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Russia

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Cyprus

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/03/1997	QR (GS)	Cyprus - Russia	1-1	Paralimni	Gogić 29; Simutenkov 31
01/09/1996	QR (GS)	Russia - Cyprus	4-0	Moscow	Nikiforov 8, 50, Kolyvanov 34, Beschastnykh 81

EURO '92

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
13/11/1991	PR (GS)	Cyprus - Commonwealth of Independent States	0-3	Larnaca	Protasov 26, Yuran 78, Kanchelskis 81
29/05/1991	PR (GS)	Commonwealth of Independent States - Cyprus	4-0	Moscow	Mostovoi 10, Mykhailychenko 51, Korneev 87, Aleinikov 89

1972 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
07/06/1971	PR (GS)	USSR Football Federation - Cyprus	6-1	Moscow	Fedotov 4, 86, Evryuzhikhin 23, 38, Kolotov 59, Banishevski 85; Michael 75
15/11/1970	PR (GS)	Cyprus - USSR Football Federation	1-3	Nicosia	Charalambous 42; Kolotov 10, Evryuzhikhin 16, Shevchenko 50

	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																		
Russia	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	4	0	0	16	2
Cyprus	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	4	2	16
FIFA*																		
Russia	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	5	1
Cyprus	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	1	5
Friendlies																		
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	0
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	0	1
Total																		
Russia	3	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	7	6	1	0	22	3

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Cyprus	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	7	0	1	6	3	22

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Russia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Guilherme	12/12/1985	33	Lokomotiv Moskva	-	3	0	0	0	5	-
-	Anton Shunin	27/01/1987	32	Dinamo Moskva	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
-	Andrei Lunev	13/11/1991	27	Zenit	-	0	0	0	0	5	-
Defenders											
-	Fedor Kudryashov	05/04/1987	32	İstanbul Başakşehir	-	3	1	0	0	27	1
-	Sergei Petrov	02/01/1991	28	Krasnodar	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
-	Roman Neustädter	18/02/1988	31	Fenerbahçe	-	0	0	0	0	8	-
-	Maksim Belyaev	30/09/1991	27	Arsenal Tula	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Mário Fernandes	19/09/1990	28	CSKA Moskva	-	3	0	0	0	14	1
-	Andrei Semenov	24/03/1989	30	Akhmat	-	2	0	0	0	10	-
-	Georgi Dzhikiya	21/11/1992	26	Spartak Moskva	-	3	0	0	0	12	-
-	Yevgeni Chernov	23/10/1992	26	Rostov	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
-	Aleksei Ionov	18/02/1989	30	Rostov	-	2	0	0	0	15	2
-	Magomed Ozdoev	05/11/1992	26	Zenit	-	2	0	0	0	14	1
-	Roman Zobnin	11/02/1994	25	Spartak Moskva	-	1	0	0	0	19	-
-	Aleksandr Golovin	30/05/1996	23	Monaco	-	2	0	0	0	25	3
-	Dmitri Barinov	11/09/1996	22	Lokomotiv Moskva	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
-	Anton Miranchuk	17/10/1995	23	Lokomotiv Moskva	-	2	1	0	0	9	1
-	Aleksei Miranchuk	17/10/1995	23	Lokomotiv Moskva	-	2	0	0	0	22	4
-	Ilzat Akhmetov	31/12/1997	21	CSKA Moskva	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
-	Zelimkhan Bakaev	01/07/1996	22	Arsenal Tula	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Forwards											
-	Artem Dzyuba	22/08/1988	30	Zenit	-	3	5	0	0	31	19
-	Fedor Smolov	09/02/1990	29	Lokomotiv Moskva	-	2	2	0	0	39	14
-	Fedor Chalov	10/04/1998	21	CSKA Moskva	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Coach											
-	Stanislav Cherchesov	02/09/1963	55		-	3	0	0	0	28	-

Cyprus

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Urko Pardo	28/01/1983	36	Alki Oroklini	-	2	0	0	0	4	-
-	Neofytos Michael	16/12/1993	25	Giannina	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Konstantinos Petrou	23/09/1997	21	Paralimni	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
-	Georgios Vasiliou	12/06/1984	34	Apollon	-	0	0	0	0	8	-
-	Marios Antoniades	14/05/1990	29	AEK Larnaca	-	0	0	0	0	14	-
-	Margaça	17/07/1985	33	Nea Salamis	-	2	0	0	0	12	-
-	Nicholas Ioannou	10/11/1995	23	APOEL	-	3	0	0	0	6	-
-	Ioannis Kousoulos	14/06/1996	22	Omonia	-	3	2	0	0	4	2
Midfielders											
-	Andreas Avraam	06/06/1987	32	AEL	-	0	0	0	0	35	5
-	George Efrem	05/07/1989	29	APOEL	-	3	1	0	0	39	4
-	Kostakis Artymatas	15/04/1993	26	APOEL	-	3	0	0	0	26	-
-	Kostas Laifis	19/05/1993	26	Standard Liège	-	3	1	0	0	24	3
-	Fanos Katellaris	26/08/1996	22	Omonia	-	0	0	0	0	7	1
-	Antreas Makris	27/11/1995	23	AEL	-	3	0	0	0	20	-
-	Matija Špoljarić	02/04/1997	22	Alki Oroklini	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
-	Ioannis Pittas	10/07/1996	22	Paralimni	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
-	Michalis Ioannou	30/06/2000	18	Anorthosis	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
-	Ioannis Costi	17/03/2000	19	Nea Salamis	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
-	Anthony Georgiou	24/02/1997	22	Levante	-	3	0	0	0	4	-
Forwards											
-	Pieros Sotiriou	13/01/1993	26	København	-	2	2	0	0	29	7
-	Minas Antoniou	22/02/1994	25	Paralimni	-	1	0	0	0	2	-
-	Nestor Mytidis	01/06/1991	28	AEL	-	1	0	0	0	32	5
Coach											
-	Ran Ben Simon	28/11/1970	48		-	3	0	0	0	11	-

Head coach

Stanislav Cherchesov

Date of birth: 2 September 1963

Nationality: Russian

Playing career: Spartak Ordzhonikidze, Spartak Moskva (four times), Lokomotiv Moskva, Dynamo Dresden, Tirol Innsbruck

Coaching career: Kufstein, Wacker Tirol, Spartak Moskva, Zhemchuzhina Sochi, Terek Grozny, Amkar Perm, Dinamo Moskva, Legia Warszawa, Russia

- Born in North Ossetia, goalkeeper Cherchesov captained Russia in their first international after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, against Mexico in 1992, and was selected for the 1994 and 2002 FIFA World Cups as well as EURO '96. At club level, Cherchesov was ever-present as Spartak finished the 1995/96 UEFA Champions League group stage with maximum points.
- After a spell in Austria, where he started his coaching career, Cherchesov rejoined Spartak in the summer of 2006 as sporting director. He replaced Vladimir Fedotov as coach in June 2007 and led the team to a second-place finish that season. Cherchesov parted company with Spartak after an 8-2 aggregate defeat against Dynamo Kyiv in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.
- After a brief stint at second-tier Zhemchuzhina Sochi, Cherchesov coached Terek from 2011 to 2013, guiding them to eighth in the Russian Premier-Liga in the latter season – the highest finish in their history. He took charge of Amkar Perm in June 2013 but left the following April for Dinamo Moskva.
- Under Cherchesov, Dinamo won all six of their group matches in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage, losing to Napoli in the round of 16. The capital outfit finished fourth in the Premier-Liga that campaign and Cherchesov was soon dismissed.
- Cherchesov was appointed by Legia less than three months later, his sole season at the helm yielding the domestic double for the Warsaw club in their centenary year. On 11 August 2016, Cherchesov was announced as Russia coach and unexpectedly led the team to the 2018 World Cup quarter-finals on home soil, the highlight a shoot-out defeat of Spain in the round of 16.

Ran Ben Shimon

Date of birth: 28 November 1970

Nationality: Israeli

Playing career: Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Hapoel Haifa, Hapoel Petach-Tikva, Bnei Yehuda Tel-Aviv

Coaching career: Hapoel Haifa, Hapoel Kiryat Shmona (twice), Maccabi Tel-Aviv, AEK Larnaca, Hapoel Tel-Aviv, Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Beitar Jerusalem, Ashdod, Cyprus

- Capped 34 times as a defender for Israel, Ben Shimon spent much of his career with home-town clubs Maccabi Petach-Tikva and Hapoel Petach-Tikva, but was perhaps in his prime during a six-year spell at Hapoel Haifa, during which he won the 1998/99 Israeli championship – the club's first league title.
- After hanging up his boots in 2003 following a stint at Bnei Yehuda, Ben Shimon was in charge of Maccabi Tel-Aviv's youth teams, taking his first senior jobs in the second tier with Hapoel Haifa and then Kiryat Shmona, whom he led to promotion in his first campaign at the helm.
- Briefly in the Maccabi Tel-Aviv hot seat in 2008, he guided Kiryat Shmona to another promotion after rejoining them in 2009, then masterminded their shock title success of 2011/12. He moved abroad for the first time in 2012 to coach Cypriot club AEK Larnaca, earning a third-placed finish in his sole season in command.
- Returning to Israel in 2013, he subsequently held the reins at Hapoel Tel-Aviv, Maccabi Petach-Tikva, Beitar Jerusalem and – in 2016/17 – Ashdod.
- Ben Shimon accepted the Cyprus post in July 2017, filling the void left by Christakis Christoforou's departure, and the following month oversaw a memorable 3-2 home win against Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying.

Match officials

Referee	Marco Di Bello (ITA)
Assistant referees	Giorgio Peretti (ITA) , Ciro Carbone (ITA)
Fourth official	Maurizio Mariani (ITA)
UEFA Delegate	Jan Damgaard (DEN)
UEFA Referee observer	Elmir Pilav (BIH)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Marco Di Bello	12/07/1981	0	8

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

Russia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	10	10	0	0	40	3	30
Russia	10	8	0	2	33	8	24
Scotland	10	5	0	5	16	19	15
Cyprus	10	3	1	6	15	20	10
Kazakhstan	10	3	1	6	13	17	10
San Marino	10	0	0	10	1	51	0

(21/03/2019)

Belgium 3-1 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Tielemans 14, 1-1 Cheryshev 16, 2-1 E. Hazard 45 (P) , 3-1 E. Hazard 88

Russia: Guilherme, Mário Fernandes, Nababkin, Cheryshev (64 Chalov), Kuzyaev (26 Anton Miranchuk), Kudryashov, Dzhikiya, Golovin, Zhirkov, Akhmetov, Dzyuba (77 Smolov)

(24/03/2019)

Kazakhstan 0-4 Russia

Goals: 0-1 Cheryshev 19, 0-2 Cheryshev 45+2, 0-3 Dzyuba 52, 0-4 Beysebekov 62 (og)

Russia: Guilherme, Mário Fernandes, Semenov, Cheryshev, Ozdoev, Gazinski, Kudryashov, Dzhikiya, Akhmetov (72 Aleksei Miranchuk), Ionov (61 Ignatyev), Dzyuba (82 Chalov)

(08/06/2019)

Russia 9-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Cevoli 25 (og) , 2-0 Dzyuba 31 (P) , 3-0 Kudryashov 36, 4-0 Anton Miranchuk 41, 5-0 Dzyuba 73, 6-0 Dzyuba 76, 7-0 Smolov 77, 8-0 Smolov 83, 9-0 Dzyuba 88

Russia: Guilherme, Mário Fernandes, Semenov, Ozdoev, Zobnin (72 Barinov), Kudryashov, Dzhikiya, Aleksei Miranchuk (60 Ionov), Golovin, Anton Miranchuk (60 Smolov), Dzyuba

(11/06/2019)

Russia-Cyprus

(06/09/2019)

Scotland-Russia

(09/09/2019)

Russia-Kazakhstan

(10/10/2019)

Russia-Scotland

(13/10/2019)

Cyprus-Russia

(16/11/2019)

Russia-Belgium

(19/11/2019)

San Marino-Russia

Cyprus

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group I

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Kazakhstan	10	3	1	6	13	17	10
San Marino	10	0	0	10	1	51	0

(21/03/2019)

Cyprus 5-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Sotiriou 19 (P) , 2-0 Sotiriou 23 (P) , 3-0 Kousoulos 26, 4-0 Efrem 31, 5-0 Laifis 56

Cyprus: Panayi, N. Ioannou, Demetriou (65 Merkis), Efrem, Mytidis, Sotiriou (27 Makris), Kousoulos, Papoulis (54 Špoljarić), Artymatas, Laifis, Georgiou

(24/03/2019)

Cyprus 0-2 Belgium

Goals: 0-1 E. Hazard 10, 0-2 Batshuayi 18

Cyprus: Pardo, Dossa Júnior (46 Georgiou), N. Ioannou, Merkis, Efrem (75 Špoljarić), Antoniou (81 Makris), Kousoulos, Papoulis, Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis

(08/06/2019)

Scotland 2-1 Cyprus

Goals: 1-0 Robertson 61, 1-1 Kousoulos 87, 2-1 Burke 89

Cyprus: Pardo, Ioannou (66 Georgiou), N. Ioannou, Efrem, Sotiriou, Kousoulos, Makris (80 Pittas), Špoljarić (70 Costi), Margaça , Artymatas, Laifis

(11/06/2019)

Russia-Cyprus

(06/09/2019)

Cyprus-Kazakhstan

(09/09/2019)

San Marino-Cyprus

(10/10/2019)

Kazakhstan-Cyprus

(13/10/2019)

Cyprus-Russia

(16/11/2019)

Cyprus-Scotland

(19/11/2019)

Belgium-Cyprus

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Russia

History

2016 – group stage
2012 – group stage
2008 – semi-finals
2004 – group stage
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – group stage
1992 – group stage (as Commonwealth of Independent States)
1988 – runners-up (as Soviet Union)
1984 – did not qualify (as Soviet Union)
1980 – did not qualify (as Soviet Union)
1976 – quarter-finals (as Soviet Union)
1972 – runners-up (as Soviet Union)
1968 – fourth place (as Soviet Union)
1964 – runners-up (as Soviet Union)
1960 – winners (as Soviet Union)

Final tournament win

4-1: Russia v Czech Republic, 08/06/12
0-3: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union, 06/07/60

Final tournament defeat

4-1: Spain v Russia, 10/06/08
0-3: five times, most recently Russia v Wales, 20/06/16

Qualifying win

0-7: Liechtenstein v Russia, 08/09/15
0-7: San Marino v Russia, 07/06/95

Qualifying defeat

3-0: England v Russia, 12/09/07
3-0: Republic of Ireland v Soviet Union, 30/10/74

Final tournament appearances

10: Sergei Ignashevich
9: Aleksandr Anyukov
8: Roman Pavlyuchenko
8: Yuri Zhirkov
8: Igor Akinfeev
7: Konstantin Zyryanov
7: Roman Shirokov

Final tournament goals

4: Roman Pavlyuchenko
3: Alan Dzagoev
3: Valentin Ivanov
3: Viktor Ponedelnik
2: Andrey Arshavin

Overall appearances

49: Sergei Ignashevich
34: Viktor Onopko
34: Vasili Berezutski
29: Igor Akinfeev
28: Aleksandr Anyukov
28: Andrey Arshavin
28: Aleksandr Kerzhakov
28: Yuri Zhirkov
25: Aleksei Berezutski
23: Konstantin Zyryanov

Overall goals

10: Roman Pavlyuchenko
9: Aleksandr Kerzhakov
8: Alan Dzagoev
8: Valeri Karpin
8: Vladimir Beschastnykh
8: Artem Dzyuba

UEFA European Championship records: Cyprus

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
1996 – did not qualify
1992 – did not qualify
1988 – did not qualify
1984 – did not qualify
1980 – did not qualify
1976 – did not qualify
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – did not qualify
1964 – did not participate
1960 – did not participate

Qualifying win

4-0: Cyprus v San Marino, 10/02/99

Qualifying loss

8-0: Spain v Cyprus, 08/09/99
8-0: Netherlands v Cyprus, 28/10/87

Overall appearances

31: Ioannis Okkas
27: Charalambos Pittas
27: Constantinos Charalambides
26: Constantinos Makridis
24: Antonis Giorgallides
23: Nikos Pantziaras
22: Yiannakis Yiangoudakis
21: Michalis Konstantinou
21: Nicos Panagiotou
20: Georgios Savvides

Overall goals

10: Ioannis Okkas
8: Michalis Konstantinou
4: Constantinos Charalambides
4: Nestor Mytidis
4: Stathis Aloneftis
4: Milenko Špoljarić
3: Marios Agathocleous
3: George Efrem
3: Dimitris Christofi

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