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**Greece**

**OACA Spyros Louis - Athens**

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Group C2 - Matchday 3



**Hungary**

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## Head coach

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### Michael Skibbe

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**Date of birth:** 4 August 1965

**Nationality:** German

**Playing career:** Schalke

**Coaching career:** Borussia Dortmund, Germany (assistant), Bayer Leverkusen, Galatasaray, Eintracht Frankfurt, Eskişehirspor (twice), Hertha Berlin, Karabükspor, Grasshoppers, Greece

- Michael Skibbe started out as a midfielder at home-town club Schalke; however, the former youth international made just 15 first-team appearances before a series of cruciate injuries forced him to abandon his playing career in his early 20s.
- Impressing as a youth coach at Schalke and Dortmund, Skibbe became the youngest boss in Bundesliga history when he was given the senior job at Dortmund aged 32 in July 1998.
- Worked in tandem with Rudi Völler during the latter's time as Germany coach, reaching the 2002 FIFA World Cup final, but the pair resigned after the national team's early exit from UEFA EURO 2004. Skibbe returned to club football, coaching Leverkusen from 2005–08.
- First ventured abroad to coach Galatasaray from 2008–09. Went back to Turkey three more times, twice leading Eskişehirspor and briefly taking charge of Karabükspor. Had a longer stint in Switzerland with Grasshoppers.
- Hired as Greece coach in late October 2015, tasked with directing their 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying attempt after failure to reach UEFA EURO 2016; took them to the play-offs, where they were beaten by eventual runners-up Croatia.

### Marco Rossi

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**Date of birth:** 9 September 1964

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** Torino, Campania, Campania Puteolana, Catanzaro, Brescia, Sampdoria, Club América, Eintracht Frankfurt, Piacenza, Ospitaletto, Salò

**Coaching career:** Lumezzane, Pro Patria, Spezia, Scafatese, Cavese, Honvéd (twice), DAC Dunajská Streda, Hungary

- Rossi launched his playing career as a defender with Torino and made his Serie A debut in March 1984. Later played for Campania, Catanzaro and – briefly – Brescia before joining Sampdoria in 1993. Won the Coppa Italia with Samp in 1994 before moving abroad to play in Mexico for Club América and in Germany with Eintracht Frankfurt. His last professional club was Piacenza, finishing his career with lower-division outfits Ospitaletto and Salò.
- In 2004, he started coaching Lumezzane, subsequently taking charge of lower-league Italian clubs Pro Patria, Spezia, Scafatese and Cavese. He considered retiring before being appointed head coach of Honvéd in August 2012.
- In his first season in Budapest, the club made famous by Ferenc Puskás and Co in the 1950s finished third in the Hungarian top flight, but Rossi left in April 2014 – only to return, by popular demand, the following February. In 2016/17 the Italian defied the odds by steering Honvéd to a sensational Hungarian title triumph – the club's first league success for 24 years – but subsequently stepped down, pursuing his career instead across the border in Slovakia.
- He spent 2017/18 as head coach of DAC Dunajská Streda, a club with sizeable Hungarian support, leading them to third place in the Slovakian league and into a UEFA Europa League qualification spot.
- On 19 June 2018, Rossi returned to the country where he had made his name, becoming head coach of the Hungarian national team as the replacement for Belgian Georges Leekens.

# Legend

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## Competitions

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