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**Malta**

**Spain**

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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
12/02/1997	QR (GS)	Spain - Malta	4-0	Alicante	Guardiola 25, Alfonso Pérez 40, 46, Pizzi 90
18/12/1996	QR (GS)	Malta - Spain	0-3	Ta' Qali	Guerrero 8, 26, 33

#### FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/03/1989	QR (GS)	Spain - Malta	4-0	Seville	Michel 38, 67 (P), Manolo 73, 81
22/01/1989	QR (GS)	Malta - Spain	0-2	Ta' Qali	Michel 16 (P), Begiristain 51

#### 1984 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/12/1983	PR (GS)	Spain - Malta	12-1	Seville	Santillana 15, 26, 28, 75, Poli Rincón 46, 55, 63, Maceda 60, 62, Gordillo 77, Sarabia 79, Señor 88; Demanuele 24
15/05/1983	PR (GS)	Malta - Spain	2-3	Ta' Qali	Busuttil 30, 47; Señor 21, Carrasco 60, Gordillo 84

	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>EURO</b>																		
Malta	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	3	15
Spain	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	15	3
<b>FIFA*</b>																		
Malta	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	4	0	13
Spain	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	4	0	0	13	0
<b>Friendlies</b>																		
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>																		
Malta	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	0	0	6	3	28
Spain	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	0	28	3

\* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

# Squad list

## Malta

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	Justin Haber	09/06/1981	37	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Henry Bonello	13/10/1988	30	Valletta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Nicky Vella	27/08/1989	29	Pietà	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Jonathan Caruana	24/07/1986	32	Valletta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ryan Camilleri	22/05/1988	30	Valletta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Steve Borg	15/05/1988	30	Valletta	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Joseph Zerafa	31/05/1988	30	Valletta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Karl Micallef	08/09/1996	22	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dunstan Vella	27/04/1996	22	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Paul Fenech	20/12/1986	32	Balzan	-	1	0	0	0		
-	John Mintoff	23/08/1988	30	Sliema	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Rowen Muscat	05/06/1991	27	Valletta	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Bjorn Kristensen	05/04/1993	25	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Zach Muscat	22/08/1993	25	Olhanense	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Matthew Guillaumier	09/04/1998	20	Birkirkara	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jake Grech	18/11/1997	21	Hibernians	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nikolai Muscat	13/07/1996	22	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Michael Mifsud	17/04/1981	37	Birkirkara	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Leighton Grech	23/03/1990	29	Senglea	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Luke Montebello	13/08/1995	23	Birkirkara	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Juan Corbolan	03/01/1997	22	Gżira	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kyrian Nwoko	04/07/1997	21	Valletta	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Joseph Mbong	15/07/1997	21	Hibernians	-	1	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Raymond Farrugia	01/10/1955	63		-	1	0	0	0		

## Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
-	David de Gea	07/11/1990	28	Man. United	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kepa Arrizabalaga	03/10/1994	24	Chelsea	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Pau López	13/12/1994	24	Betis	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Defenders</b>											
-	Sergio Ramos	30/03/1986	32	Real Madrid	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Jordi Alba	21/03/1989	30	Barcelona	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergi Gómez	28/03/1992	26	Sevilla	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Juan Bernat	01/03/1993	26	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/1991	27	Athletic	-	1	0	0	0		
-	José Gayà	25/05/1995	23	Valencia	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mario Hermoso	18/06/1995	23	Espanyol	-	0	0	0	0		
<b>Midfielders</b>											
-	Jesús Navas	21/11/1985	33	Sevilla	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Daniel Parejo	16/04/1989	29	Valencia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Canales	16/02/1991	28	Betis	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Busquets	16/07/1988	30	Barcelona	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergi Roberto	07/02/1992	27	Barcelona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Saúl Ñíguez	21/11/1994	24	Atlético	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marco Asensio	21/01/1996	23	Real Madrid	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Rodri	22/06/1996	22	Atlético	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dani Ceballos	07/08/1996	22	Real Madrid	-	1	0	0	0		
<b>Forwards</b>											
-	Iker Muniain	19/12/1992	26	Athletic	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Rodrigo	06/03/1991	28	Valencia	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Álvaro Morata	23/10/1992	26	Atlético	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jaime Mata	24/10/1988	30	Getafe	-	1	0	0	0		
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Luis Enrique	08/05/1970	48		-	1	0	0	0		

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## Head coach

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### Ray Farrugia

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**Date of birth:** 1 October, 1955

**Nationality:** Maltese

**Playing career:** Floriana, Melita Eagles, Naxxar Lions

**Coaching career:** Naxxar Lions, Malta Under-21 (twice), Pietà Hotspurs, Marxsaxlokk, Sliema Wanderers, Malta (assistant), Malta

- A combative midfielder, 'Zazu' made his debut for the senior team of local club Floriana at 16 and remained there for four seasons, winning two league titles and the FA Trophy and also claiming the first of four senior caps for Malta.
- He left for Australia aged just 21, joining top-flight outfit Melita Eagles, where he would spend the next 12 years, winning four State League championships and three Grand Finals and scoring 123 goals in 318 matches. He returned to his homeland in 1990, joining Naxxar Lions, and eventually hung up his boots at the age of 42.
- Started coaching while still playing at Naxxar before moving on to take charge of the Malta Under-21 side from 1998 to 2002. He later returned to club football on the island, serving Pietà Hotspurs, Marsaxlokk and Sliema Wanderers as head coach.
- In 2011 Farrugia was re-appointed as Malta U-21 head coach, remaining in charge until 2014, when he was promoted to the senior side as assistant to Pietro Ghedin.
- On 2 May 2018 he was appointed as Malta's head coach, replacing Tom Saintfiet who had been dismissed after just six months at the helm.

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### Luis Enrique

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**Date of birth:** 8 May 1970

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** Sporting Gijón, Real Madrid, Barcelona

**Coaching career:** Barcelona B, Roma, Celta Vigo, Barcelona, Spain

- Known for his versatility, Luis Enrique spent the bulk of his playing career with Spain's two most successful clubs having started out at home-town side Sporting Gijón.
- Won the Liga and Copa del Rey with Madrid and twice with Barcelona – whom he surprisingly joined on a free transfer from the Merengues in 1996 – and the UEFA Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Super Cup at the Camp Nou, where he played under, among others, Sir Bobby Robson, Louis van Gaal and Frank Rijkaard.
- A scorer of 12 goals in 62 appearances for Spain and an Olympic gold medallist on home soil in 1992, Enrique took up both endurance running and triathlon before moving into coaching with Barcelona B in 2008, succeeding his former Azulgrana team-mate Josep Guardiola.
- Appointed coach of Roma in June 2011 but held the post for just one season after a disappointing campaign. Resurfaced at Celta in summer 2013, leading the Galician side to a ninth-place finish in the Liga in his only season in charge.
- Left in May 2014 and was soon announced as Gerardo Martino's replacement at Barcelona on a two-year contract. After a challenging first half of the season, 16 wins from 19 league games in the second half secured a Liga title, the Copa del Rey and UEFA Champions League following as Luis Enrique emulated Guardiola in winning the treble in his first season in charge, adding another league and cup double in 2015/16. Stepped down in 2017 after another cup win, and appointed Spain coach the following July.

## Match officials

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<b>Referee</b>	Andrew Dallas (SCO)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Francis Connor (SCO) , Daniel McFarlane (SCO)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Kevin Clancy (SCO)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Kieran O'connor (WAL)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Zoran Petrović (SRB)

## Referee

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Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Andrew Dallas	01/02/1983	0	28

## UEFA European Championship matches featuring the two countries involved in this match

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No such matches refereed

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

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Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
21/02/2018	UYL	R16	Club Atlético de Madrid	FC Basel 1893	1-0	Majadahonda
04/10/2018	UEL	GS	Real Betis Balompíe	F91 Dudelange	3-0	Seville

## Match-by-match lineups

### Malta

#### Final tournament - Qualifying round

##### Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Spain</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>
Sweden	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Romania	4	2	1	1	11	5	7
Norway	4	1	2	1	8	7	5
<b>Malta</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
Faroe Islands	4	0	0	4	3	12	0

(23/03/2019)

##### Malta 2-1 Faroe Islands

**Goals:** 1-0 Nwoko 13, 2-0 S. Borg 77 (P) , 2-1 J. Thomsen 90+8

**Malta:** Bonello, Caruana, S. Borg, Agius, Guillaumier, Mbong, P. Fenech, Mifsud (71 J. Zerafa), Nwoko, R. Muscat (84 Mintoff), Corbolan (63 Z. Muscat)

(26/03/2019)

Malta-Spain

(07/06/2019)

Sweden-Malta

(10/06/2019)

Malta-Romania

(05/09/2019)

Norway-Malta

(08/09/2019)

Romania-Malta

(12/10/2019)

Malta-Sweden

(15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Malta

(15/11/2019)

Spain-Malta

(18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

### Spain

#### Final tournament - Qualifying round

##### Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Spain</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>
Sweden	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Romania	4	2	1	1	11	5	7
Norway	4	1	2	1	8	7	5
<b>Malta</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
Faroe Islands	4	0	0	4	3	12	0

(23/03/2019)

**Spain 2-1 Norway**

**Goals:** 1-0 Rodrigo 16, 1-1 King 65 (P) , 2-1 Ramos 71 (P)

**Spain:** De Gea, Iñigo Martínez, Sergio Busquets, Morata (89 Mata), Ceballos (74 Canales), Rodrigo, Asensio, Ramos, Jordi Alba, Parejo (76 Rodri), Jesús Navas

(26/03/2019)

Malta-Spain

(07/06/2019)

Faroe Islands-Spain

(10/06/2019)

Spain-Sweden

(05/09/2019)

Romania-Spain

(08/09/2019)

Spain-Faroe Islands

(12/10/2019)

Norway-Spain

(15/10/2019)

Sweden-Spain

(15/11/2019)

Spain-Malta

(18/11/2019)

Spain-Romania



## Legend

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### :: Previous meetings

Goals for/against: Goal totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (e.g. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored during a penalty shoot-out after a tie ended in a draw

### :: Squad list

**Qual.:** Total European Qualifiers appearances/goals for UEFA EURO 2020 only.

**FT:** Total UEFA EURO 2020 appearances/goals in final tournament only.

**Overall:** Total international appearances/goals.

**DoB:** Date of birth

**Age:** Based on the date press kit was last updated

**D:** Disciplinary (\*: misses next match if booked, S: suspended)

### :: Team facts

**EURO finals:** The UEFA European Championship was a four-team event in 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972 and 1976 (when the preliminary round and quarter-finals were considered part of qualifying).

From 1980 it was expanded to an eight-team finals and remained in that format in 1984, 1988 and 1992 until 1996, when the 16-team format was adopted. UEFA EURO 2016 was the first tournament to be played as a 24-team finals.

### Records of inactive countries

A number of UEFA associations have been affected by dissolution or splits of member associations. For statistical purposes, the records of these inactive countries have been allocated elsewhere: therefore, all Soviet Union matches are awarded to Russia; all West Germany – but not East Germany – matches are awarded to Germany; all Yugoslavia and Serbia & Montenegro matches are awarded to Serbia; all Czechoslovakia matches are allocated to both the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

### Abandoned/forfeited matches

For statistical purposes, when a match has been started and then abandoned but later forfeited, the result on the pitch at the time of abandonment is counted. Matches that never started and were either cancelled or forfeited are not included in the overall statistics.

## Competitions

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### 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

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**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