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Albania

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/06/2016	GS-FT	France - Albania	2-0	Marseille	Griezmann 90, Payet 90+6

UEFA EURO 2012

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/10/2011	QR (GS)	France - Albania	3-0	Paris	Malouda 11, Rémy 38, Réveillère 67
02/09/2011	QR (GS)	Albania - France	1-2	Tirana	Bogdani 46; Benzema 11, M'Vila 18

EURO '92

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
30/03/1991	PR (GS)	France - Albania	5-0	Paris	Sauzée 1, 9, Papin 33, 42, Zmijani 81 (og)
17/11/1990	PR (GS)	Albania - France	0-1	Tirana	Boli 25

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
EURO																		
France	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	5	0	0	13	1
Albania	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5	1	13
FIFA*																		
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	1	2
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	2	1
Total																		
France	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	5	1	1	14	3
Albania	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	7	1	1	5	3	14

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

France

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Hugo Lloris	26/12/1986	32	Tottenham	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Alphonse Areola	27/02/1993	26	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mike Maignan	03/07/1995	24	LOSC	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Lucas Digne	20/07/1993	26	Everton	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Samuel Umtiti	14/11/1993	25	Barcelona	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Kurt Zouma	27/10/1994	24	Chelsea	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Raphaël Varane	25/04/1993	26	Real Madrid	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Clément Lenglet	17/06/1995	24	Barcelona	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Lucas Hernández	14/02/1996	23	Bayern	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Benjamin Pavard	28/03/1996	23	Bayern	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Léo Dubois	14/09/1994	24	Lyon	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Blaise Matuidi	09/04/1987	32	Juventus	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Moussa Sissoko	16/08/1989	30	Tottenham	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Steven Nzonzi	15/12/1988	30	Galatasaray	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thomas Lemar	12/11/1995	23	Atlético	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Corentin Tolisso	03/08/1994	25	Bayern	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jonathan Ikoné	02/05/1998	21	LOSC	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mattéo Guendouzi	14/04/1999	20	Arsenal	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Antoine Griezmann	21/03/1991	28	Barcelona	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Olivier Giroud	30/09/1986	32	Chelsea	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Wissam Ben Yedder	12/08/1990	29	Monaco	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Kingsley Coman	13/06/1996	23	Bayern	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nabil Fekir	18/07/1993	26	Betis	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Didier Deschamps	15/10/1968	50		-	4	0	0	0		

Albania

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Alban Hoxha	23/11/1987	31	Partizani	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Etrit Berisha	10/03/1989	30	SPAL	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Thomas Strakosha	19/03/1995	24	Lazio	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Frédéric Veseli	20/11/1992	26	Empoli	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Mërgim Mavraj	09/06/1986	33	Fürth	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Elseid Hysaj	02/02/1994	25	Napoli	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Berat Xhimshiti	19/02/1993	26	Atalanta	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marash Kumbulla	08/02/2000	19	Verona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ardian Ismajli	30/09/1996	22	Hajduk Split	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Kastriot Dermaku	15/01/1992	27	Parma	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Odise Roshi	22/05/1991	28	Akhmat	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Taulant Xhaka	28/03/1991	28	Basel	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Amir Abrashi	27/03/1990	29	Freiburg	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Ermir Lenjani	05/08/1989	30	Sion	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Keidi Bare	28/08/1997	22	Málaga	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kristi Qose	10/06/1995	24	Ružomberok	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ylber Ramadani	12/04/1996	23	VB	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Egzon Binaku	27/08/1995	24	Norrköping	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Klaus Gjasula	14/12/1989	29	Paderborn	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Bekim Balaj	11/01/1991	28	Sturm	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Sokol Çikalleshi	27/07/1990	29	Akhisar	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Rei Manaj	24/02/1997	22	Albacete	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Myrto Uzuni	31/05/1995	24	Lokomotiva Zagreb	-	3	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Edoardo Reja	10/10/1945	73		-	2	0	0	0		

Head coach

Didier Deschamps

Date of birth: 15 October 1968

Nationality: French

Playing career: Nantes, Marseille (twice), Bordeaux, Juventus, Chelsea, Valencia

Coaching career: Monaco, Juventus, Marseille, France

- A product of Nantes's highly rated youth system, Deschamps had success with Marseille as a defensive midfielder, winning Ligue 1 in 1990 and 1992 and captaining them to UEFA Champions League glory in 1993. Signed for Juve in 1994 and won the UEFA Champions League again in 1996, adding three Serie A titles, a Coppa Italia and a European/South American Cup.
- Left in 1999 for Chelsea, staying one season and lifting the FA Cup, before ending his career with a year in Valencia, watching from the bench as they lost the 2001 UEFA Champions League final to Bayern München. Skipped France to victory on home soil at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and also at UEFA EURO 2000, retiring that year with 103 caps.
- Started coaching career in 2001 with Monaco, landing the French League Cup in 2003 and reaching the UEFA Champions League final a year later, going down to José Mourinho's Porto. Resigned in September 2005 and joined his old club Juventus, then in Serie B, the following June. Stepped down after securing promotion back to Serie A in May 2007.
- Appointed Marseille boss in May 2009, replacing Eric Gerets. Ended OM's 18-year wait for the Ligue 1 championship in his first term and added a maiden League Cup, retaining the latter trophy in the next two campaigns.
- Succeeded Laurent Blanc after UEFA EURO 2012 and guided France to the 2014 World Cup, where they lost to eventual winners Germany in the quarter-finals, and then to the final of UEFA EURO 2016 on home soil only to lose to Portugal in extra time. Redemption followed at Russia 2018, where France went all the way to lift the trophy, making Deschamps only the third man to win the World Cup as both player and coach after Mário Zagallo and Franz Beckenbauer.

Edoardo Reja

Date of birth: 10 October 1945

Nationality: Italian

Playing career: SPAL, Palermo, Alessandria, Benevento

Coaching career: Molinella, Monselice (twice), Pordenone, Pro Gorizia, Treviso, Mestre, Varese, Pescara (youth), Pescara, Cosenza, Verona, Bologna, Lecce, Brescia, Torino, Vicenza, Genoa, Catania, Cagliari, Napoli, Hajduk Split, Lazio (twice), Atalanta, Albania

- Reja came through the ranks at SPAL alongside close friend Fabio Capello, the pair also featuring in the club's first team in Serie A in 1965; Reja went on to make more than 100 career appearances in Italy's top flight and also appeared for Palermo, Alessandria and Benevento before hanging up his boots in 1977.
- Started his coaching career in Serie D with Molinella in 1979, going on to have short spells at a number of lower league clubs before stepping up to Serie B in 1989, when he took charge of Pescara.
- After spells at Cosenza and Lecce, Reja led Brescia – including a young Andrea Pirlo – to the Serie B title in 1997, but opted to drop back into the second division to take charge of Torino. His Serie A debut came in 1998/99 with Vicenza, who he was unable to save from relegation but who he guided to an immediate top-flight return; subsequently also took Cagliari into Serie A in 2003/04.
- In charge of Napoli between 2005 and 2009, winning successive promotions as the club returned to Italy's highest level, with the likes of Marek Hamšík and Ezequiel Lavezzi flourishing under Reja's guidance; then had a short spell in Croatia with Hajduk.
- Returned to his homeland in February 2010, taking charge of Lazio for two years; had a second stint in 2014 prior to a short spell with Atalanta, but had not coached for three years before taking charge of the Albanian national side in April 2019, replacing fellow Italian Christian Panucci.

Match officials

Referee	Jesús Gil Manzano (ESP)
Assistant referees	Diego Barbero Sevilla (ESP) , Angel Nevado Rodríguez (ESP)
Fourth official	José María Sánchez (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Jānis Mežeckis (LVA)
UEFA Referee observer	Eugen Strigel (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Jesús Gil Manzano	04/02/1984	1	34

Jesús Gil Manzano

Referee since: 1995
First division: 2012
FIFA badge: 2014

Tournaments: 2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Finals
N/A

UEFA European Championship matches featuring the two countries involved in this match

No such matches refereed

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
18/11/2014	FRIE.	GS-FT	France	Sweden	1-0	Marseille
05/09/2015	U21	QR	Iceland	France	3-2	Kopavogur
27/07/2016	UCL	3QR	Fenerbahçe SK	AS Monaco FC	2-1	Istanbul
02/11/2017	UEL	GS	SS Lazio	OGC Nice	1-0	Rome
30/08/2018	UEL	PO	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	KAA Gent	2-0	Bordeaux
25/10/2018	UEL	GS	Olympique de Marseille	SS Lazio	1-3	Marseille

Match-by-match lineups

France

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	4	3	0	1	12	3	9
Turkey	4	3	0	1	9	2	9
Iceland	4	3	0	1	5	5	9
Albania	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
Moldova	4	1	0	3	2	10	3
Andorra	4	0	0	4	0	10	0

Matchday 1 (22/03/2019)

Moldova 1-4 France

Goals: 0-1 Griezmann 24, 0-2 Varane 27, 0-3 Giroud 36, 0-4 Mbappé 87, 1-4 Ambros 89

France: Lloris, Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Pogba, Griezmann (73 Thauvin), Giroud (81 Fekir), Mbappé, Kanté, Matuidi (73 Lemar), Kurzawa

Matchday 2 (25/03/2019)

France 4-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 Umtiti 12, 2-0 Giroud 68, 3-0 Mbappé 78, 4-0 Griezmann 84

France: Lloris, Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Pogba, Griezmann, Giroud (90 Sissoko), Mbappé, Kanté (80 Lemar), Matuidi, Kurzawa (85 Kimpembe)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Turkey 2-0 France

Goals: 1-0 Kaan Ayhan 30, 2-0 Cengiz Ünder 40

France: Lloris, Pavard, Varane, Umtiti, Pogba, Griezmann, Giroud (72 Ben Yedder), Mbappé, Digne (46 Mendy), Matuidi (46 Coman), Sissoko

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Andorra 0-4 France

Goals: 0-1 Mbappé 11, 0-2 Ben Yedder 30, 0-3 Thauvin 45+1, 0-4 Zouma 60

France: Lloris, Mendy, Pogba, Griezmann, Mbappé, Zouma, Dubois, Lenglet, Thauvin (81 Lemar), Ndombele (64 Sissoko), Ben Yedder (73 Giroud)

Matchday 5 (07/09/2019)

France-Albania

Matchday 6 (10/09/2019)

France-Andorra

Matchday 7 (11/10/2019)

Iceland-France

Matchday 8 (14/10/2019)

France-Turkey

Matchday 9 (14/11/2019)

France-Moldova

Matchday 10 (17/11/2019)

Albania-France

Albania

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Albania	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
Moldova	4	1	0	3	2	10	3
Andorra	4	0	0	4	0	10	0

Matchday 1 (22/03/2019)

Albania 0-2 Turkey

Goals: 0-1 Burak Yilmaz 21, 0-2 Çalhanoğlu 55

Albania: Berisha, Iván Balliu (58 Sadiku), Hysaj, Veseli, Xhimshiti, Memushaj, Xhaka, Ismajli, Balaj (58 Grezda), Uzuni, Abrashi

Matchday 2 (25/03/2019)

Andorra 0-3 Albania

Goals: 0-1 Sadiku 21, 0-2 Balaj 87, 0-3 Abrashi 90+6

Albania: Berisha, Hysaj, Xhimshiti, Grezda (70 Balaj), Basha (87 Memushaj), Sadiku, Xhaka (67 Abrashi), Ismajli, Aliji, Kaçe, Uzuni

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Iceland 1-0 Albania

Goals: 1-0 Gudmundsson 22

Albania: Berisha, Dermaku, Lenjani, Hysaj, Veseli, Ismajli, Basha (67 Kaçe), Xhaka (72 Ndoj), Çikalleshi (79 Sadiku), Balaj, Abrashi

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Albania 2-0 Moldova

Goals: 1-0 Çikalleshi 66, 2-0 Ramadani 90+3

Albania: Berisha, Lenjani (57 Roshi), Hysaj, Veseli, Ismajli, Ramadani, Sadiku (57 Çikalleshi), Uzuni, Mavraj, Kaçe (84 Qose), Abrashi

Matchday 5 (07/09/2019)

France-Albania

Matchday 6 (10/09/2019)

Albania-Iceland

Matchday 7 (11/10/2019)

Turkey-Albania

Matchday 8 (14/10/2019)

Moldova-Albania

Matchday 9 (14/11/2019)

Albania-Andorra

Matchday 10 (17/11/2019)

Albania-France

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

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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