

EHBC 2017 Slot distribution

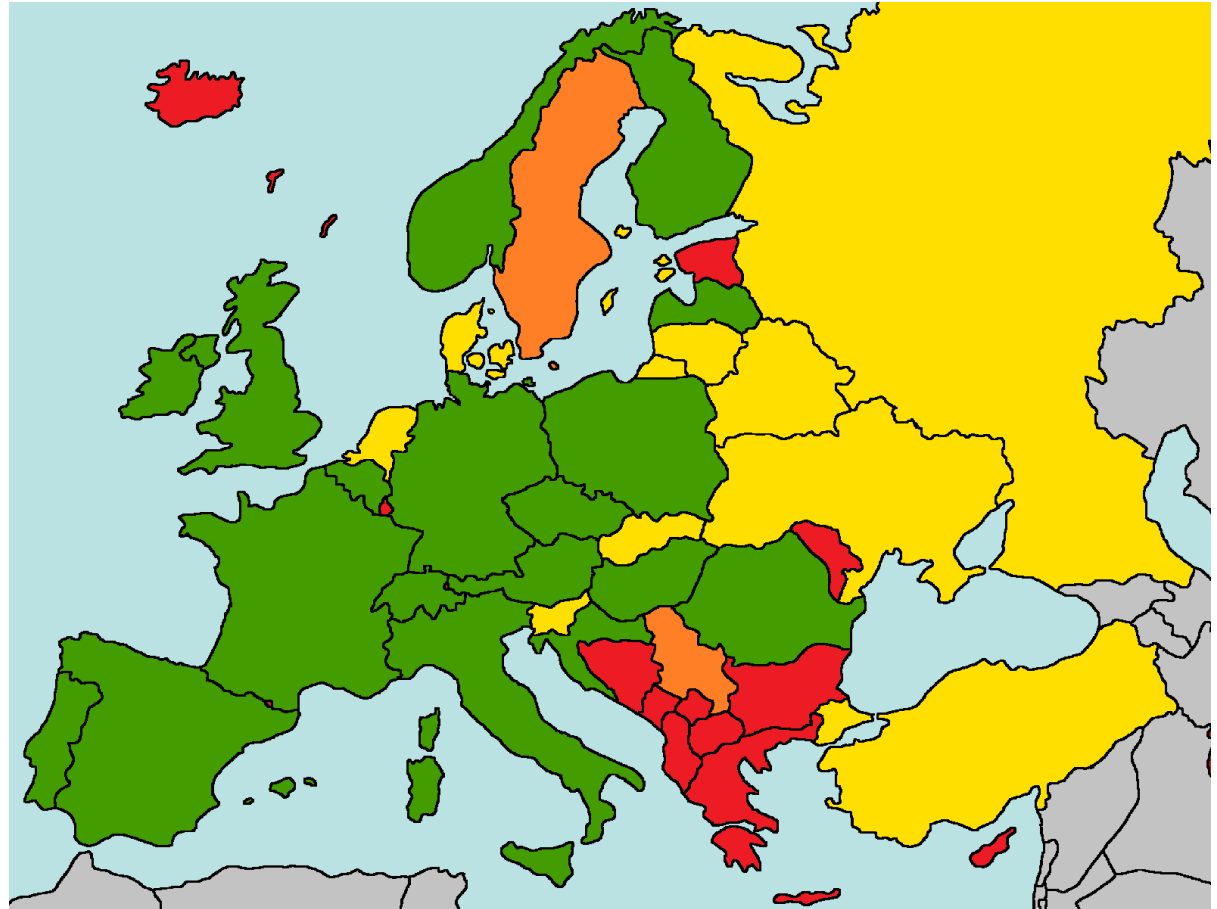
The EHBA

Current situation in Europe

- 18 active in last 2 EHBC
- 9 with active cities
- 2 with inactive cities
- 11 without any polo

Participation from 25 + countries can be expected!

Data taken from: [LINK](#)



Problems with EHBC

- Finding hosts for 3 courts is difficult
- Maybe there will be years where we can only do 2 courts and 32 teams!
- 1 slot per country is no longer possible!
- We need to be prepared and try new ways for the qualification
- This year we will try something different!

Plan for EHBC 2017

- 1 Day wildcard with 24 teams
 - 3 Days championship with 48 teams
- (preliminary gameplan: [LINK](#))

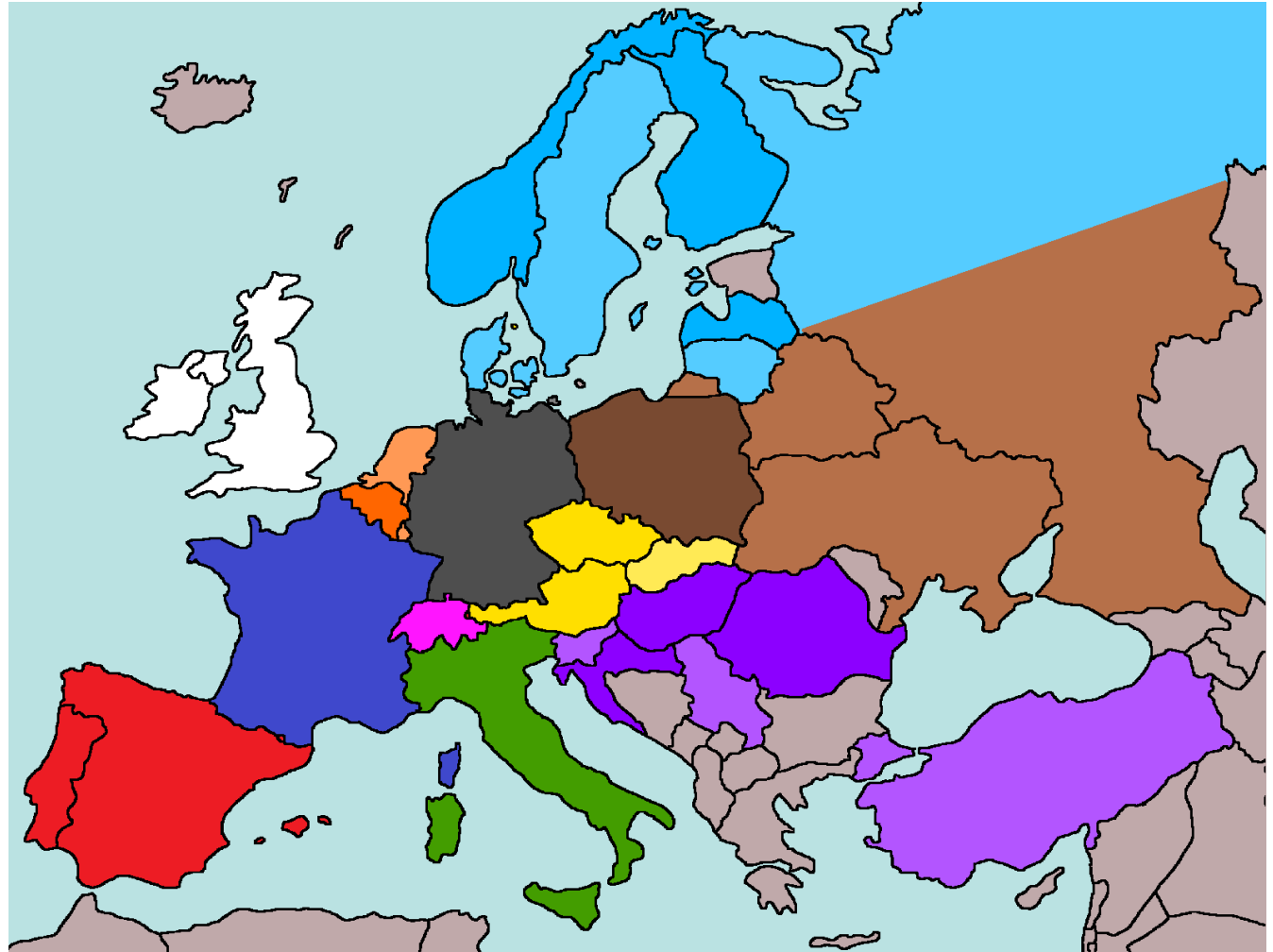
Participation from 25 or more countries can be expected according to the map!

One slot per country is too much for a competitive event!

We want to try grouping of countries for qualification!

11 regions are defined

- Iberia
- France
- British Islands
- BeNeLux
- Germany
- Switzerland
- Italy
- Central East
- South East
- North East
- North



Grouped geographically and by strength

Slots according to EHBPC'15 results

- Iberia (3x main, 2x wildcard)
- France (9x main, 3x wildcard)
- British Islands (2x main, 1x wildcard)
- BeNeLux (3x main, 1x wildcard)
- Germany (6x main, 1x wildcard)
- Switzerland (3x main, 3x wildcard)
- Italy (3x main, 2x wildcard)
- Central East (2x main, 2x wildcard)
- South East (2x main, 2x wildcard)
- North East (3x main, 1x wildcard)
- North (2x main, 1x wildcard)

2 main slots per region (22)

+1 slot for top 16 (16)

+1 slot for hosts (1)

-> 39 slots filled, 9 open

1 wildcard slot per region (11)

+1 wildcard slot for 17-24th place (8)

-> 19 slots filled, 5 open

Drawbacks:

Smaller/newer scenes may have a harder time to qualify

More traveling and bigger qualifiers necessary for some regions

Benefits:

Easy to translate to 32 team EHBC

Smaller regions can grow together

Qualification process

- Every region has to do their own qualification by their own means.
- Multi-country regions have to agree on the qualification.
- EHBA needs to know the country representatives
- A qualified team must contain 2 players originating from the region or actively playing and living in that region
- Players who play in multiple qualifiers can only qualify one time. All other qualifiers are discarded (including the team mates!). Local organizers can allow exceptions and make the final decision!
- The final list per region has to be sent to EHBA as soon as the qualification is finished
- Any tournament slots that are not taken from a region will be filled by open wildcard teams