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Slovenia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/06/1999	PR (GS)	Latvia - Slovenia	1-2	Liepaja	Pahars 17; Zahovič 26, 42
14/10/1998	PR (GS)	Slovenia - Latvia	1-0	Maribor	Udovič 86

	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	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	1	3
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	3	1
FIFA*																		
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	0
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	0	1
Total																		
Latvia	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	2	2	3
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	0	1	3	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		
-	Pāvels Šteinbors	21/09/1985	33	Arka	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kaspars Ikstens	05/06/1988	31	Rīgas FS	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Aleksandrs Solovjovs	25/02/1988	31	Rīgas FS	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vitālijs Maksimenko	08/12/1990	28	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kaspars Dubra	20/12/1990	28	Irtysch	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Vitālijs Jagodinskis	28/02/1992	27	Rīgas FS	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mārcis Ošs	25/07/1991	27	Xamax	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Antonijs Černomordijs	26/09/1996	22	Riga	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Oļegs Laizāns	28/03/1987	32	Riga	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Vladimirs Kamešs	28/10/1988	30	SKA-Energiya	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ritvars Rugins	17/10/1989	29	Riga	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Savaļnieks	04/02/1993	26	Rīgas FS	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Andrejs Cigaņiks	12/04/1997	22	Cambuur	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Uldriķis	03/04/1998	21	Sion	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Raivis Jurkovskis	09/12/1996	22	Liepāja	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Daniels Ontuzans	07/03/2000	19	Bayern	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kristers Tobers	13/12/2000	18	Liepāja	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Mārtiņš Ķigurs	31/03/1997	22	Liepāja	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Artūrs Karašausks	29/01/1992	27	Riga	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Deniss Rakels	20/08/1992	26	Pafos	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Valērijs Šabala	12/10/1994	24	Podbeskidzie	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Gutkovskis	02/04/1995	24	Nieciecza	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Slaviša Stojanovic	06/12/1969	49		-	3	0	0	0		

Slovenia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Vid Belec	06/06/1990	29	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nejc Vidmar	31/03/1989	30	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jan Oblak	07/01/1993	26	Atlético	-	3	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Bojan Jokić	17/05/1986	33	Ufa	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Andraž Struna	23/04/1989	30	Anorthosis	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nemanja Mitrović	15/10/1992	26	Jagiellonia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aljaž Struna	04/08/1990	28	Houston Dynamo	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Miha Mevlja	12/06/1990	28	Rostov	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Miha Blažič	08/05/1993	26	Ferencváros	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Petar Stojanović	07/10/1995	23	Dinamo Zagreb	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Jon Stanković	14/01/1996	23	Huddersfield	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jure Balkovec	09/09/1994	24	Verona	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Josip Iličić	29/01/1988	31	Atalanta	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Jasmin Kurtić	10/01/1989	30	SPAL	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Denis Popović	15/10/1989	29	Orenburg	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Miha Zajc	01/07/1994	24	Fenerbahçe	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Domen Črnigoj	18/11/1995	23	Lugano	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Damjan Bohar	18/10/1991	27	Zagłębie	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Žan Majer	25/07/1992	26	Lecce	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jaka Bijol	05/02/1999	20	CSKA Moskva	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Robert Berić	17/06/1991	27	St-Étienne	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Luka Zahović	15/11/1995	23	Maribor	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jan Mlakar	23/10/1998	20	Maribor	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Matjaž Kek	09/09/1961	57		-	3	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.

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.

Match officials

Referee	Kevin Clancy (SCO)
Assistant referees	Jordan Stokoe (SCO) , Daniel McFarlane (SCO)
Fourth official	Chris Kavanagh (ENG)
UEFA Delegate	Roxana Berceanu (ROU)
UEFA Referee observer	Thomas Einwaller (AUT)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Kevin Clancy	23/11/1983	0	44

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
22/03/2013	WC	QR	Liechtenstein	Latvia	1-1	Vaduz

Match-by-match lineups

Latvia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	10	8	1	1	18	5	25
Austria	10	6	1	3	19	9	19
North Macedonia	10	4	2	4	12	13	14
Slovenia	10	4	2	4	16	11	14
Israel	10	3	2	5	16	18	11
Latvia	10	1	0	9	3	28	3

(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

(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)

(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

(10/06/2019)

Latvia-Slovenia

(06/09/2019)

Austria-Latvia

(09/09/2019)

Latvia-North Macedonia

(10/10/2019)

Latvia-Poland

(15/10/2019)

Israel-Latvia

(16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

(19/11/2019)

Latvia-Austria

Slovenia

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(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 1-1 North Macedonia

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

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

(07/06/2019)

Austria 1-0 Slovenia

Goals: 1-0 Burgstaller 74

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

(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

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Latvia

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – group stage
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify

EURO final tournament win

N/A

EURO final tournament loss

3-0: Netherlands v Latvia, 23/06/04

Qualifying win

4-0: Latvia v Iceland, 07/10/06

EURO qualifying loss

6-0: Netherlands v Latvia, 16/11/14

Final tournament appearances

3: Vitālijs Astafjevs
3: Oļegs Blagonadeždins
3: Imants Bleidelis
3: Aleksandrs Isakovs
3: Aleksandrs Koljinko
3: Juris Laizāns
3: Valentīns Lobaņovs
3: Marians Pahars
3: Andrejs Prohorenkovs
3: Andrejs Rubins
3: Igors Stepanovs
3: Māris Verpakovskis
3: Mihails Zemļinskis

Final tournament goals

1: Māris Verpakovskis

Overall appearances

43: Vitālijs Astafjevs
34: Imants Bleidelis
33: Juris Laizāns
33: Andrejs Rubins
32: Māris Verpakovskis

Overall goals

14: Māris Verpakovskis
5: Vīts Rimkus
5: Juris Laizāns
5: Aleksandrs Cauņa
4: Aleksejs Višņakovs
3: Vitālijs Astafjevs
3: Imants Bleidelis
3: Kaspars Gorkšs
3: Marians Pahars
3: Andrejs Štolcers
3: Armands Zeiberlins
3: Valērijs Šabala

UEFA European Championship records: Slovenia

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – group stage
1996 – did not qualify

Final tournament win

N/A

Final tournament loss

1-2: Slovenia v Spain, 18/06/00

Qualifying win

6-0: Slovenia v San Marino, 27/03/15

Qualifying loss

5-0: France v Slovenia, 12/10/02

Final tournament appearances

3: Milenko Ačimovič

3: Aleš Čeh

3: Mladen Dabanovič

3: Marinko Galič

3: Amir Karič

3: Željko Milinovič

3: Džoni Novak

3: Milan Osterc

3: Miran Pavlin

3: Mladen Rudonja

3: Zlatko Zahovič

Final tournament goals

3: Zlatko Zahovič

1: Miran Pavlin

Overall appearances

32: Valter Birsa

30: Zlatko Zahovič

29: Boštjan Cesar

28: Samir Handanovič

28: Milivoje Novakovič

27: Milenko Ačimovič

27: Bojan Jokić

24: Robert Koren

23: Aleš Čeh

23: Džoni Novak

23: Miran Pavlin

Overall goals

18: Zlatko Zahovič

10: Milivoje Novakovič

9: Ermin Šiljak

5: Tim Matavž

4: Klemen Lavrič

4: Sašo Udovič

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