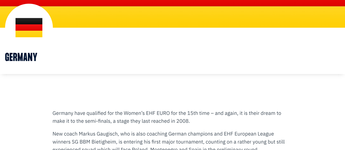

GERMANY

Germany have qualified for the Women's EHF EURO for the 15th time – and again, it is their dream to make it to the semi-finals, a stage they last reached in 2008.

New coach Markus Gaugisch, who is also coaching German champions and EHF European League winners SG BBM Bietigheim, is entering his first major tournament, counting on a rather young but still experienced squad which will face Poland, Montenegro and Spain in the preliminary round.

Before Germany's last EHF EURO qualifier against Greece in April 2022, Gaugisch replaced Dutch coach Henk Groener at the helm of the German national team. In terms of tactics, Gaugisch builds on the active defence system but has started to change the way of attacking: more speed, more easy and straight attacks – like the playing system that helped Bietigheim become the internationally successful team they currently are.

A Bietigheim block is also part of the national team, which makes it easier to adapt. Gaugisch's mission is to qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games and to win a medal at the 2025 World Championship, co-hosted by Germany and the Netherlands. After this season, he will only focus on the national team.

Two key players, both EHF EURO Champions League teams, will miss the EHF EURO 2022: FTC right back Alicia Stolle has broken her hand – in a match against Bietigheim, and Team Esbjerg goalkeeper Dinah Eckerle is pregnant. While the goalkeeper position is strong with Katharina Filter (Kehrenhard) and Isabell Roch (Valcea), the only internationally experienced right back is Julia Maidhof (Bietigheim).

In general, the two team captains – Dortmund centre back Alina Grijseels and FTC left back Emily Bölk – are the leaders of the pack, but several other players can have their impact on the EHF EURO as well, like line player Meike Schmelzer (Brália) or defender Xenia Smits (Bietigheim), the MVP of the EHF Finals 2022.

Read more about the German team HERE.

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Player										
#	PLAYER	MP	GOALS	SHOTS	%	7M	YC	RC	2 MIN	TP
1	**Antl**, Lisa	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
2	**Behrend**, Jenny	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
3	**Berger**, Amelie	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Bölk**, Emily	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Degenhardt**, Lena Sophia	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Dill**, Antje	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Friedberger**, Lisa	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
3	**Grijseels**, Alina	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Haaf**, Alexia	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Ingenpaß**, Annika	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
3	**Kalmbach**, Selina	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Kynast**, Ann	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
1	**Leuchter**, Viola	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Lott**, Annika	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Maidhof**, Julia	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Michalczik**, Malina Marie	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Mühlner**, Maxi	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Ossenkopp**, Meret	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Petersen**, Silje Brons	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
3	**Quist**, Laetitia	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
3	**Schirmer**, Maike	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Schmelzer**, Meike	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Schulze**, Luisa	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Smits**, Xenia	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
1	**Steffen**, Marie	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Stockschläder**, Johanna	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Süchting**, Liv Charlotte	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Thomaier**, Mareike	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Weigel**, Maren	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
10	**Zschocke**, Mia	0	0	0		0 / 0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	0	0	0	0 / 0	0	0	0	0	

#	GOALKEEPER	MP	SAVES	SHOTS	%	7M
16	**Filter**, Katharina	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
16	**Roch**, Isabell	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
1	**Roth**, Nicole	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
1	**Rühter**, Lea	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
16	**Wachter**, Sarah	0	0	0	0	0 / 0
	TOTAL		0	0	0	0/0

Key Players

KEY PLAYERS

Emily Bölk

left back

current club: FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria since 2020

- Had her first major success as MVP and silver medallist at the Youth WCh in 2014
- Made her debut in Bundesliga for Buxtehuder SV at the age of 16 and debuted in the CL for Thüringer HC at the age of 18
- Became a women's national team player at the age of 18 – and is now set for her fourth EHF EURO after first appearing in 2016
- Joined FTC in 2020 and has become a key player of the Hungarian Cup winners and former Hungarian champions
- Was the youngest player to score more than 200 goals for the German women's national team

Xenia Smits

centre back

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2020

- Belgian-born centre back who gained German citizenship in 2014
- Made her debut for the women's national team in 2014 after being Germany's top scorer at the 2014 Junior WCh
- Is the boss of the German defence and a strong shooter in attack despite shoulder problems
- Signed for German club Blomberg at the age of 16; joined French side Metz in 2019
- Moved to Bietigheim in 2020 and was the MVP of the EHF Finals Women in 2022
- Her sisters, Aaricia and Munia, are also handball professionals

EC trophies: EL 2022

HEAD COACH

Markus Gaugisch

coach

current club: SG BBM Bietigheim since 2020

- Succeded Dutchman Henk Groener as Germany's coach in April 2022
- Is also coaching German and EL champions Bietigheim, but only until the end of this season
- Was a professional player in the Bundesliga and previously coached some men's teams
- Bietigheim was his first club as a coach for a women's team
- Had been a teacher at a secondary school until this summer
- Is supposed to steer Germany to the 2024 OG in Paris

EC trophies as a coach: EL 2022

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