



EUROPEAN ZONE DRAW FOR THE PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

Basic conditions

- ➢ 52 members.
- ➢ 51 entries.
- ➢ Germany qualified automatically as host.
- > 13 teams to qualify plus Germany.

Preliminary competition

- > 8 groups (3 groups of 7 teams and 5 groups of 6 teams).
- > League system on a home and away basis.
- > The 8 winners of each group and the 2 best 2^{nd} placed teams qualify directly.
- The other 6 2nd placed teams are drawn against each other for 3 play-off matches (on home and away basis) to determine the other 3 qualifiers.

Allocation to pots

- The 51 countries will be classified on the basis of their results in the qualifying competitions for the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan and EURO 2004.
- > 51 teams are divided into 7 pots. Pots A to F contain 8 teams and pot G contains 3 teams.
- England, France, Italy and Spain will be drawn into 6-team groups due to the greater number of matches played as a result of having more domestic clubs involved in international club competitions.





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Pot A

- 1. France
- 2. Portugal
- 3. Sweden
- 4. Czech Republic
- 5. Spain
- 6. Italy
- 7. England
- 8. Turkey

Pot D

- 1. Ukraine
- 2. Iceland
- 3. Finland
- 4. Norway
- 5. Israel
- 6. Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 7. Latvia
- 8. Wales

Pot B

- 1. Netherlands
- 2. Croatia
- 3. Belgium
- 4. Denmark
- 5. Russia
- 6. Ireland Republic
- 7. Slovenia
- 8. Poland

Pot E

- 1. Hungary
- 2. Georgia
- 3. Belarus
- 4. Cyprus
- 5. Estonia
- 6. Northern Ireland
- 7. Lithuania
- 8. Macedonia FYR

Pot C

- 1. Bulgaria
- 2. Romania
- 3. Scotland
- 4. Serbia and Montenegro
- 5. Switzerland
- 6. Greece
- 7. Slovakia
- 8. Austria

Pot F

- 1. Albania
- 2. Armenia
- 3. Moldova
- 4. Azerbaijan
- 5. Faroe Islands
- 6. Malta
- 7. San Marino
- 8. Liechtenstein

Pot G

- 1. Andorra
- 2. Luxembourg
- 3. Kazakhstan

Draw procedure

Draw starts with pot G and ends with pot A. Each pot is entirely emptied before proceeding to the next pot. The teams are allocated in the order in which they are drawn into groups 1 to 8 starting in their respective position (see below) from left to right.

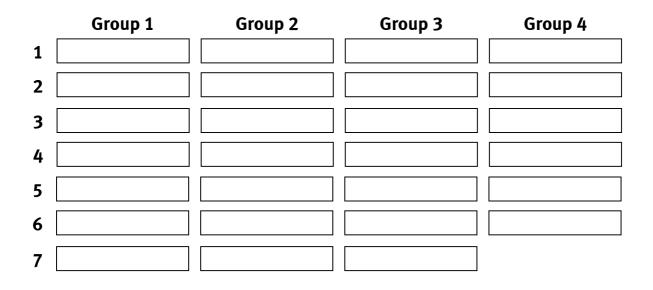
- Teams in pot G are drawn into groups 1 to 3 and placed in position 7 in each group, starting with group 1 from left to right.
- Then, the 8 teams in pot F are drawn into the 8 groups and placed in position 6 in each group, starting with group 1 from left to right.
- The same procedure applies to pots E to B taking into consideration the respective position within the respective group.
- The 8 teams in pot A are drawn into the 8 groups and placed in position 1 in each group, starting with group 1 from left to right. When England, France, Italy and Spain are drawn, they will be placed in groups 4 to 8, starting with group 4 from left to right.





1st Stage

8 groups (3 groups of 7 teams and 5 groups of 6 teams).



	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

- \succ The winner of each group and the 2 best 2nd placed teams qualify directly.
- To determine the 2 best 2nd placed teams, the results against the teams of the same group in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th place will be taken into consideration.

2nd Stage

➤ The other 6 2nd placed teams are drawn against each other for 3 play-off matches (on home and away basis) to determine the 3 other teams that qualify for the 2006 FIFA World Cup GermanyTM.