



# 2009 UEFA EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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Iceland



France

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Group B - Matchday 1

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## Match background

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Iceland's debut match in a UEFA senior final tournament for either gender will be against familiar opposition as they played France twice in qualifying Group 3.

- When these teams met at Reykjavik's Laugardalsvöllur national stadium on 16 June 2007, both sides were yet to drop a point. Top seeds France dominated but none of their 23 shots found a way past Iceland goalkeeper Thóra Helgadóttir and Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir secured a 1-0 home win nine minutes from time after being set up by Dóra María Lárusdóttir, then her club-mate at Valur Reykjavík.

- The teams were:

**Iceland:** Thóra Helgadóttir, Ásta Árnadóttir, Erla Steina Amardóttir (Dóra María Lárusdóttir), Sif Atladóttir, Edda Gardarsdóttir, Guðrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir, Asthildur Helgadóttir, Katrín Jónsdóttir, Greta Mjoll Samueldóttir (Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir), Dóra Stefánsdóttir, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir.

**France:** Sarah Bouhaddi, Corine Franco, Ophélie Meilleroux, Sandrine Dusang, Sonia Bompastor, Camille Abily, Sandrine Soubeyrand, Elise Bussaglia, Louisa Nécib (Elodie Thomis), Gaetane Thiney (Laetitia Tonazzi), Hoda Lattaf.

- The result was big news in Iceland and five days later their 5-0 defeat of Serbia was watched by 5,976 fans at the Laugardalsvöllur, a national record crowd for a women's international. They lost their next game 2-1 in Slovenia but other than that neither they nor France dropped another point before their final match in La Roche-sur-Yon on 27 September 2008.

- France needed a win to overtake Iceland and took the lead on six minutes through Sandrine Soubeyrand. Katrín Jónsdóttir equalised two minutes into the second half but three minutes later Candie Herbert restored the French lead, an advantage they never relinquished.

- The teams were:

**France:** Céline Deville, Corine Franco, Laura Georges, Sabrina Viguier, Sonia Bompastor, Sandrine Soubeyrand, Elodie Thomis, Camille Abily, Elise Bussaglia (Delphine Blanc), Louisa Nécib, Candie Herbert (Sandrine Brétigny).

**Iceland:** Thóra Helgadóttir, Ásta Árnadóttir (Harpa Thorsteinsdóttir), Dóra María Lárusdóttir (Rakel Hönnudóttir), Holmfríður Magnúsdóttir, Edda Gardarsdóttir, Guðrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir, Sara Björk Gunnarsdóttir, Katrín Jónsdóttir, Ólína Guðbjörg Vidarsdóttir, Dóra Stefánsdóttir (Katrín Ómarsdóttir), Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir.

- Their overall qualifying records were:

France P8 W7 D0 L1 F31 A2 PTS21

Iceland P8 W6 D0 L2 F27 A4 PTS18

- Iceland now faced a play-off, having lost at that stage to Germany in the 1997 edition and Norway eight years later. But they made a superb start in the away first leg in the Republic of Ireland with a Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir goal after two minutes, although Stephanie Curtis levelled just past the hour.

- The teams met again four days later at a freezing Laugardalsvöllur and two goals from Lárusdóttir either side of a Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir strike ensured Iceland prevailed 4-1 on aggregate.

- Overall Iceland and France have played six times, all in UEFA European Women's Championship qualifying. In the 1997 edition, France drew 3-3 in Iceland before a 3-0 home win. Eight years later Les Bleues prevailed 2-0 at home and 3-0 away. Overall France have four wins and Iceland one win with one draw, and France lead 13-5 on the goal count.

- Whereas Iceland are in their first finals, France have competed in all three editions since the eight-team showpiece stage was introduced, though they departed in the group stage in 1997, 2001 and 2005. Les Bleues suffered the same fate in their sole appearance in the FIFA Women's World Cup finals in 2003.

- Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir was the leading scorer in the qualifying group stage with eleven goals and, including the play-offs, in qualifying overall with a tally of 12.

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## Team facts

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### ICELAND

UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ will be the first senior final tournament for either men or women to feature a team from Iceland, though they have entered this competition since its inaugural 1984 edition.

The closest they had come in the past was 1995, when they lost a two-legged quarter-final to England, and they also reached the 1997 and 2005 play-offs, losing respectively to eventual winners Germany and finalists Norway. But this time under coach Siggi Eydólfsson they made the breakthrough, beating France 1-0 at home. Although they were to lose the group decider 2-1 in France, the Republic of Ireland were dispatched 4-1 on aggregate in the play-offs, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir taking her qualifying-leading goal tally to 12.

**Tournament record**

2005: qualifying play-offs

2001: qualifying

1997: qualifying play-offs

1995: quarter-finals

1993: qualifying

1987/89/91: did not enter

1984: qualifying

**2009 qualifying**

P10 W7 D1 L2 F31 A5

Top scorer: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir 12

Most appearances: Gudrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir, Katrín Jónsdóttir, Dóra María Lárusdóttir, Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir 10

**Friendly results since qualifying**

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

06/03/09 Iceland 0-1 United States (Algarve Cup)

09/03/09 Iceland 0-2 Denmark (Algarve Cup)

11/03/09 Iceland 1-2 China (Algarve Cup, sixth place)

25/04/09 Iceland 1-1 Netherlands

16/07/09 England 0-2 Iceland

19/07/09 Iceland 1-2 Denmark (in England)

15/08/09 Iceland 5-0 Serbia (2011 FIFA Women's World Cup qualifier)

**Competition record win**

10-0 v Poland (h), 13/09/03, 2005 qualifying

**Competition record defeat**

0-6 v Germany (h), 17/08/00, 2001 qualifying

0-6 v Sweden (a), 09/09/82, 1984 qualifying

**FRANCE**

The French women's national team played their first international as early as 1971 but it is only in the last decade or so that women's football has attracted widespread interest in the country.

For a long time the French regarded football as a masculine pursuit and girls were not encouraged to practise the sport at school. Interest began to increase following the emergence of one of the game's true stars, Marinette Pichon. After spending much of her youth trying to convince boys she was good enough to play with them – then embarrassing them by scoring a hatful of goals – Pichon made her debut for Les Bleues in 1994. For more than a decade, the striker, who was to play professionally in the United States, stood out as the star performer, helping them to the 1997, 2001 and 2005 final tournaments as well as the 2003 FIFA Women's World Cup. That year they won the UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship and much of that squad, plus coach Bruno Bini, were part of the side that qualified this time around, winning the decisive match 2-1 at home to Iceland.

**Tournament record**

2005: group stage

2001: group stage

1997: group stage

1995: qualifying

1993: qualifying

1991: qualifying

1989: quarter-finals

1987: qualifying

1984: qualifying

**Other honours**

2003 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

**2009 qualifying**

P8 W7 D0 L1 F31 A2

Top scorer: Camille Abily 5

Most appearances: Camille Abily, Sonia Bompastor, Elise Bussaglia, Elodie Thomis 8

**Players with previous European final tournament experience**

Candie Herbert (1997, 2001, 2005), Sandrine Soubeyrand (1997, 2001, 2005), Sonia Bompastor (2001, 2005), Laura Georges (2005), Camille Abily (2005), Louisa Nécib (2005), Élodie Thomis (2005), Céline Deville (2005\*), Élise Bussaglia (2005), Sarah Bouhaddi (2005).

\*Did not appear

**Friendly results since qualifying**

14/12/08 France 0-2 Netherlands

12/02/09 France 2-0 Republic of Ireland

05/03/09 France 2-0 Scotland (Cyprus Women's Cup)

07/03/09 France 2-2 England (Cyprus Women's Cup)

10/03/09 France 3-2 South Africa (Cyprus Women's Cup)

12/03/09 France 1-1 New Zealand, 6-5pens (Cyprus Women's Cup, third place)

22/04/09 France 2-0 Switzerland

25/04/09 France 1-0 Switzerland

01/08/09 France 0-4 Japan

12/08/09 France 4-0 Scotland

**Competition record win**

8-0 v Serbia (a), 27/10/07, 2009 qualifying

**Competition record defeat**

0-4 v Denmark (h), 02/05/92, 1993 qualifying

## Squad list

### Iceland

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP	Gls	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Thora Björg Helgadóttir	05/05/81	28	Kolbotn IL	-	7	-	-	-	25	-
13	Guðbjörg Gunnarsdóttir	18/05/85	24	Djurgårdens IF FF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
22	Sandra Sigurðardóttir	02/10/86	22	Stjarnan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Guðrún Sóley Gunnarsdóttir	15/09/81	27	Djurgårdens IF FF	-	10	-	-	-	21	-
3	Ólína Guðbjörg Viðarsdóttir	16/11/82	26	KIF Örebro DFF	-	6	-	-	-	7	-
5	Ásta Árnadóttir	09/06/83	26	Valur Reykjavík	-	9	-	-	-	11	-
8	Katrín Jónsdóttir	31/05/77	32	Valur Reykjavík	-	10	3	-	-	29	6
19	Sif Atladóttir	15/07/85	24	Valur Reykjavík	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Edda Garðarsdóttir	15/07/79	30	KIF Örebro DFF	-	10	-	-	-	23	-
6	Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir	20/09/84	24	Kristianstads DFF	-	9	4	-	-	17	5
7	Dóra Stefánsdóttir	27/04/85	24	Valur Reykjavík	-	8	1	-	-	14	1
11	Sara Björk Gunnarsdóttir	29/09/90	18	Breidablik	-	7	2	-	-	7	2
12	Guðný Björk Óðinsdóttir	27/09/88	20	Valur Reykjavík	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
15	Katrín Ómarsdóttir	27/06/87	22	KR Reykjavík	-	9	3	-	-	9	3
16	Rakel Logadóttir	22/03/81	28	Valur Reykjavík	-	2	-	-	-	5	-
17	Erla Steinunn Arnardóttir	18/05/83	26	Kristianstads DFF	-	5	-	-	-	8	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Margrét Lára Viðarsdóttir	25/07/86	23	Kristianstads DFF	-	10	12	-	-	20	20
10	Dóra María Lárusdóttir	24/07/85	24	Valur Reykjavík	-	10	3	-	-	14	4
14	Erna B. Sigurðardóttir	30/12/82	26	Breidablik	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
18	Rakel Hönnudóttir	30/12/88	20	Thór WOM	-	4	-	-	-	4	-
20	Fannís Friðriksdóttir	09/05/90	19	Breidablik	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Kristín Bjarnadóttir	01/02/84	25	Valur Reykjavík	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Siggi Eymundsson	01/12/73	35	ISL	-	10	-	-	-	10	-

**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

France

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Céline Nadine Sabine Deville	24/01/82	27	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	3	-	-	-	7	-
16	Sarah Bouhaddi	17/10/86	22	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	-	-	8	-
22	Laetitia Stribick-Burckel	22/01/84	25	ASJ Soyaux	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Laure Maud Yvette Lepailleur	07/03/85	24	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Ophélie Anne-Laure Meilleroux	18/01/84	25	Nord Allier Yzeure	-	7	-	-	-	9	-
4	Laura Stéphanie Georges	20/08/84	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	-	-	-	14	-
5	Sabrina Marie-Christine Viguié	04/01/81	28	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	5	-	-	-	13	-
6	Sandrine Soubeyrand	16/08/73	36	Juvisy FCF	-	7	3	-	-	30	3
7	Corine Céline Pétit ép. Franco	05/10/83	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	6	1	-	-	6	1
8	Sonia Bompastor	08/06/80	29	Washington Freedom	-	8	1	-	-	22	2
20	Delphine Andrée Blanc	07/06/83	26	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
10	Camille Anne Françoise Abily	05/12/84	24	Los Angeles Sol	-	8	5	-	-	11	5
14	Louisa Nécié	23/01/87	22	Olympique Lyonnais	-	7	2	-	-	8	2
15	Elise Bussaglia	24/09/85	23	Paris Saint-Germain FC	-	8	3	-	-	16	3
17	Gaëtane Iza Laure Thiney	28/10/85	23	Juvisy FCF	-	7	2	-	-	7	2
18	Amandine Chantal Henry	28/09/89	19	Olympique Lyonnais	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Eugénie Anne Claudine Le Sommer	18/05/89	20	Stade Briochin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Ludivine Diguelman	15/04/84	25	Montpellier Hérault SC	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Candie Monique Nadine Herbert	04/06/77	32	FC Hénin-Beaumont	-	2	2	-	-	16	4
11	Laëtitia Françoise Andree Tonazzi	31/01/81	28	Juvisy FCF	-	3	-	-	-	9	5
12	Élodie Ginette Thomis	13/08/86	23	Olympique Lyonnais	-	8	4	-	-	10	4
13	Sandrine Brétigny	02/07/84	25	Olympique Lyonnais	-	5	3	-	-	5	3
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Bruno Bini	01/10/54	54	FRA	-	8	-	-	-	8	-

**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

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## Head coach

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### Iceland: Siggi Eyjólfsson

**Date of birth:** 1 December 1973

**Playing career:** KR Reykjavík,ÍA Akranes (twice), UNC Greensboro Spartans, Walsall FC, Chester City FC, KRC Harelbeke

**Coaching career:** Iceland women

The first man to lead an Iceland team to a senior final tournament in either men's or women's football, Siggi Eyjólfsson had a cosmopolitan playing career before moving into coaching.

Born in December 1973 and entering the youth ranks of KR Reykjavík at a young age, he graduated to the first team and helped them win the 1994 Icelandic Cup. In 1995, he moved to the United States for a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and then a master's in exercise and sports psychology at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. Returning home with ÍA Akranes in 1998, the following year he joined English club Walsall FC, scoring in a 3-1 win against Oldham Athletic FC that secured promotion to the second tier.

He was loaned to Chester City FC for the first three months of 2000, before leaving Walsall for KRC Harelbeke of Belgium that November. Six months later, Eyjólfsson was back at KR, winning two league titles in as many years, and he ended his career in 2005 at ÍA. In 2002 he also began working at the Football Association of Iceland as technical director, and in that time he studied for UEFA's coaching qualifications. He earned the UEFA Pro Licence in 2007 in England, making him one of just two people from Iceland to hold that qualification at the time.

In January 2007, Eyjólfsson was appointed to the helm of the Iceland women's team, taking a particular interest in the psychological side of coaching as befitting his academic speciality. Success in UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualification was immediate, with his charges beating France 1-0 that June. Although Les Bleues ultimately pipped them to first place in the group, Iceland defeated the Republic of Ireland 4-1 in the play-offs, with an overall home record in the competition of five wins from five games and 21 unanswered goals.

### France: Bruno Bini

**Date of birth:** 1 October 1954

**Playing career:** Laragne Sports, AS Aix-en-Provence, AS Nancy-Lorraine, Tours FC, US Orléans, FC Meung-sur-Loire, FC Orléans

**Coaching career:** France Under-16 women, France U20 women, France U18 women, Méditerranée Amateur, France U19 women, France women

Bruno Bini took over from Elisabeth Loisel at the helm of the France senior team on 16 February 2007, having previously won a European title at youth level. His predecessor had been in charge for ten years and had plenty of achievements to her name, but Bini lived up to expectations by reaching the UEFA European Women's Championship finals at the first attempt.

Bini was an excellent amateur football player. Twice a South-East Junior champion in the early 1970s with Laragne Sports and AS Aix-en-Provence, he had an apprenticeship at AS Nancy-Lorraine in 1973/74 but never turned professional, subsequently playing for Tours FC, US Orléans, FC Meung-sur-Loire and FC Orléans.

Working as a regional coach, as well as at the Ministry of Justice, Bini was appointed to lead the France women's Under-16 and U20 teams in 1993. Four years later, he took over the U18 side, finishing second at the 1998 UEFA European Women's U18 Championship. He repeated that in the first U19 event in 2002 and the following year France took the title in Germany.

Stepping down in 2004, three years later he returned to succeed Loisel with the senior side and they topped their UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ qualifying group ahead of Iceland, with a team familiar to him from his youth squads. Married with one daughter, Bini has said: "Coaching women, I think, suited me more than anything else." A man of letters, he is able to conjure a Paulo Coelho quotation or deploy Jean de la Fontaine fables in his team talks.

## Competition facts

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- 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

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- **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

**ECCL:** 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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