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Group F - Matchday 9



Lithuania

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2016	QR (GS)	Lithuania - Malta	2-0	Vilnius	Černych 76, Novikovas 84 (P)

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Malta	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	1	2	4	7
Lithuania	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	1	7	4

Squad list

Malta

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Andrew Hogg	02/03/1985	32	Hibernians	*	8	0	0	0		
-	Henry Bonello	13/10/1988	28	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Steve Sultana	07/09/1990	27	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Ryan Camilleri	22/05/1988	29	Valletta	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Agius	12/08/1986	31	Hibernians	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Steve Borg	15/05/1988	29	Valletta	*	7	0	0	0		
-	Joseph Zerafa	31/05/1988	29	Valletta	*	6	0	0	0		
-	Samuel Magri	30/03/1994	23	Ebbsfleet United	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Cain Attard	10/09/1994	23	Birkirkara	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Paul Fenech	20/12/1986	30	Balzan	*	6	0	0	0		
-	Clayton Failla	08/01/1986	31	Hibernians	*	1	0	0	0		
-	Clyde Borg	20/03/1992	25	Floriana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Zach Muscat	22/08/1993	24	Arezzo	*	7	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Zerafa	08/04/1994	23	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Johan Bezzina	30/05/1994	23	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Luke Gambin	16/03/1993	24	Luton	-	5	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	André Schembri	27/05/1986	31	Apollon	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Stephen Pisani	07/08/1992	25	Floriana	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Siraj Arab	25/03/1994	23	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alfred Effiong	29/11/1984	32	Balzan	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Lydon Micallef	16/05/1992	25	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Pietro Ghedin	21/11/1952	64		-	8	0	0	0		

Lithuania

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Vytautas Černiauskas	12/03/1989	28	CSKA Sofia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ernestas Šetkus	25/05/1985	32	H. Haifa	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Emilijus Zubas	10/07/1990	27	Bnei Yehuda	-	1	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Tomas Mikuckis	13/01/1983	34	Tom	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Tadas Kijanskas	06/09/1985	32	Brno	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Georgas Freidgeimas	10/08/1987	30	Okzhetpes	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Vytautas Andriuškevičius	08/10/1990	26	Portland Timbers	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Valdemar Borovskij	02/05/1984	33	Trakai	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Egidijus Vaitkūnas	08/08/1988	29	Žalgiris	*	7	0	0	0		
-	Edvinas Girdvainis	17/01/1993	24	Tom	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Vaidas Šilėnas	16/07/1985	32	Trakai	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Fiodor Černych	21/05/1991	26	Jagiellonia	*	8	3	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Marius Papšys	13/05/1989	28	Sepsi Sfantu Gheorghe	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Arvydas Novikovas	18/12/1990	26	Jagiellonia	-	8	2	0	0		
-	Artūras Žulpa	10/06/1990	27	Tobol	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Mantas Kuklys	10/06/1987	30	Žalgiris	*	8	0	0	0		
-	Karolis Chvedukas	21/04/1991	26	Sūduva	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Ovidijus Verbickas	04/07/1993	24	Sūduva	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Vykintas Slivka	29/04/1995	22	Hibernian	*	8	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Nerijus Valskis	04/08/1987	30	Bnei Yehuda	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Deivydas Matulevičius	08/04/1989	28	Hibernian	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Lukas Spalvis	27/07/1994	23	Kaiserslautern	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Edgaras Jankauskas	12/03/1975	42		-	8	0	0	0		

Head coach

Pietro Ghedin

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.

Edgaras Jankauskas

Date of birth: 12 March 1975

Nationality: Lithuanian

Playing career: FK Žalgiris Vilnius, PFC CSKA Moskva, FC Torpedo Moskva, Club Brugge KV, Real Sociedad de Fútbol, SL Benfica, FC Porto, OGC Nice, Heart of Midlothian FC, AEK Larnaca FC, Os Belenenses, Skonto FC, New England Revolution, FC Fakel Voronezh.

Coaching career: FC Lokomotiv Moskva (assistant), Heart of Midlothian FC (assistant), FK 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 2001; 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.
- Helped out José Couceiro during his spell as Lithuania boss (2008–10) and gathered more experience as assistant coach of Lokomotiv and Hearts; given sole command of Lithuanian side Trakai in 2014, he was subsequently named Lithuania boss at the start of 2016.

Match officials

Referee	Zaven Hovhannisyan (ARM)
Assistant referees	Mesrop Ghazaryan (ARM) , Vanik Simonyan (ARM)
Fourth official	Suren Baliyan (ARM)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Patrick Wattebled (FRA)
Referee observer	Luc Wilmes (LUX)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Zaven Hovhannisyan	31/07/1980	0	16

FIFA World Cup matches involving teams from 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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
11/06/2015	U21	QR	Moldova	Malta	0-0	Chisinau

Competition facts

The Week of Football concept enables fans around the world to enjoy the very best action from the European Qualifiers – which will determine UEFA's representatives at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia.

Qualifying for the 2018 FIFA World Cup comprises nine groups of six teams, with matches played on a home-and-away basis.

Qualifying takes place under the 'Week of Football' concept, introduced ahead of the UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying campaign, in which games are spread out from Thursday to Tuesday, shining the spotlight on more teams on the road to the finals in Russia. Moreover, thanks to the Week of Football, at least 43% of matches will be played on weekends, giving fans a better chance to follow the action on television, in the stadiums and on UEFA.com.

Kick-off times will be set mainly at 18:00CET and 20:45CET on Saturdays and Sundays and at 20:45CET for Thursdays, Fridays, Mondays and Tuesdays. In double-header matchweeks, sides will play on Thursday/Sunday, Friday/Monday or Saturday/Tuesday. Each day of the Week of Football will feature eight to ten games.

The nine group winners will qualify directly for the final tournament. The eight best runners-up will contest play-offs to decide the last four qualifiers for the finals.

The 13 qualifiers then join hosts Russia in the finals to make it 14 UEFA member associations represented.

How qualification works

The other confederations have the following qualifying berths:

Africa: 5

Asia: 4.5

North and Central America and Caribbean: 3.5

Oceania: 0.5

South America: 4.5

Match-by-match lineups

Malta

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	8	6	2	0	16	3	20
Slovakia	8	5	0	3	14	6	15
Slovenia	8	4	2	2	10	4	14
Scotland	8	4	2	2	14	10	14
Lithuania	8	1	2	5	6	18	5
Malta	8	0	0	8	2	21	0

Matchday 1 (04/09/2016)

Malta 1-5 Scotland

Goals: 0-1 Snodgrass 10, 1-1 Effiong 14, 1-2 C. Martin 53, 1-3 Snodgrass 61 (P) , 1-4 S. Fletcher 78, 1-5 Snodgrass 85

Malta: Hogg, Caruana, J. Zerafa, Sciberras, Agius, P. Fenech, Gambin, Schembri (66 Briffa), S. Borg, Scicluna (79 R. Camilleri), Effiong (89 Mifsud)

Matchday 2 (08/10/2016)

England 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Sturridge 29, 2-0 Alli 38

Malta: Hogg, Sciberras, Agius, S. Borg, P. Fenech, Schembri (86 R. Muscat), R. Camilleri, Kristensen, Effiong (76 Mifsud), Z. Muscat, A. Muscat

Matchday 3 (11/10/2016)

Lithuania 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Černych 76, 2-0 Novikovas 84 (P)

Malta: Hogg, Caruana, J. Zerafa, Sciberras, Agius, S. Borg, P. Fenech (85 S. Pisani), Mifsud, Schembri (83 R. Muscat), Kristensen (80 Effiong), Z. Muscat

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

Malta 0-1 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Verbič 47

Malta: Hogg, Magri, J. Zerafa, Sciberras, Agius, Mifsud (77 J.P. Farrugia), Gambin, R. Muscat, Schembri, R. Camilleri (68 S. Borg), Z. Muscat

Matchday 5 (26/03/2017)

Malta 1-3 Slovakia

Goals: 0-1 Weiss 2, 1-1 J.P. Farrugia 14, 1-2 Greguš 41, 1-3 Nemeč 84

Malta: Hogg, Magri, Sciberras, P. Fenech, Schembri (91 Montebello), Gambin (73 Kristensen), J.P. Farrugia, R. Camilleri (81 Baldacchino), J. Zerafa, Z. Muscat, Attard

Matchday 6 (10/06/2017)

Slovenia 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Iličič 45+2, 2-0 Novakovič 84

Malta: Hogg, S. Borg (89 Magri), Agius, R. Fenech, Failla, Schembri (62 Mifsud), Kristensen (46 Gambin), Effiong, Z. Muscat, S. Pisani, A. Muscat

Matchday 7 (01/09/2017)

Malta 0-4 England

Goals: 0-1 Kane 53, 0-2 Bertrand 86, 0-3 Welbeck 90+1, 0-4 Kane 90+2

Malta: Hogg, Magri, S. Borg, Agius, R. Fenech (83 P. Fenech), Schembri (86 Mifsud), Z. Muscat, J.P. Farrugia, Kristensen, J. Zerafa (75 R. Camilleri), S. Pisani

Matchday 8 (04/09/2017)

Scotland 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Berra 9, 2-0 Griffiths 49

Malta: Hogg, Magri, S. Borg (86 A. Muscat), Agius, R. Fenech, Schembri (71 Gambin), Z. Muscat, Kristensen (85 P. Fenech), J. Zerafa, Effiong, S. Pisani

Matchday 9 (05/10/2017)

Malta-Lithuania

Matchday 10 (08/10/2017)

Slovakia-Malta

Lithuania

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Matchday 1 (04/09/2016)

Lithuania 2-2 Slovenia

Goals: 1-0 Černych 32, 2-0 Slivka 34, 2-1 Krhin 77, 2-2 Cesar 90+3

Lithuania: Šetkus, Freidgeimas, Girdvainis, Slavickas, Vaitkūnas, Novikovas, Slivka (79 Chvedukas), Kuklys, Žulpa, Valskis (85 Matulevičius), Černych (70 Grigaravičius)

Matchday 2 (08/10/2016)

Scotland 1-1 Lithuania

Goals: 0-1 Černych 59, 1-1 McArthur 89

Lithuania: Šetkus, Freidgeimas, Girdvainis, Vaitkūnas, Novikovas, Slivka, Slavickas (64 Andriuškevičius), Kuklys, Žulpa (65 Chvedukas), Valskis (85 Grigaravičius), Černych

Matchday 3 (11/10/2016)

Lithuania 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Černych 76, 2-0 Novikovas 84 (P)

Lithuania: Šetkus, Freidgeimas, Mikuckis, Vaitkūnas, Novikovas (87 Grigaravičius), Slivka, Kuklys (79 Chvedukas), Žulpa, Valskis (62 Matulevičius), Černych, Andriuškevičius

Matchday 4 (11/11/2016)

Slovakia 4-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Nemeč 12, 2-0 Kucka 15, 3-0 Škrtel 36, 4-0 Hamšík 86

Lithuania: Šetkus, Freidgeimas, Girdvainis, Vaitkūnas, Žulpa (33 Chvedukas), Novikovas, Slivka, Kuklys, Valskis (87 Ruzgis), Černych, Andriuškevičius

Matchday 5 (26/03/2017)

England 2-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Defoe 22, 2-0 Vardy 66

Lithuania: Šetkus, Klimavičius, Slavickas, Kijanskas, Vaitkūnas, Žulpa, Novikovas (54 Grigaravičius), Slivka (87 Paulius), Kuklys, Valskis (74 Matulevičius), Černych

Matchday 6 (10/06/2017)

Lithuania 1-2 Slovakia

Goals: 0-1 Weiss 32, 0-2 Hamšík 58, 1-2 Novikovas 90+3

Lithuania: Zubas, Klimavičius, Kijanskas, Slavickas, Šernas, Novikovas, Slivka (75 Dapkus), Kuklys, Valskis (72 Matulevičius), Borovskij, Černych

Matchday 7 (01/09/2017)

Lithuania 0-3 Scotland

Goals: 0-1 Armstrong 25, 0-2 Robertson 30, 0-3 McArthur 72

Lithuania: Šetkus, Freidgeimas, Kijanskas, Vaitkūnas, Šernas (82 Matulevičius), Novikovas, Slivka (79 Verbickas), Kuklys, Žulpa (68 Spalvis), Borovskij, Černych

Matchday 8 (04/09/2017)

Slovenia 4-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Iličić 25 (P) , 2-0 Iličić 61 (P) , 3-0 Verbič 82, 4-0 Birsa 90

Lithuania: Šetkus, Klimavičius, Kijanskas (79 Girdvainis), Valskis (65 Spalvis), Vaitkūnas, Šernas (80 Verbickas), Novikovas, Slivka, Kuklys, Borovskij, Černych

Matchday 9 (05/10/2017)

Malta-Lithuania

Matchday 10 (08/10/2017)

Lithuania-England

Legend

Competitions

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

(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

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

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

Squad list

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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