



2015-17 UEFA European Under-21
Group Stage Draw
5 February 2015, UEFA HQ, Nyon, Switzerland

Draft Draw Procedure

Place:	UEFA Headquarters, Nyon, Switzerland
Date and time:	Thursday, 5 February 2015, 09:00 AM
Duration:	Approximately 30 minutes
Number of teams involved:	52
Groups:	9 groups in total, 7 groups of 6 and 2 groups of 5 teams

Match Dates:

The following dates are reserved for group stage matches of the qualifying competition (in red, dates with exclusive kick-off times for EURO and World Cup Qualifier matches):

U21 dates

- 23 – 31 March 2015
- 8 – 16 June 2015
- 31 August – 8 September 2015
- 5 – 13 October 2015
- 9 – 17 November 2015
- 21 – 29 March 2016
- 29 August – 6 September 2016
- 3 – 11 October 2016

EURO and World Cup Qualifiers (WCQ) dates

- (27 – 29 March: Matchday “MD” 5)
- (12 – 14 June: MD 6)
- (3 – 5 September: MD 7 / 6 – 8 September: MD 8)
- (8 – 10 October: MD 9 / 11 – 13 October: MD 10)
- (12, 14, 15 and 16 November: Play-offs)
- (4 – 6 September: WCQ: MD 1)
- (6 – 8 October: WCQ: MD 2 / 9 – 11 October: WCQ: MD 3)

Play-offs:

- 7-15 November 2016 (11 – 13 November: WCQ: MD 4)

Both associations concerned can agree on other match dates; the relevant FIFA regulations regarding the release of players apply.

Group fixture list meetings will be organised immediately after the draw.

The match venues for group stage matches must be fixed at least 60 days prior to the match in question. The kick-off times must be announced no later than 30 days before the match.

For the March 2015 match dates: the match venues must be communicated by **12th February 2015, 17h00 CET.**

Match System:

The group stage matches will be played according to the league system, each team playing the other teams in the group twice in one home and one away match.

The nine group winners in the qualifying group stage qualify for the final tournament, while the four best runners-up qualify for the play-offs. The two winners of the play-offs qualify for the final tournament.

Participating Teams:

53 UEFA member associations have entered the competition.

The host for the final tournament 2017 (which will be appointed by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting on the 26th/27th January 2015) will qualify directly for the final tournament and will not be part of this draw.

Therefore, 52 UEFA member associations will participate in the Group Stage Draw.

Draw Principles:

The teams are classified on the basis of the coefficient ranking system established according to the regulations, Annex A.

The 52 teams are allocated into 6 pots as follows:

- Pot F: teams ranked 46 to 52 (7 balls)
- Pot E: teams ranked 37 to 45 (9 balls)
- Pot D: teams ranked 28 to 36 (9 balls)
- Pot C: teams ranked 19 to 27 (9 balls)
- Pot B: teams ranked 10 to 18 (9 balls)
- Pot A: teams ranked 1 to 9 (9 balls)

The teams will be drawn into 9 groups; 7 groups of 6 teams (to compose the Groups 1 to 7) and 2 groups of 5 teams each (to compose the Groups 8 and 9).

Draw Procedure:

The draw starts with Pot F and ends with Pot A. Each pot is entirely emptied before proceeding to the next pot.

- A ball will first be drawn from Pot F to determine the team in sixth position of Group 1.
- The next ball will be drawn from Pot F to determine the team in sixth position of Group 2. The same procedure is repeated until all balls from Pot F have been drawn (until Group 7).
- Then follows Pot E to determine the teams in the fifth positions from Groups 1 to 9 (in ascending order) until all balls from Pot E have been drawn.
- Follows Pot D to determine the teams in the fourth positions from Groups 1 to 9 (in ascending order) until all balls from Pot D have been drawn.
- Follows Pot C to determine the teams in the third positions from Groups 1 to 9 (in ascending order) until all balls from Pot C have been drawn.
- Follows Pot B to determine the teams in the second positions from Groups 1 to 9 (in ascending order) until all balls from Pot B have been drawn.
- Follows Pot A to determine the teams in the first positions from Groups 1 to 9 (in ascending order) until all balls from Pot A have been drawn.

Special Case:

Based on previous decisions of the UEFA Executive Committee, Russia and Ukraine cannot be drawn into the same group, nor can Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Coefficient Ranking Calculation:

- 2009-11 Championship (qualifying competition & final tournament)
- 2011-13 Championship (qualifying competition & final tournament)
- 2013-15 Championship (qualifying competition; group stage and play-offs)

UEFA Under-21 National Team Coefficient Ranking

(1)	Spain	41'470	(28)	Montenegro	24'402
(2)	England	36'252	(29)	Finland	23'851
(3)	Italy	36'129	(30)	Wales	23'818
(4)	Germany	35'370	(31)	Hungary	23'776
(5)	France	35'107	(32)	Iceland	23'521
(6)	Czech Republic	34'516	(33)	Bosnia and Herzegovina	22'912
(7)	Portugal	33'887	(34)	Georgia	22'606
(8)	Netherlands	33'422	(35)	Moldova	22'431
(9)	Denmark	31'989	(36)	Republic of Ireland	21'936
(10)	Russia	31'346	(37)	Belarus	20'638
(11)	Switzerland	31'296	(38)	Bulgaria	20'317
(12)	Sweden	30'365	(39)	Cyprus	18'809
(13)	Serbia	29'837	(40)	FYR Macedonia	18'126
(14)	Israel	29'766	(41)	Lithuania	17'511
(15)	Ukraine	28'950	(42)	Azerbaijan	17'414
(16)	Slovakia	27'982	(43)	Kazakhstan	17'076
(17)	Romania	27'668	(44)	Albania	16'014
(18)	Belgium	27'539	(45)	Latvia	15'836
(19)	Turkey	27'497	(46)	Estonia	15'726
(20)	Slovenia	27'252	(47)	Faroe Islands	14'896
(21)	Austria	27'177	(48)	Northern Ireland	14'651
(22)	Greece	26'982	(49)	Luxembourg	11'251
(23)	Scotland	25'812	(50)	Malta	10'838
(24)	Poland	25'402	(51)	San Marino	10'163
(25)	Croatia	25'286	(52)	Andorra	8'950
(26)	Norway	24'859	(53)	Liechtenstein	8'125
(27)	Armenia	24'441	(54)	Gibraltar	0

Gibraltar has not entered the competition.



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