



**TO: ALL AFFILIATED LEN MEMBER FEDERATIONS  
ALL LEN REGISTERED WATER POLO FEDERATIONS  
LEN BUREAU LIAISONS  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEN TWPC**

4<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Friends,

This is coming to inform you that as announced on the occasion of the LEN Congress held in St Petersburg on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 a new Qualification system to the European Water Polo Championships will be implemented starting from the edition Split 2022 on.

The new concept and system of play is based on groups formed by geographical positioning and European ranking thus giving the possibility to all European Federations to enter the European Water Polo Championships and play at different level.

Attached you will find the document that contains the detailed description of the system including the seeding of the countries in group. This has been prepared taking into consideration the Men's competition, but the concept and running order may be identical for the Women's, however pending of the entries.

To enable you a first sight vision and immediate understanding herewith a couple of focal points.

1. The entire competition will be called European Water Polo Championships, having upon the proposal three distinctive phases: two Qualification Rounds and Final Tournament.  
The qualifications are scheduled on 5-7 November 2021 and 18 – 20 February 2022  
The final phase will be held in Split (CRO) on 27 August – 10 September 2022.
2. A significant change is that the Qualification groups are already seeded according to the geographical positioning taking into consideration that all European Federations are invited to enter the event. Each Federation therefore will have to only whether or not confirm its participation.
3. The Final Tournament is to be played by sixteen (16) Men's teams and twelve (12) Women's teams.
4. The system of play for the Final Tournament will stay unchanged and to remain identical as used for the past editions of the European Water Polo Championships.

In a nutshell these are the main principles, therefore you may find attached the relevant entry form.

We are requesting you to be so kind and read carefully the notes on this form and return the document duly filled latest by **1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021.**

In addition to crossing the Event please mark also clearly whether you want to stage a Qualification Tournament.

Many thanks in advance for your kind collaboration, looking forward to hear from you in the near future.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marco Birri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marco Birri  
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