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Group I - Matchday 10



Croatia

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Previous meetings

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FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/03/2017	QR (GS)	Croatia - Ukraine	1-0	Zagreb	N. Kalinić 38

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 - Croatia	1-1 agg: 1-3	Kyiv	Shevchenko 5; Bokšić 27
29/10/1997	PO	Croatia - Ukraine	2-0	Zagreb	Bilić 11, Vlaović 50

EURO '96

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/06/1995	PR (GS)	Ukraine - Croatia	1-0	Kyiv	Kalitvintsev 13
25/03/1995	PR (GS)	Croatia - 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
Total																		
Ukraine	3	1	2	0	4	0	1	3	-	-	-	-	8	1	3	4	5	13
Croatia	4	3	1	0	3	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	4	3	1	13	5

Squad list

Ukraine

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Andriy Pyatov	28/06/1984	33	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	9	0	0	0		
-	Maxym Koval	09/12/1992	24	Dynamo Kyiv	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andriy Lunin	11/02/1999	18	Zorya	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Olexandr Kucher	22/10/1982	34	Kayserispor	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Yaroslav Rakitskiy	03/08/1989	28	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Yevhen Khacheridi	28/07/1987	30	Dynamo Kyiv	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Eduard Sobol	20/04/1995	22	Slavia Praha	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Igor Perduta	15/11/1990	26	Vorskla	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mykola Matviyenko	02/05/1996	21	Vorskla	-	5	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ruslan Rotan	29/10/1981	35	Slavia Praha	*	6	1	0	0		
-	Denys Garmash	19/04/1990	27	Dynamo Kyiv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Taras Stepanenko	08/08/1989	28	Shakhtar Donetsk	*	9	0	0	0		
-	Oleksandr Karavaev	02/06/1992	25	Zorya	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Serhiy Sydorчук	02/05/1991	26	Dynamo Kyiv	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Vitaliy Buyalskiy	06/01/1993	24	Dynamo Kyiv	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ruslan Malinovski	04/05/1993	24	Genk	*	3	0	0	0		
-	Marlos	07/06/1988	29	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Olexandr Zinchenko	15/12/1996	20	Man. City	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Viktor Kovalenko	14/02/1996	21	Shakhtar Donetsk	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Volodymyr Shepeliev	01/06/1997	20	Dynamo Kyiv	*	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Yevhen Konoplyanka	29/09/1989	28	Schalke	*	9	1	0	0		
-	Andriy Yarmolenko	23/10/1989	27	Dortmund	-	9	6	0	0		
-	Artem Besedin	31/03/1996	21	Dynamo Kyiv	*	4	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Andriy Shevchenko	29/09/1976	41		-	9	0	0	0		

Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Danijel Subašić	27/10/1984	32	Monaco	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Lovre Kalinić	03/04/1990	27	Gent	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dominik Livaković	09/01/1995	22	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Dejan Lovren	05/07/1989	28	Liverpool	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Josip Pivarić	30/01/1989	28	Dynamo Kyiv	*	8	0	0	0		
-	Domagoj Vida	29/04/1989	28	Dynamo Kyiv	*	9	1	0	0		
-	Šime Vrsaljko	10/01/1992	25	Atlético	*	7	0	0	0		
-	Antonio Milić	10/03/1994	23	Oostende	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Matej Mitrović	10/11/1993	23	Beşiktaş	-	4	1	0	0		
-	Duje Čaleta-Car	17/09/1996	21	Salzburg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Zoran Nižić	11/10/1989	27	Hajduk Split	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Luka Modrić	09/09/1985	32	Real Madrid	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Milan Badelj	25/02/1989	28	Fiorentina	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Rakitić	10/03/1988	29	Barcelona	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Ivan Perišić	02/02/1989	28	Internazionale	*	8	1	0	0		
-	Mario Pašalić	09/02/1995	22	Spartak Moskva	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Filip Bradarić	11/01/1992	25	Rijeka	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marko Rog	19/07/1995	22	Napoli	*	4	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Mario Mandžukić	21/05/1986	31	Juventus	-	9	5	0	0		
-	Andrej Kramarić	19/06/1991	26	Hoffenheim	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Duje Čop	01/02/1990	27	Standard Liège	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ivan Santini	21/05/1989	28	Caen	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Zlatko Dalic	26/10/1966	50		-	0	0	0	0		

Head coach

Andriy Shevchenko

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.

Zlatko Dalić

Date of birth: 26 October 1966

Nationality: Croatian

Playing career: HNK Hajduk Split (twice), HNK Cibalia, FK Velež, NK Varteks (twice)

Coaching career: NK Varteks, HNK Rijeka, FK Dinamo Tirana, NK Slaven Belupo (twice), al-Faisaly, al-Ain, Croatia

- A midfielder, he spent the best years of his playing career at Varteks, scoring 13 goals in 108 matches from 1992-96.
- Played for Varteks in two spells, and after hanging up his boots in 2000, worked simultaneously as the club's assistant coach and sporting director. Took sole command on the field for the first time in 2005.
- Dalić more recently found success in the United Arab Emirates with al-Hilal and al-Ain; in 2016, he led al-Ain to the AFC Champions League final, where they lost to South Korea's Jeonbuk FC over two legs.
- Assistant coach of Croatia under-21s from 2006-11, he returned to the national-team set-up as boss of the senior side on 7 October 2017, stepping in following the departure of Ante Čačić.

Match officials

Referee	Felix Brych (GER)
Assistant referees	Mark Borsch (GER) , Stefan Lupp (GER)
Fourth official	Bastian Dankert (GER)
FIFA Match Commissioner	Roland Tis (BEL)
Referee observer	Manuel Diaz Vega (ESP)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Felix Brych	03/08/1975	6	85

FIFA World Cup matches involving teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/09/2013	WC	QR	Serbia	Croatia	1-1	Belgrade

Other matches involving teams from either of the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
06/06/2007	U19	ELITE	Croatia	Italy	3-1	Katerini
09/04/2009	UEL	QF	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	Olympique de Marseille	2-0	Donetsk
24/11/2009	UCL	GS	FC Rubin	FC Dynamo Kyiv	0-0	Kazan
08/12/2010	UCL	GS	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	SC Braga	2-0	Donetsk
13/09/2011	UCL	GS	FC Porto	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	2-1	Porto
11/11/2011	EURO	PO	Turkey	Croatia	0-3	Istanbul
06/09/2013	WC	QR	Serbia	Croatia	1-1	Belgrade
16/09/2015	UCL	GS	FC Dynamo Kyiv	FC Porto	2-2	Kyiv

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

Ukraine

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

Group I

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Iceland	9	6	1	2	14	7	19
Croatia	9	5	2	2	13	4	17
Ukraine	9	5	2	2	13	7	17
Turkey	9	4	2	3	12	11	14
Finland	9	2	2	5	7	11	8
Kosovo	9	0	1	8	3	22	1

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, Sydorчук (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 Sydorчук)

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 1-0 Ukraine

Goals: 1-0 N. Kalinić 38

Ukraine: Pyatov, Butko, Ordets, Matviyenko, Kucher, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Kravets (59 Seleznyov), Konoplyanka, Rotan (77 Sydorчук), Kovalenko (85 Besedin)

Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

Finland 1-2 Ukraine

Goals: 0-1 Konoplyanka 51, 1-1 Pohjanpalo 72, 1-2 Besedin 75

Ukraine: Pyatov, Butko, Ordets, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Malinovskiy, Konoplyanka (87 Sobol), Seleznyov (65 Besedin), Rakitskiy, Matviyenko, Kovalenko (76 Shepeliev)

Matchday 7 (02/09/2017)

Ukraine 2-0 Turkey

Goals: 1-0 Yarmolenko 18, 2-0 Yarmolenko 42

Ukraine: Pyatov, Butko, Khacheridi, Matviyenko, Stepanenko, Yarmolenko, Konoplyanka (90 Zinchenko), Kravets (70 Besedin), Rotan (79 Malinovskiy), Kryvtsov, Kovalenko

Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

Iceland 2-0 Ukraine

Goals: 1-0 G. Sigurdsson 47, 2-0 G. Sigurdsson 66

Ukraine: Pyatov, Butko, Khacheridi, Matviyenko, Stepanenko (76 Rotan), Yarmolenko, Malinovskiy (71 Zinchenko), Konoplyanka, Besedin (71 Kravets), Rakitskiy, Kovalenko

Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Kosovo 0-2 Ukraine

Goals: 0-1 Paqarada 60 (og) , 0-2 Yarmolenko 87

Ukraine: Pyatov, Khacheridi, Matviyenko, Yarmolenko, Konoplyanka (88 Buyalskiy), Kravets (46 Marlos), Rotan (63 Stepanenko), Sydorchuk, Karavaev, Garmash, Ordets

Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

Ukraine-Croatia

Croatia

FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round

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 Čop), 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 Čop), Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

Matchday 5 (24/03/2017)

Croatia 1-0 Ukraine

Goals: 1-0 N. Kalinić 38

Croatia: Subašić, Mitrović, Rakitić (79 Kovačić), Modrić, Brozović (91 Rog), Jedvaj, N. Kalinić (87 Kramarić), Mandžukić, Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

Matchday 6 (11/06/2017)

Iceland 1-0 Croatia

Goals: 1-0 H. Magnússon 90

Croatia: Kalinić, Perišić, Lovren, Kovačić, Modrić, Jedvaj, N. Kalinić (63 Brozović), Mandžukić (88 Santini), Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

Matchday 8 (03/09/2017)

Croatia 1-0 Kosovo

Goals: 1-0 Vida 74

Croatia: Subašić, Vrsaljko, Perišić, Lovren, Rakitić (55 Kramarić), Kovačić (55 Badelj), Modrić, Brozović (72 N. Kalinić), Mandžukić, Vida, Pivarić

Matchday 8 (05/09/2017)

Turkey 1-0 Croatia

Goals: 1-0 Cenk Tosun 75

Croatia: Subašić, Vrsaljko (84 Čop), Perišić, Lovren, Kovačić (70 Kramarić), Modrić, Brozović, N. Kalinić (62 Mandžukić), Badelj, Vida, Pivarić

Matchday 9 (06/10/2017)

Croatia 1-1 Finland

Goals: 1-0 Mandžukić 57, 1-1 Soiri 90

Croatia: Subašić, Vrsaljko, Perišić, Mitrović, Rakitić, Kramarić (81 Čop), Modrić, Brozović (54 Rog), Mandžukić (85 Pašalić), Vida, Pivarić

Matchday 10 (09/10/2017)

Ukraine-Croatia

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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