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Bulgaria

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Head coach
Legend
Head coach

Jaroslav Šilhavý

**Date of birth:** 3 November 1961  
**Nationality:** Czech  
**Playing career:** Škoda Plzeň (now Viktoria Plzeň), RH Cheb, Slavia Praha, Drnovice, Viktoria Žižkov  
**Coaching career:** Kladno, Viktoria Plzeň, České Budějovice, Slovan Liberec, Jablonec, Dukla Praha, Slavia Praha, Czech Republic  

- An uncompromising centre-back who led by example, Šilhavý made a record 465 appearances in the Czechoslovakian and Czech league, scoring 26 goals. Spent almost a decade with RH Cheb before joining Sparta Praha in 1990.  
- Part of the Sparta side that finished runners-up in the Czechoslovak First League in 1992/93, Šilhavý also helped Drnovice to the Czech Cup final in 1996; he was voted personality of the league in 1998, a year before hanging up his boots after two seasons as Viktoria Žižkov captain.  
- Also won four caps for Czechoslovakia between 1990 and 1991, while his son Tomáš went on to be a professional – also as a defender – at Slavia.  
- Šilhavý snr started his coaching career with Kladno in 2007 and, after spells with Viktoria Plzeň and České Budějovice, guided Slovan Liberec to the Czech title in 2011/12 – when he was also named coach of the year. Took the club into the UEFA Europa League round of 32 in 2013/14.  
- After short spells at Jablonec and Dukla Praha, took over at Slavia in September 2016, masterminding a 26-match unbeaten run in the league to win the title at the end of that season. Succeeded former Slavia team-mate Karel Jarolím as coach of the Czech Republic in September 2018.

Krassimir Balakov

**Date of birth:** 29 March 1966  
**Nationality:** Bulgarian  
**Playing career:** Etar Veliko Turnovo, Sporting CP, Stuttgart  
**Coaching career:** Grasshopper-Club, St Gallen, Chernomorets Burgas, Hajduk Split, Kaiserslautern, Litex Lovech, Etar Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria  

- Made his name in the late 1980s as a midfielder with hometown side Etar, who won the Bulgarian title in 1990/91, but Balakov had already departed for Portuguese giants Sporting CP during the winter break.  
- Under Sir Bobby Robson Balakov developed into a fine playmaker, and helped Sporting to win the 1995 Portuguese Cup; he moved to Stuttgart that summer, and the club won the German Cup in 1997 before reaching the final of the European Cup Winners’ Cup a year later.  
- Balakov was a key member of the Bulgaria side that reached the semi-finals of the 1994 FIFA World Cup – still regarded as the nation's biggest footballing achievement – and was named in the official Team of the Tournament. Bulgarian Player of the Year in 1995 and 1997, he scored 16 goals in 92 internationals between 1988 and 2003, capturing the side in the last three years.  
- Hung up his boots in 2003 and moved into coaching in Switzerland, leading Zurich-based Grasshoppers and then St Gallen. He was the first Bulgarian to coach in the Bundesliga when Kaiserslautern hired him in March 2012.  
- Ended a 16-month spell back at Etar to become Bulgaria coach on 14 May 2019, succeeding his former international team-mate Petar Hubchev.
## 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**

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:: **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

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