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Malta have been drawn against England, Slovakia and Croatia in the qualifying round of the 2018/19 Women's Euro Under-19 Championship.

The draw was made in Nyon on Friday and involved 48 nations, including Liechtenstein who are making their debut in a women's football competition.

It is certainly a difficult draw for the Maltese girls as they will be facing three strong European teams with England having won the U-19 women's title in 2009. The coach of the Malta U-19 team is Frank Schembri.

Spain and France received a bye to the elite round while Scotland qualify automatically for the finals as hosts.

The draw was made by Emma McMaster, who captained Northern Ireland in last season's finals and received the Respect Fair Play award on behalf of her team.

QUALIFYING ROUND DRAW

- Group 1: England, Slovakia, Croatia, Malta
- Group 2: Switzerland, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Cyprus
- Group 3: Sweden, Slovenia, Israel, Kazakhstan
- Group 4: Norway, Czech Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia
- Group 5: Finland, Hungary, Moldova, FYR Macedonia
- Group 6: Denmark, Serbia, Greece, Liechtenstein
- Group 7: Russia, Austria, Montenegro, Latvia
- Group 8: Republic of Ireland, Ukraine, Faroe Islands, Lithuania
- Group 9: Germany, Northern Ireland, Estonia, Kosovo
- Group 10: Netherlands, Poland, Belarus, Albania,
- Group 11: Italy, Portugal, Romania, Bulgaria
- Group 12: Belgium, Iceland, Wales, Armenia

Road to Scotland

â€¢ The top two sides in every group plus the two third-placed teams with the best record against the top two in their section join Spain and France in the elite round draw on 23 November 2018, with the games in spring 2019.

â Seven teams will eventually qualify for the finals to join Scotland in summer 2019.

â The finals will act as UEFA's qualifier for the 2020 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.