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Spain

Malta

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Head coach
Legend

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Head coach

Robert Moreno

Date of birth: 19 September 1977  
Nationality: Spanish  
Coaching career: Penya Blaugrana Coliblanca, L’Hospitalet, Castelldefels, Damm, Barcelona B (assistant), Roma (assistant), Celta Vigo (assistant, twice), Barcelona (assistant), Spain (assistant, interim, permanent)

• Originally from Catalonia, Moreno started coaching aged 14 when his PE teacher asked him to help in classes; after spells in the youth departments of several lower division clubs he eventually ended up at Barcelona B, where he met Luis Enrique.

• Enrique took Moreno with him when he was appointed Roma coach in 2011, Moreno also working as assistant at Celta in 2013/14 before returning to Barcelona when Enrique took charge of the first team; as well as serving as assistant coach, Moreno was also the head of opposition scouting.

• Barcelona swept all before them in 2014/15, winning the Spanish Liga, Copa del Rey and UEFA Champions League treble and also adding the UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup later in 2015; another league title and two more domestic cups followed before Enrique, and Moreno, departed in summer 2017.

• Spent 2017/18 back at Celta, working as assistant to Juan Carlos Unzué as Enrique took a sabbatical, but the pair were reunited in July 2018 when Enrique was appointed Spain coach.

• Stepped in as interim manager in March 2019 when Enrique took a break from the position, and after overseeing three successive UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying wins was named Spain’s 56th permanent manager – aged 41, their youngest since Guillermo Eizaguirre in 1948 – on 19 June when Enrique opted to step down.

Ray Farrugia

Date of birth: 1 October, 1955  
Nationality: Maltese  
Playing career: Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions  
Coaching career: Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

• A combative midfielder, ‘Zazu’ made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.

• He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.

• Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.

• In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.

• On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta’s head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.
:: 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

d: Disciplinary

**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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