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Israel

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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)	Israel - Slovenia	1-1	Haifa	Zahavi 55; Šporar 48

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/09/2003	PR (GS)	Slovenia - Israel	3-1	Ljubljana	Šiljak 35, Knavs 37, Čeh 78; Revivo 69
07/06/2003	PR (GS)	Israel - Slovenia	0-0	Antalya	

	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																		
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	0	4	2
Israel	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	0	2	1	2	4
FIFA*																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	1	1
Israel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	0	1	1
Total																		
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	4	1	3	0	5	3
Israel	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	4	0	3	1	3	5

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Slovenia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Vid Belec	06/06/1990	29	APOEL	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nejc Vidmar	31/03/1989	30	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jan Oblak	07/01/1993	26	Atlético	-	5	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Bojan Jokić	17/05/1986	33	Ufa	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Uros Korun	25/05/1987	32	Piast	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aljaž Struna	04/08/1990	29	Houston Dynamo	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Miha Mevlja	12/06/1990	29	PFC Sochi	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Miha Blažič	08/05/1993	26	Ferencváros	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Petar Stojanović	07/10/1995	23	Dinamo Zagreb	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Jure Balkovec	09/09/1994	25	Empoli	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	René Krhin	21/05/1990	29	Nantes	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Josip Iličić	29/01/1988	31	Atalanta	-	5	2	0	0		
-	Jasmin Kurtić	10/01/1989	30	SPAL	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Denis Popović	15/10/1989	29	Zürich	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Miha Zajc	01/07/1994	25	Fenerbahçe	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Benjamin Verbić	27/11/1993	25	Dynamo Kyiv	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Žan Majer	25/07/1992	27	Lecce	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Roman Bezjak	21/02/1989	30	APOEL	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Tim Matavž	13/01/1989	30	Vitesse	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Robert Berić	17/06/1991	28	St-Étienne	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Luka Zahović	15/11/1995	23	Maribor	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Andraž Šporar	27/02/1994	25	Slovan Bratislava	-	4	2	0	0		
Coach											
-	Matjaž Kek	09/09/1961	58		-	5	0	0	0		

Israel

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Ariel Harush	25/05/1988	31	Sparta	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ofir Marciano	07/10/1989	29	Hibernian	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Yoav Jarafi	29/08/1993	26	H. Tel-Aviv	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Eytan Tibi	16/11/1987	31	M. Tel-Aviv	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Orel Dgani	08/01/1989	30	H. Tel-Aviv	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Omri Ben Harush	07/03/1990	29	Lokeren	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Hatem Elhamed	18/03/1991	28	Celtic	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Eli Dasa	03/12/1992	26		-	5	0	0	0		
-	Loai Taha	26/11/1989	29	H. Beer-Sheva	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Raz Shlomo	13/08/1999	20	H. Tel-Aviv	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Bibras Natcho	18/02/1988	31	Partizan	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Beram Kayal	02/05/1988	31	Charlton	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Almog Cohen	01/09/1988	31	M. Netanya	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Eran Zahavi	25/07/1987	32	Guangzhou	*	5	8	0	0		
-	Dia Seba	18/11/1992	26	Guangzhou	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dor Peretz	17/05/1995	24	M. Tel-Aviv	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Gadi Kinda	23/03/1994	25	Beitar Jerusalem	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dan Glazer	20/09/1996	22	M. Tel-Aviv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Manor Solomon	24/07/1999	20	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Yonatan Cohen	29/06/1996	23	M. Tel-Aviv	-	3	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Tomer Hemed	02/05/1987	32	Charlton	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Munas Dabbur	14/05/1992	27	Sevilla	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Shon Weissman	14/02/1996	23	Wolfsberg	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Andreas Herzog	10/09/1968	50		-	5	0	0	0		

Head coach

Matjaž Kek

Date of birth: 9 September 1961

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Maribor (twice), Spittal/Drau, Grazer AK

Coaching career: Maribor, Slovenia (youth), Slovenia (twice), Al-Ittihad, Rijeka

- Born in Maribor, he began a long affiliation with the local club as a player. Featured from 1979 to 1984 in the Yugoslavian Federal League before a decade in Austria's lower leagues with Spittal/Drau and Grazer AK – earning one cap for Slovenia in 1992 while with the latter. Returned home to win a hat-trick of Slovenian titles at Maribor between 1997 and 1999 as well as two national cups.
- Turned to coaching immediately after hanging up his boots and was on the staff for four further Maribor championship wins before taking charge himself for the 2003/04 season.
- Appointed coach of Slovenia's Under-15 and U16 teams in 2006 before the call came to replace senior head coach Branko Oblak midway through UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying campaign in January 2007.
- Endured difficult start to reign with youthful team but came good to eventually steer Slovenia to 2010 FIFA World Cup finals after a famous away-goals victory over Russia in the play-offs. Oversaw creditable performances in South Africa although Slovenia failed to progress from group stage.
- Stepped down after failure to reach UEFA EURO 2012, going on to have a brief spell in Saudi Arabia with Al-Ittihad before resurfacing at Rijeka in February 2013. Kek proved a huge success in Croatia, winning the club's first title in 2016/17 when Rijeka completed the double by claiming the Croatian Cup for the second time in his reign; also took the club into the UEFA Europa League group stage in 2013/14 and 2014/15. Stepped down in October 2018 and reappointed as Slovenia coach the following month.

Andreas Herzog

Date of birth: 10 September 1968

Nationality: Austrian

Playing career: Rapid Wien (twice), Werder Bremen (twice), Bayern München, Los Angeles Galaxy

Coaching career: Austria (assistant), Austria Under-21, United States (assistant), United States U23, Israel

- A Vienna-born attacking midfielder, Herzog started his senior career as a teenager with Rapid Wien and made his first appearance for the national team shortly before his 20th birthday. He would go on to become Austria's most-capped player with 103 appearances (23 goals) – a record that still stands.
- Twice an Austrian champion with Rapid Wien, the gifted left-footer's best years at club level came in Germany at Werder Bremen, with whom he won the Bundesliga title in 1992/93 and two German Cups. He also scored a personal-best tally of 15 Bundesliga goals in 1996/97, the season in which he returned to Werder after just one year away at Bayern München where he became a UEFA Cup winner.
- Returned home to Rapid in 2001 for two further years in the Austrian Bundesliga and then headed west to see out his career with MLS side Los Angeles Galaxy.
- Began his coaching career as caretaker of the Austria national team in 2005 and went on to be assistant to Karel Brückner. He continued to be head coach of the Austrian U-21 team, playing a key part in the development of future senior internationals such as David Alaba.
- In 2011 he joined forces again with his former Bayern team-mate Jürgen Klinsmann to become the assistant coach of the United States national team, helping them reach the round of 16 at the 2014 FIFA World Cup. After a spell in charge of the USA's Under-23s he took on work as a TV pundit before accepting an offer to become head coach of Israel on 1 August 2018.

Match officials

Referee	Anthony Taylor (ENG)
Assistant referees	Gary Beswick (ENG) , Adam Nunn (ENG)
Fourth official	Chris Kavanagh (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Márton Esterházy (HUN)
UEFA Referee observer	Manuel Lopez Fernandez (ESP)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Anthony Taylor	20/10/1978	3	48

Anthony Taylor

Referee since: 2002

First division: 2010

FIFA badge: 2013

Tournaments: 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup, 2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

Finals

2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

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
17/11/2014	U19	QR	Israel	Ukraine	0-5	Netanya

Match-by-match lineups

Slovenia

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)

Israel 1-1 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Šporar 48, 1-1 Zahavi 55

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličič, Kurtić, Šporar (85 Bohar), Zajc (62 Črnigoj), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (90 Bijol)

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Slovenia 1-1 North Macedonia

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

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličič, Kurtić, Šporar (71 Berić), Zajc (90 Zahović), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (84 Črnigoj)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Austria 1-0 Slovenia

Goals: 1-0 Burgstaller 74

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Bijol (63 Popović), Iličič, Kurtić, Šporar, Zajc (69 Bohar), Jokić, Črnigoj (78 Berić), M. Mevlja, Stojanović

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Latvia 0-5 Slovenia

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

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Iličič, Kurtić, Zajc (64 Bijol), Jokić, Črnigoj (83 Majer), M. Mevlja, Popović (77 Zahović), Berić, Stojanović

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Slovenia 2-0 Poland

Goals: 1-0 Aljaž Struna 35, 2-0 Šporar 65

Slovenia: Oblak, Balkovec, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličič, Kurtić, Šporar (85 Popović), Bezjak, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (62 Črnigoj)

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Slovenia-Israel

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

North Macedonia-Slovenia

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Slovenia-Austria

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Poland-Slovenia

Israel

Final tournament - Qualifying round

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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)

Israel 1-1 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Šporar 48, 1-1 Zahavi 55

Israel: Harush, Dasa, Natcho (79 A. Cohen), Zahavi, Dabbur, Yeini, Tawatha (77 Cohen), D. Peretz, Taha, Ben Harush, Kayal (63 Solomon)

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Israel 4-2 Austria

Goals: 0-1 Arnautović 8, 1-1 Zahavi 34, 2-1 Zahavi 45, 3-1 Zahavi 55, 4-1 Dabbur 66, 4-2 Arnautović 75

Israel: Harush, Dasa, Dgani, Natcho, Zahavi, Dabbur (80 Hemed), Yeini, D. Peretz, Taha (77 Habashi), Ben Harush, Kayal (72 A. Cohen)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Latvia 0-3 Israel

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

Israel: Harush, Dasa, Bitton, Natcho, Zahavi, Seba (66 Sahar), Yeini, D. Peretz, Taha, Ben Harush (81 Cohen), Kayal (73 Glazer)

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Poland 4-0 Israel

Goals: 1-0 K. Piątek 35, 2-0 Lewandowski 56 (P) , 3-0 Grosicki 59, 4-0 Kądzior 84

Israel: Harush, Dasa, Bitton (82 Elhamed), Natcho, Zahavi, Solomon (72 Seba), Yeini, D. Peretz, Taha, Ben Harush, Kayal (57 Cohen)

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Israel 1-1 North Macedonia

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

Israel: Marciano, Dasa, Elhamed, Natcho, Zahavi, Dabbur (75 Hemed), Solomon, D. Peretz, Taha, Dgani, Ben Harush (60 Kayal)

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Slovenia-Israel

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Austria-Israel

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Israel-Latvia

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Israel-Poland

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