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**Romania**

**Stadionul Ilie Oană - Ploiesti**

Saturday 17 November 2018  
20.45CET (21.45 local time)

Group C4 - Matchday 5



**Lithuania**

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## Head coach

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### Cosmin Contra

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**Date of birth:** 15 December 1975

**Nationality:** Romanian

**Playing career:** Politehnica Timișoara (three times), Dinamo București, Alavés, AC Milan, Atlético Madrid, West Brom (loan), Getafe

**Coaching career:** Politehnica Timișoara, Fuenlabrada, Petrolul Ploiești, Getafe, Guangzhou, Alcorcón, Dinamo București, Romania

- Started and ended his playing career with his home-town club Politehnica Timișoara, heading to Spain in 1999 after a spell in the Romanian capital with Dinamo București.
- A major hit with Alavés, the attacking right-back helped the little-known club to reach the 2000/01 UEFA Cup final in their first season in European competition, scoring three goals and putting in a fine performance in the final – a 5-4 loss to Liverpool after extra time in Dortmund.
- Played for Milan, Atlético and West Brom then, after a spell back at Politehnica, helped Getafe make it to the 2007/08 UEFA Cup quarter-finals. Played in his second UEFA European Championship in summer 2008, and won the last of his 73 Romania caps in 2010, more than 14 years after his international debut.
- Moved from pitch to bench at Timișoara, working briefly as player-coach. After a spell in Spain, led Petrolul to 2012/13 Romanian Cup success, then returned to save Getafe from relegation in 2014 before trying his luck in China.
- Having won the 2016/17 Romanian League Cup with Dinamo București he was hired as Romania coach in September 2017, promptly winning six of his first eight matches in charge.

### Edgaras Jankauskas

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**Date of birth:** 12 March 1975

**Nationality:** Lithuanian

**Playing career:** Žalgiris Vilnius, CSKA Moskva, Torpedo Moskva, Club Brugge, Real Sociedad, Benfica (loan), Porto, Nice (loan), FBK Kaunas, Hearts (loan), AEK Larnaca, Belenenses, Skonto, REO Vilnius, New England Revolution, Fakel Voronezh

**Coaching career:** Lokomotiv Moskva (assistant), Hearts (assistant), Trakai, Lithuania

- A hard-working target man, Jankauskas began his career at local club Žalgiris before moving to Russia to play for CSKA and Torpedo. Lifted the league title in Belgium in his first season with Club Brugge.
- Became Lithuania's most expensive player when signing for Real Sociedad for a reported €2.3m in January 2000; then shone on loan at Benfica, yet joined their Portuguese Liga rivals Porto in 2003 and was part of the team that won the UEFA Cup and UEFA Champions League under José Mourinho, though he did not play in either final.
- Later played in France, Scotland, Cyprus, Latvia and the United States, and represented Lithuania regularly for over 13 years, earning 56 caps and scoring ten goals. Also voted Lithuanian player of the year on five occasions.
- Helped out José Couceiro during his spell as Lithuania boss (2008–10) and gathered more experience as assistant coach of Lokomotiv Moskva and Hearts.
- Given sole command of Lithuanian side Trakai in 2014, he was subsequently named Lithuania boss at the start of 2016; oversaw a single win in qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup as his side picked up six points from their ten matches.

## Legend

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## Competitions

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