



ROMANIA

Romania changed their coach this autumn for the sixth time in the past seven years in the hope that the change will drive them back to the top of European handball once again.

With so many different styles and plenty of change, players have had little time to adapt, despite the main core of the team remaining more or same the less over the past years.

Florentin Pera was confirmed in September as the new coach for Romania's women national team, replacing Adrian Vasile, whose contract was up in July. Pera, who recently finished his one-year stint at Russian side CSKA, had only two months to prepare for the EHF EURO 2022 and only three friendly games prior to the throw off, at the Carpathian Trophy, where Romania faced Austria, Serbia and Spain.

Pera has plenty of experience as a coach, having featured in the EHF Champions League Women, but this is his first time on the bench of a national team, which means less time to prepare the squad, help the team gel and impose his defence-first philosophy.

Four years ago, Romania finished fourth at the EHF EURO, after Cristina Neagu suffered a season-ending injury in a main round match against Hungary. It went downhill from that point on, as Romania lost their next two games and never returned to the top, finishing 12th and 13th at the 2019 and 2021 world championships and 12th at the EHF EURO 2020.

For the first time since 2018, Romania will have Cristina Neagu at 100 per cent, after she chose to miss the 2021 IHF Women's World Championship, but the supporting cast is definitely not up to Neagu's talent or level of performance. In the end, her form will be critical for Romania's performance at the EHF EURO 2022, yet a group with France, the Netherlands and North Macedonia is a very tough one to navigate for a side that has been looking constantly for guidance.

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Roster

Player	MP	GOALS	SHOTS	%	7M	YC	RC	2 MIN	TP
44 Abed Kader, Dana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
22 Badea, Alexandra - Diana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
33 Balog, Nicoleta-Filofteia	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
14 Bazaliu, Bianca Maria	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
7 Buceschi, Eliza Iulia	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
18 Bucur, Daria	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2 Dinca, Elena Nicoleta	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
21 Dindiligan, Alexandra	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
99 Grozav, Sorina Maria	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
31 Harabagiu, Bianca Elena	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
96 Ilie, Alina	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
15 Jipa, Stefania Oana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
13 Laslo, Cristina	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
28 Lixandrou, Maria Diana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
89 Lupei, Corina Elena Romina	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
32 Mihai, Mihaela Andreea	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
11 Mihart, Ana Maria Andreea	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
26 MITICUS, ANCA GEORGIANA	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
79 Moroianu, Andra Liviana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
8 Neagu, Cristina Georgiana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
27 Ostase, Lorena Gabriela	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
77 Pintea, Crina Elena	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
17 Popa, Andreea Cristina	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
4 Pristavita, Ioana Laura	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
24 Rosu, Elena	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
30 Seraficeanu, Sonia Mariana	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
5 Severin, Alexandra Ramona	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
9 Tanasie, Ana Maria	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
23 Tirle, Bianca Andreea	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
3 Zamfirescu, Maria Madalina	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0/0	0	0	0	

#	GOALKEEPER	MP	SAVES	SHOTS	%	7M
12 Ciuca, Diana	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
1 Curment, Bianca Tomina	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
20 Dumanska, Yuliya	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
98 Hosu, Daciana	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
16 Sandru, Denisa Stefania	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
TOTAL			0	0	0	0/0

Key Players

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Cristina Georgiana Neagu

Left back

Current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2017

- Four-time IHF Player of the Year, widely regarded as the best Romanian player ever, has scored over 900 goals for the national team, one of three players to reach that milestone
- Neagu is the all-time top scorer of the EHF EURO, with 264 goals over seven editions, being the top scorer in 2010 and the All-Star left back in 2010, 2014 and 2016
- Considered quitting sport in 2011, suffering from severe shoulder and knee injuries, and has missed more than two years in her career after two major knee injuries
- One of the best CL scorers of all time, is one of three players to have reached the 900-goal mark in the competition
- Widely respected and considered one of the best sportspeople in Romania's history

EHF EURO: B 2010; WCh: B 2015

CL 2015

Crina Elena Pintea

Line player

Current club: CSM Bucuresti since 2022

- In her second stint at CSM Bucuresti, after leaving in 2021 to join Győr for the second time
- Voted CL All-star Team line player in 2018/19 during her first spell with the Hungarian powerhouse club
- Has featured for Romania in four editions of the EHF EURO, but missed 2020 due to a positive Covid-19 test
- Her younger sister, Andreea Alilcai, is also a professional handball player with CSM
- Loves to knit, a pastime that relaxes her, and has an Eiffel tower tattoo as playing for Issy Paris changed her life

All-star line player: EHF EURO 2018, CL 2018/19

HEAD COACH

Florentin Constantin Pera

Coach

No current club

- Played for HC Arad and former Challenge Cup winners UCM Reșița before retiring at 26 years old due to several injuries and focusing on coaching
- Only coached in women's handball, leading nine Romanian teams and CSKA, where he worked between 2021 and 2022
- Won the Romanian league, Cup and Super Cup with SCM Ramnicu Valcea
- Served as the assistant of Romania's women's national team between 2012 and 2015, but this is his first time as head coach of a national team
- His wife, Loredana, was a former handball player; they have two children, a boy and a girl

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