EHF COMPETENCE ACADEMY & NETWORK

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The European Handball Federation (EHF), the Union of University Handball Teachers (UUHT) and the Croatian Handball Federation (HRS) kindly invite you to the

8th EHF Scientific Conference on 13 – 14 November 2025

"Empowering the sustainable future of handball – From grassroots to top-level play"

The goal of the Conference is to bring professional and scientific experts together, reflecting on various aspects to bridge the gap between science and practice, in terms of a sustainable environment (such as health science-, training science-, technology support). The interest in sport shall be initiated at a very young age and it does not necessarily need to end with an older age but rolling as such as the "Circle of a Handball Life". Diverse skillsets and ways of thinking of the cognitive diversity are needed to navigate the modern sporting landscape and is imperative to create an environment where anybody can have a voice on any topic. Sport plays a very important role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as sustainability is becoming an increasingly important concept across all areas of modern handball. From promoting lifelong participation and reducing the physical and mental toll of professional players to enhancing the role of handball in advancing educational and health initiatives promoting sport as an essential component of a sustainable future.

In 2025 the focus of the conference will be on sustainable grassroots development and a lifelong sport and activity through handball. An emphasis will be put on the importance of certain stages in handball education and development and its utilization in relation to various age groups, social aspects, etc., by following the principle "we are the product of our time".

The official language of the conference is English.

The conference will be organized in a cooperation with the Croatian Handball Federation | Location is Zagreb.

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Conference topics

- Grassroots handball
- Women handball
- Coaching-related topics
- Prevention, rehabilitation, nutrition, biomechanics | anthropometrics, mental support & training
- Sustainability aspects of sports, in particular handball relating to indoor and outdoor activities

Conference venue

The conference will take place at Hotel International Zagreb*:
Miramarska 24, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

**The hotel offers a preferential rate for conference participants which can be accessed by using the promotion code: EHF on the following website: https://www.maistra.com/#/*
When you enter the page, please follow the below steps to be able to book:
Check rates -> pick destination „Zagreb“ - > enter promo code „EHF“ and confirm -> click on „Hotel International“. Then you may select the dates for the stay. Please note that this is for information purposes only, and all bookings will be handled directly by the hotel.

Detailed information on the program and the plenary rooms will be announced at a later stage.

There will be a possibility to follow the conference online. The link to the livestream will be shared with the registered participants in due time.

Key dates of the conference

Deadline for abstract submission	**31.05.2025**
Deadline for registration	**03.10.2025**
Deadline for full text of article for monograph/presentation	**03.10.2025**
Deadline for payment for the participation in the Conference	**03.10.2025**
Days of Conference	**13-14.11.2025**

Registration

To register for the 8th EHF Scientific Conference please fill in the registration form: https://accreditations.ehf.eu/scientific_conference_2025

Payment

The participation fee (also including the publication of submitted articles) is subsidized by the EHF and amounts **EUR 150.- (one hundred fifty)** or **EUR 75.- (seventy-five)** for online participation. Details regarding the presentations at the conference will follow in the following announcements.

Payment information:

European Handball Federation
AT46 1200 0006 4000 0204
BIC: BKAUATWW
Payment reference: Your Name / Scientific Conference

EHF Commission members, EHF Experts and Members of the Union of University Handball Teachers do not have to pay any participation fee.

Guidelines for abstracts, more information

You may find the guidelines for abstracts, more information about the conference as well as an electronic version of the previous official documentations on the conference website, which can be found here: https://activities.eurohandball.com/conferences/ehf-scientific-conference-2025/

The abstract shall be uploaded by 31st May to an EHF cloud link that you will receive after the registration is completed.

Preparatory Organizing Committee

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