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Group C - Matchday 8

Netherlands

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Head coach

Mikhail Markhel

**Date of birth:** 14 July 1966  
**Nationality:** Belarusian  
**Playing career:** Shinnik Bocharov, Dinamo Minsk (twice), Dnepr Mogilev, Budućnost Titograd, Nyíregyháza, Hajdúnánás, Spartak Vladikavkaz, Torpedo Moskva, Chernomorets Novorossiysk, Torpedo-MAZ, Molodechno, Zvezda-VA-BGU  
**Coaching career:** Zvezda-VA-BGU, Dinamo Brest, Dinamo Minsk (assistant), Belshina Bobruisk, Darida, Lokomotiv Minsk (assistant), Belarus Under-17, Belarus U19, Belarus (assistant), Belarus U21, Belarus

- As a player, Markhel played in the former Yugoslavia, Hungary and Russia as well as Belarus; the forward won three caps in 1994 while playing for Spartak Vladikavkaz, where he spent two seasons and scored 19 goals in 58 matches.
- Started coaching in 1997, specialising in youth development; he took Belarus' U17 and U19 teams to European elite rounds four times, and was assistant coach as Belarus finished third at the 2011 UEFA European Under-21 Championship in Denmark, before working at the 2012 Olympics in the same role.
- Oversaw a 10-0 win against Gibraltar in his first game after being named Belarus U21 coach in 2019, the biggest margin of victory for any Belarusian team at international level; he then succeeded Igor Kriushenko as head coach of the senior national side on 20 June 2019.

Ronald Koeman

**Date of birth:** 21 March 1963  
**Nationality:** Dutch  
**Playing career:** Groningen, Ajax, PSV Eindhoven, Barcelona, Feyenoord  
**Coaching career:** Netherlands (assistant), Barcelona (assistant), Vitesse, Ajax, Benfica, PSV Eindhoven, Valencia, AZ Alkmaar, Feyenoord, Southampton, Everton, Netherlands

- One of the classiest ball-playing defenders in history, Ronald Koeman was also a frequent goalscorer, mostly from free-kicks and penalties. He began his career at Groningen before spending three seasons apiece at Ajax and PSV.
- The 1987/88 season was one of extraordinary achievement for the blond right-footer, who collected the Dutch domestic double as well as the European Cup with PSV and then proved an equally inspirational figure with the Netherlands at EURO '88, where they captured their only major international trophy to date.
- Koeman subsequently shone during a six-year spell at Barcelona – during which he played at three further tournaments for the Oranje, ending up with 78 caps and 14 goals. The highlight of his time in Catalonia was his winning goal in the 1992 European Cup final against Sampdoria at Wembley, giving Barça their first continental crown. He also won four Liga titles with the club.
- After ending his playing days at Feyenoord, Koeman took on assistant coach roles with the Netherlands then Barcelona before branching out on his own at the turn of the millennium and embarking on what would be a highly eventful coaching career. Having played for each of the Netherlands' big three clubs he became the first man to coach all three as well, winning two titles with Ajax, one with PSV and reinvigorating Feyenoord during a productive tenure from 2011 to 2014.
- He departed Rotterdam to pursue his career in England, firstly with Southampton, then Everton, with whom he parted company in October 2017. The following February he was appointed as the Netherlands' Bondscoach on a contract taking him through to the 2022 FIFA World Cup and led the Oranje to the inaugural UEFA Nations League Finals ahead of France and Germany, seeing off England in the semi-finals only to lose to hosts Portugal in the decider.
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

d: Disciplinary (*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

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