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Group B - Matchday 1

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Match background

The opening Group B match brings together the two most successful teams in this tournament's history. Between them Germany and Norway won every edition apart from the inaugural 1984 competition.

- Norway won the second UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1987 and the second UEFA European Women's Championship six years later. In 1995 they beat Germany 2-0 in Stockholm to win the FIFA Women's World Cup.

- Germany won the third and final UEFA Competition for National Representative Women Teams in 1989 with a 4-1 victory against Norway in Osnabruck and the first UEFA European Women's Championship two years later, beating the same team 3-1 after extra time in Aalborg. After Norway took the title in 1993, Germany regained it in 1995 and successfully defended it in 1997, 2001 and 2005, also winning the 2003 and 2007 World Cups.

- Germany are meeting Norway for the 32nd time in a senior international and both teams have recorded 13 wins with five draws, though Germany have scored 50 goals to their opponents' 46.

- Not only did the teams meet in the 2005 final in Blackburn, Germany winning 3-1, but they had also played – like this time – in an opening Group B fixture. The holders prevailed 1-0 in Warrington with a 61st-minute Conny Pohlers goal.

- The teams for the group game were:

Germany: Silke Rottenberg, Kerstin Stegemann, Ariane Hingst, Steffi Jones, Sandra Minnert, Kerstin Garefrekes, Inka Grings, Navina Omilade (Britta Carlson), Conny Pohlers (Petra Wimbersky), Anja Mittag, Inga Grings (Sandra Smisek).

Norway: Bente Nordby, Marianne Paulsen, Marit Fiane Christensen, Ane Stangeland, Gunhild Følstad, Solveig Gulbrandsen, Ingvild Stensland, Trine Rønning, Dagny Mellgren, Stine Frantzen (Isabell Herlovsen), Unni Lehn (Lise Klaveness).

- Herlovsen's 83rd-minute appearance aged 16 years 348 days made her the youngest player in the history of the finals. Three days later she became the youngest goalscorer with her strike against France.

- In the 2005 final Anja Mittag gave Germany a 21st-minute lead and Renate Lingor made it 2-0 three minutes later. Dagny Mellgren pulled one back for Norway on 41 minutes but Germany captain Birgit Prinz, who had missed the group game through injury, made sure of her fourth European title in the 63rd minute.

- The teams for the final were:

Germany: Silke Rottenberg, Kerstin Garefrekes, Ariane Hingst, Steffi Jones, Sandra Minnert, Britta Carlson (Sarah Günther), Inka Grings (Sandra Smisek), Renate Lingor, Conny Pohlers, Anja Mittag, (Petra Wimbersky), Birgit Prinz.

Norway: Bente Nordby, Marianne Paulsen, Marit Fiane Christensen, Ane Stangeland, Gunhild Følstad, Solveig Gulbrandsen, Ingvild Stensland, Trine Rønning (Marie Knutsen), Dagny Mellgren, Lise Klaveness (Kristin Blystad-Bjerke), Stine Frantzen (Isabell Herlovsen).

- Overall these teams have played ten times in this competition, including four qualifiers, two group games, a semi-final and three finals. Germany have won five of the encounters – including the last three – and Norway two, with Germany scoring 15 goals and Norway nine. As well as the 1989, 1991 and 2005 finals, Germany triumphed 1-0 in the 2001 semi-final and the Scandinavian side have only avoided defeat in EURO finals against Germany with a goalless draw on home soil in the 1997 tournament.

- However, Norway do have the edge on Germany in one competition; they beat them 3-2 in the group stage of the 1996 Olympic Games and 1-0 in the 2000 semi-finals on their way to claiming gold in Sydney.

- Since the 2005 EURO final Germany have beaten Norway 1-0 in the 2006 Algarve Cup before going down 2-1 to the same opponents a year later. In a pre-World Cup friendly in August 2007 in Mainz the teams drew 2-2 but in the semi-finals in China, Germany won 3-0. In the 2008 Algarve Cup, Norway won 2-0 and repeated the trick in a home friendly in July of that year.

- In the 2007 World Cup semi-final Trine Rønning put through a 42nd-minute own goal before Germany's Kerstin Stegemann made it 2-0 on 72 minutes and substitute Martina Müller increased the advantage three minutes later.

- The teams were:

Germany: Nadine Angerer, Kerstin Stegemann, Ariane Hingst, Linda Bresonik (Sandra Minnert), Kerstin Garefrekes, Simone Laudehr, Renate Lingor, Melanie Behringer (Fatmire Bajramaj), Sandra Smisek (Martina Müller), Birgit Prinz.

Norway: Bente Nordby, Gunhild Følstad (Siri Nordby), Trine Rønning, Ane Stangeland, Camilla Huse, Solveig Gulbrandsen (Lene Storløyken) Ingvild Stensland, Marie Knutsen, Leni Larsen Kaurin, Ragnhild Gulbrandsen, Isabell Herlovsen (Lise Klaveness).

- Germany have not failed to win a game in this competition since 1999, a 29-match run dating back to a 4-4 draw in Italy on 11 November of that year. In 2009 qualifying they secured first place with three games to spare by winning 5-0 in Belgium and had the best overall record: P8 W8 D0 L0 F34 A1 PTS24.
- Their last EURO defeat was a 3-1 qualifying defeat at home to Norway on 2 May 1996, a 41-match run. Germany have won their last 13 EURO finals games dating back to a 0-0 draw with Norway on 3 July 1997. Since the introduction of an eight-team final tournament that year they are unbeaten in 15 such games; their last loss at a final stage was in the 1993 third-place match in Italy, when they lost 3-1 to Denmark having been knocked out by the hosts on penalties.
- Norway won their first seven Group 7 games and confirmed qualification with a 0-0 draw in Russia to finish three points clear without conceding a goal. Their record was P8 W7 D1 L0 F26 A0 PTS22.
- Since qualifying began five Germany legends have retired from the international game: goalkeeper Silke Rottenberg, defenders Sandra Minnert and Steffi Jones, midfielder Renate Lingor and striker Sandra Smisek.
- Two Norway players made their debuts last Wednesday in a 1-0 friendly win in Sweden: Celilie Pedersen and Marit Sandvei.
- Germany's players from 1. FFC Frankfurt will hope that their meeting with Norway's Røa IL in the UEFA Women's Cup second qualifying round on 11 October 2008 was an omen as they won 3-1 in Drammen. That result proved decisive in taking Frankfurt into the quarter-finals, where they lost to domestic rivals FCR 2001 Duisburg.
- Frankfurt's team included Birgit Prinz and Saskia Bartusiak while Røa fielded Caroline Knutsen and Hedda Gardsjord.
- Duisburg went on to face Olympique Lyonnais, featuring winter signing Stensland and former Norway goalkeeper Nordby in the semi-finals. Stensland opened the scoring in the first leg at Stade de Gerland in a 1-1 draw, as she faced Germany's Sonja Fuss, Annike Krahn, Bresonik, Bajramaj and Grings.
- A week later Grings scored twice and Bresonik converted a penalty as Duisburg won 3-1. As well as Grings, Bresonik, Krahn, Fuss and Bajramaj starting, Laudehr came off the bench. Duisburg went on to beat Zvezda-2005 7-1 on aggregate in the final.
- After this tournament, Germany's next scheduled competitive match is their opening game as hosts of the 2011 World Cup on 26 June 2011 at Berlin's Olympiastadion. The final is on 17 July in Frankfurt, with further host cities including Augsburg, Bochum, Dresden, Leverkusen, Monchengladbach, Sinsheim and Wolfsburg. The only previous World Cup in Europe was in Sweden in 1995, when Norway beat Germany 2-0 in the final in Stockholm.

Team facts

GERMANY

The Germany women's team is less than 30 years old but is the dominant force in Europe, not to mention the world. Coaching guru Gero Bisanz set up the West Germany team in 1982 and organised a scouting and youth system as well as encouraging clubs to adopt a uniform playing style to ensure players could slot easily into the national side.

Within seven years he had a team good enough to win the European title 4-1 against Norway in front of around 22,000 fans in Osnabruck. In 1991, the unified German team tasted glory in the new UEFA European Women's Championship, beating Norway 3-1 after extra time in Denmark. Further victories have followed in the last four editions, not to mention winning the 2003 and 2007 FIFA Women's World Cups and claiming Olympic bronze in 2000, 2004 and 2008 along with a clutch of youth honours. Germany's clubs have also won the UEFA Women's Cup five times in eight seasons.

Tournament record

2005: winners

2001: winners (hosts)

1997: winners

1995: winners (hosts)

1993: fourth place

1991: winners

1989: winners (hosts)

1987: qualifying

1984: qualifying

Other honours

2003, 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup winners

2004 FIFA U-19 Women's World Cup winners

2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 UEFA European Women's Under-18/U19 Championship winners

2008, 2009 UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W8 D0 L0 F34 A1

Top scorer: Kerstin Garefrekes 9

Most appearances: Nadine Angerer, Kerstin Garefrekes, Ariane Hingst, Kerstin Stegemann 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Birgit Prinz (1995, 1997, 2001, 2005), Kerstin Stegemann (1997, 2001, 2005), Ariane Hingst (1997, 2001, 2005), Sonja Fuss (1997, 2005), Nadine Angerer (1997*, 2001*, 2005*), Linda Bresonik (2001), Martina Müller (2001), Inka Grings (2005), Anja Mittag (2005), Kerstin Garefrekes (2005).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

25/02/09 Germany 1-1 China

04/03/09 Germany 2-0 Finland (Algarve Cup)

06/03/09 Germany 3-0 China (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Germany 2-3 Sweden (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Germany 0-1 Denmark (Algarve Cup, fourth place)

22/04/09 Germany 1-1 Brazil

25/07/09 Germany 6-0 Netherlands

29/07/09 Germany 0-0 Japan

06/08/09 Germany 3-1 Russia

Competition record win

13-0 v Portugal (h), 15/11/03, 2005 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-3 v Norway (h), 02/05/96, 1997 qualifying

1-3 v Denmark (in Italy), 03/07/93, 1993 final tournament third-place play-off

NORWAY

Norway have been at the vanguard of women's football ever since they took on neighbours and great rivals Sweden in their first international in 1978. Even accounting for the emergence of Germany as the game's global power, Norway have gone on to become the only country to taste glory at European, world and Olympic levels.

Their European triumphs came in 1987 and 1993, and although they lost the inaugural FIFA Women's World Cup final to the United States in 1991, four years later Norway defeated Germany 2-0 in Sweden to lift the trophy. In 2000 they completed the set with victory in the second Olympic women's football tournament. Results then dipped, but in 2005 they reached the European final for the fifth time – after a 12-year wait – and qualified for Finland without conceding a goal.

Tournament record

2005: runners-up

2001: semi-finals

1997: group stage (hosts)

1995: semi-finals

1993: winners

1991: runners-up

1989: runners-up

1987: winners (hosts)

1984: qualifying

Other honours

1995 FIFA Women's World Cup winners

2009 qualifying

P8 W7 D1 L0 F26 A0

Top scorer: Solveig Gulbrandsen 9

Most appearances: Solveig Gulbrandsen, Marie Knutsen, Leni Larsen Kaurin, Lene Storløkken 8

Players with previous European final tournament experience

Solveig Gulbrandsen (2001, 2005), Trine Rønning (2001, 2005), Ingvild Stensland (2005), Isabell Herlovsen (2005), Ingrid Hjelmeth (2005*), Christine Nilsen (2005*).

*Did not appear

Friendly results since qualifying

31/01/09 Norway 1-5 Sweden (in Spain)

04/03/09 Norway 1-3 Iceland (Algarve Cup)

06/03/09 Norway 0-2 Denmark (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Norway 0-1 United States (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Norway 2-0 Austria (Algarve Cup, ninth place)

23/04/09 England 3-0 Norway

19/08/09 Sweden 0-1 Norway

Competition record win

17-0 v Slovakia (h), 19/09/95, 1997 qualifying

Competition record defeat

1-4 v Sweden (a), 26/02/95, 1995 semi-final second leg

1-4 v Germany (in Germany), 02/07/89, 1989 final

Squad list

Germany

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP		
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nadine Marejke Angerer	10/11/78	30	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	8	-	-	-	14	-
12	Ursula Ulrike Holl	26/06/82	27	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
21	Lisa Weiß	29/10/87	21	SG Essen-Schönebeck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Kerstin Stegemann	29/09/77	31	FSV Gütersloh 2009	-	8	1	-	-	38	2
3	Saskia Bartusiak	09/09/82	26	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
4	Babett Peter	12/05/88	21	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
5	Annik Berit Krahn	01/07/85	24	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	6	2	-	-	6	2
15	Sonja Beate Fuss	05/11/78	30	1. FC Köln	-	3	-	-	-	12	1
17	Ariane Hingst	25/07/79	30	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	-	-	35	5
22	Bianca Ursula Schmidt	23/01/90	19	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midfielders											
6	Simone Melanie Laudehr	12/07/86	23	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
10	Linda Bresonik	07/12/83	25	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	7	1	-	-	11	1
14	Kim Nadine Kulig	09/04/90	19	Hamburger SV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Kerstin Garefrekes	04/09/79	29	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	8	9	-	-	19	13
20	Jennifer Zietz	14/09/83	25	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Forwards											
7	Melanie Behringer	18/11/85	23	FC Bayern München	-	6	4	-	-	6	4
8	Inka Grings	31/10/78	30	FCR 2001 Duisburg	-	-	-	-	-	16	19
9	Birgit Prinz	25/10/77	31	1. FFC Frankfurt	-	7	6	-	-	44	38
11	Anja Mittag	16/05/85	24	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	7	1	-	-	11	2
13	Célia Okoyino da Mbabí	27/06/88	21	SC 07 Bad Neuenahr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Martina Müller	18/04/80	29	VfL Wolfsburg	-	4	1	-	-	11	4
19	Fatmire Bajramaj	01/04/88	21	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
Coach											
-	Silvia Neid	02/05/64	45	GER	-	8	-	-	-	8	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

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Norway

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP		
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Ingrid Hjelmseth	10/04/80	29	Stabæk FK	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
12	Caroline Knutsen	21/11/83	25	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Christine Nilsen	30/04/82	27	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Defenders											
2	Toril Hetland Akerhaugen	05/03/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Marita Skammelsrud Lund	29/01/89	20	Team Strømmen FK	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
4	Ingvild Stensland	03/08/81	28	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	-	-	14	-
6	Camilla Hammerø Huse	31/08/79	29	Røa IL	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
15	Hedda Strand Gardsjord	28/06/82	27	Røa IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Maren Nævdal Mjelde	06/11/89	19	Arna Bjørnar	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
18	Runa Vikestad	13/08/84	25	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Kristin Lie	13/12/78	30	SK Trondheims-Ørn	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
Midfielders											
5	Anneli Giske	25/07/85	24	Fløya IF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
7	Trine Bjerke Rønning	14/06/82	27	Stabæk IF	-	5	1	-	-	19	1
8	Solveig Ingersdatter Gulbrandsen	12/01/81	28	Stabæk IF	-	8	9	-	-	31	21
21	Lene Glesæen Storløkken	20/06/81	28	Team Strømmen FK	-	8	1	-	-	8	1
Forwards											
9	Isabell Lehn Herlovsen	23/06/88	21	Kolbotn IL	-	2	1	-	-	7	3
10	Melissa Wiik	07/02/85	24	Stabæk FK	-	6	6	-	-	7	6
11	Leni Larsen Kaurin	21/03/81	28	1. FFC Turbine Potsdam	-	8	1	-	-	8	1
14	Marit Sandvei	21/05/87	22	Team Strømmen FK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Elise Hove Thorsnes	14/08/88	21	Røa IL	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
19	Ingvild Isaksen	10/02/89	20	Kolbotn IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Cecilie Pedersen	14/09/90	18	Avaldsnes IL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coach											
-	Bjarne Berntsen	21/12/56	52	NOR	-	8	-	-	-	13	-

Key: Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

D Disciplinary: * Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

Match-by-match lineups

Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Germany v Norway

Matchday 1 (24/08/09)

Iceland v France

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

France v Germany

Matchday 2 (27/08/09)

Iceland v Norway

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Germany v Iceland

Matchday 3 (30/08/09)

Norway v France

Knockout Phase

Tournament schedule

Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
23/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	0 - 2	Netherlands	Turku
23/08/09	Grp A	Finland	1 - 0	Denmark	Helsinki
24/08/09	Grp B	Germany	16.00CET 17.00 (local time)	Norway	Tampere
24/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	France	Tampere
25/08/09	Grp C	England	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Italy	Lahti
25/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Russia	Turku
26/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Denmark	Helsinki
26/08/09	Grp A	Netherlands	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Finland	Helsinki
27/08/09	Grp B	France	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Germany	Tampere
27/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Norway	Lahti
28/08/09	Grp C	Italy	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Sweden	Turku
28/08/09	Grp C	England	19.00CET 20.00 (local time)	Russia	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Finland	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Ukraine	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Denmark	16.30CET 17.30 (local time)	Netherlands	Lahti
30/08/09	Grp B	Germany	15.00CET 16.00 (local time)	Iceland	Tampere
30/08/09	Grp B	Norway	15.00CET 16.00 (local time)	France	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Russia	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	Italy	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	England	Turku

Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Finland	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
England	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Head coach

Germany: Silvia Neid

Date of birth: 2 May 1964

Playing career: SC Klinge Seckach, SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach, TSV Siegen

Coaching career: Germany Under-18 women, Germany U19 women, Germany women

Silvia Neid had some act to follow when she took over as Germany coach in 2005, but in her very first tournament her team retained the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Neid was a leading player in the first great generation of Germany women's football. Joining SSG 09 Bergisch Gladbach in 1983 from SC Klinge Seckach, she helped them to a league title and one German Cup triumph before moving to TSV Siegen, where she claimed six championships and five knockout crowns between 1985 and 1996. In that time, she also captained Germany to victory at the 1989, 1991 and 1995 UEFA European Women's Championships, as well as reaching the World Cup final in the last of those years.

In 1996 she retired, having long been groomed for a coaching role by the founder of the Germany women's team, Gero Bisanz. Neid joined the technical staff of the national squad under her former playing colleague Tina Theune-Meyer, and in addition to assisting her to further senior European titles in 1997 and 2001 and the 2003 World Cup, Neid proved a success in charge of the youth team, winning the 2000 and 2001 UEFA European Women's Under-18 Championships and completing a hat-trick with the renamed U19 event a year later. That was topped in 2004 when Germany won the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup, and after Neid helped Theune-Meyer to end her time in charge with another European crown in 2005, she took over as senior coach.

Germany soon cruised into the 2007 World Cup and once in China made stately progress to retaining their global title. In 2008, Germany won Olympic bronze for the third consecutive games and were the first team to qualify for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in Finland. Neid is under contract until 2013, a period that will take in the 2011 World Cup on home soil.

Norway: Bjarne Berntsen

Date of birth: 21 December 1956

Playing career: Figgjo IL, Viking FK

Coaching career: Figgjo IL, Bryne FK, Viking FK, Norway women

Bjarne Berntsen was a surprise choice to follow the popular Åge Steen when the former Norway coach stood down a few months before UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, but the former international defender, with no experience of the women's game, immediately led the team to their first final since winning 2000 Olympic gold.

Having begun his playing career at local club Figgjo IL, Berntsen signed for Viking FK aged 20 in 1977 and went on to make more than 130 appearances in the next five years, as well as winning 33 Norway caps, most notably in the 2-1 win against England in September 1981. After ending his playing career, Berntsen returned to Figgjo to coach before his appointment by Bryne FK, whom he led to the 1987 Norwegian Cup, their only major honour. In this period, he also assisted national coach Tor Røste Fossen.

Berntsen returned to Viking in 1989 in a directorial role before being made coach between 1992 and 1995. He was then back at the club in 1999 as CEO until a reorganisation in 2004, previous to which he had acted as caretaker coach. But, at the end of the year, he was announced as Steen's replacement from 1 January 2005.

After success in England, where they beat Sweden in the last four before losing to Germany in Blackburn, Norway went on to reach the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup semi-finals and the quarter-finals at the 2008 Olympics, having begun by inflicting a rare defeat on the United States, who went on to win gold. Shortly afterwards, Norway confirmed their place at UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™, after which Berntsen is to step down in favour of Eli Landsem.

Competition facts

- The UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams was introduced in 1982, with the first final two years later, and further competitions were played in 1987 and 1989 before becoming the current UEFA European Women's Championship.

- The 1991 and 1993 editions ended, like the 1987 and 1989 events, in four-team knockout final tournament. The 1995 edition was two-leg knockout from the quarter-finals onwards, with a one-off final. For 1997, 2001 and 2005 an eight-team final tournament was played, expanding to 12 for 2009.

- **The full rundown of finals is (hosts in brackets):**

UEFA European Women's Championship

2005: Germany 3-1 Norway (Blackburn, England)

2001: Germany 1-0 Sweden, aet golden goal; (Ulm, Germany)

1997: Germany 2-0 Italy (Oslo, Norway)

1995: Germany 3-2 Sweden (Kaiserslautern, Germany)

1993: Norway 1-0 Italy (Cesena, Italy)

1991: Germany 3-1 Norway aet (Aalborg, Denmark)

UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams

1989: West Germany 4-1 Norway (Osnabruck, West Germany)

1987: Norway 2-1 Sweden (Oslo, Norway)

1984: Sweden 1-1 England, 4-3 pens (two legs, Gothenburg and Luton)

- Birgit Prinz played in Germany's victories in 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2005, and will aim for a fifth title in 2009. Sandra Minnert was in all four of those winning squads but did not play in the 1995 and 2001 finals.

- Martina Voss was part of Germany's successes in 1989, 1991, 1995 and 1997 and also played in the first three qualifiers for the 2001 edition.

- Germany coach Silvia Neid played in the victories of 1989, 1991 and 1995 and was assistant to Tina Theune-Meyer in 1997, 2001 and 2005.

- The first final went to penalties after two home 1-0 wins between Sweden and England, with no extra time. Sweden prevailed 4-3 in the Luton shoot-out.

- There have been three other penalty competitions, all in semi-finals; hosts West Germany beat Italy 4-3 in 1989, Norway defeated hosts Denmark 8-7 in 1991 and hosts Italy overcame Germany 4-3 in 1993. Only West Germany in 1989 went on to win the final.

Biggest wins

Qualifying: Spain 17-0 Slovenia (1995); Norway 17-0 Slovakia (1997)

Two-legged knockout: Commonwealth of Independent States 0-7 Germany (1993)

Final tournament: Denmark 0-5 Norway (1997); Germany 5-0 Russia (2001)

Individual match goalscoring

Qualifying: 6 – Mari Mar Prieto (Spain) v Slovenia, 1995; Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic) v Estonia, 1997;

Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Slovakia, 1997

Final tournament: 4 – Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Denmark, 1997

Overall competition top scorers

2005: Birgit Prinz (Germany) 17

2001: Gitte Krogh (Denmark) 14

1997: Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic), Marianne Pettersen (Norway) 13

1995: Patricia Bocker (Germany) 18

1993: Carolina Morace (Italy) 13

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10

Finals top scorers

2005: Inka Grings (Germany) 4

2001: Claudia Müller (Germany), Sandra Smisek (Germany) 3

1997: Carolina Morace (Italy), Marianne Pettersen (Norway), Angélique Rouhas (France) 4

1995: Lena Videkull (Sweden) 3

1993: Susan Mackensie (Denmark) 2

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 4

All time (final tournaments)

Heidi Mohr (Germany) 11
Birgit Prinz (Germany) 8
Carolina Morace (Italy) 7

All time (including qualifying)

Birgit Prinz (Germany) 38
Carolina Morace (Italy) 36
Heidi Mohr (Germany) 32

2009 qualifying top scorers

Preliminary round: Sarit Shenar (Israel), Katarína Dugovicová (Slovakia) 6
Qualifying round: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 11
Play-offs: Pauline Hamill (Scotland) 4
Overall: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 12

Highest attendances

Qualifying: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck 2009, 17,000
Final tournament: England v Finland, Manchester 2005, 29,092

2009 Highest attendances

Preliminary round: Croatia v Turkey, Tarsus-Mersin, 5,000
Qualifying round: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck, 17,000

(Final tournament only)

Oldest player: Elisabeth Leidinge (Sweden) v Germany, 26.03.1995, 38 years 20 days

Oldest goalscorer: Heidi Støre (Norway) v Denmark, 30.06.1997, 33 years 361 days

Youngest player: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v Germany, 06.06.2005, 16 years 348 days

Youngest goalscorer: Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v France, 09.06.2005, 16 years 351 days

Tournament preview

- **Knockout phase:** The top two from each group go through, plus the two best third-placed teams.
 - **Quarter-finals:**
3 September: QF1, A1 v B3/C3, Turku Stadium, 16.00 local time; QF4, A2 v B2, Tampere Stadium, 20.00.
4 September: QF2, B1 v C2, Lahti Stadium, 16.00; QF 3C1 v A3/B3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 20.00.
 - **Semi-finals:**
6 September: QF1 v QF4, Tampere Stadium, 19.00
7 September: QF2 v QF3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 19.00
 - **Final:**
10 September: Olympic Stadium, Helsinki, 19.00.
 - **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team, 35 silver medals to the runners-up and 35 bronze medals to the two losing semi-finalists.
 - **Carlsberg Player of the Match:** The UEFA Technical Study Group will select a player of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive her award at the post-match press conference.
 - **adidas Golden Boot award:** Will be presented to the leading scorer at the UEFA European Women's Championship after the final.
 - **Official ball:** The 2009 finals in Finland will be the first UEFA European Women's Championship to boast its own match ball, with the adidas TERRAPASS – featuring a design inspired by the northern lights – unveiled at the draw in Helsinki on 18 November 2008. Just like EUROPASS, the official matchball of UEFA EURO 2008™, adidas TERRAPASS features the revolutionary PSC-Texture, a sophisticated and extremely fine structure on the ball's outer skin which allows players to control and direct the ball perfectly in all weather conditions. adidas first started manufacturing footballs in 1963 and has provided all the official match balls for all major UEFA and FIFA finals tournaments since 1970.
 - **Official song:** Veteran singer-songwriter Geir Rønning and local star Karoliina Kallio have recorded the official song of the UEFA European Women's Championship entitled Champions of the Day, performed live for the first time at the tournament's opening ceremony in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on 23 August. The pair have both represented Finland at the Eurovision Song Contest. Rønning not only composed the tune together with co-writers André Noël Chaker and Jukka Karjalainen; he sings it with Kallio, who is famous in Finland as the lead female vocalist of the group Waldo's People. Now a fully fledged pop star, Kallio's music career dates back two decades to her appearance as a ten-year-old on a television talent show.
- Eurovision experience**
- Norwegian-born Rønning was the Finnish representative at Eurovision in 2005. The same year he sang the official song of the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, which took place in Helsinki. Kallio, 29, flew the flag for the Nordic nation at Eurovision in Moscow earlier this year. Champions of the Day will also be performed in Finnish (as Pallo pyörimään) and in Swedish (Varje steg för varann). UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ runs from 23 August to 10 September, with the Finnish cities of Helsinki, Lahti, Tampere and Turku staging a total of 25 matches.
- **Qualifying:** The 20-team preliminary round ran from 18 to 23 November 2006 with five group winners joining 25 top-ranked nations in the qualifying group stage from 1 April 2007 until 2 October 2008. Group winners England, Sweden, France, Germany, Denmark and Norway qualified automatically, with the six runners-up and four third-placed teams going into the two-legged play-offs on 25/26 and 29/30 October 2008. Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Iceland and Ukraine respectively defeated the Czech Republic, Spain, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Slovenia.
 - **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards are not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
 - **uefa.com:** A team of reporters in Finland is helping uefa.com provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Finnish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Finnish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.
 - **Ambassadors:** Former international goalkeepers Antti Niemi and Satu Kunnas are the ambassadors for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in their native Finland. Niemi was capped 67 times between 1992 and 2007 while Kunnas helped Finland to the UEFA European Women's Championship semi-finals in 2005.

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number

DoB: date of birth

Qual: qualifying

FT: final tournament

Pld: played

Gls: goals

WChamp: UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality

DoB: date of birth

WChamp: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European Women's Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position

Pld: played

W: won

D: drawn

L: lost

GF: goals for

GA: goals against

Pts: points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

ECCLC: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UCUP: UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

P-O 3rd: Third place play-off

GS - FT: Group stage - Final tournament

(R) : Replay

QR3: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

1/8: Eighth-finals

1/16: Sixteenth-finals

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

P-O: Play-off

R32: Round of 32

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/Rel P-O: Promotion/Relegation play-off

:: Other Abbreviations

AP: Appearances

Comp.: Competition

D: Drawn

DoB: Date of birth

GA: Goals against

GF: Goals for

L: Lost

Nat.: Nationality

N/a: Not Applicable

No.: Number

Pld: Matches played

Pos.: Position

Pts: Points

R: Sent off (red card)

Res.: Result

W: Won

Y: Booked

Y/R: Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player dismissed/sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

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