

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2016/18 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Slovakia**

**Štadión Antona Malatinského -  
Trnava**

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Group F - Matchday 10



**Malta**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Head coach

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### Ján Kozák

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**Date of birth:** 17 April 1954

**Nationality:** Slovak

**Playing career:** LB Spišská Nová Ves, Lokomotíva Košice (three times), RFC Seraing, FK Dukla Praha

**Coaching career:** Lokomotíva Košice, MFK Zemplín Michalovce, FC Steel Trans Ličartovce, 1. FC Košice, Slovakia

- A creative midfielder, Kozák spent much of his playing career with local team Lokomotíva Košice, where he had three spells. He returned for the first time in 1982 at the conclusion of his military service in Prague, where he turned out for Dukla.
- A member of the Czechoslovakia squad that finished third at the 1980 UEFA European Championship, beating Italy 9-8 on penalties in the bronze-medal match, he scored nine goals in 55 international appearances. Kozák also travelled to the 1982 FIFA World Cup in Spain but did not feature due to injury.
- Won the Czechoslovak Cup three times and the 1982 league championship with Dukla before retiring in 1990. Moved into coaching several years later and proved an instant success, steering 1. FC Košice to successive titles (1997, 1998) and into the 1997/98 UEFA Champions League where, as Slovakia's first ever group stage representative, they lost all six games in a section containing Feyenoord, Juventus and Manchester United FC.
- Left Košice in 1998 but came back for further stints in 2005 and 2012. He stood down in summer 2013, succeeding Stanislav Griga and Michal Hipp as coach of Slovakia, and led the team to UEFA EURO 2016 as Group C runners-up behind holders Spain. Kozák's side went on to reach the last 16 at the finals in France.
- His son Ján Kozák Jr played in the 2005/06 UEFA Champions League group stage for MFK Petržalka, equalising and then creating the winner in a famous 3-2 comeback victory over FC Porto; grandson Filip Lesniak has been at Tottenham Hotspur FC since 2012.

### Pietro Ghedin

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**Date of birth:** 21 November 1952

**Nationality:** Italian

**Playing career:** ACF Fiorentina, SS Lazio, AC Venezia, Calcio Catania, Pescara Calcio, AC Pistoiese, AC Siena

**Coaching career:** Italy Under-18, Malta U21, Malta (twice), Italy (assistant), Italy women

- Defender Ghedin played in Serie A with Fiorentina and Lazio, joining the latter immediately after the capital side had won their first-ever Scudetto in 1974 and remaining at the Stadio Olimpico until 1981. He played out his career in the lower divisions.
- Ghedin became an Italian Football Federation (FIGC) coach in 1987, leading the country's U18s and becoming senior national team scout ahead of the 1990 FIFA World Cup in Italy.
- He served as the Azzurri goalkeeping coach for the Olympic Games of 1992 and 1996. Additionally, while still under contract with the FIGC, he also coached the Malta national side at both U21 and senior level between 1992 and 1995.
- Appointed assistant to Italy coach Cesare Maldini during the 1998 World Cup, Ghedin remained in that role under Dino Zoff at UEFA EURO 2000 and Giovanni Trapattoni at the 2002 World Cup.
- Ghedin became Italy's senior women's coach in 2005, guiding them to the UEFA Women's EURO 2009 quarter-finals, before leaving in 2012 to return to the Malta helm.

# Legend

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## Competitions

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### Club competitions

**UCL:** UEFA Champions League  
**ECCC:** European Champion Clubs' Cup  
**UEL:** UEFA Europa League  
**UCUP:** UEFA Cup  
**UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup  
**SCUP:** UEFA Super Cup  
**UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup  
**ICF:** Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

### National team competitions

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship  
**WC:** FIFA World Cup  
**CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup  
**FRIE:** Friendly internationals  
**U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals  
**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship  
**U17:** UEFA Under-17 Championship  
**U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship  
**U19:** UEFA Under-19 Championship  
**U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship  
**WWC:** FIFA Women's World Cup  
**WEURO:** UEFA European Women's Championship

## Other abbreviations

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**(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

**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

## Statistics

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**-:** Denotes player substituted  
**\***: Denotes player sent off

**+**: Denotes player introduced  
**+/-:** Denotes player introduced and substituted

## Squad list

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**D:** Disciplinary  
**\***: Misses next match if booked  
**S:** Suspended

**Overall:** Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

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