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Group G - Matchday 2



Slovenia

North Macedonia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

	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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	3	4	9
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	0	1	9	4
Total																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	3	4	9
North Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	0	1	9	4

* 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	28	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jan Oblak	07/01/1993	26	Atlético	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Grega Sorčan	05/03/1996	23	Gorica	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Bojan Jokić	17/05/1986	32	Ufa	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Andraž Struna	23/04/1989	29	Anorthosis	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nemanja Mitrovič	15/10/1992	26	Jagiellonia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aljaž Struna	04/08/1990	28	Houston Dynamo	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Miha Mevlja	12/06/1990	28	Rostov	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Miha Blažič	08/05/1993	25	Ferencváros	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Petar Stojanović	07/10/1995	23	Dinamo Zagreb	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jon Stankovič	14/01/1996	23	Huddersfield	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jure Balkovec	09/09/1994	24	Verona	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	René Krhin	21/05/1990	28	Nantes	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Josip Iličić	29/01/1988	31	Atalanta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jasmin Kurtič	10/01/1989	30	SPAL	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Miha Zajc	01/07/1994	24	Fenerbahçe	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Domen Črnigoj	18/11/1995	23	Lugano	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Damjan Bohar	18/10/1991	27	Zagłębie	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Benjamin Verbič	27/11/1993	25	Dynamo Kyiv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jaka Bijol	05/02/1999	20	CSKA Moskva	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Robert Berić	17/06/1991	27	St-Étienne	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Luka Zahović	15/11/1995	23	Maribor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andraž Šporar	27/02/1994	25	Slovan Bratislava	-	1	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Matjaž Kek	09/09/1961	57		-	1	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	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Damjan Siskovski	18/03/1995	24	RoPS	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Deyan Iliev	25/02/1995	24	Arsenal	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Kire Ristevski	22/10/1990	28	Újpest	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Stefan Ristovski	12/02/1992	27	Sporting CP	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Visar Musliu	13/11/1994	24	Shkëndija	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Egzijan Alioski	12/02/1992	27	Leeds	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Darko Velkoski	21/06/1995	23	Rijeka	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Gjoko Zajkov	10/02/1995	24	Charleroi	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Egzon Bejtulai	07/01/1994	25	Shkëndija	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kristijan Toševski	06/05/1994	24	Vardar	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Boban Nikolov	28/07/1994	24	Vidi	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Enis Bardi	02/07/1995	23	Levante	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Eljif Elmas	24/09/1999	19	Fenerbahçe	-	1	2	0	0		
-	Darko Churlinov	11/07/2000	18	Köln	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Goran Pandev	27/07/1983	35	Genoa	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Krste Velkoski	20/02/1988	31	Sarajevo	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ilija Nestorovski	12/03/1990	29	Palermo	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandar Trajkovski	05/09/1992	26	Palermo	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kire Markoski	20/02/1995	24	Spartak Trnava	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Igor Angelovski	02/06/1976	42		-	1	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.

Igor Angelovski

Date of birth: 2 June 1976

Nationality: Macedonian

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

Coaching career: Rabotnicki, FYR Macedonia (assistant), FYR 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 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	Xavier Estrada Fernandez (ESP)
Assistant referees	Javier Rodriguez (ESP) , Teodoro Sobrino (ESP)
Fourth official	Alejandro Hernández (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Karl Espen Eriksen (NOR)
UEFA Referee observer	Iouri Baskakov (RUS)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Xavier Estrada Fernandez	27/01/1976	2	37

Javier Estrada

Referee since: 1996

First division: 2009

FIFA badge: 2013

Tournaments: 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2014 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

Finals

2014 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

No such matches refereed

Match-by-match lineups

Slovenia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	4	4	0	0	8	0	12
Israel	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Austria	4	2	0	2	7	6	6
Slovenia	4	1	2	1	7	3	5
North Macedonia	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Latvia	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

(21/03/2019)

Israel 1-1 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Šporar 48, 1-1 Zahavi 55

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

(24/03/2019)

Slovenia-North Macedonia

(07/06/2019)

Austria-Slovenia

(10/06/2019)

Latvia-Slovenia

(06/09/2019)

Slovenia-Poland

(09/09/2019)

Slovenia-Israel

(10/10/2019)

North Macedonia-Slovenia

(13/10/2019)

Slovenia-Austria

(16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

(19/11/2019)

Poland-Slovenia

North Macedonia

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Latvia	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

(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

(24/03/2019)

Slovenia-North Macedonia

(07/06/2019)

North Macedonia-Poland

(10/06/2019)

North Macedonia-Austria

(05/09/2019)

Israel-North Macedonia

(09/09/2019)

Latvia-North Macedonia

(10/10/2019)

North Macedonia-Slovenia

(13/10/2019)

Poland-North Macedonia

(16/11/2019)

Austria-North Macedonia

(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