

## Record Number of Countries enter for IKF European Championships

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24 countries have registered to compete in the qualifications of the IKF European Championship

Twenty-four countries have registered to compete in the qualifications of the IKF European Championship, due to take place in the Netherlands in October 2010. This is a substantial increase from the 16 countries having registered for the 2006 Championship in Budapest (Hungary), demonstrating the fast growth of korfbal activity in Europe.

The IKF Council has decided that 10 countries will be directly qualified for the final round in the Netherlands, which will number 16 countries for the first time. Based on the World Ranking, these ten countries (in alphabetical order) are: Belgium, Catalonia, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Russia.

The remaining six places will be determined in two pools of the European Bowl competition. The first pool will take place on 31 October and 1 November in Prievidza (Slovakia) and will include the following countries: Armenia, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Turkey. The second pool will be contested on 6 and 7 November in Luxembourg (Luxemburg) and will include the following countries: France, Ireland, Luxemburg, Scotland, Sweden and Wales. The best three teams from each pool will qualify for the final round in the Netherlands.