Andorra
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Group H - Matchday 2

Albania

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Head coach
Legend
Head coach

Koldo Alvarez

Date of birth: 4 September 1970
Nationality: Andorran
Playing career: Aurrerá Vitória, Atlético Madrid, Toledo (loan), Salamanca, FC Andorra (twice), Balaguer
Coaching career: Andorra

• A reserve goalkeeper at Atlético, Koldo came through the club's youth ranks and lifted the Copa del Rey with the Spanish side in 1990/91.
• Leaving the capital in search of first-team football, Koldo played for Toledo before winning promotion to the Spanish second division with Salamanca in 1993/94.
• Signed for FC Andorra in the summer of 1994, dividing his time between playing for the club's first team and acting as a youth coach with the national Under-17, U19 and U21 sides.
• Capped 78 times by Andorra before his retirement following a 6-0 loss to England at Wembley in June 2009 having been named his country's best player of the last 50 years by the Andorran Football Federation (FAF) six years earlier.
• Took over as coach of the national team in February 2010, his side finishing bottom of their qualifying groups for UEFA EURO 2012 and the 2014 FIFA World Cup. That was again the case in the UEFA EURO 2016 preliminaries, although Andorra did score four goals – setting a new best mark for the competition – and overcame Hungary in June 2017 in 2018 World Cup qualifying, their first competitive win since 2004.

Ervin Bulku

Date of birth: 3 March 1981
Nationality: Albanian
Playing career: Tirana (twice), Kryvbas, Hajduk Split, Shuvalan, Sepahan
Coaching career: Albania (assistant), Albania (caretaker)

• A versatile defender and midfielder who started and finished his playing career with Tirana, Bulku won more than 50 caps for Albania during a decade in the national side.
• Graduated to Tirana's first team aged 18 and went on to win six league titles during his first spell with the club, adding four Albanian Cups before moving abroad in 2007.
• Spent three years in Ukraine with Kryvbas, leaving in early 2010; after six months as a free agent, signed for Hajduk, who he helped to finish runners-up in the Croatian First League in 2010/11.
• Spells in Azerbaijan with Shuvalan and Iran's Sepahan preceded his return to Tirana in 2014.
• Appointed Albania's assistant coach in November 2015, working alongside Gianni De Blasi at UEFA EURO 2016; continued in the role after the Italian stepped down in June 2017, taking over on a temporary basis in March 2019 following Christian Panucci's departure.
:: 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.

Competition 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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