

SAP GARDEN TO HOST MEN'S EHF EURO HANDBALL GAMES



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The German Handball Association and the European Handball Federation have jointly announced the venues on which the eyes of the handball world will be focused between 10th and 28th of January 2024. Preliminary round venues for the tournament, which will be the first Men's EHF EURO to have 24 teams and a total of 65 matches in one single country are Berlin, where the Germany national team will play, as well as Mannheim and Munich. The main round will take place in Cologne, which will also see the Germany national team in action, and Hamburg. Cologne will also be the venue for the final and as such, will be where EHF EURO 2024 dreams are made.

Verena Dietl, third mayor of Munich: "We are really happy to be able to bring the Men's EURO 2024 to Munich. We want to show what we are all about: Munich is amazing, we will be a terrific host city and we are very experienced at putting on large sporting

events. We are very proud that the new multifunctional arena will be finished by then and we will have a new home for ice hockey and basketball. It is all the more exciting now that we are hosting handball here, and the European championships in 2024 will be the first big international sports event to be held at the arena."

Marion Schöne, managing director of the Olympic Park in Munich: "In 2019 we had an incredible 136,000 spectators at the Olympiahalle, even though Germany did not compete in Munich. The atmosphere was created not only by the Croatian and Icelandic fans, but also the fans from Munich and all over Bavaria. There is an enthusiastic handball community here and the world championship was a brilliant celebration and a wonderful international sporting event. Though it will be in the SAP Garden this time, rather than the Olympiahalle, it is great that the Olympic Park will be a venue for the Men's

EHF EURO 2024."

Dominik Klein, world champion in 2007 and ambassador for the world championship in 2019: "The motto for the world championship in 2019 at the Olympiahalle in Munich was 'Bayern kann Handball' [Bavaria can play handball], and the competition was a great success. Why would holding it 100 metres away mean any other outcome? I am sure that everyone in Munich and Bavaria as a whole will be excited to see the best handball teams in Europe battling it out at the SAP Garden."