

# EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS - 2016/18 SEASON MATCH PRESS KITS



**Croatia**

**Stadion Maksimir - Zagreb**

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Group I - Matchday 5



**Ukraine**

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## EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS OFFICIAL SPONSORS



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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
06/06/2009	QR (GS)	Croatia - Ukraine	2-2	Zagreb	Petrić 2, Modrić 68; Shevchenko 13, Gai 54
11/10/2008	QR (GS)	Ukraine - Croatia	0-0	Kharkiv	

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/11/1997	PO	Ukraine - <b>Croatia</b>	1-1 agg: 1-3	Kyiv	Shevchenko 5; Bokšić 27
29/10/1997	PO	<b>Croatia</b> - Ukraine	2-0	Zagreb	Bilić 11, Vlaović 50

#### EURO '96

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/06/1995	PR (GS)	<b>Ukraine</b> - Croatia	1-0	Kyiv	Kalitvintsev 13
25/03/1995	PR (GS)	<b>Croatia</b> - Ukraine	4-0	Zagreb	Boban 13, Šuker 20, 80, Prosinečki 71

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Total</b>																		
Croatia	3	2	1	0	3	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	7	3	3	1	12	5
Ukraine	3	1	2	0	3	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	7	1	3	3	5	12

# Squad list

## Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Danijel <b>Subašić</b>	27/10/1984	32	Monaco	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Lovre <b>Kalinić</b>	03/04/1990	26	Gent	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dominik <b>Livaković</b>	09/01/1995	22	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Josip <b>Pivarić</b>	30/01/1989	28	Dinamo Zagreb	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Domagoj <b>Vida</b>	29/04/1989	27	Dynamo Kyiv	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Marko <b>Lešković</b>	27/04/1991	25	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Tin <b>Jedvaj</b>	28/11/1995	21	Leverkusen	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matej <b>Mitrović</b>	10/11/1993	23	Beşiktaş	-	2	1	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Luka <b>Modrić</b>	09/09/1985	31	Real Madrid	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Milan <b>Badelj</b>	25/02/1989	28	Fiorentina	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Ivan <b>Rakitić</b>	10/03/1988	29	Barcelona	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Mateo <b>Kovačić</b>	06/05/1994	22	Real Madrid	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Marcelo <b>Brozović</b>	16/11/1992	24	Internazionale	-	4	2	0	0		
-	Filip <b>Bradarić</b>	11/01/1992	25	Rijeka	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marko <b>Rog</b>	19/07/1995	21	Napoli	-	2	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Nikola <b>Kalinić</b>	05/01/1988	29	Fiorentina	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Mario <b>Mandžukić</b>	21/05/1986	30	Juventus	-	4	4	0	0		
-	Andrej <b>Kramarić</b>	19/06/1991	25	Hoffenheim	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Duje <b>Čop</b>	01/02/1990	27	Sporting Gijón	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marko <b>Pjaca</b>	06/05/1995	21	Juventus	-	1	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Ante <b>Čačić</b>	29/09/1953	63		-	4	0	0	0		

## Ukraine

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Andriy Pyatov	28/06/1984	32	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Denys Boyko	29/01/1988	29	Málaga	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mykyta Shevchenko	26/01/1993	24	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Olexandr Kucher	22/10/1982	34	Shakhtar Donetsk	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Mykola Morozyuk	17/01/1988	29	Dynamo Kyiv	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Bohdan Butko	13/01/1991	26	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Ordets	08/07/1992	24	Shakhtar Donetsk	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Yaroslav Rakitskiy	03/08/1989	27	Shakhtar Donetsk	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Mykola Matviyenko	02/05/1996	20	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Ruslan Rotan	29/10/1981	35	Dnipro	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Yevhen Shakhov	30/11/1990	26	PAOK	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Taras Stepanenko	08/08/1989	27	Shakhtar Donetsk	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Serhiy Sydorчук	02/05/1991	25	Dynamo Kyiv	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Olexandr Zinchenko	15/12/1996	20	PSV	*	4	0	0	0		
-	Viktor Kovalenko	14/02/1996	21	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Viktor Tsygankov	15/11/1997	19	Dynamo Kyiv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Maksym Malyshev	24/12/1992	24	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Petriak	13/03/1994	23	Zorya	-	1	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Artem Kravets	03/06/1989	27	Granada	*	3	2	0	0		
-	Yevhen Seleznyov	20/07/1985	31	Karabükspor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Yevhen Konoplyanka	29/09/1989	27	Schalke	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Andriy Yarmolenko	23/10/1989	27	Dynamo Kyiv	-	4	3	0	0		
-	Artem Besedin	31/03/1996	20	Dynamo Kyiv	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Andriy Shevchenko	29/09/1976	40		-	4	0	0	0		

## Head coach

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### Ante Čačić

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**Date of birth:** 29 September 1953

**Nationality:** Croatian

**Playing career:** NK Prigorje Markuševac

**Coaching career:** NK Dubrava, NK Inter Zaprešić (three times), NK Osijek, NK Zadar, NK Slaven Belupo (twice), GNK Dinamo Zagreb, NK Radnik Sesvete, NK Maribor, NK Kamen Ingrad, NK Lokomotiva Zagreb (twice), NK Croatia Sesvete, Croatia Under-21 (assistant), Libya (assistant), Croatia

- A graduate of the University of Zagreb's coaching school, Čačić was among the first ten Croatian coaches to receive a UEFA Pro licence; he started his coaching career at lower-league Prigorje Markuševac, where he had also played.
- Spent the bulk of his career in the Croatian top division, also earning promotion to the First League with Dubrava and Inter Zaprešić.
- His highest-profile job was at Dinamo Zagreb; hired in December 2011, he won a domestic double and led the club into the 2012/13 UEFA Champions League group stage. Left in November 2012.
- From 1994 to 1998, he was assistant coach of Croatia's Under-21 team, and from 2003 to 2006 assisted countryman Ilija Lončarević during his time as Libya coach.
- In 2013, he took Maribor to the UEFA Europa League group stage; he was most recently in charge of Lokomotiva, whom he guided into 2015/16 UEFA Europa League qualifying. Took over the national side in September 2015, guiding them to UEFA EURO 2016 and subsequently the last 16 in France, losing in extra time to eventual winners Portugal.

### Andriy Shevchenko

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**Date of birth:** 29 September 1976

**Nationality:** Ukrainian

**Playing career:** FC Dynamo Kyiv (twice), AC Milan (twice), Chelsea FC

**Coaching career:** Ukraine (assistant), Ukraine

- Shevchenko enjoyed phenomenal early success with Dynamo Kyiv, the club he joined as a schoolboy, winning five successive Ukrainian titles and contributing 60 top-flight goals, including a league-best tally of 18 in 1998/99; that same season he also topped the UEFA Champions League charts with ten goals as Dynamo reached the semi-finals.
- Joined Milan in July 1999 and hit the ground running, finishing top of the Serie A goal charts in his debut season (the first foreigner to achieve the feat) with 24 goals, a tally he would match the following campaign and again in 2003/04, when he led the listings once more as Milan won the Scudetto; won the Ballon d'Or in December 2004 to go with his six Ukrainian footballer of the year titles.
- Won the UEFA Champions League with the Rossoneri in 2003, scoring the decisive spot kick in the final against Juventus to crown an injury-curtailed campaign; however, missed crucially from the spot in the 2005 showpiece against Liverpool FC.
- Left Milan in 2006 with 127 Serie A and 38 European goals to his credit, but a move to Chelsea did not work out and he returned to Milan for an equally unsuccessful loan spell in 2008/09 before making the permanent move back to Dynamo a year later.
- Ukraine's record scorer by a distance, he captained the team to the quarter-finals of the 2006 FIFA World Cup and became the first player to reach the 100-cap milestone for Ukraine, in October 2010. Scored twice in a famous win against Sweden at UEFA EURO 2012, his international swansong; after a short-lived foray into politics, appointed assistant to Ukraine coach Mykhaylo Fomenko, taking over as head coach after UEFA EURO 2016.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Antonio Mateu Lahoz (ESP)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Pau Cebrián Devís (ESP) , Javier Rodriguez (ESP)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Carlos Gómez (ESP)
<b>FIFA Match Commissioner</b>	Barry Bright (ENG)
<b>Referee observer</b>	Andreas Schluchter (SUI)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Antonio Mateu Lahoz	12/03/1977	2	44

## Antonio Mateu Lahoz

**Referee since:** 1992

**First division:** 2008

**FIFA badge:** 2011

**Tournaments:** 2016 Olympic Games, 2015 FIFA U-20 World Cup

**Finals**

N/A

## 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
29/08/2013	UEL	PO	KF Skënderbeu	FC Chornomorets Odesa	1-0	Tirana
20/02/2014	UEL	R32	FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	Tottenham Hotspur FC	1-0	Dnipropetrovsk
10/10/2014	EURO	QR	Bulgaria	Croatia	0-1	Sofia
04/11/2015	UCL	GS	Olympiacos FC	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	2-1	Piraeus
24/02/2016	UCL	R16	FC Dynamo Kyiv	Manchester City FC	1-3	Kyiv
17/03/2016	UEL	R16	RSC Anderlecht	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	0-1	Brussels

## Competition facts

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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

### Croatia

#### FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

##### Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	4	3	1	0	10	1	10
Ukraine	4	2	2	0	7	3	8
Iceland	4	2	1	1	6	5	7
Turkey	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Finland	4	0	1	3	3	6	1
Kosovo	4	0	1	3	1	12	1

##### Matchday 1 (05/09/2016)

###### Croatia 1-1 Turkey

Goals: 1-0 Rakitić 44 (P) , 1-1 Hakan Çalhanoğlu 45+2

Croatia: Kalinić, Vrsaljko, Strinić, Perišić, Ćorluka, Rakitić (64 Brozović), Modrić, Mandžukić (85 Kramarić), Badelj, Pjaca (80 N. Kalinić), Vida

##### Matchday 2 (06/10/2016)

###### Kosovo 0-6 Croatia

Goals: 0-1 Mandžukić 6, 0-2 Mandžukić 24, 0-3 Mandžukić 35, 0-4 Mitrović 68, 0-5 Perišić 83, 0-6 N. Kalinić 90+2

Croatia: Subašić, Vrsaljko, Perišić, Ćorluka (46 Mitrović), Kovačić, Kramarić (71 Rog), Brozović, Mandžukić (59 N. Kalinić), Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

##### Matchday 3 (09/10/2016)

###### Finland 0-1 Croatia

Goals: 0-1 Mandžukić 18

Croatia: Subašić, Vrsaljko, Perišić, Mitrović, Kovačić, Kramarić (81 Rog), Brozović (71 Ćop), Mandžukić (87 N. Kalinić), Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

##### Matchday 4 (12/11/2016)

###### Croatia 2-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 Brozović 15, 2-0 Brozović 90+1

Croatia: Subašić, Vrsaljko, Perišić, Ćorluka, Rakitić (85 Kramarić), Kovačić (46 Modrić), Brozović, Mandžukić (92 Ćop), Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

##### Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)

Croatia-Ukraine

##### Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

Iceland-Croatia

##### Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)

Croatia-Kosovo

##### Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

Turkey-Croatia

##### Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Croatia-Finland

##### Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

Ukraine-Croatia

### Ukraine

#### FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

##### Matchday 1 (05/09/2016)



### **Ukraine 1-1 Iceland**

**Goals:** 0-1 Finnbogason 6, 1-1 Yarmolenko 41

**Ukraine:** Pyatov, Butko, Sobol, Kucher, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Konoplyanka, Sydorchuk (63 Zozulya), Kovalenko, Rakitskiy, Zinchenko (90 Shakhov)

### **Matchday 2 (06/10/2016)**

#### **Turkey 2-2 Ukraine**

**Goals:** 0-1 Yarmolenko 24 (P) , 0-2 Kravets 27, 1-2 Ozan Tufan 45+1, 2-2 Hakan Çalhanoğlu 81 (P)

**Ukraine:** Pyatov, Butko, Sobol, Kucher, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Kovalenko, Konoplyanka (81 Petriak), Kravets (73 Zozulya), Ordets, Zinchenko (46 Sydorchuk)

### **Matchday 3 (09/10/2016)**

#### **Ukraine 3-0 Kosovo**

**Goals:** 1-0 Kravets 31, 2-0 Yarmolenko 81, 3-0 Rotan 87

**Ukraine:** Pyatov, Butko, Sobol, Kucher, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Kovalenko, Konoplyanka (79 Karavaev), Kravets (84 Zozulya), Ordets, Zinchenko (63 Rotan)

### **Matchday 4 (12/11/2016)**

#### **Ukraine 1-0 Finland**

**Goals:** 1-0 Kravets 25

**Ukraine:** Pyatov, Butko, Sobol, Kucher, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Kovalenko (89 Shakhov), Konoplyanka (83 Tsygankov), Kravets, Rakitskiy, Zinchenko (67 Rotan)

### **Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)**

Croatia-Ukraine

### **Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)**

Finland-Ukraine

### **Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)**

Ukraine-Turkey

### **Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)**

Iceland-Ukraine

### **Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)**

Kosovo-Ukraine

### **Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)**

Ukraine-Croatia

# 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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