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Group F - Matchday 1

Sweden

Romania

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Head coach
Legend

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Head coach

Janne Andersson

Date of birth: 29 September 1962  
Nationality: Swedish  
Playing career: Alet (twice), Halmia, Laholm  
Coaching career: Alet, Halmstad (assistant, twice), Laholm, Halmstad, Örgryte, Norrköping, Sweden  

• Jan ‘Janne’ Andersson succeeded Erik Hamrén as Sweden coach after UEFA EURO 2016 having led Norrköping to their first Allsvenskan title in 26 years the previous autumn.  

• A footballer and handball player in his native Halmstad, Andersson became assistant coach to Stuart Baxter at the city’s main club in 1990, going on to work under Tom Prahl and then Jonas Thern.  

• Andersson, who also coached lower-division teams Alet and Laholm, took the Halmstad reins himself in 2004 and in his first season in charge was named coach of the year in Sweden after steering Halmstad to second place.  

• After a brief spell at second-tier Örgryte in 2010, Andersson was named Norrköping coach the following year as they returned to the Allsvenskan, at first keeping them up then unexpectedly guiding them to the 2015 title.  

• Although his appointment as Sweden coach meant he missed out on leading Norrköping into UEFA Champions League qualifying, Andersson made up for that by taking Sweden to the 2018 FIFA World Cup via a famous play-off win against Italy and then guiding them to the quarter-finals in Russia. More success followed later that year, Sweden winning promotion to League A of the UEFA Nations League.

Cosmin Contra

Date of birth: 15 December 1975  
Nationality: Romanian  
Playing career: Politehnica Timişoara (three times), Dinamo Bucureşti, Alavés, AC Milan, Atlético Madrid, West Brom (loan), Getafe  
Coaching career: Politehnica Timişoara, Fuenlabrada, Petrolul Ploieşti, Getafe, Guangzhou, Alcorcón, Dinamo Bucureşti, Romania  

• Started and ended his playing career with his home-town club Politehnica Timişoara, heading to Spain in 1999 after a spell in the Romanian capital with Dinamo Bucureşti.  

• A major hit with Alavés, the attacking right-back helped the little-known club to reach the 2000/01 UEFA Cup final in their first season in European competition, scoring three goals and putting in a fine performance in the final – a 5-4 loss to Liverpool after extra time in Dortmund.  

• Played for Milan, Atlético and West Brom then, after a spell back at Politehnica, helped Getafe make it to the 2007/08 UEFA Cup quarter-finals. Played in his second UEFA European Championship in summer 2008, and won the last of his 73 Romania caps in 2010, more than 14 years after his international debut.  

• Moved from pitch to bench at Timişoara, working briefly as player-coach. After a spell in Spain, led Petrolul to 2012/13 Romanian Cup success, then returned to save Getafe from relegation in 2014 before trying his luck in China.  

• Having won the 2016/17 Romanian League Cup with Dinamo Bucureşti he was hired as Romania coach in September 2017, promptly winning six of his first eight matches in charge.
:: Previous meetings

Goals for/against: Goal totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (e.g. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw.

:: Squad list

| Qual.: | Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2020 only. |
| FT: | Total UEFA EURO 2020 appearances/goals in final tournament only. |
| Overall: | Total international appearances/goals. |
| DoB: | Date of birth |
| Age: | Based on the date press kit was last updated |
| D: | Disciplinary (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended) |

:: Team facts

EURO finals: The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 was the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

Records of inactive countries

A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Abandoned/forfeited matches

For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

Competitions

Other abbreviations

- **(aet):** After extra time
- **No.:** Number
- **ag:** Match decided on away goals
- **agg:** Aggregate
- **AP:** Appearances
- **Comp.:** Competition
- **D: Drawn**
- **DoB:** Date of birth
- **ET:** Extra Time
- **GA:** Goals against
- **GF:** Goals for
- **gg:** Match decided by golden goal
- **L:** Lost
- **Nat.:** Nationality
- **pens:** Penalties
- **og:** Own goal
- **P:** Penalty
- **Pld:** Matches played
- **Pos.:** Position
- **Pts.:** Points
- **R:** Sent off (straight red card)
- **Res.:** Result
- **sg:** Match decided by silver goal
- **t:** Match decided by toss of a coin
- **W:** Won
- **Y:** Booked
- **Y/R:** Sent off (two yellow cards)
- **N/A:** Not applicable

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