



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2021/22

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Welcome to the new season of the EHF European Cup. The 29th season of European club competitions under the EHF umbrella saw a restart in 2020/21, as the new partnership with Infront and DAZN has come into effect. At the end of a long season it was AEK Athens who claimed the first edition of the EHF European Cup trophy last May.

The EHF European Cup replaced the Challenge Cup as the third-tier of the continental club competitions hierarchy after the EHF Champions League and the EHF European League. It has also established a new competition brand identity.

In the 2021/22 season the EHF European Cup will be again 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 will require for the upcoming season and the participating teams. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

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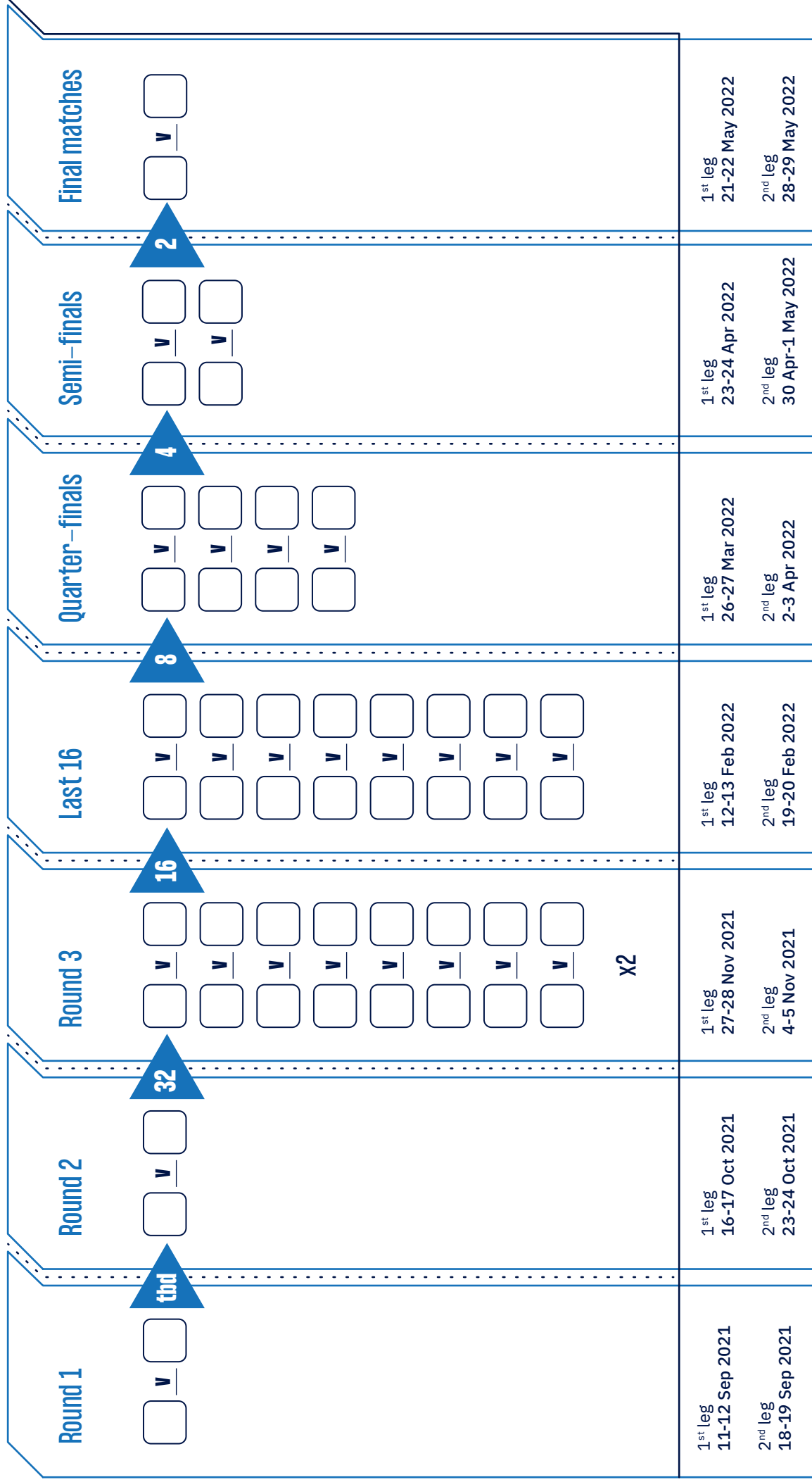
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EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN

2021/22 SEASON

Playing system and dates



EHF European Cup Men 2021/22 Seeding



 EHF EUROPEAN CUP		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final matches
		30 teams	54 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
		11.-12.09.2021 first leg	16.-17.10.2021 first leg	27.-28.11.2021 first leg	12.-13.02.2022 first leg	26.-27.03.2022 first leg	23.-24.04.2022 first leg	21.-22.05.2022 first leg
18.-19.09.2021 second leg	23.-24.10.2021 second leg	04.-05.12.2021 second leg	19.-20.02.2022 second leg	02.-03.04.2022 second leg	30.4.-1.5.2022 second leg	28.-29.05.2022 second leg		
NATION	DRAWN:	20.07.2021	20.07.2021	25.10.2021	07.12.2021	22.02.2022	22.02.2022	03.05.2022
1	GRE			PAOK				
2	ROU			AHC Potaiissa Turda				
3	RUS			Victor				
4	CZE			Talent t. Plzenskeho kraje				
5	SWE			IFK Skövde				
6	NOR							
7	BIH							
8	SLO							
9	CYP							
10	UKR							
11	ISL							
12	LUX							
13	SVK							
14	FIN							
15	ISR							
16	BLR							
17	AUT							
18	LTU							
19	TUR							
20	EST							
21	LAT							
22	SRB							
23	KOS							
24	NED							
25	SUI							
26	ITA							
27	BUL							
28	FAR							
29	GRE							
30	ROU							
31	RUS							
32	CZE							
33	NOR							
34	BIH							
35	CYP							
36	UKR							
37	ISL							
38	LUX							
39	ISR							
40	BLR							
41	AUT							
42	LTU							
43	TUR							
44	EST							
45	SRB	RK Metaloplastika Sabac						
46	KOS	KH Prishtina						
47	NED	JD Technik Hurry-up						
48	ITA	Raimond Sassari						
49	BUL	Lokomotiv G. Oryahovitsa						
50	GRE	Bianco Monte Drama 86						
51	CZE	Dukla Praha						
52	BIH	MKK Sloga Doboj						
53	CYP	Apoel HC						
54	UKR	Motor-Polytehnika						
55	ISL	Selfoss						
56	LUX	HB Käerjeng						
57	ISR	Holon Yuvalim HC						
58	AUT	INSIGNIS HB WESTWIEN						
59	LTU	Granitas-Karys						
60	TUR	Beykoz BLD SK						
61	EST	Viljandi HC						
62	SRB	RK Zeleznicar 1949						
63	KOS	KH Trepca						
64	CZE	HC Robe Zubri						
65	LUX	HB Dudelange						
66	KOS	KH Vellaznimi HC						
67	GRE	A.E.S.H Pylea						
68	ROU	CS Minaur Baia Mare						
69	RUS	SGAU-Saratov						
70	CZE	KH ISMM Koprivnice						
71	SWE	Alingsas HK						
72	NOR	Baekkelage Handball Elite						
73	BIH	RK Sloboda						
74	AUT	Sparkasse Schwaz HB Tirol						

27 Winners of Qualification Round 2

16 Winners of Qualification Round 3

8 Winners of Last 16

4 Winners of Quarter-finals

2 Winners of Semi-finals

15 Winners of Qualification Round 1

EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN TO THROW OFF WITH 13 MATCHES

The 2021/22 season of the EHF European Cup Men, the third-tier competition in European club handball, will get underway with 13 round 1 matches this weekend.

20 teams from 18 countries are ready to start on Saturday and Sunday, and the schedule features seven first-leg games as well as three double-headers.

- **SG Insignis Handball Westwien (AUT) vs SGAU-Saratov (RUS), Granitas-Karys (LTU) vs RK Zeleznicar 1949 (SRB), and Handball Kaerjeng (LUX) vs KH Vellaznimi (KOS) are scheduled as double-headers to be held in Russia, Lithuania and Luxembourg, respectively**
- **four more double-headers will take place the following weekend, on 18 and 19 September, along with seven second-leg games**
- **title holders AEK Athens are not among the contenders this time, as they will be trying their luck in the EHF European League Men**
- **the duel between KH Pristina (KOS) and Sparkasse Schwaz Handball Tirol (AUT) had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, with the Austrian team proceeding to round 2**
- **as many as 39 teams will enter the competition in round 2, and four more will join the race in round 3**
- **Two Balkan nations with extra presence**

Only two nations, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, will be represented by two clubs in the matches this weekend.

While Zeleznicar will travel to Lithuania for a double-header with Granitas, fellow Serbian side RK Metaloplastika Sabac, runners-up in the Challenge Cup in 2014, are set to play their first-leg game against Alingsas HK in Sweden.

Meanwhile, MRK Sloga Doboj head to Estonia for the game against Viljandi HC, and another Bosnian team, RK Sloboda, will host their Greek rivals Bianco Monte Drama 1986 in Tuzla.

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 1 SCHEDULE

MatchID: 202211020701-

001	SWE	Alingsås HK	002	SRB	RK Metaloplastika Sabac	
	11.09.2021 16:00	Alingsas		18.09.2021 19:00	Sremska Mitrovica	
	Ref.: Weijmans, Wolbertus NED	Del.: Udd FIN		Ref.: Antashev, Musatov RUS	Del.: Jovic BIH	
003	KOS	KH Prishtina	004	AUT	Sparkasse Schwaz Handball Tirol	0 : 20
	06.09.2021 00:00			06.09.2021 00:00		0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
005	LUX	HB Dudelange	006	ITA	Raimond Sassari	
	17.09.2021 19:30	Sassari		18.09.2021 19:30	Sassari	
	Ref.: Panayides, Andreou CYP	Del.: Kyriakoulas GRE		Ref.: Panayides, Andreou CYP	Del.: Kyriakoulas GRE	
Both matches in ITA						
007	CYP	Apoel HC	008	CZE	HC Robe Zubri	
	11.09.2021 17:00	Larnaca		18.09.2021 18:00	Zubri	
	Ref.: Chrzan, Janas POL	Del.: Antonopoulos GRE		Ref.: Beqiri, Krasniqi KOS	Del.: Cech SVK	
009	CZE	KH ISMM Koprivnice	010	ISL	Selfoss	
	18.09.2021 15:00	Koprivnice		19.09.2021 18:00	Koprivnice	
	Ref.: Budzak, Zahradnik SVK	Del.: Dvorsky SVK		Ref.: Budzak, Zahradnik SVK	Del.: Dvorsky SVK	
Both matches in CZE						
011	BIH	RK Sloboda	012	GRE	Bianco Monte Drama 1986	
	11.09.2021 19:30	Tuzla		18.09.2021 18:00	Drama	
	Ref.: Ivanovic, Vujasic MNE	Del.: Ivanovic SRB		Ref.: Manea, Iliescu ROU	Del.: Andreev BUL	
013	AUT	SG INSIGNIS Handball Westwien	014	RUS	SGAU-Saratov	
	11.09.2021 16:00	Balakovo, Saratov region		12.09.2021 12:00	Balakovo, Saratov region	
	Ref.: Butskovich, Butskovich BLR	Del.: Gokmen TUR		Ref.: Butskovich, Butskovich BLR	Del.: Gokmen TUR	
Both matches in RUS						
015	ROU	CS Minaur Baia Mare	016	BUL	HC Lokomotiv G. Oryahovitsa	
	11.09.2021 17:00	Baia Mare - Maramures		18.09.2021 18:00	Gabrovo	
	Ref.: Kaludjerovic, Vujacic MNE	Del.: Fegir UKR		Ref.: Charitsos, Naskos GRE	Del.: Metalari MKD	
017	KOS	KH Trepca	018	ISR	Holon Yuvalim HC	
	18.09.2021 19:00	Mitrovica		19.09.2021 17:00	Mitrovica	
	Ref.: Bozhinovski, Nachevski MKD	Del.: Rakocevic MNE		Ref.: Bozhinovski, Nachevski MKD	Del.: Rakocevic MNE	
Both matches in KOS						
019	TUR	Beykoz BLD SK	020	NED	JD Techniek Hurry-Up	
	12.09.2021 17:00	Beykoz, Istanbul		18.09.2021 20:00	EH Emmen	
	Ref.: Ershov, Pavliukov RUS	Del.: Asgarov AZE		Ref.: Kinnari, Skogberg FIN	Del.: Nesser LUX	
021	GRE	A.E.S.H. Pylea	022	CZE	HC Dukla Praha	
	18.09.2021 19:30	Praha 10		19.09.2021 19:30	Praha 10	
	Ref.: Nygaard, Pedersen DEN	Del.: Levin ISR		Ref.: Nygaard, Pedersen DEN	Del.: Levin ISR	
Both matches in CZE						
023	UKR	Motor-Politehnika	024	NOR	Baekkelaget Handball Elite	
	12.09.2021 17:00	Zaporozhye		18.09.2021 18:00	Oslo	
	Ref.: Sirbu, Serdiuc MDA	Del.: Gelashvili GEO		Ref.: Jaskins, Zabko LAT	Del.: Ventsli EST	
025	LUX	Handball Kaerjeng	026	KOS	KH Vellaznimi HC	
	11.09.2021 18:00	Bascharage		12.09.2021 17:00	Bascharage	
	Ref.: Martens, Schols NED	Del.: Conceicao POR		Ref.: Martens, Schols NED	Del.: Conceicao POR	
Both matches in LUX						
027	EST	Viljandi HC	028	BIH	MRK Sloga Doboj	
	11.09.2021 15:00	Viljandi		18.09.2021 18:00	Doboj	
	Ref.: Fahner, Kubis POL	Del.: Mikucionis LTU		Ref.: Mikelic, Paradina CRO	Del.: Kalin SLO	
029	LTU	Granitas-Karys	030	SRB	RK Zeleznicar 1949	
	11.09.2021 17:00	Vilnius		12.09.2021 14:00	Vilnius	
	Ref.: Kull, Tint EST	Del.: Kazinieks LAT		Ref.: Kull, Tint EST	Del.: Kazinieks LAT	
Both matches in LTU						

ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

MatchID: 202211020702-

001	SRB	RK Partizan	002	LUX	HC Berchem
	16.10.2021 18:00	Beograd		23.10.2021 18:30	Crauthem
003	BIH	RK Borac m:tel	004	KOS	KH Besa Famgas
	16.10.2021 18:00			23.-24.10.2021	
005	ITA	ASD Accademia P. Conversano 2014	006		Winner R1 P14
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
007		Winner R1 P04	008	BUL	HC Osam Lovech
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
009	CYP	Parnassos Strovolou	010	ISL	Haukar
	16.10.2021 16:30	Engomi-Nicosia		17.10.2021 16:30	Engomi-Nicosia
Both matches in CYP					
011	AUT	Fivers	012		Winner R1 P12
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
013		Winner R1 P10	014	RUS	SKIF Krasnodar
	16.-17.10.2021			23.10.2021 14:00	Krasnodar
015	UKR	Donbas	016		Winner R1 P01
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
017		Winner R1 P13	018	ROU	Focsani Municipal SC 2007
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
019	NED	Herpertz Bevo HC	020	ISR	AS SGS Ramhat Hashron
	23.10.2021 16:00	Panningen		24.10.2021 15:00	Panningen
Both matches in NED					
021		Winner R1 P05	022	SLO	RK Jeruzalem Ormoz
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
023	FIN	BK-46 Handboll	024		Winner R1 P07
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
025		Winner R1 P15	026	EST	Põlva Serviti
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	
027	CZE	HCB Karvina	028	TUR	Izmir BSB SK
	16.10.2021 18:00	Karvina - Nove Mesto		17.10.2021 16:00	Karvina - Nove Mesto
Both matches in CZE					
029	GRE	A.C. Diomidis Argous	030		Winner R1 P06
	16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021	

ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

031	TUR	Besiktas JK	032		Winner R1 P09
		16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021
033	BLR	HC Masheka	034	LAT	ZRHK TENAX Dobeles
		17.10.2021 17:00 Mogilev			23.-24.10.2021
035	SUI	HSC Suhr Aarau	036	AUT	Förthof UHK Krems
		17.10.2021 16:00 Aarau			23.10.2021 19:00 Krems an der Donau
037	FAR	H71	038	NOR	Drammen HK
		16.-17.10.2021			24.10.2021 15:00 Drammen
039	LTU	HC Dragunas Klaipeda	040	SVK	MSK Povazska Bystrica
		16.10.2021 14:00 Klaipeda			23.10.2021 18:00 Povazská Bystrica
041	ISL	FH Hafnarfjordur	042	BLR	SKA Minsk
		16.10.2021 17:00 Hafnarfjörður			23.10.2021 17:00 Minsk
043		Winner R1 P03	044	NOR	Nærbø IL
		16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021
045		Winner R1 P08	046	ISR	Hapoel SP Ashdod HC
		16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021
047	UKR	Odesa	048	LUX	Handball Esch
		16.10.2021 19:00 Esch/Alzette			17.10.2021 18:00 Esch/Alzette
Both matches in LUX					
049	AUT	Sparkasse Schwaz Handball Tirol	050	CYP	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta
		16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021
051	BIH	HC Izvidac	052		Winner R1 P11
		16.-17.10.2021			23.-24.10.2021
053	LTU	VHC Sviesa Vilnius	054	EST	HC Tallinn
		16.10.2021 15:30 Vilnius			23.-24.10.2021

2020/21 TOP SCORERS



45 goals

Aleks Kavcic

RK Gorenje Velenje

	Player	Club	
1	Kavcic Aleks (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	45
2	Argyrou Christos (CYP)	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta (CYP)	41
	Tajnik Domen (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	41
	Tziras Dimitrios (GRE)	AEK Athens HC (GRE)	41
5	Kederis Christos (GRE)	AEK Athens HC (GRE)	36
	Toniazzo Patrick (BRA)	AEK Athens HC (GRE)	36
7	Moraitis Marios-Alexandros (GRE)	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta (CYP)	35
8	Nantes Campos Raul (BRA)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	34
9	Nygren Jakob (SWE)	Ystads IF (SWE)	33
10	Totos Nikolaos (GRE)	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta (CYP)	31
11	Haseljic Ibrahim (BIH)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	30
12	Kritikos Nikolaos (GRE)	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta (CYP)	29
	Mylonas Christodoulos (GRE)	AEK Athens HC (GRE)	29
14	Turaev Pavel (RUS)	HC Neva SPb (RUS)	28
15	Cabut Calin Mihai (ROU)	CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)	27
	Sokolic Tilen (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	27
17	Hallbäck Ludvig (SWE)	Ystads IF (SWE)	26
18	Andersson Jim (SWE)	Ystads IF (SWE)	25
19	Asvestas Stylianos (GRE)	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta (CYP)	24
	Kavcic Miha (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	24
	Kovalenko Aleksandr (RUS)	HC Neva SPb (RUS)	24
	Moya Florido Ignacio (ESP)	AEK Athens HC (GRE)	24
23	Ivanytsia Liubomyr (SVK)	MSK Povazska Bystrica (SVK)	22
	Timmo Alfred (EST)	Põlva Serviti (EST)	22
25	Arampatzis Evangelos (GRE)	AEK Athens HC (GRE)	21
	Pajt Kenan (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	21

EHF MEN'S THIRD-TIER PAST WINNERS

EHF European Cup

2021 AEK Athens (GRE)

Challenge Cup

2020 no title awarded due to Covid-19

2019 CSM Bucuresti

2018 AHC Potaissa Turda ROU

2017 Sporting CP POR

2016 ABC/UMinho POR

2015 HC Odorhei ROU

2014 Sävehof IK SWE

2013 SKA Minsk BLR

2012 AC Diomidis Argos GRE

2011 RK Cimos Koper SLO

2010 Sporting Club de Portugal POR

2009 UCM Sport Resita ROU

2008 UCM Sport Resita ROU

2007 CS UCM Resita ROU

2006 Steaua Bucuresti ROU

2005 Wacker Thun SUI

2004 IFK Skövde HK SWE

2003 Skjern Handball DEN

2002 Skjern Handball DEN

2001 RK Jugovic Kav YUG

City Cup

2000 TV Grosswallstadt GER

1999 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER

1998 TuS Nettelstadt GER

1997 TuS Nettelstadt GER

1996 Drammen HK NOR

1995 TV Niederwürzbach GER

1994 TUSEM Essen GER



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