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Iceland

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/06/2019	QR (GS)	Iceland - Albania	1-0	Reykjavik	Gudmundsson 22

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/09/2013	QR (GS)	Iceland - Albania	2-1	Reykjavik	B. Bjarnason 14, Sighórsson 47; Rama 9
12/10/2012	QR (GS)	Albania - Iceland	1-2	Tirana	Çani 29; B. Bjarnason 19, G. Sigurdsson 81

EURO '92

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/05/1991	PR (GS)	Albania - Iceland	1-0	Tirana	Abazi 65
30/05/1990	PR (GS)	Iceland - Albania	2-0	Reykjavik	Gudjohnsen 41, Edvaldsson 82

	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																		
Albania	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	1	3
Iceland	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	3	1
FIFA*																		
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	2	4
Iceland	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	4	2
Friendlies																		
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	2	1
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	1	2
Total																		
Albania	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	2	0	4	5	8
Iceland	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	6	4	0	2	8	5

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

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		
-	Thomas Strakosha	19/03/1995	24	Lazio	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Gentian Selmani	09/03/1998	21	Laç	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Frédéric Veseli	20/11/1992	26	Empoli	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Mërgim Mavraj	09/06/1986	33	Fürth	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Elseid Hysaj	02/02/1994	25	Napoli	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Berat Xhimshiti	19/02/1993	26	Atalanta	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Marash Kumbulla	08/02/2000	19	Verona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ardian Ismajli	30/09/1996	22	Hajduk Split	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Kastriot Dermaku	15/01/1992	27	Parma	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Odise Roshi	22/05/1991	28	Akhmat	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Taulant Xhaka	28/03/1991	28	Basel	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Amir Abrashi	27/03/1990	29	Freiburg	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Ermir Lenjani	05/08/1989	30	Sion	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Ledian Memushaj	07/12/1986	32	Pescara	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Keidi Bare	28/08/1997	22	Málaga	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kristi Qose	10/06/1995	24	Ružomberok	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ylber Ramadani	12/04/1996	23	VB	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Klaus Gjasula	14/12/1989	29	Paderborn	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Bekim Balaj	11/01/1991	28	Sturm	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Sokol Çikalleshi	27/07/1990	29	Akhisar	-	3	2	0	0		
-	Rei Manaj	24/02/1997	22	Albacete	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Myrto Uzuni	31/05/1995	24	Lokomotiva Zagreb	-	4	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Edoardo Reja	10/10/1945	73		-	3	0	0	0		

Iceland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Hannes Halldórsson	27/04/1984	35	Valur	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Ögmundur Kristinsson	19/06/1989	30	Larissa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Rúnar Rúnarsson	18/02/1995	24	Dijon	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Ragnar Sigurdsson	19/06/1986	33	Rostov	-	5	2	0	0		
-	Ari Skúlason	14/05/1987	32	Oostende	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Kári Árnason	13/10/1982	36	Vikingur Reykjavík	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Victor Pálsson	30/04/1991	28	Darmstadt	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jón Gudni Fjóluson	10/04/1989	30	Krasnodar	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Hörður Magnússon	11/02/1993	26	CSKA Moskva	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Hjörtur Hermannsson	08/02/1995	24	Brøndby	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Samúel Friðjónsson	22/02/1996	23	Viking	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Daníel Leó Grétarsson	02/10/1995	23	Aalesund	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Emil Hallfredsson	29/06/1984	35		-	2	0	0	0		
-	Birkir Bjarnason	27/05/1988	31		*	5	2	0	0		
-	Aron Gunnarsson	22/04/1989	30	Al-Arabi SC	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Gylfi Sigurdsson	08/09/1989	30	Everton	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Rúnar Már Sigurjónsson	18/06/1990	29	Astana	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Arnór Ingvi Traustason	30/04/1993	26	Malmö	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Albert Guðmundsson	15/06/1997	22	AZ Alkmaar	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Kolbeinn Sigthórsson	14/03/1990	29	AIK	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Vidar Kjartansson	11/03/1990	29	Rubin	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Jón Dadi Bödvarsson	25/05/1992	27	Millwall	-	2	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Erik Hamrén	27/06/1957	62		-	5	0	0	0		

Head coach

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.

Erik Hamrén

Date of birth: 27 June 1957

Nationality: Swedish

Playing career: Ljusdal, Stockviks

Coaching career: Njurunda (youth), Sundsvall (youth), Bro (youth), Enköping, Väsby, Brommapojkarna, Vasalund, Degerfors, AIK, Örgryte, AaB, Rosenborg, Sweden, Iceland

- Hamrén's short-lived playing career began with home-town club Ljusdal at 17, but after a two-year spell both there and at Stockviks, he was forced into retirement through injury.
- Began coaching at junior level before taking on his first senior post with Enköping and experienced his first major success nine years later, when he led AIK to victory in the 1996 Swedish Cup – a trophy he successfully defended with the Stockholm side the following year. He also took the team to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1996/97, where they bowed out to eventual winners Barcelona. A third Swedish Cup was added to his CV with Örgryte in 2000.
- After moving abroad in 2004 to join AaB he won the Danish Superliga in 2008, having also led them into the UEFA Cup group stage, then followed up with back-to-back Norwegian championships at Rosenborg.
- During his time in Trondheim he was appointed as the coach of the Swedish national side, doing the two jobs simultaneously until he stepped down from his Rosenborg duties in September 2010 to take charge of Sweden full time. Over the next six years he led his country to the finals of both UEFA EURO 2012 and UEFA EURO 2016, missing out on the 2014 FIFA World Cup only after a qualifying play-off defeat by Portugal.
- After two years out of the game he was recalled to the international arena by Iceland, who appointed him as their new head coach on 8 August 2018 in succession to Heimir Hallgrímsson.

Match officials

Referee	Ivan Kružliak (SVK)
Assistant referees	Tomaš Somolani (SVK) , Milan Štrbo (SVK)
Fourth official	Peter Kralović (SVK)
UEFA Delegate	Alin Cioban (ROU)
UEFA Referee observer	Juan Antonio Fernandez Marin (ESP)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Ivan Kružliak	24/03/1984	4	71

Ivan Kruzliak

Referee since: 2003
First division: 2008
FIFA badge: 2011

Tournaments: 2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2012 UEFA European Under-17 Championship

Finals

2012 UEFA European Under-17 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
23/07/2013	UCL	2QR	FH Hafnarfjörður	FK Ekranas	2-1	Hafnarfjörður
06/08/2013	UCL	3QR	KF Skënderbeu	FC Shakhter Karagandy	3-2	Tirana
26/03/2016	FRIE.	GS-FT	Austria	Albania	2-1	Vienna
03/08/2016	UCL	3QR	FC Salzburg	FK Partizani	2-0	Salzburg

Match-by-match lineups

Albania

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	5	4	0	1	16	4	12
Turkey	5	4	0	1	10	2	12
Iceland	5	4	0	1	8	5	12
Albania	5	2	0	3	6	7	6
Moldova	5	1	0	4	2	13	3
Andorra	5	0	0	5	0	11	0

Matchday 1 (22/03/2019)

Albania 0-2 Turkey

Goals: 0-1 Burak Yılmaz 21, 0-2 Hakan 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 4-1 Albania

Goals: 1-0 Coman 8, 2-0 Giroud 27, 3-0 Coman 68, 4-0 Ikoné 85, 4-1 Çikalleshi 90 (P)

Albania: Strakosha, Ramadani (53 Gjasula), Hysaj, Xhimshiti, Bare, Uzuni, Mavraj, Ismajli, Balaj (62 Çikalleshi), Roshi, Abrashi (73 Xhaka)

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

Iceland

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group H

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Iceland	5	4	0	1	8	5	12
Albania	5	2	0	3	6	7	6
Moldova	5	1	0	4	2	13	3
Andorra	5	0	0	5	0	11	0

Matchday 1 (22/03/2019)

Andorra 0-2 Iceland

Goals: 0-1 B. Bjarnason 22, 0-2 Kjartansson 80

Iceland: Halldórsson, B. Sævarsson, R. Sigurdsson, Gudmundsson (83 Traustason), B. Bjarnason, G. Sigurdsson, Finnbogason (70 Kjartansson), Árnason, A. Gunnarsson (63 Sigurjónsson), Sigurdsson, A. Skúlason

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

Iceland: Halldórsson, B. Sævarsson (84 A. Skúlason), Ingason, R. Sigurdsson, B. Bjarnason, G. Sigurdsson, Árnason, Sigurjónsson (57 Traustason), A. Gunnarsson, H. Magnússon, Guðmundsson (62 Finnbogason)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Iceland 1-0 Albania

Goals: 1-0 Gudmundsson 22

Iceland: Halldórsson, Hermannsson, R. Sigurdsson, Gudmundsson (56 Traustason), B. Bjarnason, G. Sigurdsson, Árnason, Sigurjónsson (81 Sigurdsson), A. Gunnarsson, Kjartansson (63 Sigthórsson), A. Skúlason

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Iceland 2-1 Turkey

Goals: 1-0 R. Sigurdsson 21, 2-0 R. Sigurdsson 32, 2-1 Dorukhan Toköz 40

Iceland: Halldórsson, Hermannsson, R. Sigurdsson, Gudmundsson (80 Traustason), B. Bjarnason, G. Sigurdsson, Árnason, A. Gunnarsson, Hallfredsson, Bødvarsson (64 Sigthórsson), A. Skúlason (69 H. Magnússon)

Matchday 5 (07/09/2019)

Iceland 3-0 Moldova

Goals: 1-0 Sigthórsson 31, 2-0 B. Bjarnason 55, 3-0 Bødvarsson 77

Iceland: Halldórsson, Hermannsson, R. Sigurdsson, B. Bjarnason (78 Sigurjónsson), Sigthórsson (63 Hallfredsson), G. Sigurdsson, Árnason, A. Gunnarsson, Traustason, Bødvarsson (84 Kjartansson), A. Skúlason

Matchday 6 (10/09/2019)

Albania-Iceland

Matchday 7 (11/10/2019)

Iceland-France

Matchday 8 (14/10/2019)

Iceland-Andorra

Matchday 9 (14/11/2019)

Turkey-Iceland

Matchday 10 (17/11/2019)

Moldova-Iceland

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