas | 032 | NED | Westfriesland SEW |
| | | 16.10.2021 13:00 Alytus | | | 23.10.2021 18:00 RA Wognum |
| | | Ref.: Sirbu, Serdiuc MDA Del.: Kazinieks LAT | | | Ref.: Capoccia, Jucker SUI Del.: Ongaro IRL |
| 033 | NED | H.V. Quintus | 034 | POR | Alavarium Love Tiles |
| | | 23.10.2021 19:00 Kwintsheul | | | 24.10.2021 16:00 Kwintsheul |
| | | Ref.: Bocakova, Janosikova SVK Del.: Fernandez ESP | | | Ref.: Bocakova, Janosikova SVK Del.: Fernandez ESP |
| Both matches in NED | | | | | |
| 035 | KOS | KHF Istogu | 036 | ISL | KA/Por |
| | | 15.10.2021 18:00 Istog | | | 16.10.2021 18:00 Istog |
| | | Ref.: Ilijevski, Ilijevski MKD Del.: Andreev BUL | | | Ref.: Ilijevski, Ilijevski MKD Del.: Andreev BUL |
| Both matches in KOS | | | | | |
| 037 | CZE | HK Hodonin | 038 | UKR | HC Galychanka Lviv |
| | | 16.10.2021 17:00 Lviv | | | 17.10.2021 15:00 Lviv |
| | | Ref.: Bocakova, Janosikova SVK Del.: Melkonyan ARM | | | Ref.: Bocakova, Janosikova SVK Del.: Melkonyan ARM |
| Both matches in UKR | | | | | |
| 039 | FIN | Dicken | 040 | ITA | SSV Brixen Südtirol |
| | | 16.10.2021 16:00 Helsinki | | | 23.10.2021 20:00 Brixen |
| | | Ref.: Kull, Tint EST Del.: Gecevicius LTU | | | Ref.: Jakovljevic, Sando SRB Del.: Wille AUT |
| 041 | GRE | A.E.S.H. Pylea | 042 | TUR | Izmir BSB SK |
| | | 23.10.2021 16:00 Izmir | | | 24.10.2021 16:00 Izmir |
| | | Ref.: Tadarashka, Nazaruk BLR Del.: Asgarov AZE | | | Ref.: Tadarashka, Nazaruk BLR Del.: Asgarov AZE |
| Both matches in TUR | | | | | |
| 043 | BIH | HRK Grude | 044 | CZE | Sokol Pisek |
| | | 15.10.2021 18:00 Pisek | | | 16.10.2021 15:00 Pisek |
| | | Ref.: Chrzan, Janas POL Del.: Cech SVK | | | Ref.: Chrzan, Janas POL Del.: Cech SVK |
| Both matches in CZE | | | | | |
| 045 | SWE | Kristianstad Handball | 046 | SLO | ZRK Mlinotest Ajdovscina |
| | | 14.10.2021 20:00 Ajdovscina | | | 15.10.2021 20:00 Ajdovscina |
| | | Ref.: Altmar, Horvath HUN Del.: Obucina SRB | | | Ref.: Altmar, Horvath HUN Del.: Obucina SRB |
| Both matches in SLO | | | | | |
| 047 | ESP | Rocasa Gran Canaria | 048 | POR | A.R.C. Alpendorada |
| | | 16.10.2021 18:30 Telde | | | 23.10.2021 17:00 Varzea |
| | | Ref.: Weijmans, Wolbertus NED Del.: Wills GBR | | | Ref.: Stokes, Bartlett GBR Del.: Ongaro IRL |
| 049 | KOS | KHF Vushtrria | 050 | SUI | SPONO Eagles |
| | | 16.10.2021 18:00 Nottwil | | | 17.10.2021 19:00 Nottwil |
| | | Ref.: Weber, Weinquin LUX Del.: Jorge POR | | | Ref.: Weber, Weinquin LUX Del.: Jorge POR |
| Both matches in SUI | | | | | |

2020/21 EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN TOP SCORERS

| Rank | Name & nation | Club | Goals |
|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Larissa Kalas (CRO) | HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) | 49 |
| 2 | Soledad López Jiménez (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 48 |
| | Yasemin Sahin (TUR) | Yalikavaksports Club (TUR) | 48 |
| 4 | Sara Bravo Baldomero (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 46 |
| 5 | Vasiliki Gkatziou (GRE) | A.C. PAOK (GRE) | 40 |
| 6 | Diana Dmytryshyn (UKR) | HC Galychanka Lviv (UKR) | 38 |
| | Stela Posavec (CRO) | HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) | 38 |
| | Andrea Simara (CRO) | HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) | 38 |
| 9 | Maria Chatziparasidou (GRE) | A.C. PAOK (GRE) | 33 |
| 10 | Dora Kalas (CRO) | HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) | 30 |
| 11 | Dajana Jovanovska (MKD) | A.C. PAOK (GRE) | 28 |
| | Esperanza López Jiménez (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 28 |
| 13 | Estela Doiro Rodríguez (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 27 |
| | Haridian Rodríguez Hernández (ESP) | Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP) | 27 |
| | Rocío Rojas Asensio (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 27 |
| 16 | Esma Muratovic (MNE) | KHF Istogu (KOS) | 25 |
| 17 | Veronika Galusková (CZE) | DHC Slavia Praha (CZE) | 24 |
| | Ana Maria Gavric (CRO) | HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) | 24 |
| | Yeliz Özel (TUR) | Yalikavaksports Club (TUR) | 24 |
| 20 | Eda Nur Kilic (TUR) | Muratpasa Belediyesi SK (TUR) | 23 |
| | Tetiana Poliak (UKR) | HC Galychanka Lviv (UKR) | 23 |
| 22 | Silvia Arderius Martin (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 22 |
| | Tena Japundza (CRO) | HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO) | 22 |
| | Fatmagül Sakizcan (TUR) | Yalikavaksports Club (TUR) | 22 |
| | Iryna Shynkaruk (BLR) | COR Victoria-Berestie (BLR) | 22 |
| 26 | Nikolina Cutura (BIH) | HZRK Grude (BIH) | 21 |
| | Anastasiya Sivukha (BLR) | COR Victoria-Berestie (BLR) | 21 |
| | Tiddara Trojaola Cabezudo (ESP) | Rocasa Gran Canaria (ESP) | 21 |
| 29 | Hanna Bardzyian (BLR) | COR Victoria-Berestie (BLR) | 20 |
| | Maria Perez Martin (ESP) | Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP) | 20 |

PAST WINNERS OF THE EHF THIRD-TIER CLUB COMPETITIONS

EHF European Cup

2021 Rincon Fertilidad Malaga ESP

Challenge Cup

2020 *no title awarded due to Covid-19*

2018 MKS Perla Lublin POL

2017 HC Lokomotiva Zagreb CRO

2016 Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE ESP

2015 Union Mios Biganos-Begle FRA

2014 H65 Höör SWE

2013 DHK Banik Most CZE

2012 HAC Havre FRA

2011 Mios Biganos FRA

2010 Buxtehuder SV GER

2009 Handball Cercle Nimes FRA

2008 VfL Oldenburg GER

2007 HC Naisa Nis SRB

2006 C.S. Rulmentul Brasov ROU

2005 TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen GER

2004 1.FC Nürnberg GER

2003 Borussia Dortmund GER

2002 Non Profit S.A. Uni ROU

2001 Handball Cercle Nimes FRA

City Cup

2000 Rapid Bucuresti ROU

1999 Napredak Krusevac YUG

1998 Ikast F.S. DEN

1997 Frankfurter Handball Club GER

1996 AS Silcotub Zalau ROU

1995 Rotor Volgograd RUS

1994 Buxtehuder SV GER



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