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**Netherlands**

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## Head coach

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### Joachim Löw

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**Date of birth:** 3 February 1960

**Nationality:** German

**Playing career:** Freiburg (three times), Stuttgart, Eintracht Frankfurt, Karlsruhe, Schaffhausen, Winterthur, Frauenfeld

**Coaching career:** Winterthur (youth), Frauenfeld, Stuttgart, Fenerbahçe, Karlsruhe, Adanaspor, Tirol Innsbruck, Austria Wien, Germany (assistant), Germany

- A native of the Black Forest in south-west Germany, Löw spent most of his playing days with local club Freiburg, where he had three spells, before winding down his career in Switzerland.
- Operated as a player-coach in Switzerland before becoming an assistant, and later head coach, back in Germany with Stuttgart. Succeeded Rolf Fringer in 1996 and led the Swabian side to a German Cup win in his first season and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup final against Chelsea in his second.
- Left Stuttgart for Fenerbahçe but struggled to match his early success until he joined Tirol Innsbruck, guiding the team to the 2001/02 Austrian Bundesliga title. After nine months with Austria Wien he was summoned by old friend Jürgen Klinsmann to become his assistant with Germany. The pair steered the Nationalmannschaft to a third-place finish on home soil at the 2006 FIFA World Cup.
- Replaced Klinsmann as head coach, taking the side to the UEFA EURO 2008 final and third place at the 2010 World Cup. They also reached the last four of UEFA EURO 2012, before qualifying unbeaten for the 2014 global finals. The real glory was to follow in Brazil, Löw leading the team to their fourth world title with a 1-0 final defeat of Argentina.
- Germany were unable to add the European title to their world crown, losing to hosts France in the UEFA EURO 2016 semi-finals. Löw led the team to a 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup triumph in Russia but a year later, in the same country, the holders' World Cup defence ended unexpectedly in the group stage.

### Ronald Koeman

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**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

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### :: 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

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### Other abbreviations

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**(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

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**pens:** Penalties

**og:** Own goal

**P:** Penalty

**Pld:** 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