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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/03/2019	QR (GS)	North Macedonia - Latvia	3-1	Skopje	Alioski 11, Elmas 29, 90+3; Velkoski 87 (og)

	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																			
Latvia	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	1	3
North Macedonia	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	3	1	1
FIFA*																			
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																			
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
Total																			
Latvia	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	2	2	5
North Macedonia	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	5	2	2

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Latvia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Andris Vaņins	30/04/1980	39	Zürich	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Ozols	10/09/1995	23	Riga	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Lazarevs	25/11/1997	21	Valmiera	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Vitālijs Maksimenko	08/12/1990	28	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Armands Pētersons	05/12/1990	28	Riga	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kaspars Dubra	20/12/1990	28	Olexandriya	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Vitālijs Jagodinskis	28/02/1992	27	RFS	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Elvis Stuglis	04/07/1993	26	Riga	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Sorokins	10/05/1997	22	RFS	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Antonijs Černomordijs	26/09/1996	22	Riga	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Oļegs Laizāns	28/03/1987	32	Riga	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Vladimirs Kamešs	28/10/1988	30	Riga	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Ritvars Rugins	17/10/1989	29	Riga	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Savaļņieks	04/02/1993	26	RFS	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Boriss Bogdaškins	21/02/1990	29	Valmiera	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jānis Ikaunieks	16/02/1995	24	Liepāja	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Andrejs Cigaņiks	12/04/1997	22	RFS	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Uldriķis	03/04/1998	21	Sion	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kristers Tobers	13/12/2000	18	Liepāja	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Mārtiņš Ķigurs	31/03/1997	22	Liepāja	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Valērijs Šabala	12/10/1994	24	Miedz	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ēriks Punculs	18/01/1994	25	Valmiera	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Gutkovskis	02/04/1995	24	Nieciecza	-	4	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Slaviša Stojanovic	06/12/1969	49		-	5	0	0	0		

North Macedonia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Stole Dimitrievski	25/12/1993	25	Rayo Vallecano	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Damjan Siskovski	18/03/1995	24	Rabotnicki	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Deyan Iliev	25/02/1995	24	Sered	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Kire Ristevski	22/10/1990	28	Újpest	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Visar Musliu	13/11/1994	24	Fehérvár	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Egzijan Alioski	12/02/1992	27	Leeds	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Darko Velkoski	21/06/1995	24	Rijeka	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Gjoko Zajkov	10/02/1995	24	Charleroi	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Egzon Bejtulai	07/01/1994	25	Shkëndija	*	4	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Stefan Spirovski	23/08/1990	29	Ferencváros	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Arijan Ademi	29/05/1991	28	Dinamo Zagreb	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Boban Nikolov	28/07/1994	25	Fehérvár	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Enis Bardi	02/07/1995	24	Levante	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Ljupche Doriev	13/09/1995	23	Akademija Pandev	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Eljif Elmas	24/09/1999	19	Napoli	-	5	2	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Goran Pandev	27/07/1983	36	Genoa	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Tričkovski	18/04/1987	32	AEK Larnaca	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Krste Velkoski	20/02/1988	31	Sarajevo	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ilija Nestorovski	12/03/1990	29	Udinese	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandar Trajkovski	05/09/1992	27	Mallorca	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Kire Markoski	20/02/1995	24	AEL	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marjan Radeski	10/02/1995	24	Shkëndija	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vlatko Stojanovski	23/04/1997	22	Nîmes	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Igor Angelovski	02/06/1976	43		-	5	0	0	0		

Head coach

Slaviša Stojanović

Date of birth: 6 December 1969

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Slovan Ljubljana, Ljubljana (twice), Celje, Vevče, Livar

Coaching career: Slovan Ljubljana, Livar, Domžale, Celje, United Arab Emirates (assistant), Slovenia, Crvena zvezda, Lierse, Changchun Yatai, Riga, Levski Sofia, Latvia

- Born in what is now Serbia, Stojanović had an unremarkable career as a defender in Slovenian football, finding his true calling as a coach in his late 20s when he led Slovan Ljubljana to national titles at Under-16 and U18 levels.
- Established his local reputation in charge of Domžale between 2002 and 2008, during which his side won the 2006/07 and 2007/08 domestic titles – their first top-division successes.
- After a single campaign at Celje, Stojanović moved abroad to assist compatriot Srečko Katanec, then coach of the United Arab Emirates; the pair were dismissed in September 2011, Stojanović taking over as Slovenia boss the following month.
- Stojanović resigned as Slovenia coach in December 2012, after just over a year in charge, and returned to football in June 2013 with Crvena zvezda, whom he steered to their first Serbian title in seven years in his lone campaign.
- After an ill-starred spell in Belgium with Lierse, Stojanović coached clubs in China and Latvia, then took command of Levski Sofia at the start of the 2018/19 campaign. He left the Bulgarian side in January 2019 and was appointed head coach of Latvia two months later.

Igor Angelovski

Date of birth: 2 June 1976

Nationality: Macedonian

Playing career: Makedonija Gorce Petrov, Pelister, Publikum, Cementarnica (twice), Pobeda

Coaching career: Rabotnicki, North Macedonia (assistant), North Macedonia

- A former midfielder, Angelovski spent most of his playing career in his homeland, his highlight coming in 2002/03 when he lifted the Macedonian Cup with Cementarnica.
- After retiring in 2007, he served as sporting director at Rabotnicki for five years before becoming a surprise choice to replace Zhikica Tasevski as the club's head coach aged 37 prior to 2013/14.
- Angelovski wasted no time showing his coaching potential by becoming the youngest coach to win the Macedonian championship, leading the Skopje-based side to a domestic double in his debut season – aged 38. He repeated his Macedonian Cup success with Rabotnicki the following year, and won consecutive awards for best domestic coach in 2014 and 2015.
- While continuing in his Rabotnicki job, he served as Ljubinko Drulović's assistant with what was then FYR Macedonia from July to October 2015 while studying for his UEFA Pro licence.
- Angelovski took temporary charge of the national team in October 2015 and enjoyed a winning debut in a 4-1 friendly win against Montenegro in Skopje the following month. He was appointed coach on a permanent basis shortly afterwards and oversaw the 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying campaign in which the team picked up 11 points from ten matches before masterminding UEFA Nations League promotion.

Match officials

Referee	Espen Eskås (NOR)
Assistant referees	Jon-Michael Knutsen (NOR) , Øystein Ytterland (NOR)
Fourth official	Kai Erik Steen (NOR)
UEFA Delegate	Vignir Már Thormóðsson (ISL)
UEFA Referee observer	Sergey Zuev (RUS)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Espen Eskås	24/06/1988	0	18

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
23/10/2018	U17	QR	Israel	North Macedonia	4-1	Skopje

Match-by-match lineups

Latvia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	5	4	0	1	8	2	12
Austria	5	3	0	2	13	6	9
Slovenia	5	2	2	1	9	3	8
Israel	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
North Macedonia	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Latvia	5	0	0	5	1	19	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

North Macedonia 3-1 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Alioski 11, 2-0 Elmas 29, 2-1 Velkoski 87 (og) , 3-1 Elmas 90+3

Latvia: Vaņins (33 Šteinbors), Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Gabovs, Šabala (79 Uldriķis), Karašausks (68 Tobers), Isajevs, Cigaņiks, Rakels, Tarasovs

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Poland 2-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Lewandowski 76, 2-0 Glik 84

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns, Ikaunieks, Karašausks (85 Tobers), Isajevs, Rakels, Savaļņieks (80 Gabovs), Gutkovskis (70 Uldriķis)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Latvia 0-3 Israel

Goals: 0-1 Zahavi 10, 0-2 Zahavi 60, 0-3 Zahavi 81

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns (79 Rugins), Ikaunieks (57 Cigaņiks), Karašausks (67 Kamešs), Rakels, Savaļņieks, Tobers, Gutkovskis

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Latvia 0-5 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Črnigoj 24, 0-2 Črnigoj 27, 0-3 Iličić 29 (P) , 0-4 Iličić 44, 0-5 Zajc 47

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko (16 Jagodinskis), Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns, Solovjovs, Kamešs, Rakels (78 Ontužāns), Savaļņieks, Tobers (69 Rugins), Gutkovskis

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Austria 6-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Arnautović 7, 2-0 Sabitzer 13, 3-0 Arnautović 53 (P) , 4-0 Šteinbors 76 (og) , 5-0 Laimer 80, 6-0 Gregoritsch 85

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Dubra, Laizāns (82 Uldriķis), Kamešs, Bogdaškins, Cigaņiks (66 Savaļņieks), Pētersons, Černomordijs, Tobers (77 Rugins), Gutkovskis

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Latvia-North Macedonia

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Latvia-Poland

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Israel-Latvia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Latvia-Austria

North Macedonia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	5	4	0	1	8	2	12
Austria	5	3	0	2	13	6	9
Slovenia	5	2	2	1	9	3	8
Israel	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
North Macedonia	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Latvia	5	0	0	5	1	19	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

North Macedonia 3-1 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Alioski 11, 2-0 Elmas 29, 2-1 Velkoski 87 (og) , 3-1 Elmas 90+3

North Macedonia: Dimitrievski, Musliu, Alioski, Trajkovski (83 Markoski), Pandev (71 Ristevski), Hasani (23 Elmas), Ristovski, Velkoski, Nikolov, Bardi, Nestorovski

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Slovenia 1-1 North Macedonia

Goals: 1-0 Zajc 34, 1-1 Bardi 47

North Macedonia: Dimitrievski, Bejtulai, Musliu, Alioski (93 Ristevski), Pandev (76 Trajkovski), Ristovski, Velkoski, Nikolov, Bardi, Elmas, Nestorovski (88 Markoski)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

North Macedonia 0-1 Poland

Goals: 0-1 K. Piątek 47

North Macedonia: Dimitrievski, Musliu, Alioski, Pandev (84 Hasani), Ristovski (76 Ademi), Velkoski, Bejtulai, Nikolov (62 Trajkovski), Bardi, Elmas, Nestorovski

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

North Macedonia 1-4 Austria

Goals: 1-0 Hinteregger 18 (og) , 1-1 Lazaro 39, 1-2 Arnautović 62 (P) , 1-3 Arnautović 82, 1-4 Bejtulai 86 (og)

North Macedonia: Dimitrievski, Ademi, Alioski, Pandev, Ristovski, Velkoski, Bejtulai, Nikolov (67 Hasani), Bardi, Elmas (55 Ristevski), Nestorovski (55 Radeski)

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Israel 1-1 North Macedonia

Goals: 1-0 Zahavi 55, 1-1 Ademi 64

North Macedonia: Dimitrievski, Bejtulai, Ristevski, Ademi, Musliu, Alioski, Velkoski, Nikolov (75 Trajkovski), Bardi (83 Spirovski), Elmas, Nestorovski (69 Pandev)

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Latvia-North Macedonia

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

North Macedonia-Slovenia

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Poland-North Macedonia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Austria-North Macedonia

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

North Macedonia-Israel

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