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## UEFA EURO 2008™: The line-up is complete – Qualifying-round numbers games – Outline of the qualifying teams – Draw procedure

*Nyon* – Yesterday evening, the 16 teams participating in UEFA EURO 2008™ were set. Alongside hosts Austria and Switzerland, titleholders Greece, world champions Italy and the national teams of Germany, France, Croatia, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Spain, the Czech Republic and Turkey will contest the final round of the European Football Championship from 7 – 29 June 2008.

“Welcome to all the qualifying nations. I look forward to a European Championship final round full of unforgettable moments – entirely in keeping with the tournament motto, ‘Expect emotions’,” said Ralph Zloczower, President of the Swiss Football Association. The final draw will take place on Sunday, 2 December 2007, in Lucerne. Lots will be drawn to divide the teams into four groups and the precise match fixture list will be compiled. “Together with the teams, I look forward to greeting the many football fans from right across Europe who will make UEFA EURO 2008™ an amazing, amicable football festival,” said Friedrich Stickler, President of the Austrian Football Association.

Not counting the Serbia-Kazakhstan match, which will be played on Saturday, 306 qualifying matches have been contested on 18 matchdays since 16 August 2006. In a total of 27,540 minutes, 838 goals were scored. The most prolific goal scorer was David Healy, who chalked up 13 for Northern Ireland. As a means of comparison, in Group G the Dutch team took only 15 goals to qualify second – despite managing a total of 79 shots on goal, more than any other team in the competition. The most goals in one game were scored in Germany’s 13-0 victory over San Marino. Only 21 matches were goalless.

With six yellow cards, Croatia was the ‘fairest’ team in the qualifying round and Spain committed the fewest fouls (85). The most fouls were suffered by Andy Selva from San Marino: his opponents broke the rules no fewer than 52 times in order to stop him. In second place in this category is Cristiano Ronaldo (48 fouls suffered). Ronaldo was also the player with the most shots on goal (31) – and the most shots wide (24).

Detailed player, team and match statistics can be found on [www.euro2008.com](http://www.euro2008.com).



**Outline of the 16 teams participating in UEFA EURO 2008™:**

Nation	Coach	Previous EURO participation	Best EURO result
Austria	Josef Hickersberger	2008	
Croatia	Slaven Bilić	1996, 2004, 2008	Quarter-finalists in 1996
Czech Republic	Karel Brückner	1960, 1976, 1980, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	1976 European champions (Czechoslovakia)
France	Raymond Domenech	1960, 1984, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	1984 and 2000 European champions
Germany	Joachim Löw	1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	1972, 1980 and 1996 European champions
Greece	Otto Rehhagel	1980, 2004, 2008	2004 European champions
Italy	Roberto Donadoni	1968, 1980, 1988, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	1968 European champions
Poland	Leo Beenhakker	2008	
Portugal	Luiz Felipe Scolari	1984, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	Finalists in 2004
Romania	Victor Piturca	1984, 1996, 2000, 2008	Quarter-finalists in 2000
Russia	Guus Hiddink	1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2004, 2008	1960 European champions (USSR)
Spain	Luis Aragonés	1964, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	1964 European champions
Sweden	Lars Lagerbäck	1992, 2000, 2004, 2008	Semi-finalists in 1992
Switzerland	Jakob "Köbi" Kuhn	1996, 2004, 2008	
The Netherlands	Marco van Basten	1976, 1980, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008	1988 European champions
Turkey	Fatih Terim	1996, 2000, 2008	Quarter-finalists in 2000

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## Final Draw Procedure

### 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007

Place:	KKL, Lucerne / Switzerland
Time:	12.00
Duration:	50 minutes

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#### Basic conditions

- 16 teams will participate in the final competition of the UEFA European Football Championship 2006/08™. They will be divided into 4 groups of 4 teams each (Groups A to D).
- As host associations, Switzerland and Austria are automatically qualified and have already been seeded: Switzerland as A1, Austria as B1.

#### Team ranking and pot allocation

- The remaining 14 teams are classified on the basis of their results in the qualifying competitions for the FIFA World Cup 2004/2006™ and the UEFA European Football Championship 2006/2008™ and allocated into 4 Pots (Pot 1-4). Greece will be seeded as reigning European Champions and placed into Pot 1 (see article 7.04 of the Competition Regulations).
- The pot allocation is as follows:
  - Pot 1: team with coefficient ranking 1 and Greece
  - Pot 2: teams with coefficient rankings 2-5
  - Pot 3: teams with coefficient rankings 6-9
  - Pot 4: teams with coefficient rankings 10-13
- According to the Competition Regulations, the two teams in Pot 1 are seeded. They will therefore be drawn into the first position of groups C and D. In order to determine the position of the remaining 12 teams in the respective groups, there are four additional pots (Pots a-d), containing 3 balls each:
  - Pot a: balls A2, A3 and A4
  - Pot b: balls B2, B3 and B4
  - Pot c: balls C2, C3 and C4
  - Pot d: balls D2, D3 and D4

The positions in the group determine the compilation of the match fixture list.



## Draw procedure

Considering that the host associations are automatically qualified and have already been allocated into position A1 (Switzerland) and position B1 (Austria), the draw starts with Pot 1 in order to fill the first position in each group.

- A first ball is drawn from Pot 1 and the drawn team is placed into the first position of Group C. Thereafter, the second ball from Pot 1 is drawn and the respective team is placed into the first position of Group D.

The Draw continues with Pot 4 and ends with Pot 2.

- A ball is drawn from Pot 4 and placed into Group A. In order to determine the position of the team within the group, a ball is drawn from Pot a. Moving to Group B, another team is drawn from Pot 4. Once again, to determine the position of the team within the group, a ball is drawn from Pot b. The same procedure is repeated for Groups C and D (in consecutive order) until all balls from Pot 4 have been drawn and positioned in each group.
- The same procedure is followed for Pot 3.
- Finally, the same procedure is followed for Pot 2

## Allocation of teams to pots

Pot 1
Greece
The Netherlands

Pot 2
Croatia
Italy
Czech Republic
Sweden

Pot 3
Romania
Germany
Portugal
Spain

Pot 4
Poland
France
Turkey
Russia

