Hungary

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Group E - Matchday 2

Croatia

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Marco Rossi

**Date of birth:** 9 September 1964  
**Nationality:** Italian  
**Playing career:** Torino, Campania, Campania Puteolana, Catanzaro, Brescia, Sampdoria, Club Amérca, Eintracht Frankfurt, Piacenza, Ospitaletto, Salò  
**Coaching career:** Lumezzane, Pro Patria, Spezia, Scafatese, Cavese, Honvéd (twice), DAC Dunajská Streda, Hungary

• Rossi launched his playing career as a defender with Torino and made his Serie A debut in March 1984. Later played for Campania, Catanzaro and – briefly – Brescia before joining Sampdoria in 1993. Won the Coppa Italia with Samp in 1994 before moving abroad to play in Mexico for Club Amérca and in Germany with Eintracht Frankfurt. His last professional club was Piacenza, finishing his career with lower-division outfits Ospitaletto and Salò.

• In 2004, he started coaching Lumezzane, subsequently taking charge of lower-league Italian clubs Pro Patria, Spezia, Scafatese and Cavese. He considered retiring before being appointed head coach of Honvéd in August 2012.

• In his first season in Budapest, the club made famous by Ferenc Puskás and Co in the 1950s finished third in the Hungarian top flight, but Rossi left in April 2014 – only to return, by popular demand, the following February. In 2016/17 the Italian defied the odds by steering Honvéd to a sensational Hungarian title triumph – the club's first league success for 24 years – but subsequently stepped down, pursuing his career instead across the border in Slovakia.

• He spent 2017/18 as head coach of DAC Dunajská Streda, a club with sizeable Hungarian support, leading them to third place in the Slovakian league and into a UEFA Europa League qualification spot.

• On 19 June 2018, Rossi returned to the country where he had made his name, becoming head coach of the Hungarian national team as the replacement for Belgian Georges Leekens.

Zlatko Dalić

**Date of birth:** 26 October 1966  
**Nationality:** Croatian  
**Playing career:** Hajduk Split (twice), Budućnost Titograd, Velež, Varteks (twice)  
**Coaching career:** Varteks, Rijeka, Dinamo Tirana, Slaven Belupo (twice), al-Faisaly, al-Hilal, al-Ain, Croatia

• A midfielder, he spent the best years of his playing career at Varteks, scoring 13 goals in 108 matches from 1992–96.

• Played for Varteks in two spells, and after hanging up his boots in 2000, worked simultaneously as the club’s assistant coach and sporting director. Took sole command on the field for the first time in 2005.

• Dalić more recently found success in the Middle East with al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia) and al-Ain (United Arab Emirates); in 2016, he led al-Ain to the AFC Champions League final, where they lost to South Korea's Jeonbuk FC over two legs.

• Assistant coach of Croatia under-21s from 2006-11, he returned to the national-team set-up as boss of the senior side on 7 October 2017, stepping in following the departure of Ante Čačić.

• A win away to Ukraine two days after Dalić’s appointment earned a 2018 FIFA World Cup play-off place, where Greece were defeated as Croatia reached the finals, prompting Dalić to sign a contract running until 2020. They went on to excel in Russia, reaching the knockout stages for the first time since 1998 courtesy of wins against Nigeria, Argentina and Iceland; Denmark and hosts Russia were beaten on penalties en route to the semi-finals, where England were overcome in extra time, but France proved a step too far in the final.
Legend

:: 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
Pl: 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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