



# 2009 UEFA EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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Russia



Italy

Olympic Stadium, Helsinki

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Group C - Matchday 3

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## Match background

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Italy take on Russia in their concluding match of Group C knowing a draw will secure a place in the quarter-finals of UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™, while their opponents must win to stand any chance of progressing to the last eight.

- A point for Italy would give them second place unless England beat Sweden. A win for Italy would give them second place unless England beat Sweden by fewer than three goals, in which case the Azzurre would progress as one of the two best third-placed teams.
- If Russia win, they would beat Italy to third should England avoid defeat, but would only pip Denmark as one as the two best third-placed teams to the quarter-finals with a three-goal victory. If England lose, Russia would claim second place with a victory superior to 2-1 on a three-way head-to-head with England and Italy.
- The Group C runners-up play Germany in Lahti on 4 September and should the third-placed team progress, they would meet Finland in Turku the previous day.
- The Azzurre were on a high going into their second group game against Sweden following a 2-1 defeat of England but were swiftly brought back down to earth by goals in the opening 19 minutes from Lotta Schelin and Kosovare Asllani. That 2-0 scoreline ensured Sweden's passage into the last eight.
- Later the same day, Russia – beaten 3-0 by Sweden on Matchday 1 – were 2-0 up by the midway point of the first half against England thanks to goals from Ksenia Tsybutovich and Olesya Kurochkina. However, Hope Powell's miraculously struck three times in 18 minutes before the first half was out through Karen Carney, Eniola Aluko and Kelly Smith's stunning winner from the centre circle.
- Russia and Italy have never met before in the UEFA European Women's Championship.
- In all these teams have played three times, not counting a 1-0 win for Italy against the post-Soviet Commonwealth of Independent States in Rimini in February 1992. Other than that, Russia have recorded three unanswered wins by an aggregate of 7-3.
- Their first meeting came on 10 October 2001 in Siena in a FIFA Women's World Cup qualifier and Russia came away with a 3-1 win.
- Nadezhda Bosikova gave Russia a 31st-minute lead and although Maria Guarino equalised just before the hour, Elena Formina immediately restored the visitors' advantage and Natalia Barbachina made sure of victory with seven minutes left.
- The teams were:  
**Italy:** Giorgia Brenzan, Giulia Perelli, Daniela Tavalazzi, Marina Pellizzer (Piera Maglio), Manuela Tesse, Samantha Ceroni, Elisa Camporese (Gioia Masia), Chiara Gazzoli, Silvia Tagliacarne (Pamela Conti), Tatiana Zorri, Maria Guarino.  
**Russia:** Svetlana Petko, Natalia Karasseva, Marina Bourakova, Marina Saenko, Vera Stroukova, Galina Komarova, Elena Fomina, Irina Grigorieva (Tatiana Egorova), Alexandra Svetliitskaia, Nadezhda Bosikova (Olga Letiouchova), Natalia Barbachina.
- The return was on 22 May 2002 in Selyatino and Russia came from behind to win 2-1. Tatiana Zorri put Italy into a ninth-minute lead but Barbachina equalised from the penalty spot in the 66th minute and seven minutes later Marina Saenko clinched victory in similar fashion. The following month Italy drew 0-0 with Iceland, ending the Azzurre's hopes and sending Russia to the United States as group winners.
- The teams were:  
**Russia:** Svetlana Petko, Natalia Karasseva, Marina Bourakova, Marina Saenko, Vera Stroukova, Galina Komarova (Irina Grigorieva), Tatiana Egorova, Elena Fomina (Nadezhda Bosikova), Alexandra Svetliitskaia (Tatiana Skotnikova), Natalia Barbachina, Olga Letiouchouva.  
**Italy:** Giorgia Brenzan, Monica Placchi, Gioia Masia, Giulia Perelli (Daniela Dibari), Manuela Tesse, Alessia Tuttino (Pamela Conti), Elisa Camporese, Chiara Gazzoli (Sara Di Filippo), Patrizia Panico, Tatiana Zorri, Maria Guarino.
- Their most recent game was on 2 October 2002 in Cary, North Carolina in the US Women's Cup. Russia won 2-1, again after trailing at the break, with Guarino 28th-minute goal cancelled out just past the hour by Barbachina, who struck the winner in added time.
- The teams were:

**Russia:** Maria Pigaleva, Marina Kolomiets, Natalia Karaseva (Anastasia Poustovoitova), Vera Stroukova, Elena Jikhareva, Svetlana Sedakova (Irina Mironova), Alexandra Svetlitskaya (Oxana Shmachkova), Elena Fomina, Tatiana Skotnikova, Natalia Barbachina, Olga Letyushova.

**Italy:** Fabiana Comin, Moira Placchi (Damiana Deiana), Margherita Masia, Giulia Perelli, Pamela Conti, Marina Pellizzer (Elisa Camporese), Tatiana Zorri (Katia Serra), Valentina Boni (Piera Maglio), Alessia Tuttino, Rita Guarino (Ilaria Pasqui, Chiara Gazzoli (Patrizia Panico).

- Italy have been among the last eight in every edition of this competition, with their best performances being runs to the 1993 and 1997 finals, though in 2001 and 2005 they departed in the group stage. They have twice qualified for the World Cup, reaching the 1991 quarter-finals but bowing out in the group stage eight years later.
- The first Russian experience of the competition was as part of the Commonwealth of Independent States team that reached the two-legged 1993 quarter-finals on their sole appearance – a statistic that includes the former Soviet Union – losing 7-0 on aggregate to Germany.
- Russia lost to the same team at the same stage two years later and although they qualified for the new final group stage in 1997 and 2001, departed with three losses in the first tournament and one point in the latter. Last time out Finland eliminated Russia in the play-offs.
- Russia have twice qualified for the FIFA Women's World Cup and both times, in 1999 and 2003, reached the quarter-finals.
- Russia's Elena Terekhova and Italy's Elisabetta Tona played together for American club FC Indiana in their 2007 WPSL-winning side, both making the All-WPSL Tournament Team.

## Team facts

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### RUSSIA

Women's football was never big in the Soviet Union – they only entered their first major tournament a couple of months before dissolution – but Russia quickly became one of Europe's leading nations and, after a lean spell, have a strong young team.

The USSR (who became the Commonwealth of Independent States during the campaign) reached the 1993 UEFA European Women's Championship quarter-finals at their only attempt and Russia were to match that two years later, with both teams losing to Germany over two legs. They then qualified in 1997 and 2001, also playing at the 1999 and 2003 FIFA Women's World Cups, again reaching the last eight both times. Finland surprised them in the 2005 European play-offs but after a comfortable second place behind Norway in their group, this time they pipped Scotland on away goals after a 4-4 aggregate draw, having come from behind twice to win the Edinburgh first leg 3-2.

#### Tournament record

2005: qualifying play-off  
2001: group stage  
1997: group stage  
1995: quarter-finals

#### Other honours

2005 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

#### 2009 qualifying

P10 W7 D1 L2 F29 A11

Top scorer: Natalia Mokshanova 11

Most appearances: Natalia Mokshanova, Olga Sergaeva, Tatiana Skotnikova, Elvira Todua, Ksenia Tsybutovich 10

#### Players with previous European final tournament experience

Natalia Barbashina (1997, 2001), Oksana Shmachkova (2001), Elena Fomina (2001), Tatiana Skotnikova (2001)

#### Friendly results since qualifying

05/03/09 Russia 1-2 Netherlands (Cyprus Women's Cup)  
07/03/09 Russia 4-2 New Zealand (Cyprus Women's Cup)  
10/03/09 Russia 0-2 Canada (Cyprus Women's Cup)  
12/03/09 Russia 1-2 Scotland (Cyprus Women's Cup, eighth place)  
29/05/09 Ukraine 2-0 Russia

06/07/09 Russia 0-0 China  
09/07/09 Russia 0-1 China  
06/08/09 Germany 3-1 Russia  
13/08/09 Russia 1-0 Netherlands

**Competition record win**

6-0 v Israel (a), 30/05/07, 2009 qualifying  
6-0 v Poland (h), 18/05/03, 2005 qualifying

**Competition record defeat**

0-5 v Germany (in Germany), 27/06/01, 2001 final tournament group stage

**ITALY**

UEFA European Women's Championship runners-up in 1993 and 1997, Italy have suffered a dip in fortunes in recent years but they have never failed to make the last eight and there are signs of improvement.

They staged and won an unofficial continental competition in 1969 and did not miss out on the UEFA semi-finals until 1995, though they have departed in the last two group stages. In qualifying this time around they lost twice to Sweden in their group, but just as in 2005 they beat the Czech Republic in the play-offs, 3-1 on aggregate.

**Tournament record**

2005: group stage  
2001: group stage  
1997: runners-up  
1995: quarter-finals  
1993: runners-up (hosts)  
1991: fourth place  
1989: fourth place  
1987: third place  
1984: fourth place

**Other honours**

2008 UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship winners

**2009 qualifying**

P10 W8 D0 L2 F26 A8

Top scorer: Patrizia Panico 7

Most appearances: Chiara Marchitelli, Patrizia Panico, Alessia Tuttino, Tatiana Zorri 10

**Players with previous European final tournament experience**

Patrizia Panico (1997, 2001, 2005), Tatiana Zorri (2001, 2005), Giulia Domenichetti (2005), Elisabetta Tona (2005), Michela Cupido (2005\*), Viviana Schiavi (2005), Melania Gabbiadini (2005)

\*Did not appear

**Friendly results since qualifying**

31/01/09 Australia 2-2 Italy  
07/02/09 Australia 1-5 Italy  
08/04/09 Scotland 1-4 Italy  
28/05/09 Finland 3-2 Italy

**Competition record win**

8-0 v Serbia and Montenegro (h), 30/03/03, 2005 qualifying

**Competition record defeat**

0-4 v Germany (in England), 09/06/05, 2005 final tournament group stage

## Squad list

### Russia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		WCHAMP		
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Elvira Todua	31/01/86	23	WFC Rossiyanka	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
12	Elena Kochneva	27/08/89	20	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
22	Galina Vazhnova	19/01/68	41	WFC Rossiyanka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
3	Anna Kozhnikova	10/07/87	22	WFC Rossiyanka	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
6	Nadezhda Myskiv	07/03/88	21	WFC Rossiyanka	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
7	Oksana Shmachkova	20/06/81	28	WFC Rossiyanka	-	6	1	2	-	12	1
8	Valentina Savchenkova	29/04/83	26	Zvezda-2005	-	9	1	2	-	12	1
11	Olga Poryadina	10/12/80	28	WFC Rossiyanka	-	3	-	2	-	6	-
16	Natalia Pertseva	04/06/84	25	WFC Rossiyanka	-	4	-	2	-	7	-
19	Ksenia Tsybutovich	26/06/87	22	Zvezda-2005	-	10	-	2	1	12	1
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Ekaterina Sochneva	12/08/85	24	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Tatiana Skotnikova	27/11/78	30	WFC Rossiyanka	-	10	-	2	-	22	-
9	Elena Fomina	05/04/79	30	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	5	-	2	-	26	2
13	Alla Rogova	27/07/83	26	ShVSM-Izmaylovo Moskva	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
14	Nadezhda Kharchenko	27/03/87	22	WFC Rossiyanka	-	3	1	1	-	4	1
15	Olga Petrova	09/07/86	23	WFC Rossiyanka	-	6	1	2	-	8	1
18	Svetlana Tsydikova	04/02/85	24	FC Energy Voronezh	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
20	Natalia Barbashina	26/08/73	36	Zvezda-2005	-	9	4	1	-	35	19
21	Elena Morozova	15/03/87	22	WFC Rossiyanka	-	9	1	2	-	11	1
<b>Forwards</b>											
2	Elena Terekhova	05/07/87	22	WFC Rossiyanka	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
10	Olesya Kurochkina	06/09/83	25	Zvezda-2005	-	7	5	2	1	9	6
17	Elena Danilova	17/06/87	22	WFC Rossiyanka	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Igor Shalimov	02/02/69	40	RUS	-	6	-	2	-	8	-

**Key:** Squad list is ordered by position and then numerically

**D** Disciplinary: \* Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

Italy

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		WCHAMP	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Anna Maria Picarelli	04/11/84	24	Los Angeles Legends	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
12	Michela Cupido	02/05/78	31	ASD Torres Calcio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Sara Penzo	16/12/89	19	CF Venezia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Sara Gama	27/03/89	20	UPC Tavagnacco	-	9	-	2	-	11	-
3	Roberta D'Adda	05/10/81	27	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	7	1	2	-	9	1
5	Elisabetta Tona	22/01/84	25	ASD Torres Calcio	-	8	3	2	-	16	3
6	Viviana Schiavi	01/09/82	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	5	-	2	-	10	-
13	Giorgia Motta	18/03/84	25	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
15	Alia Guagni	01/10/87	21	ACF Firenze	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
16	Laura Neboli	14/03/88	21	AC Reggiana Femminile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Raffaella Manieri	21/11/86	22	ASD Torres Calcio	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
4	Alessia Tuttino	15/03/83	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	10	1	2	1	20	4
7	Giulia Domenichetti	29/04/84	25	ASD Torres Calcio	-	9	-	2	-	14	-
10	Tatiana Zorri	19/10/77	31	S.S. Lazio Femminile	-	10	2	2	-	38	6
14	Alice Parisi	11/12/90	18	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	2	-	2	-	4	-
18	Pamela Conti	04/04/82	27	Levante UD	-	4	2	-	-	14	3
19	Carolina Pini	13/06/88	21	FC Bayern München	-	1	-	2	-	3	-
21	Marta Carissimi	03/05/87	22	ACF Torino	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
8	Melania Gabbiadini	28/08/83	26	ASD CF Bardolino Verona	-	8	4	2	-	16	7
9	Patrizia Panico	08/02/75	34	ASD Torres Calcio	-	10	7	2	1	41	23
11	Silvia Fuselli	01/07/81	28	ASD Torres Calcio	-	7	2	1	-	8	2
17	Evelyn Vicchiarello	24/10/86	22	AC Reggiana Femminile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Pietro Ghedin	21/11/52	56	ITA	-	10	-	2	-	12	-

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**D** Disciplinary: \* Misses next match if booked, **S** Suspended, **#** Suspended for at least one match

## Match-by-match lineups

### Group C

#### Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
England	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Russia	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

#### Matchday 1 (25/08/09)

##### England 1-2 Italy

**Goals:** 1-0 Williams 38 (pen) , 1-1 Panico 56, 1-2 Tuttino 82

**England:** Brown, A. Scott, Stoney, Williams, Asante (Unitt 73), Carney, Chapman, Aluko (K. Smith 46), S. Smith (Sanderson 85), J. Scott, White  
**Italy:** Picarelli, Gama, D'Adda, Tuttino, Tona, Schiavi, Domenichetti (Parisi 53), Gabbadini (Manieri 90+3), Panico, Zorri, Pini (Guagni 77)

#### Matchday 1 (25/08/09)

##### Sweden 3-0 Russia

**Goals:** 1-0 Rohlin 5, 2-0 Sandell Svensson 15, 3-0 Seger 82

**Sweden:** Lindahl, Rohlin, Paulson, Seger, Thunebro, Larsson, Schelin, Asllani (Nilsson 76), Sandell Svensson (Fischer 87), Sjögran, Dahlgvist (Liljegård 69)

**Russia:** Kochneva, Skotnikova (Kharchenko 87), Shmachkova, Savchenkova, Fomina, Kurochkina (Danilova 46), Poryadina, Petrova (Terekhova 62), Pertseva, Tsybutovich, Morozova

#### Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

##### Italy 0-2 Sweden

**Goals:** 0-1 Schelin 9, 0-2 Asllani 19

**Italy:** Picarelli, Gama, D'Adda, Tuttino, Tona, Schiavi, Domenichetti, Gabbadini (Fuselli 69), Panico, Zorri (Parisi 75), Pini

**Sweden:** Lindahl, Rohlin, Segerström, Paulson, Seger, Thunebro, Schelin, Asllani (Liljegård 79), Sandell Svensson, Sjögran (Fors 89), Dahlgvist (Fischer 66)

#### Matchday 2 (28/08/09)

##### England 3-2 Russia

**Goals:** 0-1 Tsybutovich 2, 0-2 Kurochkina 22, 1-2 Carney 24, 2-2 Aluko 32, 3-2 K. Smith 42

**England:** Brown, A. Scott, Williams, Johnson, Carney, Chapman, Aluko, K. Smith, S. Smith (Clarke 66), White, Unitt

**Russia:** Kochneva, Skotnikova, Shmachkova, Savchenkova, Fomina (Barbashina 76), Kurochkina, Poryadina (Myskiv 90), Pertseva, Danilova (Petrova 43), Tsybutovich, Morozova

#### Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

##### Russia v Italy

#### Matchday 3 (31/08/09)

##### Sweden v England

# Tournament schedule

## Final tournament

Date		Home	Res.	Away	Venue
23/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	0 - 2	Netherlands	Turku
23/08/09	Grp A	Finland	1 - 0	Denmark	Helsinki
24/08/09	Grp B	Germany	4 - 0	Norway	Tampere
24/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	1 - 3	France	Tampere
25/08/09	Grp C	England	1 - 2	Italy	Lahti
25/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	3 - 0	Russia	Turku
26/08/09	Grp A	Ukraine	1 - 2	Denmark	Helsinki
26/08/09	Grp A	Netherlands	1 - 2	Finland	Helsinki
27/08/09	Grp B	France	1 - 5	Germany	Tampere
27/08/09	Grp B	Iceland	0 - 1	Norway	Lahti
28/08/09	Grp C	Italy	0 - 2	Sweden	Turku
28/08/09	Grp C	England	3 - 2	Russia	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Finland	0 - 1	Ukraine	Helsinki
29/08/09	Grp A	Denmark	1 - 2	Netherlands	Lahti
30/08/09	Grp B	Germany	1 - 0	Iceland	Tampere
30/08/09	Grp B	Norway	1 - 1	France	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Russia	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	Italy	Helsinki
31/08/09	Grp C	Sweden	18.00CET 19.00 (local time)	England	Turku

## Group A

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Finland	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Netherlands	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

## Group B

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
France	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Norway	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Iceland	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

## Group C

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
England	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Russia	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

## Top scorers

2 - Laura Österberg Kalmari (FIN)	1 - Ksenia Tsybutovich (RUS)
2 - Camille Abily (FRA)	1 - Hólmfríður Magnúsdóttir (ISL)
2 - Inka Grings (GER)	1 - Patrizia Panico (ITA)
2 - Linda Bresonik (GER)	1 - Alessia Tuttino (ITA)
2 - Fatmire Bajramaj (GER)	1 - Anja Mittag (GER)
2 - Kirsten van de Ven (NED)	1 - Anni Krahn (GER)
1 - Manon Melis (NED)	1 - Simone Laudehr (GER)
1 - Sylvia Smit (NED)	1 - Melanie Behringer (GER)
1 - Karin Stevens (NED)	1 - Gaëtane Thiney (FRA)
1 - Lene Storløkken (NOR)	1 - Louisa Nécib (FRA)
1 - Cecilie Pedersen (NOR)	1 - Maija Saari (FIN)
1 - Victoria Sandell Svensson (SWE)	1 - Sonia Bompastor (FRA)

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1 - Lotta Schelin (SWE)	1 - Johanna Rasmussen (DEN)
1 - Caroline Seger (SWE)	1 - Camilla Sand Andersen (DEN)
1 - Kosovare Asllani (SWE)	1 - Maiken Pape (DEN)
1 - Charlotte Rohlin (SWE)	1 - Kelly Smith (ENG)
1 - Lyudmyla Pekur (UKR)	1 - Fara Williams (ENG)
1 - Daryna Apanaschenko (UKR)	1 - Eniola Aluko (ENG)
1 - Olesya Kurochkina (RUS)	1 - Karen Carney (ENG)

## Head coach

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### Russia: Igor Shalimov

**Date of birth:** 2 February 1969

**Playing career:** FC Spartak Moskva, US Foggia, FC Internazionale Milano, MSV Duisburg, AC Lugano, Udinese Calcio, Bologna FC, SSC Napoli

**Coaching career:** FC Krasnoznamensk, FC Uralan Elista, Russia women

One of his country's best known football talents, Igor Shalimov was appointed Russia coach on 20 May 2008 and within six months had led his team to UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™.

Born in Moscow, he joined FC Spartak Moskva and won the Soviet title in 1989, before leaving two years later for US Foggia. In 1992, he moved on to FC Internazionale Milano and later went on to represent MSV Duisburg, AC Lugano, Udinese Calcio, Bologna FC and SSC Napoli, where the midfielder retired in 1999.

Having helped the Soviet Union win the 1990 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, he played at that year's FIFA World Cup finals. Shalimov represented the successor Commonwealth of Independent States at EURO '92 and was capped 23 times by Russia, including at EURO '96™.

He started his coaching career at second division club FC Krasnoznamensk in 2001, before taking charge of Premier-Liga outfit FC Uralan Elista in 2003, suffering relegation. Shalimov's next big coaching role was his current one, and he successfully guided Russia to the UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ play-offs before pipping Scotland on away goals.

### Italy: Pietro Ghedin

**Date of birth:** 21 November 1952

**Playing career:** ACF Fiorentina, S.S. Lazio, AC Venezia, Calcio Catania, Pescara Calcio, AC Pistoiese, AC Siena

**Coaching career:** Italy Under-18, Malta U21, Malta, Italy (assistant), Italy women

Pietro Ghedin has been working for the Italian Football Federation since 1987. He started as coach for the Under-18 side before becoming a scout for the senior national team ahead of the 1990 FIFA World Cup in Italy.

He then became the Azzurri goalkeeping coach for the Olympic Games in 1992 and 1996, in Barcelona and Atlanta respectively. Between 1992 and 1995, he also coached the Malta national team at Under-21 and senior level, while still under contract with the FIGC.

He was then made assistant to Italy coach Cesare Maldini during the 1998 World Cup before covering the same role under Dino Zoff at UEFA EURO 2000™ and Giovanni Trapattoni at the 2002 World Cup. He took over as coach of the women's national team from Carolina Morace after Italy lost all their games in the group stage of UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2005™, and has now led them to the 2009 finals.

A former defender, Ghedin played in Serie A with ACF Fiorentina and S.S. Lazio, joining the latter immediately after the capital side had won their first ever Scudetto in 1974 and remaining at the Stadio Olimpico until 1981. He also played in the lower divisions with AC Venezia, Calcio Catania, Pescara Calcio and AC Pistoiese before hanging up his boots in 1985 after a season at AC Siena.

## Competition facts

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- The UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams was introduced in 1982, with the first final two years later, and further competitions were played in 1987 and 1989 before becoming the current UEFA European Women's Championship.

- The 1991 and 1993 editions ended, like the 1987 and 1989 events, in four-team knockout final tournament. The 1995 edition was two-leg knockout from the quarter-finals onwards, with a one-off final. For 1997, 2001 and 2005 an eight-team final tournament was played, expanding to 12 for 2009.

- **The full rundown of finals is (hosts in brackets):**

### UEFA European Women's Championship

2005: Germany 3-1 Norway (Blackburn, England)

2001: Germany 1-0 Sweden, aet golden goal; (Ulm, Germany)

1997: Germany 2-0 Italy (Oslo, Norway)

1995: Germany 3-2 Sweden (Kaiserslautern, Germany)

1993: Norway 1-0 Italy (Cesena, Italy)

1991: Germany 3-1 Norway aet (Aalborg, Denmark)

### UEFA European Competition for Representative Women's Teams

1989: West Germany 4-1 Norway (Osnabruck, West Germany)

1987: Norway 2-1 Sweden (Oslo, Norway)

1984: Sweden 1-1 England, 4-3 pens (two legs, Gothenburg and Luton)

- Birgit Prinz played in Germany's victories in 1995, 1997, 2001 and 2005, and will aim for a fifth title in 2009. Sandra Minnert was in all four of those winning squads but did not play in the 1995 and 2001 finals.

- Martina Voss was part of Germany's successes in 1989, 1991, 1995 and 1997 and also played in the first three qualifiers for the 2001 edition.

- Germany coach Silvia Neid played in the victories of 1989, 1991 and 1995 and was assistant to Tina Theune-Meyer in 1997, 2001 and 2005.

- The first final went to penalties after two home 1-0 wins between Sweden and England, with no extra time. Sweden prevailed 4-3 in the Luton shoot-out.

- There have been three other penalty competitions, all in semi-finals; hosts West Germany beat Italy 4-3 in 1989, Norway defeated hosts Denmark 8-7 in 1991 and hosts Italy overcame Germany 4-3 in 1993. Only West Germany in 1989 went on to win the final.

### Biggest wins

Qualifying: Spain 17-0 Slovenia (1995); Norway 17-0 Slovakia (1997)

Two-legged knockout: Commonwealth of Independent States 0-7 Germany (1993)

Final tournament: Denmark 0-5 Norway (1997); Germany 5-0 Russia (2001)

### Individual match goalscoring

Qualifying: 6 – Mari Mar Prieto (Spain) v Slovenia, 1995; Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic) v Estonia, 1997;

Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Slovakia, 1997

Final tournament: 4 – Marianne Pettersen (Norway) v Denmark, 1997

### Overall competition top scorers

2005: Birgit Prinz (Germany) 17

2001: Gitte Krogh (Denmark) 14

1997: Gabriela Chlumecká (Czech Republic), Marianne Pettersen (Norway) 13

1995: Patricia Bocker (Germany) 18

1993: Carolina Morace (Italy) 13

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10

### Finals top scorers

2005: Inka Grings (Germany) 4

2001: Claudia Müller (Germany), Sandra Smisek (Germany) 3

1997: Carolina Morace (Italy), Marianne Pettersen (Norway), Angélique Rouhas (France) 4

1995: Lena Videkull (Sweden) 3

1993: Susan Mackensie (Denmark) 2

1991: Heidi Mohr (Germany) 4

**All time (final tournaments)**

Heidi Mohr (Germany) 10  
Birgit Prinz (Germany) 8  
Hanna Ljungberg (Sweden) 6  
Carolina Morace (Italy) 6

**All time (including qualifying)**

Birgit Prinz (Germany) 38  
Carolina Morace (Italy) 30  
Heidi Mohr (Germany) 30

**2009 qualifying top scorers**

Preliminary round: Sarit Shenar (Israel), Katarína Dugovicová (Slovakia) 6  
Qualifying round: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 11  
Play-offs: Pauline Hamill (Scotland) 4  
Overall: Margrét Lára Vidarsdóttir (Iceland) 12

**Highest attendances**

Qualifying: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck 2009, 17,000  
Final tournament: England v Finland, Manchester 2005, 29,092

**2009 Highest attendances**

Preliminary round: Croatia v Turkey, Tarsus-Mersin, 5,000  
Qualifying round: Germany v Belgium, Lubeck, 17,000

**(Final tournament only)**

**Oldest player:** Olena Mazurenko (Ukraine) v Finland, 29.08.2009, 39 years 309 days

**Oldest goalscorer:** Heidi Støre (Norway) v Denmark, 30.06.1997, 33 years 361 days

**Youngest player:** Oksana Yakovyshyn (Ukraine) v Netherlands, 23.08.2009, 16 years 156 days

**Youngest goalscorer:** Isabell Herlovsen (Norway) v France, 09.06.2005, 16 years 351 days

## Tournament preview

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- **Knockout phase:** The top two from each group go through, plus the two best third-placed teams.
- **Quarter-finals:**  
3 September: QF1, A1 v B3/C3, Turku Stadium, 16.00 local time; QF4, A2 v B2, Tampere Stadium, 20.00.  
4 September: QF2, B1 v C2, Lahti Stadium, 16.00; QF 3C1 v A3/B3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 20.00.
- **Semi-finals:**  
6 September: QF1 v QF4, Tampere Stadium, 19.00  
7 September: QF2 v QF3, Helsinki Football Stadium, 19.00
- **Final:**  
10 September: Olympic Stadium, Helsinki, 19.00.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team, 35 silver medals to the runners-up and 35 bronze medals to the two losing semi-finalists.
- **Carlsberg Player of the Match:** The UEFA Technical Team will select a player of the match at every game in the finals. The player will receive her award at the post-match press conference.
- **adidas Golden Boot award:** Will be presented to the leading scorer at the UEFA European Women's Championship after the final.
- **Official ball:** The 2009 finals in Finland will be the first UEFA European Women's Championship to boast its own match ball, with the adidas TERRAPASS – featuring a design inspired by the northern lights – unveiled at the draw in Helsinki on 18 November 2008. Just like EUROPASS, the official matchball of UEFA EURO 2008™, adidas TERRAPASS features the revolutionary PSC-Texture, a sophisticated and extremely fine structure on the ball's outer skin which allows players to control and direct the ball perfectly in all weather conditions. adidas first started manufacturing footballs in 1963 and has provided all the official match balls for all major UEFA and FIFA finals tournaments since 1970.
- **Official song:** Veteran singer-songwriter Geir Rønning and local star Karoliina Kallio have recorded the official song of the UEFA European Women's Championship entitled Champions of the Day, performed live for the first time at the tournament's opening ceremony in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium on 23 August. The pair have both represented Finland at the Eurovision Song Contest. Rønning not only composed the tune together with co-writers André Noël Chaker and Jukka Karjalainen; he sings it with Kallio, who is famous in Finland as the lead female vocalist of the group Waldo's People. Now a fully fledged pop star, Kallio's music career dates back two decades to her appearance as a ten-year-old on a television talent show.
- **Qualifying:** The 20-team preliminary round ran from 18 to 23 November 2006 with five group winners joining 25 top-ranked nations in the qualifying group stage from 1 April 2007 until 2 October 2008. Group winners England, Sweden, France, Germany, Denmark and Norway qualified automatically, with the six runners-up and four third-placed teams going into the two-legged play-offs on 25/26 and 29/30 October 2008. Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, Iceland and Ukraine respectively defeated the Czech Republic, Spain, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland and Slovenia.
- **Disciplinary information:** A player is automatically suspended for the next match after two cautions in two different matches. Yellow cards are not cancelled after the group stage but do expire on completion of the competition.
- **uefa.com:** A team of reporters in Finland is helping uefa.com provide unrivalled coverage in eight European languages – English, Finnish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian – including a live MatchCentre for every game. The Finnish version is run in close co-operation with the host national association.
- **Ambassadors:** Former international goalkeepers Antti Niemi and Satu Kunnas are the ambassadors for UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2009™ in their native Finland. Niemi was capped 67 times between 1992 and 2007 while Kunnas helped Finland to the UEFA European Women's Championship semi-finals in 2005.

## Legend

### :: Squad list

**No:** number

**DoB:** date of birth

**Qual:** qualifying

**FT:** final tournament

**Pld:** played

**Gls:** goals

**WChamp:** UEFA European Women's Championship

### :: Match officials

**Nat:** nationality

**DoB:** date of birth

**WChamp:** Total matches officiated in the UEFA European Women's Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

**UEFA:** Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

### :: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

**Pos:** position

**Pld:** played

**W:** won

**D:** drawn

**L:** lost

**GF:** goals for

**GA:** goals against

**Pts:** points

### :: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

### :: Competitions

#### Club competitions

**ECCLC:** European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

**UCUP:** UEFA Cup • **UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

**SCUP:** UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

**ICF:** Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

#### National team competitions

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship

**WC:** FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** Confederation Cup

**FRIE:** Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

**U17:** UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

**U19:** UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

**WWC:** FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

### :: Competition stages

**F:** Final

**GS:** Group stage

**GS1:** First group stage

**GS2:** Second group stage

**KO1:** First knockout round

**PR:** Preliminary round

**QF:** Quarter-finals

**QR:** Qualifying round

**QR1:** First qualifying round

**QR2:** Second qualifying round

**FT:** Final tournament

**ELITE:** Elite round

**P-O 3rd:** Third place play-off

**GS - FT:** Group stage - Final tournament

**QR3:** Third qualifying round

**R1:** First round

**R2:** Second round

**R3:** Third round

**R4:** Fourth round

**SF:** Semi-finals

**R16:** Second knockout round

**R32:** Round of 32

**1st:** first leg

**2nd:** second leg

**P-O:** Play-off

**(R):** Replay

**PO - FT:** Play-off for Final Tournament

**Prom/Rel P-O:** Promotion/Relegation play-off

### :: Other Abbreviations

**AP:** Appearances

**Comp.:** Competition

**D:** Drawn

**DoB:** Date of birth

**GA:** Goals against

**GF:** Goals for

**L:** Lost

**Nat.:** Nationality

**N/a:** Not Applicable

**No.:** Number

**Pld:** Matches played

**Pos.:** Position

**Pts:** Points

**R:** Sent off (red card)

**Res.:** Result

**W:** Won

**Y:** Booked

**Y/R:** Sent off (yellow card then direct red)

### :: Statistics

**(-):** Denotes player substituted

**(\*):** Denotes player dismissed/sent off

**(+):** Denotes player introduced

**(+/-):** Denotes player introduced and substituted

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