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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.

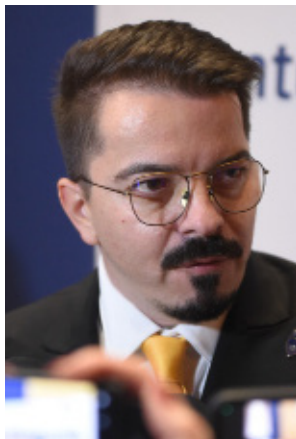
After an intense qualification round that concluded at the beginning of September, 10 teams filled in the remaining spots in the groups and are now ready to fight among the best. Some of the notable teams that take the start in the 2024/25 season are THW Kiel, the EHF FINAL4 2024 bronze medallists, former 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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Kit colours

Light

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

Dark

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



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

 @valentinoravnic33

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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GK shirt: multicolour

Dark

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Player short: black
GK shirt: orange



Playing hall

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Matuszaka**

Wita Stwosza 1
67-200 Glogow, Poland
Capacity: 1,300

KGHM CHROBRY GLOGOW



KGHM Chrobry Glogow are still looking to gain more experience on the international stage. Their debut in the second-tier competition last season was a challenging one, as the team led by Vitaliy Nat only managed to gain one point – from a tie with CSM Constanta – and finished fourth in the group.

Before the 2023/24 season, their last previous experience in European competitions dated back to 2007/08, when Glogow reached the quarter-finals of the Challenge Cup, only to be eliminated by Pfadi Winterthur.

- **secured their place in the EHF European League group matches by finishing fourth in the Polish league**
- **are one of two Polish teams taking part – the other one is Górnik Zabrze**
- **this is coach Vitaliy Nat's sixth season with the team, after he previously coached ZTR Zaporozhye**
- **the squad has not had many changes compared to last season – goalkeeper Maksym Lobchuk, line player Jakub Adamski and left back Kamil Mosiołek joined the team**

Keeping the transfers to a minimum over the summer might be an asset for Glogow – especially now that they face a rival from last season: CSM Constanta. Sharing the group with bigger names is less than ideal for the Polish underdogs, but it is also a chance for them to measure their strength.

Team captain Rafal Stachera: “My biggest motivation for the new season in the EHF European League will be the desire to prove that I can play at a high level and help the team achieve the best result. The match I am looking forward to the most is probably the one against the Irun team. My friend from Głogów, Jakub Skrzyniarz, plays there.”

ROSTER

GK
22 



**DEREVIANKIN
ANTON**

GK
12 



**LOBCHUK
MAKSIM**

GK
1 



**STACHERA
RAFAL**

LP
23 



**ADAMSKI
JAKUB**

CB
20 



**DADEJ
WOJCIECH**

LW
3 



**GRABOWSKI
KACPER**

RW
77 



**HAJNOS
WOJCIECH**

RB
18 



**JAMIOL
RAFAL**

RW
13 



**KOSZNIK
TOMASZ**

RB
24 



**MATUSZAK
WOJCIECH**

CB
33 



**MOSIOLEK
KAMIL**

LP
17 



**ORPIAK
JAKUB**

LB
26 



**OTREZOV
ANTON**

CB
35 



**PATEREK
PAWEL**

LP
78 



**SKIBA
BARTOSZ**

LB
4 



**STRELNIKOV
MAXYM**

LW
27 



**STYRCZ
WOJCIECH**

CB
6 



**WRONA
FILIP**

LB
9 



**ZIENIEWICZ
JEDRZEJ**

COACH 



**GUJSKI
MARIUSZ**

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

EHF European League

Participations (incl. 2024/25): 2

Group matches (1): 2023/24

Other

EHF Cup

Round 3 (1): 2006/07

Challenge Cup

Quarter-finals (1): 2007/08

Polish league: –

Polish cup: –





VITALIY NAT

Coach

- former Ukrainian international, who arrived at Glogow as head coach prior to the 2019/20 season
- spent the last seven seasons before retiring as a player in 2014 in Poland and played for several clubs, including Plock and Kielce; however, he did not play for Glogow
- started coaching career with ZTR in his hometown Zaporozhye in 2015 before joining Glogow four years later
- played as a centre back, and scored 263 goals in 75 matches for the Ukraine national team between 1998 and 2014

ARRIVALS

Kamil Mosiołek (Piotrków/POL)
Maksym Lobchukiem (Klaipeda/LTU)
Jakub Adamski (Tarnów/POL)

DEPARTURES

Aleksandr Tilte (Besiktas/TUR)





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CSM Constanța încheie aventura din EHF European League cu un meci în Sala Sporturilor, contra echipei poloneze KGHM Chrobry Glogow. Handbaliștii noștri vor să-și ia revanșa după ce au cedat pe terenul adversarilor în urmă cu o lună și să termine, astfel, pe locul 3 în clasamentul Grupei D. Nistor & comp vor înfrunta o echipă combativă, care și-a păstrat nucleul din sezonul precedent, când CSM Constanța a luat 3 puncte din 4 în disputa cu Glogow. Omogenitatea echipei antrenate de ucraineanul Vitaly Nat și eficacitatea interului stânga Pawel Paterek, internaționalul polonez care a marcat 11 goluri la victoria cu 37-33 din tur, sunt atu-urile oaspeților. Valoarea lotului nostru și suportul publicului sunt argumentele principale pentru o nouă victorie europeană!

Vicecampiona României vine după un succes concludent, acasă, cu HC Buzău, grație căruia rămâne în plutonul fruntaș din Liga Zimbrilor după 10 meciuri jucate, în timp ce Chrobry Glogow face un sezon intern foarte bun, fiind pe podium după 11 etape, în urma forțelor din Polska Superliga, Wisla Plock și Kielce.

Băieții noștri mizează pe cât mai mulți fani în tribune! Marți, 26 noiembrie, de la ora 19:45! Meciul va fi în direct pe canalele Digi Sport 3 și Prima Sport 3 și pe site-ul www.csmconstanta.ro, la secțiunea LIVE TV. Hai, Constanța!



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