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Foreword EHF President

Dear handball friends,

The fight for glory starts with 32 teams

Three German teams and one Portuguese club have lifted the EHF European League trophy since the competition's launch in 2020 and each edition has brought even more action than the one before. Fans have always been at the heart of handball and with their support, the EHF European League is ready to claim back Tuesday nights, as the countdown to the group matches has reached its end.

Last season culminated with the thrilling EHF Finals Men 2024 in Barclays Arena, Hamburg, where Flensburg proved to be the toughest out of the 32 teams that took the start in the competition. The fans stayed close to the action with the help of the extended TV coverage, the live streaming on EHFTV and the exclusive sneak-peeks on our social media channels.

For the second year in a row, the group matches features 32 teams distributed in eight groups, with the matches starting in October 2024. Only half of the participants will progress to the EHF European League main round, which starts in February 2025. The strongest teams will continue the route to the trophy through the play-offs, the quarter-finals and, ultimately, the EHF Finals Men 2025 on 24/25 May.

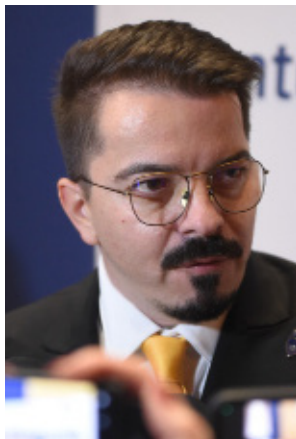
After an intense qualification round that concluded at the beginning of September, 10 teams filled in the remaining spots in the groups and are now ready to fight among the best. Some of the notable teams that take the start in the 2024/25 season are THW Kiel, the EHF FINAL4 2024 bronze medallists, former EHF Champions League winners Montpellier Handball and defending champions Flensburg. With top teams taking the main stage in the EHF European League Men, hard work and dedication will make a difference on the path to success, and our seasonal campaign slogan illustrates this: ALL IN – Greatness is earned.

We look forward to another thrilling season in the EHF European League Men!

Enjoy the matches!

Yours in sport,

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



Ne așteaptă o toamnă bogată! CSM Constanța culege roadele investiției în performanță și le propune iubitorilor de sport un regal european la Sala Sporturilor!

Trei echipe de la CSM Constanța în frunte cu cea de handbal vor evolua în grupele unor competiții continentale de top iar fanii lor vor avea posibilitatea de a vedea meciuri unul și unul la Constanța! Sunt roadele unui proiect crescut organic, cu multă muncă, un proiect care s-a transformat într-o poveste de succes, CSM Constanța fiind, la această oră, singurul club din România care are trei echipe calificate în grupele cupelor europene!

Handbaliștii noștri încep o nouă aventură europeană, direct în faza grupelor EHF European League, grație evoluției de excepție din sezonul precedent. Bidasoa Irun (Spania), Chrobry Glogow (Polonia) și Ystads IF (Suedia) sunt adversarele din Grupa D, pe care CSM Constanța trebuie să le depășească pentru a accede în Main Round-ul competiției.

Emulația extraordinară creată a făcut ca în ultimii ani tot mai mulți copii să vină la baschet și handbal. Iar juniorii noștri au performat tot mai mult, inclusiv prin calificări la turneele finale.

Un sezon pe care îl luăm ca pe o provocare unică pe care CSM Constanța a atins-o în premieră și din care încearcă să obțină cât mai mult.

Sezonul abia începe! Ne așteaptă o călătorie dificilă, dar frumoasă. Avem nevoie de tribune pline în această toamnă la meciurile echipelor noastre! Haideți să umplem Sala Sporturilor! Hai, Constanța!

Andrei Talpeș, Președinte CSM Constanța



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Playing hall

Simona Amanar Sports Hall Constanta

B.dul Tomis Nr. 102-104
900178 Constanta,
Romania
Capacity: 2,994

CSM CONSTANTA



Last season, CSM Constanta qualified for the group matches of for the first time through a dramatic penalty shootout win in the qualification round against Fraikin BM. Granollers. They progressed through to the main round, where their campaign ended.

The Romanian side reached second place in the domestic league last season, their best result since 2018/19. They are currently coached by George Buricea, who is also the Romania men's national team coach, and rely on a Romanian core, with players he knows best.

- **this is the eighth season in European competitions for Constanta, but only the third in the group phase of the second-tier European competition**
- **finished second in the Romanian league last season, their best performance in the last five years**
- **Constanta's coach, George Buricea, enters his fourth consecutive season on the team's bench, having been a former player for the Romanian side**
- **in the past season, Constanta made it to the main round and won four of the 10 matches they played**

Constanta's ambitions for 2024/25 are high. They have retained most of their core, with only three players leaving and three players joining, meaning the team's chemistry and depth are unaffected.

Team captain Ionut Nistor: "The previous season was our best one. Although we obtained much more than we had hoped for, the feeling we had in the end was the that we could have done better in several occasions, especially against the super teams, like Fuchse Berlin. When you shock the competition eliminating a former finalist like Granollers on their home ground and make a competitive round against the winners Fuchse, this can boost your motivation to want more."

ROSTER

GK
12



CHILIANU
ALEXANDRU GABRIEL

GK
88



CRISTEA
ANTONIO

GK
1



RUSU
DUMITRU VLĂDUȚ

GK
16



VASILE
DAN LUCIAN

RB
13



ALIOKHIN
MIKALAI

LW
7



ANDREI
ALEXANDRU GEORGE

LB
17



BUZLE
IOSIF ANDREI

CB
14



CĂBUT
CĂLIN MIHAI

LB
8



CHIKOVANI
IRAKLI

CB
20



DRĂGAN
ANDREI VALERIU

LB
10



ILIE
GABRIEL CRISTIAN

LB
34



KOMOGOROV
VITALY

LP
22



MOURINO
GASTÓN ALBERTO

LP
23



NIKOLIC
ZORAN

RW
5



NISTOR
IONUȚ

LW
33



RAVNIC
VALENTINO

RW
31



STANKOVIC
STRAHINJA

RW
3



ȘTEFAN
RĂREȘ ANDREI

LP
24



SZÁSZ
ANDRÁS

RB
27



UNGUREANU
NICOLAE CRISTIAN

COACH



BURICEA
GEORGE

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 5

Main round (1): 2023/24

Qualification (3): 2020/21, 2021/22; 2022/23

Other

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2013/14

EHF Cup Winners' Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2005/06

Quarter-finals (2): 2006/07, 2008/09

EHF Challenge Cup

Semi-finals (1): 2003/04

Romanian league: 9 titles (2004, 2006, 2007, 2009-2014)

Romanian cup: 7 titles (2006, 2011-14, 2018, 2023)





GEORGE BURICEA

Coach

- started playing handball when he was 15 years old but he also dabbled in athletics
- played for Constanta and Steaua București as a left wing
- reached the EHF Cup Finals with CSM Constanta in 2014, won 10 Romanian league titles as a player
- took over the head coach position in 2022, having been an assistant for two seasons for Constanta
- since 2024, he is also the head coach of the Romania men's national team

ARRIVALS

Andrei Buzle (Granollers/ESP)
Nicolae Cristian Ungureanu (Steaua/ROU)
András Szász (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)

DEPARTURES

Daniel Andrei Susanu (Buzău/ROU, on loan)
Liviu Caba (CSM Bucuresti/ROU)
Marin Vegar (Nexe/CRO)



DAN VASILE

 @dannivasile_

Goalkeeper

- arrived at Constanta in 2017 as a Romanian youth international; has always played for the club except for half a year on loan at CSM Fagaras
- won the Romanian cup in his first season with Constanta, and again in 2022/23
- has played in Europe's second-tier club competition each season since 2017/18
- was part of the Romanian squad for the Men's EHF EURO 2024 in Germany



VALENTINO RAVNIC

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Left wing

- Croatian international, who started his senior career at Zagreb in 2017 after emerging from their youth academy
- played five seasons with Zagreb before moving abroad and joining Constanta in 2022
- scored a personal best 36 goals for Constanta in the EL 2023/24 season
- played for Croatia at the EHF EURO in 2020 and 2022



VITALY KOMOGOROV

Left back

- experienced Russian international, who arrived at Constanta from Tatabánya in 2020
- best left back of the season in Romania in 2018 and 2019, when he played for Dinamo
- started professional career in Volgograd; left Russia for the first time in 2015 to play for Nantes in France; played the EHF Cup final with Nantes in 2016
- his height and power turn him into a key player for Constanta both sides of the court



VALERIU ANDREI DRAGAN

Centre back

- considered one of the most talented players in Romania
- signed for Constanta in 2021 when he was 22
- started playing handball at his local club, in Sfântu Gheorghe, then spent five years at CSM Bacău before signing for Constanta
- played for Romania at EHF EURO 2024, his debut at a major tournament



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Playing hall

Polideportivo Municipal Artaleku

C/Artaleku s/n
20304 Irun
Spain
Capacity: 2,800

After a one-year hiatus, Bidasoa Irun are back in the EHF European League. They lost in the Last 16 in both 2021/22 and 2022/23.

The Spanish side has big ambitions, fueled by a core providing an interesting mix of youth and experience. Players like goalkeeper Leonel Maciel and the Salinas brothers – Esteban and Rodrigo – bring experience to the table. But then there is a plethora of young players, aged between 19 and 23, which are starting to deliver better and better performances for Bidasoa Irun.

- **the Spanish side return to the EHF European League after one year; they were eliminated two seasons ago in the Last 16 by Sporting CP**
- **Bidasoa Irun finished second in the Spanish league last season behind champions Barça**
- **this is the 14th European season in Bidasoa's history; they won the EHF Cup Winners' Cup in 1997**
- **Bidasoa have a new coach, Alejandro Mozas, who joins from another Spanish club participating in the EHF European League, Bathco Bm. Torrelavega**

Bidasoa also have a new coach, with Alejandro Mozas taking over from Jacobo Cuetara. The young coach will make his debut in an European competition with the Spanish side.

Team captain Gorka Nieto says: "Having the opportunity to play European competition again is a luxury. Even more so after last year we suffered from being left out of it. Trying to go as far as possible and being able to enjoy our fans against great foreign teams is a great motivation for the entire team."

ROSTER

GK
1



**FAILDE FUENTES
DAVID**

GK
40



**MACIEL
LEONEL CARLOS**

GK
33



**SKRZYNIARZ
JAKUB**

LW
21



**BARRETO USABARRENA
UNAI**

LB
18



**BERAZA FIGUEROA
ANDONI**

LB
20



**BOSKOS
THEODOROS**

RW
2



**CAVERO ECHEPARE
IÑAKI**

LP
28



**DA SILVA
MATHEUS FRANCISCO**

LB
97



**DÍAZ HERNÁNDEZ
ALBERTO**

LB
10



**FURUNDARENA MAIZ
ENEKO**

LW
32



**GARCÍA RIVERA
DARIEL**

RW
7



**GASTAMINZA ARAMBARRI
FRANCISCO JAVIER**

RW
9



**GEY EMPARAN
TAO**

CB
23



**IRIBAR CARCELLER
ASIER**

LB
37



**IRIBAR CARCELLER
JON ANDER**

LP
4



**JEVTIC
MARKO**

RB
19



**MÚGICA SANTIAGO
JULEN**

CB
31



**NIETO MARCOS
ASIER**

CB
31



**NIETO MARCOS
GORKA**

LB
22



**RAIX
ALEXANDRE MIHAI**

LP
11



**SALINAS MUÑOZ
ESTEBAN JOAQUIN**

RB
17



**SALINAS MUÑOZ
RODRIGO ALONSO**

CB
35



**SOUZA PACHECO
PEDRO**

LW
8



**ZABALA UGARTEBURU
MIKEL**

COACH



**MOZAS GARCÍA
ALEJANDRO**

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 4

Last 16 (2): 2021/22, 2022/23

Qualification (1): 2020/21

Other

EHF Champions League

Winners (1): 1994/95

Runners-up (1): 1995/96

Group phase (1): 2019/20

Champions Trophy

Runners-up: 1996/97

EHF Cup

Semi-finals (2): 1993/94, 2000/01

Quarter-finals (2): 2005/06, 2006/07

Cup Winners' Cup

Winners (1): 1996/97

Spanish league: 2 titles (1987, 1994)

Spanish cup: 2 titles (1991, 1996)





ALEJANDRO MOZAS

Coach

- named as Bidasoa's coach last December, but actually started work at the club at the beginning of the 2024/25 season
- has coached at Alcobendas and at Bathco BM Torrelavega, who he took charge of in 2018, helping them promote in 2021
- named the best coach in the Spanish league in the 2021/22 season
- he also worked for the Spanish federation as the assistant coach of the Spain junior national team

ARRIVALS

Leo Maciel (Sporting/POR)

DEPARTURES

Mehdi Harbaoui (Dunkerque/FRA)



LEONEL MACIEL

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Goalkeeper

- Argentinian international; joined the club in 2024 after two seasons with Sporting CP, also played for CL winners Barça in the 2021/22 season
- previously played for three other Spanish sides: Cuenca, Zamora and Octavio; gained his first European cup experience with Cuenca in 2018/19
- won the South and Central American Championship with Argentina in January 2020, has also represented his national team at the Olympics

CL: 2022



THEODOROS BOSKOS

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Left back

- Greek international, came to Spain before in 2021 and first played for Ademar Leon and Puente Genil before signing with Bidasoa Irun in the summer of 2024
- scored 130 goals for Puente Genil in the Spanish league in 2023/24
- is a classic left back with a strong shot
- part of Greece national team that made EHF EURO debut in January 2024



GORKA NIETO

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Centre back

- born in Etxebarri, he made his debut for Bidasoa Irun in the 2019/20 season and has not played for another club since
- M20 EHF EURO 2022 champion with Spain, yet to make his debut for the senior side
- his brother, Asier, is Gorka's teammate at Bidasoa Irun
- named captain of Bidasoa in August 2023 before the start of the 2023/24 season, when he was the team's top scorer in the Spanish league



RODRIGO SALINAS MUNOZ

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Right back

- Chile national team player who arrived in Spain in 2010, and at Bidasoa Irun in 2017
- previously played for a wide range of clubs, including Badajoz, Huesca, Torreveja and Granollers in Spain, CSM Bucuresti in Romania, and Nantes and Chartres in France
- was Granollers' top scorer with 128 goals when the club finished third in the ASOBAL league in 2013/14
- his brother, Esteban, also plays for Bidasoa as a line player





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George Buricea, Antrenor Principal



“ Toată lumea își dorește să joace în EHF European League și s-o facă cât mai bine pentru că acolo este testul pentru fiecare jucător, este o perioadă foarte aglomerată pentru noi, cu multe meciuri și sperăm s-o trecem cu brio pentru că mereu avem publicul alături de noi și ne împing de la spate atunci când avem nevoie.

Andrei Drăgan, Coordonator

”



Meci decisiv la Sala Sporturilor! CSM Constanța primește vizita liderului Grupei D din EHF European League, Bidasoa Irun, și are nevoie de puncte pentru a păstra șanse la calificarea în faza următoare a competiției. Vicecampiona României înfruntă vicecampiona Spaniei, echipă care revine în Europa după o pauză de un an. Clubul basc are, însă, o lungă tradiție în cupele europene: Bidasoa a câștigat Liga Campionilor în 1994 și Cupa Cupelor în 1997! Are în palmares și două titluri de campioană a Spaniei, cucerite în 1987 și 1994. În prezent, echipa se bazează pe un mixt de experiență și tinerețe. Portarul argentinian Leonel Maciel (35 de ani), adversarul Constanței în sezonul trecut cu Sporting Lisabona!, interul stânga grec Theodoros Boskos (23 ani), centrul spaniol Gorka Nieto (22 ani), căpitanul echipei, și interul dreapta chilian Rodrigo Salinas (35 ani) sunt jucătorii cheie ai echipei iberice. CSM Constanța (1 punct) are nevoie de un rezultat pozitiv în meciul cu Bidasoa (3p), care este urmată în clasamentul grupei de Chrobry Glogow (3p). Ystads (1p) este pe ultima poziție, fiind învinsă, în Suedia, de Bidasoa cu 29-23. Misiunea echipei noastre se anunță dificilă. Nistor, Vasile & comp mizează pe cât mai mulți fani în tribune. Haideți să umplem sala! Să fim al optulea jucător al echipei! Marți, 22 octombrie, de la ora 19.45! Hai, Constanța!



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