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Message from the CEV president

Dear Volleyball friends,

With 4 co-hosting countries and as many as 24 participating teams, CEV EuroVolley 2019 Women is literally breaking new ground for our sport.

The format of the continental showpiece event reflects our vision to provide opportunities to as many as possible of our stakeholders and members of the Volleyball family. Moreover, it accounts for a truly unprecedented show, which will be taking place on the court through the actions of the best players in Europe, and off the court as well – with entertainment and technology helping us deliver a truly unique experience for the fans at the venues and following the competition from home.

CEV EuroVolley 2019 Women also reflects the wish of our Confederation to take and play a leading role in the event delivery together with the hosting National Federations – working hand in hand as members of the very same team.

We are grateful for the help and support provided by the respective national authorities, as they have understood our wish to use EuroVolley as a platform for the growth of the game at all levels – and as a highlight to inspire the next generation of Volleyball players.

I am confident that EuroVolley 2019 will live up to everyone's expectations and that it will spark a true Volleyball fever across Europe, with Ankara, Lodz, Budapest and Bratislava as the shining spots of our Volleyball map for the coming weeks.

I wish all teams the best of luck and much fun to all fans,

Aleksandar BORIČIĆ
CEV President



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Message from the President of the Turkish Volleyball Federation

Dear Volleyball friends,

It is the very first time that EuroVolley Women takes place across four countries, including Turkey. I would like to welcome all players, coaches and Volleyball fans from near and far who have travelled to follow the event.

Volleyball is a fascinating sport, a fact that will become apparent once again when the best women's teams from Europe test their skills against each other. We can expect to see top performances from the first serve to the final whistle.

Major events such as European Championships are not only important for the sport itself, but also for the host country. On the one hand, they motivate young people to emulate their idols, and on the other hand, organising such a tournament allows for an assessment of the state of the sport in question, both from an athletic as well as an organisational perspective.

I am delighted that Turkey has the honour of hosting yet another major sporting event. Europe is a continent of sports enthusiasts.

We all understand the language of sport on and off the court and that is why I am confident that this year's EuroVolley will be a truly historic event.

The venue in Ankara provides the Turkish team with the home court advantage and I am most pleased that the Federation has been able to give the women's national team new momentum. As patron of the matches played in Turkey, I join the Organising Committee in hoping that everything goes smoothly during the tournament. I wish the participating teams the success they deserve and hope that the spectators enjoy a thrilling and eventful EuroVolley 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Mehmet Akif Üstündağ
President of the Turkish Volleyball Federation



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Message from the President of the Polish Volleyball Federation

Dear Volleyball friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Poland – a country that many have come to call “the Volleyland”.

We are extremely proud to be among the four countries hosting EuroVolley 2019 Women in its new formula with 24 participating national teams.

I would like to thank the European Volleyball Confederation for their trust and the City of Łódź for always being so friendly towards our sport. I also want to express my gratitude to sponsors who have supported the tournament and our national team.

I wish all players and their coaching staff satisfaction from being part of this historic event. To all fans from Poland and from abroad, I wish a pleasant stay in Łódź and a Volleyball show at the highest level.

With sport greetings,



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovenia

Jacek Kasprzyk
President of the Polish Volleyball Federation



Message from the President of the Hungarian Volleyball Federation

Dear Volleyball friends,

Hungarian Volleyball is ahead of its biggest task so far, since our country never hosted such a major event in this sport. This is also the biggest opportunity for us to prove that we are among the best in Europe in terms of event organisation and on the court as well.

Volleyball has been going through a major development during the last few years in Hungary, which also reflects in the results of our women's national team: they qualified for two European Championships in a row after a nearly three-decade absence; moreover, they won the European League and the Group 3 of the FIVB World Grand Prix.

Last year Hungary hosted the Final Four of the Golden European League and the organisers did a fantastic job, and I am sure that the players, staff and fans of the five teams visiting Budapest for

EuroVolley will leave our country with positive feelings after the end of this year's tournament.

Hungary has always been a hospitable country and we will do everything we can to match the expectations during the EuroVolley event that begins on August 23. I can guarantee that the fans will create a unique atmosphere at the matches at Papp László Sportaréna.

Dr Ferenc Kovács
President of the Hungarian Volleyball Federation



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia



Message from the President of the Slovak Volleyball Federation

Dear Volleyball friends!

I am very pleased to welcome you to Slovakia and Bratislava for such a great sporting event such as EuroVolley 2019.

This year is very special for us - we celebrate 100 years of Volleyball in Slovakia and for the first time in history, we host the European Championship. We are all looking forward to great matches of the best European players at the Ondrej Nepela Ice Stadium. I have a strong hope we will meet together there!

I believe that you will enjoy many beautiful experiences in our country!

Sincerely yours,



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Martin Kraščenič
President of the Slovak Volleyball Federation

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Bulgaria



The Bulgarian team made their FIVB World Championship debut in the inaugural edition of 1952, finishing fourth (amongst eight participants), which remains their best result to date. In their 12th appearance in the global competition last year, Bulgaria ranked 12th at the World Championship in Japan.

Bulgaria's biggest success on the world stage was at the Moscow 1980 Olympic Games, when they won the bronze medal after beating Hungary 3-2 in the third-place playoff. A year later, Bulgaria claimed gold at the 1981 European Championship as hosts of the event, when they topped the round-robin competition with a critical 3-0 win over the Soviet Union in the deciding match. As well as this success, Bulgaria also have two European Championship bronze medals, from the 1979 and 2001 editions.

Bulgaria first joined the FIVB World Grand Prix in 2013, finishing ninth in their debut season, which remains their best ranking in the competition. They made their Volleyball Nations League debut this year, after topping the inaugural Volleyball Challenger Cup in 2019. In the 2019 edition, however, Bulgaria lost its place in the VNL and they will return to contest the European League in 2020.

Elitsa Vasileva, player of Bulgaria: "We played very good matches at the Intercontinental Olympic Qualifier in USA. There were great moments for us but also there were some weak points in our performance. For the upcoming European Championship we have to work hard and all of our efforts will be directed to this very important European event. We will do our best and I hope we will play on a good level there."



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Pool A

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	DIMITROVA Gergana	Outside-spiker	28/02/96	71	184
2	DIMITROVA Nasya	Middle-blocker	06/11/92	70	189
3	PETROVA Kristiana	Libero	13/07/97	60	180
6	PASKOVA Miroslava	Outside-spiker	16/02/96	66	182
7	KITIPOVA Lora	Setter	19/05/91	69	182
8	BARAKOVA Petya	Setter	18/06/94	71	178
10	TODOROVA Mira	Middle-blocker	12/04/94	70	188
12	KARAKASHEVA Mariya	Outside-spiker	27/10/88	67	182
14	MILANOVA Aleksandra	Outside-spiker	04/07/01	72	180
15	TODOROVA Zhana	Libero	06/01/97	55	170
16	VASILEVA Elitsa (c)	Outside-spiker	13/05/90	73	192
17	BECHEVA Elena	Outside-spiker	30/05/98	67	184
20	KRIVOSHIISKA Mariya	Middle-blocker	06/09/01	76	187
23	RACHKOVSKA Vangeliya	Outside-spiker	19/07/97	62	185

Head Coach: PETKOV Ivan

Bulgaria



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Finland



Finland have so far played only two times in the European Championship, doing so in 1977 and in 1989, finishing in 12th place on both occasions. Finland have participated only once in the World Championship, in 1978, when they ended the tournament in 21st place. During the last three years, Finland have played in the European League, claiming the silver medal in 2017, and finishing 4th and 7th in 2018 and 2019, respectively.

Tapio Kangasniemi, head coach of Finland: "After a 30-year-long break, we are back at the Women's European Championship, which is a very important and big step for women's and girls' Volleyball in Finland. These games are a great opportunity for our whole team to show what we are capable of to the whole European Volleyball family. The results will come after a successful and intensive training period, but of course, in elite sport we always want to win. As a coach, I want especially that the whole team enjoys as much as possible the tough games and the atmosphere of the European Championship. It is very important that we are there where all the best teams and players are. We inevitably learn many things in many ways, which we can share with the whole Volleyball community back home in Finland."



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	KOSKELO Roosa	Libero	20/08/1991	59	165
3	ESKO Saara Hannele	Outside-spiker	31/05/1980	68	179
4	KOSONEN Noora	Outside-spiker	25/09/1993	70	182
5	KOKKONEN Suvi	Outside-spiker	01/02/2000	75	182
6	BJERREGÅRD MADSEN Krista Michaela	Middle-blocker	28/12/1993	79	183
7	RIIKILÄ Emmi	Outside-spiker	17/06/1999	60	175
8	ALANKO Kaisa	Setter	03/01/1993	69	174
9	KYLMÄÄHO Katja Alina	Setter	21/04/1994	65	172
10	PIHLAJAMÄKI Laura (c)	Middle-blocker	15/08/1990	82	194
11	KARHU Salla	Outside-spiker	09/04/1994	74	178
12	KORHONEN Piia	Opposite	12/01/1997	80	187
13	CZAKAN Anna	Middle-blocker	19/07/1996	72	183
14	LAAKKONEN Roosa Helena	Middle-blocker	04/06/1994	82	193
16	SIEVÄNEN Tiimari	Libero	19/07/1994	62	168

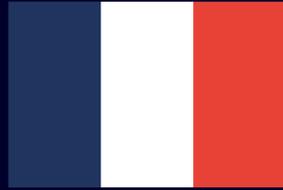
Head Coach: KANGASNIEMI Tapio

Finland



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France



The former head coach of Belgium's standout Knack ROESELARE, Emile Rousseaux, has been at the helm of the French national team since last year. The French Volleyball Federation chose Rousseaux as the man in charge of preparing their women's national team to compete at the Paris 2024 Olympics. France qualified for EuroVolley 2019 Women in emphatic style after recording six straight wins in their pool and losing only one set in the process. France return to play at EuroVolley for the first time since the 2013 edition when they finished the competition in eighth place. Their resume includes a bronze medal from the 2017 edition of the FIVB World Grand Prix Group 2. Their best EuroVolley result to this date is the fourth place they claimed a way back in 1951.



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	CAZAUTE Héléna	Outside-spiker	17/12/1997	76	184
3	GIARDINO Amandine	Libero	30/03/1995	58	172
4	BAUER Christina	Middle-blocker	01/01/1988	88	196
5	MARTIN Pauline	Middle-blocker	20/10/1995	69	188
9	STOJILJKOVIC Nina	Setter	01/09/1996	68	180
11	GICQUEL Lucille	Opposite	13/11/1997	72	189
15	SYLVES Amandha Marine	Middle-blocker	29/12/2000	73	192
16	FIDON LEBLEU Juliette Marie Louise Andrée (c)	Outside-spiker	28/10/1996	86	185
17	DASCALU Alexandra Alina	Opposite	17/04/1991	70	183
22	MOREELS Manon	Outside-spiker	22/03/2001	70	178
23	OLINGA-ANDELA Léandra	Middle-blocker	12/08/1997	88	185
45	NDOYE Odette	Outside-spiker	25/08/1992	70	178
59	STEUX-CALEYRON Mallory Nathalie	Setter	24/10/1988	62	171
99	GELIN Juliette	Libero	02/11/2001	62	166

Head Coach: ROUSSEAUX Emile

France



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Greece



After 18 years of absence, the Greek women's national team returns to the final phase of the European Championship. It is the 5th time in total that Greece take part in [#EuroVolleyW](#), after its 12th place in Arnhem in 1985, the 8th place in Rome in 1991, the 9th place in 1993 in Brno and the 12th place achieved in 2001 in Varna.

The team's coach is the Spanish expert Guillermo Naranjo Hernández, who has steered Greece to the silver medal in the Mediterranean Games in Tarragona, to six straight wins in the [#EuroVolleyW](#) qualifiers and to the 3rd place in the 2019 edition of the European Silver League.

"Since I took over the coaching of the Greek national team, my and the Federation's goal was to qualify to the European Championship. Since May 2018, our course has been positive and we are extremely happy to have the chance to compete against the best teams in Europe," said Naranjo Hernández.



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	ARTAKIANOU Maria-Eleni	Libero	21/05/1994	62	170
5	OIKONOMIDOU Maria	Opposite	18/08/1992	73	183
6	DIOTI Panagiota	Outside-spiker	13/11/1992	69	185
7	LAMPROUSI Georgia	Middle-blocker	27/01/1993	65	185
8	KONOMI Areta	Libero	31/01/1989	58	164
9	STRANTZALI Olga	Outside-spiker	12/01/1996	71	185
10	MERTEKI Evangelia	Outside-spiker	29/04/1991	75	190
11	VASILANTONAKI Anthi	Opposite	09/04/1996	80	196
12	PAPAFOTIOU Athina	Setter	23/08/1989	67	181
13	TOTSIDOU Athanasia	Outside-spiker	18/06/1989	70	180
14	CHRISTODOULOU Styliani (c)	Setter	19/07/1991	75	184
16	KALANTATZE Anna	Middle-blocker	13/08/1997	62	180
18	EMMANOUILIDOU Angeliki-Melina	Middle-blocker	18/09/1994	76	187
20	VLACHAKI Konstantina	Outside-spiker	08/05/1995	66	179

Head Coach: NARANJO HERNANDEZ Guillermo

Greece



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Serbia



Serbia are the reigning women's European Champions, World Champions and Olympic silver medallists. Serbia (previously as Yugoslavia, Serbia and Montenegro) have participated in 18 editions of EuroVolley Women – out of 30. They have claimed five medals in their history, including gold in 2011 and 2017, silver in 2007, and bronze in 2015 and 1951. Serbia have played 120 matches at EuroVolley this far, recording 53 wins and 67 losses.

As many as 134 players have played for Serbia at the European Championship. The record holder is Jelena Nikolić who participated in seven editions and played 43 matches. Maja Ognjenović (40) has played at six Championships, Brižitka Molnar (34), Nataša Krsmanović (33), Milena Rašić (31) and Suzana Čebić (27) have made five appearances at the continental showpiece, whereas Cvijeta Stakić, Nada Zrilić, Majda Novak (all played 28 matches), Jovana Brakočević (27), Tijana Malešević (25) and Stefana Veljković (24) have featured in four events.

Maja Ognjenović, captain and setter of Team Serbia: "Everyone is expecting from us a good result at the European Championship, and in a way, this is our obligation, to be honest. The results from the last couple of years say that we have to aim for the top. Of course, the gold medal is our primary goal, and if we play like we are used to, I do not see any reason not to give our fans more to cheer about at the end of this season."



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	BUSA Blanka	Outside-spiker	25/07/1994	74	187
2	LAZOVIĆ Katarina	Outside-spiker	12/09/1999	66	183
5	POPOVIC Mina	Middle-blocker	16/09/1994	73	187
8	MIRKOVIC Sladjana	Setter	07/10/1995	78	185
9	MIHAJLOVIC Brankica	Outside-spiker	13/04/1991	83	190
10	OGNJEVIC Maja (c)	Setter	06/08/1984	67	183
11	VELJKOVIC Stefana	Middle-blocker	09/01/1990	76	190
12	PUSIC Teodora	Libero	12/03/1993	58	170
13	BJELICA Ana	Outside-spiker	03/04/1992	78	190
14	ALEKSIĆ Maja	Middle-blocker	06/06/1997	76	188
17	POPOVIC Silvija	Libero	15/03/1986	65	178
18	BOŠKOVIĆ Tijana	Opposite	08/03/1997	84	194
19	MILENKOVIĆ Bojana	Outside-spiker	06/03/1997	70	185
20	BLAGOJEVIC Jelena	Outside-spiker	01/12/1988	67	181

Head Coach: TERZIC Zoran

Serbia



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Turkey



Ranked no. 5 in Europe, Turkey have three EuroVolley medals to their name this far – silver when they hosted the event in 2003 and lost to Poland in the final, bronze in 2011 when they beat Italy 3-2 in the ‘small final’ as well as in 2017 in Baku, where they edged hosts Azerbaijan for a spot on the podium. Turkey are the silver medallists of the inaugural FIVB Volleyball Nations League in 2018. Turkey have qualified once to the Olympic Games, finishing ninth at London 2012. They have also competed four times in the FIVB World Championship, with their best result a sixth place achieved in 2010.

Turkey head coach Giovanni Guidetti: “You know that we will host EuroVolley for the second time after doing so in 2003 but this time it will be a historic event involving as many as four host countries. This is a very important tournament for us. Therefore, last year we changed our roster and introduced young players to the team. We can say that working with young players is both an advantage and a disadvantage. They have a lot of energy and motivation. It is important for a team to have the right mix between old and young, experienced and maybe less experienced players. Some teams prefer to select players with a lot of knowhow and hands-on experience. However, one thing is for sure: it is always an advantage to have young and motivated people in your team. Of course, we will play in front of our own crowd and they will create an amazing atmosphere in the arena. We will try to do our best at EuroVolley.”

Eda Erdem DüNDAR, team captain of Turkey: “We will play our matches in front of our fans and this is obviously an advantage for us. We have strong opponents and we will face the top teams in Europe. I hope that we will perform well during these games. I wish the very best of success and luck to all participating teams.”



**Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia**

Pool A

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	SEBNEM AKOZ Simge	Libero	23/04/1991	56	168
3	ÖZBAY Cansu	Setter	17/10/1996	78	182
5	ERCAN Seyma	Outside-spiker	05/07/1994	73	187
6	CALISKAN Kübra	Middle-blocker	13/10/1994	86	198
7	BALADİN Hande	Outside-spiker	01/09/1997	81	190
9	İSMAİLOĞLU Meliha	Outside-spiker	17/09/1993	73	188
11	AYDEMİR AKYOL Naz	Setter	14/08/1990	67	186
12	YILMAZ Gözde	Opposite	09/09/1991	79	194
13	BOZ Meryem	Outside-spiker	03/02/1988	68	190
14	ERDEM DÜNDAR Eda (c)	Middle-blocker	22/06/1987	74	188
18	GÜNEŞ Zehra	Middle-blocker	07/07/1999	88	197
20	SARIOĞLU Aylin	Libero	21/07/1995	68	169
21	YILDIRIM Fatma	Outside-spiker	03/01/1990	64	180
99	KARAKURT Ebrar	Outside-spiker	17/01/2000	73	186

Head Coach: GUIDETTI Giovanni

Turkey



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Eda Erdem DüNDAR

Eda Erdem DüNDAR is the captain of Team Turkey, aka the 'Sultans of the Net'. She started playing Volleyball when she was 13 and has been playing professionally since 2004. She made her debut with the Turkish national team back in 2005 and she has been a key member of the group for many years already.

Her resume includes many individual awards, such as Best Middle Blocker from the 2016 CEV Champions League, 2017 EuroVolley and 2018 Volleyball Nations League. "I feel grateful and privileged to be able to represent my country and Turkish women on the European stage," she says.

She always plays with full power, ambition and faith. Turkey are hosting EuroVolley for the first time since 2003. Eda feels like this event can have a positive impact on the future perspectives of Volleyball in her home country as well as on the team's campaign. "It is advantageous to being the host in this tournament. We will play the European Championship in our capital city, Ankara. Our fans know Volleyball very well and they know how to put pressure on the opponent as well. For the most critical moments, they give us much support in our efforts to fight for every ball," Eda says.

She has spent 11 straight years with Fenerbahce, winning the Turkish League and Turkish Cup, the CEV Champions League and Club World Championship. Briefly, she is one of the team's most experienced players. She played at the London 2012 Olympics and helped Turkey secure bronze medals from the 2011 and 2017 editions of EuroVolley – and silver in last year's Volleyball Nations League.

"We all represent our country in the national team. People in our country love Volleyball. We have been working hard to achieve our goal. We will feel the energy of thousands of people who will be supporting us. From 23 August to 8 September, we are waiting for many fans to root for us at Ankara Sports Hall," she concludes.

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Belgium



Belgium have a special connection with EuroVolley Women. They have already hosted it three times, the last time in 2015. The best performance of the team was in Germany and Switzerland in 2013, when the Yellow Tigers claimed a historic bronze medal. This year's EuroVolley will be their 10th participation in the competition. Belgium head coach Gert Vande Broek chose to work with the same large selection for this summer's campaign. The first goal was to stay in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League and the team eventually did so. The Tigers actually achieved a phenomenal result as they claimed seventh place after playing five weeks of high-level volleyball. Next up is the Olympic Qualification Tournament in Italy. This young and talented team are often praised by their enthusiasm and never willing to give up. Many players of the team are still playing in Belgium, which emphasises the quality of the work done by the local clubs.

Ilka Van de Vyver, captain of Belgium: "We want to show our level in Europe, and this is what we have been working on. Our drive is the base of our performance. With the right attitude and such big motivation we will take on the European Championship like (yellow) tigers."



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Pool B

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	VAN SAS Elise	Setter	01/08/1997	74	188
3	HERBOTS Britt	Outside-spiker	24/09/1999	63	182
4	LEMMENS Nathalie	Middle-blocker	12/03/1995	85	192
7	VAN GESTEL Celine	Outside-spiker	07/11/1997	70	183
8	GROBELNA Kaja	Opposite	04/01/1995	72	188
10	SOBOLSKA Dominika	Middle-blocker	03/12/1991	83	187
11	RUYSCHAERT Britt	Libero	27/05/1994	60	180
12	STRUMILO Dominika	Outside-spiker	26/12/1996	63	187
13	JANSSENS Marlies	Middle-blocker	04/06/1997	79	193
16	GOLIAT Karolina	Opposite	25/10/1996	79	189
17	VAN DE VYVER Ilka (c)	Setter	26/01/1993	79	170
19	VAN AVERMAET Silke	Middle-blocker	02/06/1999	76	192
20	GUILLIAMS Jodie	Libero	26/04/1997	73	180
21	STRAGIER Manon	Outside-spiker	12/03/1999	69	182

Head Coach: VAN DE BROEK Gert

Belgium



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Italy



Team Italy performed very well in this year's FIVB Volleyball Nations League as they reached the Final Six after playing a series of very good matches in the group stage. After the Olympic qualifying event in Catania, Team Italy will focus solely on the continental showpiece event. The silver medal winners from last year's World Championship, Italy will try to repeat the same performance also at European level, where they boast two titles (2007, 2009) under the guidance of former head coach Massimo Barbolini, as well two silver and two bronze medals.

Team captain Cristina Chirichella: "It will be very intense weeks, since in the space of a few days we will play for the qualification to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and the European Championship. For this reason we will have to be very careful not to relax and not to give in especially from a mental point of view, because these events are equally important and the period will be long, so the head must lead and the body follows."



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	SOROKAITE Indre	Opposite	02/07/1988	81	186
5	MALINOV Ofelia	Setter	29/02/1996	67	184
6	DE GENNARO Monica	Libero	08/01/1987	62	172
7	FOLIE Raphaela	Middle-blocker	07/03/1991	69	185
8	ORRO Alessia	Setter	18/07/1998	73	180
10	CHIRICHELLA Cristina (c)	Middle-blocker	10/02/1994	76	195
11	DANESI Anna	Middle-blocker	20/04/1996	77	195
13	FAHR Sarah Luisa	Middle-blocker	12/09/2001	81	191
15	NWAKALOR Sylvia Chinelo	Outside-spiker	12/08/1999	71	177
16	BOSETTI Lucia	Outside-spiker	09/07/1989	61	176
17	SYLLA Miriam Fatime	Outside-spiker	08/01/1995	75	184
18	EGONU Paola Ogechi	Opposite	18/12/1998	79	190
20	PARROCCHIALE Beatrice	Libero	26/12/1995	60	167
21	ENWEONWU Terry Ruth Nkemdilim	Opposite	12/05/2000	75	185

Head Coach: MAZZANTI Davide

Italy



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Poland



In their long and illustrious history, the double Olympic bronze medallists Poland (1964 and 1968) scooped bronze medals of the European Championship five times – in 1949, 1955, 1958, and 1971 – and more recently during the championship of 2009, organised in Poland. In the '50s and '60s bronze mixed with silver, as Poland became Europe's vice-champions in 1950, 1951, 1963 and 1967. Then finally came the golden era: in 2003 and two years later in 2005 Poland women's national team earned the highest European title.

The biggest achievement in the recent years was the silver medal from the European Games in Baku 2015. However, the new generation of players, led by coach Jacek Nawrocki, have been making steady progress and proved that youth can challenge experience inside the Volleyball court, defeating top-class opposition and climbing ranks in the elite FIVB Volleyball Nations League. Before they play the EuroVolley 2019 at home in Lodz, Poland will first try to seize the opportunity to earn a ticket to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics at the Intercontinental Qualification Tournament, which they will also play in front of their own crowd – in Wroclaw.

Malwina Smarzek-Godek, player of Poland: "In the European Championship we will take on the role of hosts, so the pressure will be bigger than usual. A lot depends on how we deal with that. I always try to use it as additional motivation. With each season, we keep playing better so the fans are right to expect more of us – there is nothing strange about it. In the end that is what it is all about – us getting better, the expectations growing higher and us living up to them season by season."



**Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia**

Pool B

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	GRAJBER Martyna	Outside-spiker	28/03/1995	72	181
3	ALAGIERSKA Klaudia	Middle-blocker	02/01/1996	76	190
5	KAKOLEWSKA Agnieszka (c)	Middle-blocker	17/10/1994	85	199
6	LUKASIK Martyna	Opposite	26/11/1999	75	189
8	STENZEL Maria	Libero	25/11/1998	61	167
9	STYSIAK Magdalena	Opposite	03/12/2000	88	202
10	EFIMIENKO-MLOTKOWSKA Zuzanna	Middle-blocker	08/08/1989	72	196
13	MAJ-ERWARDT Paulina	Libero	22/03/1987	58	166
14	WOLOSZ Joanna	Setter	07/04/1990	65	181
15	WOJCIK Aleksandra	Outside-spiker	03/01/1994	74	185
16	MĘDRZYK Natalia	Outside-spiker	13/01/1992	74	184
17	SMARZEK-GODEK Malwina	Outside-spiker	03/06/1996	79	191
18	ZAROSLINSKA-KROL Katarzyna	Opposite	03/02/1987	82	187
20	KOWALEWSKA Marlena	Setter	09/01/1992	61	176

Head Coach: NAWROCKI Jacek

Poland



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Portugal



The qualification for EuroVolley 2019 represents the biggest achievement to this date for the women's national team of Portugal. This is the result of countless hours of preparation tournaments and training camps, and such an investment has served as a lever in the development of the national team. Moreover, such a feat came after many qualification tournaments for European or World Championships, where, despite putting up a fight, Portugal could never make it through. After achieving their ultimate goal and dream, Portugal must now seize the moment and cement their improved status on the continental stage.

Vanessa Rodrigues, captain of Portugal: "I think it was the first qualification of many that will follow. We all know that nothing is easy in sport, and we do not just want to be among the best, as we want to stay in this group including the European elite. Our path will always be difficult, but only then will we be able to make the most of our achievements and write our own success story. We are in the narrow group of the European elite and we will face our opponents keeping in mind that we can play at their level."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Pool B

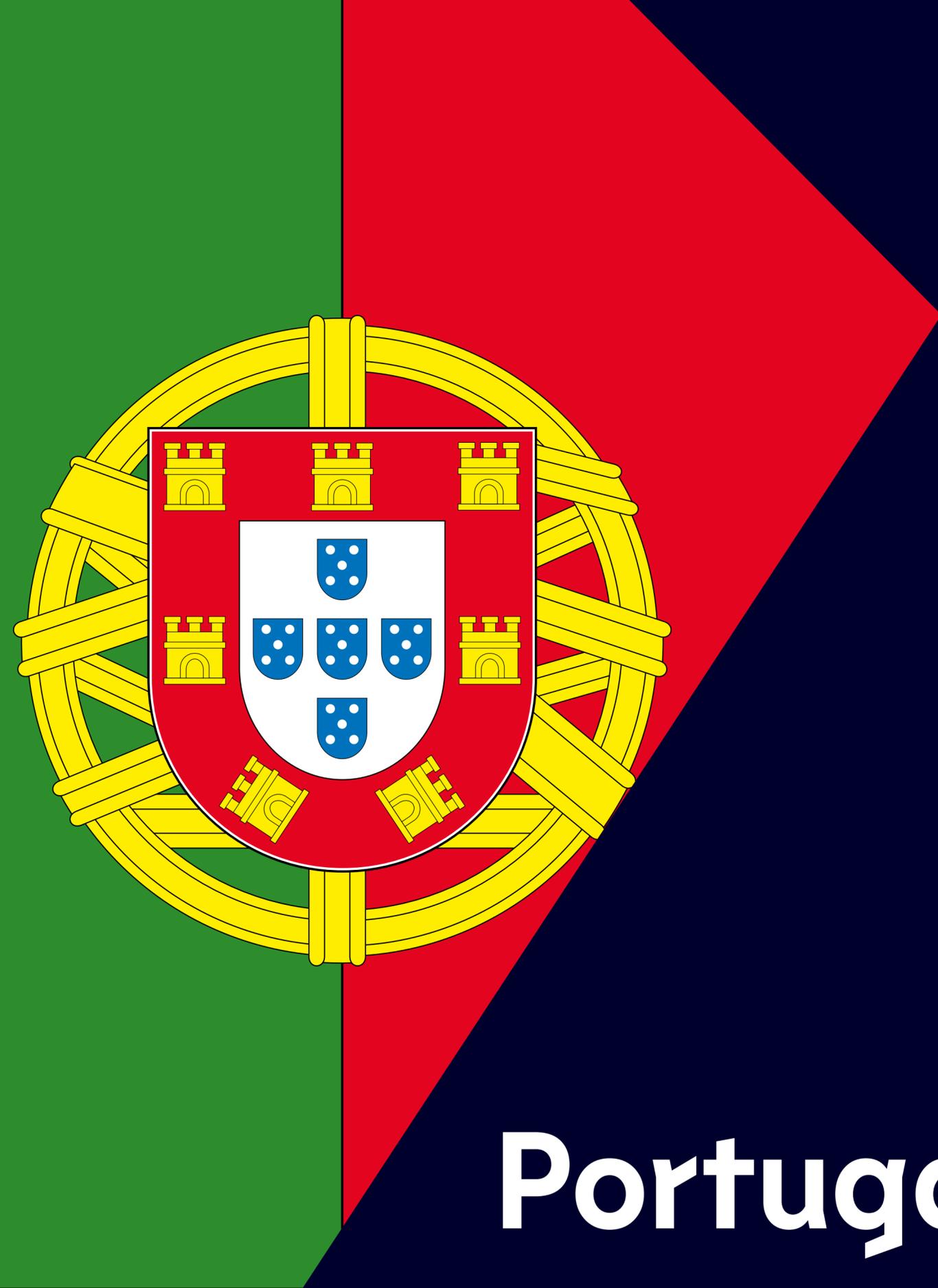
Shirt Nº	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	CAVALCANTI Amanda	Middle-blocker	20/01/2002	62	183
2	DUARTE Eduarda	Middle-blocker	28/07/1993	79	191
3	LOPES Maria	Outside-spiker	03/04/2002	73	187
6	MONTEIRO Helena	Middle-blocker	07/02/1998	70	181
7	DURAO Eliana	Setter	01/01/1997	65	174
8	RODRIGUES Vanessa Iolanda (c)	Setter	28/12/1987	70	182
10	HURST Marta	Outside-spiker	07/07/1992	78	184
11	RESENDE Joana	Libero	23/02/1991	70	175
12	BASTO Beatriz	Libero	31/08/2001	55	159
14	RODRIGUES Aline	Middle-blocker	05/09/1988	78	192
15	KVALENKA Julia	Opposite	02/03/1999	88	193
16	MAIO Maria	Opposite	17/05/1993	83	190
17	GOMES Barbara	Outside-spiker	10/03/1996	64	172
18	VALE Ana	Outside-spiker	14/01/2001	68	184

Head Coach: SANTOS Jose Francisco

Portugal



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia



Slovenia



Slovenia women's Volleyball team, led by Edi Dolinšek, played its first official match in October 1992 as part of the qualifiers for the 1993 CEV European Championship hosted by the Czech Republic. Their first opponent was Luxembourg and the match ended in favour of Slovenia, who then tried several times to secure themselves a spot among the European elite, but without success. After many years of waiting, Slovenia finally did it. In 2015, they eliminated France in the final round of qualifications and secured a historic maiden European Championship appearance. Slovenia finished 16th at the event held in the Netherlands and Belgium and still wait for their first win in the competition.

Young talents such as Eva Mori, Iza Mlakar, Sara Najdič, Lana Ščuka, and Saša Planinšec who are now the core of Slovenia's line-up led by Alessandro Chiappini, debuted at the championship in 2015 and will represent their country for the second time while competing among the best European teams. After the second place claimed at the 2017 FIVB U23 World Championship, which is by far the biggest achievement for any women's team sport in Slovenia, it is now time for this generation to achieve another milestone.

Eva Mori, captain of Slovenia: "It will be nice to play at the European Championship again after four years. For most of the girls in our young team, this will be a debut and we are all very excited especially since we will open the tournament with a match against Poland, so we are hoping for a packed arena in Lodz and a crazy atmosphere. Our goal is to win at least two matches in our pool and qualify for the second phase of the competition. We have a good team and we believe in ourselves."



**Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia**

Pool B



Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	MORI Eva (c)	Setter	13/03/1996	74	187
2	GRUDINA Tina	Middle-blocker	03/12/1995	74	182
3	VOVK Ana Marija	Outside-spiker	29/03/1998	71	185
4	JANEŽIČ Leja	Libero	07/03/1993	64	169
6	ZDOVC SPORER Zana	Outside-spiker	22/03/2002	65	188
7	MIKL Veronika	Libero	18/11/1999	62	173
8	ZATKOVIĆ Eva	Opposite	02/08/2001	75	192
9	MLAKAR Iza	Outside-spiker	14/11/1995	70	184
10	NAJDIC Sara	Setter	17/12/1994	63	174
11	PINTAR Ela	Middle-blocker	11/01/1996	60	182
12	SCUKA Lana	Outside-spiker	06/10/1996	70	186
16	ERŽEN Darja	Opposite	20/06/1997	78	188
18	PLANINSEC Sasa	Middle-blocker	02/06/1995	74	182
20	POTOKAR Monika	Outside-spiker	18/12/1987	76	180

Head Coach: CHIAPPINI Alessandro

Slovenia



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Ukraine



Ukraine played their first international match back in 1992 – when they beat Lithuania 3–0 on October 24. They are the bronze medal winners of the 1993 European Championship while they finished seventh in 1995 and 1997 – and fourth in 2001. Their resume includes 9th place, 15th place and 13th place from the 2003, 2011 and 2017 editions of the continental showpiece event. Their only participation in the World Championship and the Olympics came in 1994 and 1996 when they settled for the ninth and eleventh place, respectively. Ukraine are the gold medal winners from the 2017 edition of the European League.



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Pool B

Shirt №	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	KARPETS Diana	Middle-blocker	06/08/1996	60	189
3	TRUSHKINA Iryna	Middle-blocker	03/12/1986	67	188
4	POLITANSKA Alla	Setter	27/09/1988	74	185
5	DENYSOVA Karyna	Outside-spiker	28/12/1997	72	184
7	DORSMAN Svitlana	Middle-blocker	11/12/1993	65	184
8	KRAIDUBA Anastasiia	Outside-spiker	15/04/1995	78	194
9	GERASYMOVA Yuliya	Middle-blocker	15/09/1989	70	188
11	STEPANIUK Anna	Outside-spiker	31/10/1992	70	180
12	KARASOVA Anastasiya	Libero	21/01/1997	57	175
16	KODOLA Nadiia (c)	Outside-spiker	29/09/1988	73	184
17	PERETIATKO Oleksandra	Setter	11/04/1984	65	182
18	VELYKOKON Daria	Middle-blocker	11/04/2002	60	187
21	RYKHLIUK Olesia	Opposite	11/12/1987	68	196
22	NIKOLAICHUK Viktoriia	Libero	12/09/2000	65	182

Head Coach: YEGIAZAROV Gariy

Ukraine



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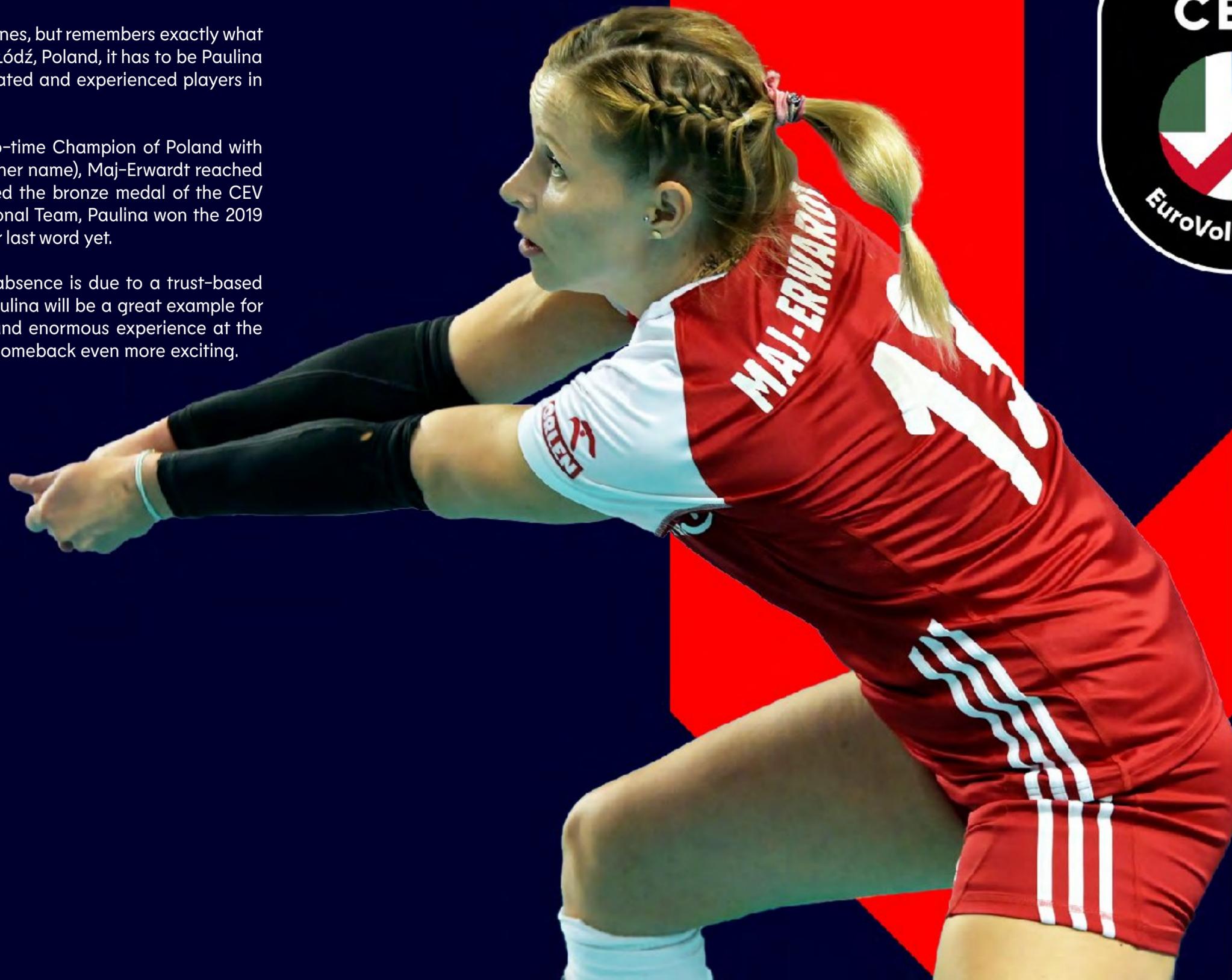
Paulina Maj-Erwardt

If there is one libero at CEV EuroVolley 2019 who not just imagines, but remembers exactly what it feels like to compete for the European crown in the city of Łódź, Poland, it has to be Paulina Maj-Erwardt. The 32-year-old Pole is one of the most decorated and experienced players in the whole tournament.

Apart from her impressive club career (CEV Cup winner, two-time Champion of Poland with six other Polish League medals, 2 Cups and 3 Supercups to her name), Maj-Erwardt reached for the bronze of the 2009 Summer Universiade, and claimed the bronze medal of the CEV EuroVolley 2009. Most recently, after reuniting with the National Team, Paulina won the 2019 Volley Masters in Montreux, proving that she has not said her last word yet.

Her big return to the White-and-Reds after three years of absence is due to a trust-based relation with head coach Jacek Nawrocki who knows that Paulina will be a great example for the next generation of Polish liberos. Solid defensive skills and enormous experience at the international level are two huge advantages that make this comeback even more exciting.

Especially as she now returns to Łódź with the EuroVolley host team – 10 years after winning Poland's last medal in the competition. Can history repeat itself? "History has seen many different scenarios," says the player. "If you fight, there is always a chance to win a medal. And I will fight to add another medal to those that I have, because I always aim for the highest possible goal."



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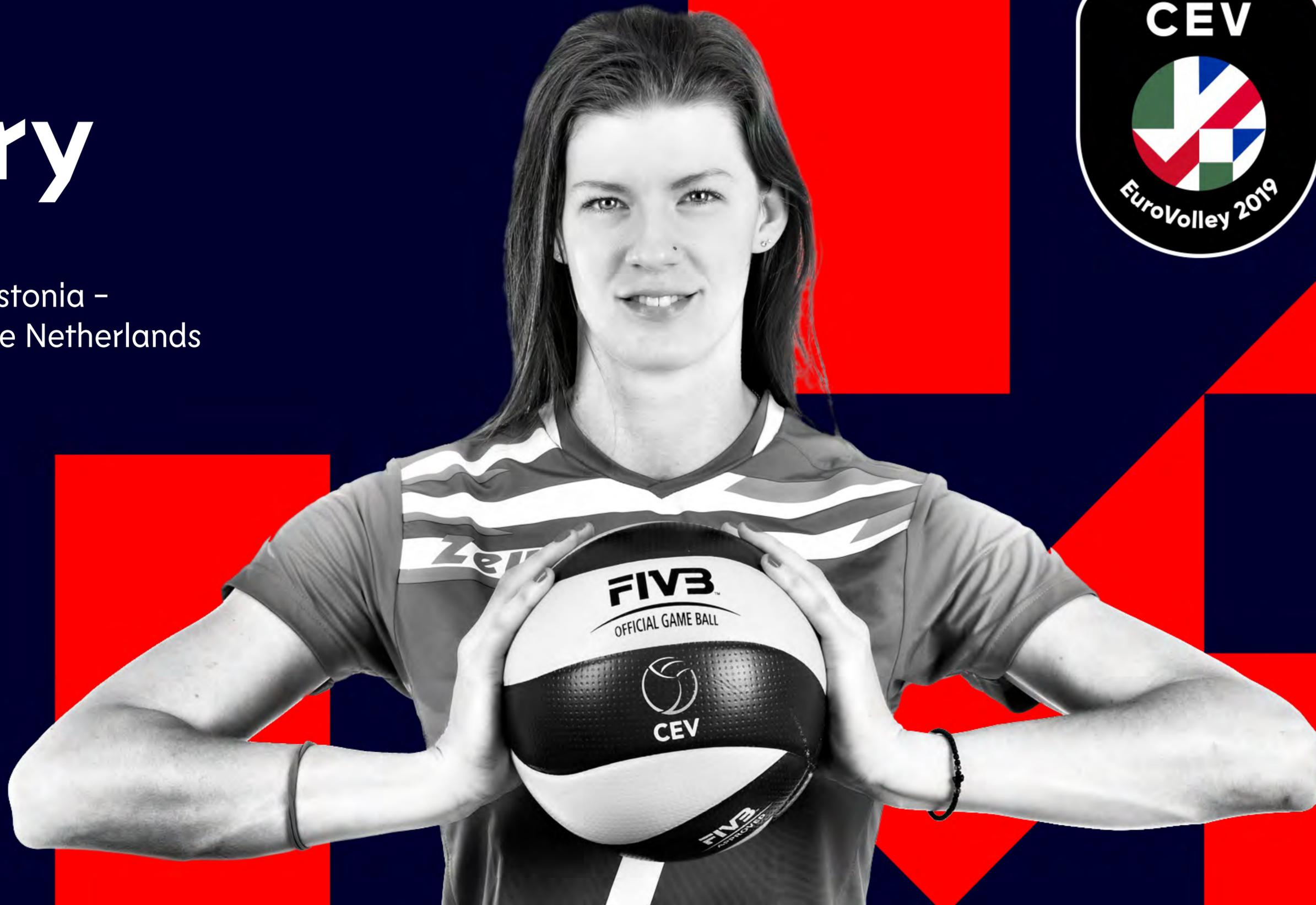
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Azerbaijan



Team Azerbaijan will participate in the Final Round of the European Championship for the ninth time in their history and do so after co-hosting the 2017 edition together with their neighbours from Georgia when they finished fourth. Azerbaijan twice claimed fourth place from the European Championship – previously doing so in 2005 as well – and have set the bar high for the 2019 edition. Their leading players are superstar Polina Rahimova, Olena Hasanova and Yelyzaveta Samadova.

Odina Aliyeva, team captain: "It is our ninth appearance in the Final Round of the European Championship. As we prepared for this year's EuroVolley, we focused on playing friendly matches with strong opponents. We finished fourth last time around in Baku. Our major goal is to improve the result that we achieved two years ago and I believe that we can do so. We have some great support from our fans back home and we want to make them happy with our results."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Pool C

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	AZIMOVA Yana	Setter	05/07/1994	63	175
5	ALIYEVA Odina (c)	Outside-spiker	22/05/1990	80	184
6	ABDULAZIMOVA Ayshan	Middle-blocker	11/04/1993	62	185
7	HASANOVA Olena	Middle-blocker	25/11/1995	72	188
8	SAMADOVA Yelyzaveta	Outside-spiker	03/03/1995	68	184
9	BEZSONOVA Anastasiya	Outside-spiker	21/12/1999	71	187
14	YAGUBOVA Krystsina	Setter	13/02/1996	69	184
17	RAHIMOVA Polina	Opposite	05/06/1990	87	198
18	ALISHANOVA Shafaqat	Setter	03/08/1991	70	178
19	ALIYEVA Bayaz	Libero	09/06/1990	65	178
20	AZIZOVA Marharyta	Opposite	25/04/1993	70	187
22	KIRYLIUK Maryia	Middle-blocker	16/02/1995	80	195

Head Coach: CAPRARA Giovanni

Azerbaijan



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Croatia



This is the first European Championship since head coach Daniele Santarelli has been at the helm of the Croatian national team. The group is young and they will play in this line-up for the first time at a major competition such as EuroVolley.

After a very intensive camp and wins in friendly games against the teams of Slovakia and Bulgaria, Croatia expect to deliver a good performance at the European Championship. Croatia claimed three straight silver medals back in the 90s and as far as this edition goes, they hope to progress to the elimination phase and to see what they can achieve from there.

All the players will do their best to show themselves in the best possible light, give their maximum and the results should follow. Before travelling to EuroVolley, Croatia played a highly competitive tournament in Turkey, where they weighed their strengths with some of the strongest teams in Europe.



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Pool C



Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	SAIN Rene	Libero	23/04/1997	56	163
2	STANOVIC Nika	Outside-spiker	02/10/1993	65	180
4	BUTIGAN Bozana	Middle-blocker	19/08/2000	71	191
5	BOZICEVIC Nikolina	Libero	14/01/1995	52	163
9	MLINAR Lucija	Outside-spiker	06/05/1995	68	180
10	IKIC Matea	Outside-spiker	25/05/1989	74	185
11	POPOVIĆ-GAMMA Sanja	Opposite	31/05/1984	84	190
12	DUMANCIC Beta	Middle-blocker	26/03/1991	80	190
13	FABRIS Samanta (c)	Opposite	08/02/1992	80	190
14	SAMADAN Martina	Middle-blocker	11/09/1993	80	193
15	BRCIC Bernarda	Setter	12/05/1991	78	192
17	DEAK Lea	Setter	27/04/2000	62	178
18	KLARIC Karla	Outside-spiker	05/09/1994	71	184

Head Coach: SANTARELLI Daniele

Croatia



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Estonia



No national teams from Estonia have ever made it to the European or World Championship of an Olympic sport other than Volleyball. After 1992, the women's national team did not play any qualification games for 16 years as the Estonian Volleyball Federation lacked finances. However, over the last years, women's Volleyball has received more and more support from the federation and many players play in strong leagues abroad. Last summer Estonia played in the European Silver League for the first time and made it to the final tournament, settling for fourth place.

Julija Mõnnakmäe, captain of Estonia: "The road to our very first European Championship has been incredible. We had an extremely tough group, so at the beginning it seemed difficult to dream about making it to the final tournament. However, after we managed to beat Czech Republic, everyone started to believe and realised it was actually possible. After the last game in January where we beat Finland, this was the moment of my playing career. We are such a small country and our national team had never achieved anything like that. For moments like this we do all this hard work every day. In the final tournament, we will try to take one game at a time and give our best. Each set and match won will be a huge bonus."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Pool C

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	PEIT Nette	Outside-spiker	27/03/1992	69	177
2	BAHMATSEV Kaisa	Setter	30/07/1994	81	174
3	MÕNNAKMÄE Julija (c)	Setter	07/11/1990	62	177
4	MIILEN Kristiine	Outside-spiker	04/12/1996	75	183
5	KULLERKANN Liis	Middle-blocker	02/05/1991	76	191
7	HOLLAS Eliise	Middle-blocker	29/12/1993	78	185
8	PEIT Eliisa	Middle-blocker	27/03/1991	65	182
9	ENNOK Anu	Outside-spiker	25/01/1992	76	175
10	PAJULA Hanna	Outside-spiker	12/06/1998	75	178
11	LAAK Kertu	Opposite	21/02/1998	82	188
12	NÕLVAK Kristi	Libero	30/05/1989	64	171
14	KIISK Ingrid	Outside-spiker	09/02/1998	69	182
15	MOOR Kristel	Opposite	20/02/1994	82	188
17	HAILLA Nathalie Anett	Libero	01/09/2001	55	163

Head Coach: OJAMETS Andrei

Estonia



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Hungary



Hungary have four EuroVolley medals to their name – one silver in 1975 when they finished second to the Soviet Union, and three bronze medals from 1977, 1981 and 1983. Since then, they qualified for only five continental championships, including this year's EuroVolley co-hosted by the country. The team has also participated in three Olympic Games collecting one fifth place and two fourth places from 1972 until 1980.

Over the last years, Hungarian Volleyball has improved much, which resulted in the team clinching a gold medal in the 2015 European League and a silver medal in the 2018 European Golden League – both finals were hosted by Hungary.

The goal of the team is to reach the EuroVolley knockout stage this year – and their passionate fans could help them a lot on home soil.

Gréta Szakmáry, Player of Hungary: "It will be great to play in front of our home crowd at the Championship. We could experience it last year at the Golden European League Final Four, I hope the fans will help us to qualify for the final 16."

Zsuzsanna Tálas, Player of Hungary: "We will try everything to win as many matches as possible and to make our fans happy. This will be the biggest volleyball event in Hungary, it will be great to be part of it."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	SZAKMÁRY Gréta	Outside-spiker	31/12/1991	71	186
2	TÓTH Fruzsina	Libero	30/12/1999	62	164
5	MOLCSÁNYI Rita	Libero	11/01/1993	60	170
6	GYIMES Zsófia	Middle-blocker	14/08/1996	64	182
7	SANDOR Renata	Outside-spiker	15/12/1990	69	183
8	TÁLAS Zsuzsanna	Setter	09/07/1993	68	175
9	DEKANY Bernadett	Outside-spiker	30/06/1992	76	187
11	TÖRÖK Kata	Outside-spiker	26/05/1998	66	182
14	NÉMETH Anett	Opposite	13/12/1999	73	186
15	BOKORNÉ LILIAM Rita (c)	Outside-spiker	23/05/1986	73	184
16	NAGY Eszter	Middle-blocker	01/11/1991	84	187
17	BLEICHER Réka	Setter	15/10/1995	68	187
18	PEKÁRIK Eszter Anna	Middle-blocker	08/12/1996	85	190
22	MIKLAI Zsanett	Outside-spiker	16/02/1992	81	188

Head Coach: DE BRANDT Jan José

Hungary



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Romania



Romania have one EuroVolley medal to their name – the bronze they claimed back in 1963 on home soil in Bucharest. Romania qualified for every edition of the European Championship from 1990 to 2003 and achieved good results, finishing among the top eight teams in Europe a number of times. However, the last few years were not as good and Romania have now the opportunity to win back the attention and support of their fans when competing in Budapest. Earlier this season, Romania claimed gold from the European Silver League 2019.

Nneka Onyejekwe, captain of Romania: "The European Championship still remains a big challenge for us. Four years ago, when playing in the Netherlands, we lost all of our matches and we could only take one set from the match with Germany. I hope in Budapest we can play better and the Volleyball family can see another face of the Romanian team. The new coach has worked hard to instill in our mind one single word – trust. After the Silver League, the final victory against Slovenia provided a boost to the whole of the Romanian team. We have discovered new players, young players, and we hope to grow together with our staff for the EuroVolley. I believe in my team and I am confident that we can achieve a good result in Budapest."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	BACIU Ioana Maria	Opposite	04/01/1990	69	184
2	ROGOJINARU Denisa Adriana	Opposite	16/05/1985	73	185
3	BUTEREZ Rodica	Outside-spiker	25/07/1999	70	186
4	BALINTONI Diana Lorena	Setter	19/04/1988	63	173
5	RUS Ramona	Outside-spiker	08/10/1996	73	180
6	ALBU Mihaela	Libero	01/01/1994	52	168
7	IANCU Roxana	Middle-blocker	14/08/1993	60	185
8	BUDAI-UNGUREANU Adelina	Outside-spiker	29/07/2000	73	187
9	CALOTA Diana-Ioana	Setter	24/05/1986	63	179
10	TRICA Alexandra Romela	Outside-spiker	21/10/1985	70	183
11	TUCMEANU Roxana	Libero	21/04/1998	65	164
12	FALES Georgiana	Middle-blocker	04/02/1986	75	186
15	CIUCU Alexandra	Libero	13/11/1995	55	165
18	ONYJEKWE Nneka Obiamaka (c)	Middle-blocker	18/08/1989	74	188

Head Coach: PEDULLA Luciano

Romania



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

The Netherlands



For the 28th time in their history, the women's national team of the Netherlands will participate in the European Championship. In the previous 27 editions, the team playing in orange managed to earn six medals: bronze in 1985, silver in 1991, 2009, 2015 and 2017 and gold in 1995. In the past decade, the team has been very successful, with three podium finishes in the last five editions. Although the current generation of players was very successful in the past years, the players are still hungry for more than silver. They would like to put a crown on their careers by winning gold in the most prestigious European competition for national teams.

Lonneke Slöetjes, player of the Netherlands: "We are very much looking forward to the European Championship. After winning back-to-back silver in the last two editions, we are aiming for gold this year. I like the new formula of EuroVolley, with four organising countries. Because the number of participants is expanded, we will play against new opponents, and I am excited about this."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	KNIP Kirsten	Libero	14/09/1992	73	176
3	BELIEN Yvon	Middle-blocker	28/12/1993	70	188
4	PLAK Celeste	Outside-spiker	26/10/1995	84	190
5	DE KRUIJF Robin	Middle-blocker	05/05/1991	79	193
6	BALKESTEIN-GROTHUES Maret (c)	Outside-spiker	16/09/1988	74	184
7	LOHUIS Juliet	Middle-blocker	10/09/1996	77	190
9	SCHOOT Myrthe	Libero	29/08/1988	70	183
10	SLÖETJES Lonneke	Opposite	15/11/1990	76	192
11	BUIJS Anne	Outside-spiker	02/12/1991	75	191
12	BONGAERTS Britt	Setter	03/11/1996	68	185
14	DIJKEMA Laura	Setter	18/02/1990	70	184
18	JASPER Marrit	Outside-spiker	28/02/1996	75	179
19	DAALDEROP Nika	Outside-spiker	29/11/1998	72	189
22	KOOLHAAS Nicole	Middle-blocker	31/01/1991	77	198

Head Coach: MORRISON Jamie

The Netherlands



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Renáta Sándor

She was born in one of Hungary's Volleyball 'Meccas', the city of Jászberény, on December 15, 1990 and she took the first steps of her Volleyball career there as well. Unluckily, Volleyball suffered a major crisis in Jászberény, and the club even stopped their activities for a short time – just when Renáta could break into the first team.

As a result, she moved to Budapest and played for three seasons (2008–2011) for BSE, then for Vasas for one year in 2012. She became Hungarian champion in all four seasons and won the Hungarian Cup three times!

Renáta played for Hungary's junior national team before in May 2010 she made her debut with the senior national team in a match against Romania. Until 2015, Renáta contested 75 matches for her country, played a major role in the qualification for the 2015 European Championship – it was the first major tournament in which Hungary took part since 1987 – and was an important member of the team that played in Belgium and the Netherlands and won the European League in the same year.

In 2012, she signed for Austrian club SVS Post SCHWECHAT, where she won gold medals in two seasons, and two years later, she moved to German team Allianz MTV STUTTGART. With this side, Renáta won two German Cups – she recorded the winning point in both finals – and one German Supercup. The only title she could not grab was the German Championship. In autumn 2015, she suffered a serious injury during a Champions League match; she had to miss the whole season in her club and in the national team as well. Therefore, Renáta could not play during the next European qualifiers and missed the 2017 edition of EuroVolley as well.

She returned to the national team in 2018, after a three-year absence, winning the silver medal at the Golden European League Final Four held in Budapest. In 2019, Renáta finally became German Champion with STUTTGART! After winning the title, she announced that she would retire from competitive sport right after EuroVolley – at the age of only 28.

Renáta can play her 100th match for Hungary in Budapest during EuroVolley. She has been Player of the Year in Hungary as many as four times (2009, 2010, 2013, and 2015); moreover, she was the MVP of the 2015 edition of the CEV European League.

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Belarus



Piotr Khilko has been at the helm of Team Belarus since shortly before EuroVolley 2017, which Azerbaijan and Georgia co-hosted two years ago. Back then, Belarus finished the competition in seventh place, their best EuroVolley result to this date.

There will be some changes to the roster before EuroVolley. Instead of Hanna Hryshkevich, who is out due to health issues, there will be outside hitter Alina Iliuta. Moreover, Belarusian fans will be happy with the return of famous libero Volha Pauliukouskaya. Team Belarus started their training camp ahead of EuroVolley on July 8.

Piotr Khilko is looking forward to this year's event: "We will try to do our best. The team is in a good shape. We saw it in the European Golden League, where we claimed a historic bronze medal. Therefore, I think that we have enough time to fix our mistakes and become only stronger."



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Pool D

Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	KASTSIUCHYK Vera	Opposite	27/09/2000	71	191
3	STOLIAR Nadzeya	Middle-blocker	11/01/1996	75	183
4	KALINOUSKAYA Hanna	Middle-blocker	17/05/1985	75	190
5	KLIMOVICH Vera	Middle-blocker	29/04/1988	76	185
6	HARELIK Anastasiya	Opposite	20/03/1991	74	185
7	FEDARYNCHYK Alena	Libero	03/07/1993	65	178
8	SAKOLCHYK Katsiaryna	Outside-spiker	27/07/1993	77	183
9	ILYUTA Alina	Outside-spiker	04/05/1991	70	184
10	PAULIUKOUSKAYA Volha	Libero	13/07/1988	63	174
11	KLIMETS Hanna	Opposite	04/03/1998	75	186
14	KANANOVICH Anastasiya	Setter	01/05/1993	78	178
15	MARKEVICH Tatsiana (c)	Outside-spiker	25/03/1988	64	183
17	SHASH Anastasiya	Setter	06/06/1996	73	190
18	MINIUK Yuliya	Middle-blocker	23/05/2000	83	189

Head Coach: KHILKO Piotr

Belarus



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Germany



Prior to reunification, East Germany won the women's Volleyball silver medal at the Moscow 1980 Olympic Games. The East German team were also crowned European champions in 1983 and 1987. Since reunification, the German women's team have qualified for the Olympic Games three times. A sixth place finish at the Sydney 2000 Games remains the team's best performance. Germany's best finish in the FIVB Volleyball World Championship as a united country came in 1994, where they finished in fifth place. They were 11th last time around, in 2018.

Felix Koslowski, head coach of Germany: "European women's Volleyball has developed strongly in the last few years. I think that every pool is very balanced. We will compete against Russia, without a doubt one of the strongest teams in the world but I think that we can win against every other team in our pool. It is our goal to finish the preliminary round as good as possible to get a great starting position for the knock-out stage."



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
2	KÄSTNER Pia	Setter	29/06/1998	68	180
3	HANKE Denise (c)	Setter	31/08/1989	76	183
5	POLL Jana Franziska	Outside-spiker	07/05/1988	68	186
6	GEERTIES Jennifer	Outside-spiker	05/04/1994	66	186
8	DREWNIOK Kimberly	Opposite	11/08/1997	73	188
9	ALSMEIER Lina	Outside-spiker	29/06/2000	70	189
10	STIGROT Lena	Opposite	20/12/1994	68	184
11	LIPPMANN Louisa	Opposite	23/09/1994	78	190
14	SCHOELZEL Marie	Middle-blocker	01/08/1997	70	190
16	BOCK Linda	Libero	27/05/2000	60	172
17	POGANY Anna	Libero	21/07/1994	61	168
19	VANJAK Ivana	Outside-spiker	30/05/1995	80	193
21	WEITZEL Camilla	Middle-blocker	11/06/2000	69	195
22	GRÜNDING Lisa	Middle-blocker	02/12/1991	71	185

Head Coach: KOSLOWSKI Felix

Germany



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Russia



Russia, previously competing under the flag of the former Soviet Union, are the most successful nation in EuroVolley Women history. After the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia claimed the continental title in 1993, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2013 and 2015. They emerged as world champions in 2006 and 2010 and secured Olympic silver medals in 2000 and 2004. Their resume includes World Grand Prix titles in 1997, 1999 and 2002 plus an endless list of medals from world and European competitions. Back in 2017, at the last EuroVolley, Russia lost in the quarterfinals to Turkey to finish off the podium for the first time since the 2011 edition.



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Shirt N°	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	LAZARENKO Angelina	Middle-blocker	13/04/1998	76	192
3	EFIMOVA Ekaterina	Middle-blocker	03/07/1993	70	192
4	CHIKRIZOVA Daria	Libero	09/06/1990	70	176
6	KOROLEVA Irina	Middle-blocker	04/10/1991	78	196
7	ROMANOVA Tatiana	Setter	09/09/1994	73	182
8	GONCHAROVA Nataliya	Opposite	01/06/1989	73	196
9	GALKINA Alla	Libero	15/04/1992	60	178
11	KURILO Margarita	Outside-spiker	21/06/1993	75	186
13	STARTSEVA Evgeniya (c)	Setter	12/02/1989	65	185
14	FETISOVA Irina	Middle-blocker	07/09/1994	76	190
16	VORONKOVA Irina	Outside-spiker	20/10/1995	86	194
18	PARUBETS Kseniia	Outside-spiker	31/10/1994	67	183
19	KHALETSKAIA Mariia	Outside-spiker	31/07/1994	78	195
26	LAZAREVA Anna	Opposite	31/01/1997	70	190

Head Coach: PANKOV Vadim

Russia



Turkey, Poland
Hungary, Slovakia

Slovakia



Since the breakup of the former Czechoslovakia in 1993, Slovakia have made three appearances at the women's EuroVolley. In 2003 in Turkey, the Slovakian team finished the competition in 11th place, four years later in Belgium and Luxembourg they were 13th and they achieved the same feat in 2009 in Poland. Czech born coach Miroslav Čada was at the helm of Team Slovakia on each of these three occasions. In 2016, when making their debut in the European League, Slovakia then coached by Marek Rojko made it to the final and won the silver medal after losing to Azerbaijan. Slovakia will participate this year for the fourth time at EuroVolley, and will do so for the first time in 10 years. The team mentored by Italian coach Marco Fenoglio will try to write history and advance for the first time from the pool to the knockout stage.

Marco Fenoglio, head coach of Slovakia: "To organise such an important tournament as EuroVolley especially on home ground is a great opportunity to show our Volleyball all over Europe. It will be great publicity for Slovakia and our federation can show everywhere our ability to organise such a major event. I think there are two main topics – a sporting and a commercial one. This is a very good chance for Slovakia, because we can improve our system in Volleyball and in terms of management and marketing as well. My goal for the European Championship is to finish as best as possible and improve our ranking. Our performance in the European Golden League has improved game by game. I am a little bit sad that we did not qualify for the Final Four, because we were close to doing it. I hope that we will remain in good shape also during the European Championship."



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2	KOSEKOVA Barbora (c)	Setter	22/11/1994	71	178
3	HUDECOVA Romana	Outside-spiker	21/09/1993	63	178
4	HRONCEKOVA Veronika	Middle-blocker	02/01/1990	71	192
6	PALGUTOVA Karin	Opposite	12/02/1993	79	186
7	SPANKOVA Michaela	Libero	01/08/1999	63	169
8	KIJAKOVÁ Miroslava	Outside-spiker	05/05/1988	69	180
9	PENCOVA Jaroslava	Middle-blocker	24/06/1990	81	191
10	HERELOVA Nina	Middle-blocker	30/07/1993	70	184
12	RADOSOVA Nikola	Outside-spiker	03/05/1992	75	186
13	OVECKOVA Lenka	Setter	16/11/1995	69	177
14	SZABOOVA Sandra	Middle-blocker	22/07/1996	71	190
15	FRICOVA Karolina	Outside-spiker	29/04/2000	67	181
16	JANCOVA Skarleta	Libero	16/01/1997	58	167
22	KOSTELANSKA Maria	Outside-spiker	08/01/1993	68	175

Head Coach: FENOGLIO Marco

Slovakia



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Spain



Las Leonas del Vóley want to roar again on the European stage as they return to play at EuroVolley after a break of six years. This achievement completes years of hard work, but Spain are still vying for their breakthrough in a major international competition. The Spanish women's national team has a promising list of young players who want to continue to grow as a team after qualifying for the European Golden League Final Four this season. Spain will be making their sixth EuroVolley appearance, with their best result to date the ninth place they claimed in 2009. Moreover, Las Leonas del Vóley played at the Olympic Games of Barcelona in 1992 and had one participation in the World Championship back in 1982.

Helia González, captain of Spain: "The European Championship was the major goal of this team for years. Being back this year is a reason of pride and we must use this opportunity to continue growing and be aware of all the work that we still have to do if we want to stay at that level."

Pascual Saurín, head coach of Spain: "The team has come out much stronger from the European Golden League, so we really want to go to the European Championship with much desire to continue with the increasing trajectory that we have been following in these last few years. Our goal will be to qualify for the knockout round, and to achieve that goal, we will have to win two or three matches. We will face the group phase with this in mind."



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Spain

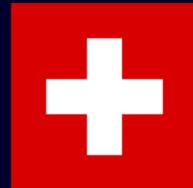
Shirt Nº	Surname and Name	Position	Date of Birth	Weight (kgs)	Height (cm)
1	BERBEL Aina	Middle-blocker	14/06/1999	70	187
2	CORRAL BOUZA María José	Setter	01/01/1991	68	177
4	RIVERO Jessica	Outside-spiker	15/03/1995	82	180
5	SANCHEZ Alba M.	Libero	09/09/1991	66	178
6	DE BLAS Alicia	Middle-blocker	07/05/1995	66	181
7	ELIZAGA Sofía	Outside-spiker	05/10/1995	65	180
10	CASTELLANO Lucrecia	Middle-blocker	18/06/2000	73	183
11	CARO GARCÍA Mabel	Middle-blocker	13/03/1991	75	184
13	GONZALEZ Helia (c)	Outside-spiker	29/08/1985	77	179
14	PRIANTE FRANCES Ariadna	Setter	20/04/2002	61	180
16	SEGURA Maria	Outside-spiker	10/06/1992	71	183
17	ESCAMILLA Ana	Outside-spiker	10/07/1998	71	183
18	LLABRÉS Patricia	Libero	15/04/1996	64	168
20	MONTORO Raquel	Opposite	25/11/2002	66	183

Head Coach: SAURIN Pascual



Turkey, Poland
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Switzerland



The qualification for EuroVolley 2019 represents a major highlight for the Swiss women's national team. For the first time in the history of Swiss Volleyball, a national team succeeded in qualifying for the Final Round based on sporting criteria only. In 2013, after hosting the European Championship together with Germany, the national federation – Swiss Volley – set itself the goal to qualify for the final round on its own merit within four to six years. Supported by Swiss Volley, head coach Timo Lippuner started this journey in 2014. Thanks to unremitting efforts and dedication of the staff and, more than anything else, the incredible development of the team built around 22-year-old captain Laura Künzler, Switzerland eventually attained this ultimate goal in January 2019.

Laura Künzler, captain: "I am excited and I am looking forward to EuroVolley 2019. It is incredible that we qualified for the final round! We will push and work hard to be ready for the first game of the tournament against Germany and all the others down the road. We will give everything we have!"

Timo Lippuner, head coach: "We are very excited and we prepare ourselves mentally and physically for this event – a highlight for us, the federation as well as the country. We want to present ourselves in the best possible way."



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1	LENGWEILER Julie	Outside-spiker	06/11/1998	70	186
3	ZAUGG Livia	Outside-spiker	29/01/1996	65	180
4	SCHOTTROFF Gabi	Middle-blocker	08/02/1997	78	192
5	DEPRATI Thays	Libero	14/04/1992	65	172
6	MATTER Madlaina	Middle-blocker	19/10/1996	61	183
7	PIERRET Méline	Setter	18/01/1999	61	175
8	STORCK Maja	Opposite	08/10/1998	72	184
9	BRUNNER Sarina	Outside-spiker	08/07/1997	64	178
10	SULSER Samira	Middle-blocker	22/12/1995	70	187
11	TROESCH Sarah	Setter	28/09/1994	70	176
13	STAFFELBACH Xenia	Middle-blocker	16/03/1998	72	189
14	KUENZLER Laura (c)	Outside-spiker	25/12/1996	69	189
20	WASSNER Olivia	Setter	22/03/1999	70	186
21	ENGEL Mathilde	Libero	10/01/2002	61	166

Head Coach: LIPPUNER Timothy

Switzerland



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Born to play Volleyball – meet Barbora Kosekova, captain of Team Slovakia

Her mother Eva was a national team player for the former Czechoslovakia, who competed twice at the European Championship. Her father Peter and brother Peter played the game as well. It was all about Volleyball in the family of Barbora Kosekova, the captain of Team Slovakia.

She started to play when she was 10 years old only. “It was clear that I would play Volleyball, because I grew up in the sports hall,” said the 24-year-old Kosekova. “I always dreamed of being a spiker, because I wanted to score a lot of points, but I was really short, so the coaches decided I would become a setter instead and probably they made a good decision,” explains Barbora.

Kosekova made her first steps in professional Volleyball with Doprastav BRATISLAVA and Slavia UK BRATISLAVA, winning four national league titles and four Slovak Cups. After that, she decided to go abroad and played in Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania. In January of 2019, she came back home and helped VTC PEZINOK, the team mentored by her mom Eva, to the league bronze.

Barbora has a rich resume from under-age national teams. She appeared twice at the U19 European Championships, once at the U18 European Championships, played at the U18 World Championships and the European Youth Olympic Festival. She has collected 64 caps since her debut in the senior national team in 2015, but this season is her first as the team captain.

“I am really thankful that Coach Marco Fenoglio gave me the trust to take on this role. We hope that we can achieve a good result at EuroVolley,” she concludes.



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Year	Host Country	Finals	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1949	Czechoslovakia	Prague	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Poland
1950	Bulgaria	Sofia	Soviet Union	Poland	Czechoslovakia
1951	France	Paris	Soviet Union	Poland	Yugoslavia
1955	Romania	Bucharest	Czechoslovakia	Soviet Union	Poland
1958	Czechoslovakia	Prague	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Poland
1963	Romania	Constanta	Soviet Union	Poland	Romania
1967	Turkey	Izmir	Soviet Union	Poland	Czechoslovakia
1971	Italy	Reggio Emilia	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia	Poland
1975	Yugoslavia	Belgrade	Soviet Union	Hungary	East Germany
1977	Finland	Tampere	Soviet Union	East Germany	Hungary
1979	France	Lyon	Soviet Union	East Germany	Bulgaria
1981	Bulgaria	Sofia	Bulgaria	Soviet Union	Hungary
1983	East Germany	Rostock	East Germany	Soviet Union	Hungary
1985	The Netherlands	Arnhem	Soviet Union	East Germany	the Netherlands
1987	Belgium	Gant	East Germany	Soviet Union	Czechoslovakia
1989	West Germany	Stuttgart	Soviet Union	East Germany	Italy
1991	Italy	Rome	Soviet Union	the Netherlands	Germany
1993	Czechoslovakia	Brno	Russia	Czechoslovakia	Ukraine
1995	The Netherlands	Arnhem	The Netherlands	Croatia	Russia
1997	Czech Republic	Brno	Russia	Croatia	Czech Republic
1999	Italy	Rome	Russia	Croatia	Italy
2001	Bulgaria	Varna	Russia	Italy	Bulgaria
2003	Turkey	Ankara	Poland	Turkey	Germany
2005	Croatia	Zagreb	Poland	Italy	Russia
2007	Luxembourg / Belgium	Luxembourg	Italy	Serbia	Russia
2009	Poland	Łódź	Italy	the Netherlands	Poland
2011	Serbia / Italy	Belgrade	Serbia	Germany	Turkey
2013	Germany / Switzerland	Berlin	Russia	Germany	Belgium
2015	the Netherlands / Belgium	Rotterdam	Russia	the Netherlands	Serbia
2017	Azerbaijan / Georgia	Baku	Serbia	the Netherlands	Turkey
2019	Turkey / Poland Hungary / Slovakia	Ankara			



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