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**Estonia**

**A. Le Coq Arena - Tallinn**

Friday 12 October 2018  
20.45CET (21.45 local time)  
Group C2 - Matchday 3



**Finland**

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## Head coach

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### Martin Reim

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**Date of birth:** 14 May 1971

**Nationality:** Estonian

**Playing career:** Tallinna Lõvid, Tallinna Sport, Norma Tallinn, Flora (twice), Lelle, KTP Kotka, Tervis Pärnu, Viimsi

**Coaching career:** Flora, Estonia U18, Estonia U21, Estonia U23, Estonia

- Reim was a defensive midfielder whose international career spanned 17 years after his debut for the newly-independent nation in June 1992 against Slovenia, a 1-1 draw. He won his 157th cap (then a European record) in June 2009, six months after ending club career.
- Took first steps in the game alongside goalkeeper Mart Poom. Began career in Soviet Estonia's top division aged 16, finishing top scorer in 1990 while playing for Norma.
- Spent bulk of his club career (a combined 16 years) in two stints at Flora, retiring with seven titles and three Estonian Cups to his name. He also reached the Finnish Cup final during his only overseas spell, 18 months at KTP Kotka.
- Returned to Flora as head coach in December 2009, having served as assistant to Janno Kivisild in the latter part of his playing career; won the Estonian title in 2010 and 2011. Also lifted the Estonian Cup in 2011, but left in October 2012 and established a football academy in Tallinn.
- Subsequently coached Estonia at various levels – youth, U21s and U23s – with some success. Was named successor to Magnus Pehrsson as senior Estonia coach on 14 September 2016 in the wake of a 5-0 defeat away to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the first match of 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifying and, though Estonia ultimately finished fourth in their section, did oversee a famous friendly 3-0 win against Croatia in March 2017.

### Markku Kanerva

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**Date of birth:** 24 May 1964

**Nationality:** Finnish

**Playing career:** HJK Helsinki (twice), Elfsborg, FinnPa

**Coaching career:** HJK Helsinki (assistant), Viikingit, Finland Under-21s, Finland (caretaker, twice), Finland (assistant), Finland

- A defender in his playing days, Markku Kanerva started out at home-town club HJK and won five Finnish titles and three Finnish Cups over two spells, returning for four years until his retirement in 1998 after an initial stay from 1983 to 1990.
- Contested five games in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League with HJK, having rejoined after stints with Swedish side Elfsborg and Finnish outfit FinnPa; Kanerva also picked up 59 caps for his national team, scoring once.
- Began his coaching career as an assistant at HJK before briefly holding the reins at Viikingit in 2003 and entering the Football Association of Finland (SPL-FBF) coaching set-up the following year.
- Took charge of Finland's U21s between 2004 and 2009, earning recognition as Finland's coach of the year in 2008 after booking the side a historic maiden place at the 2009 UEFA European U21 Championship finals.
- Assistant coach of Finland's senior team between 2010 and 2016, Kanerva took over in an interim capacity in both 2011 and 2015 before being handed the role full time as Hans Backe's replacement in December 2016. A home win against Iceland was the highlight of the unsuccessful qualifying campaign for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

# Legend

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## Competitions

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