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Faroe Islands

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2015	QR (GS)	Faroe Islands - Romania	0-3	Torshavn	Budescu 4, 45+1, Maxim 83
29/03/2015	QR (GS)	Romania - Faroe Islands	1-0	Ploiesti	Keşerü 21

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
14/10/2009	QR (GS)	Romania - Faroe Islands	3-1	Piatra Neamt	Apostol 16, Bucur 65, Mazilu 87; á Bø 83
10/09/2008	QR (GS)	Faroe Islands - Romania	0-1	Torshavn	Cociş 59

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
08/09/1993	QR (GS)	Faroe Islands - Romania	0-4	Toftir	Răducioiu 23, 57, 58, 75
06/05/1992	QR (GS)	Romania - Faroe Islands	7-0	Bucharest	Gabi Balint 3, 39, 78, Pana 5, Hagi 15, Lăcătuş 28 (P), Lupescu 46

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
EURO																		
Romania	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	4	0
Faroe Islands	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	0	4
FIFA*																		
Romania	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	4	0	0	15	1
Faroe Islands	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	4	1	15
Friendlies																		
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faroe Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Romania	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	-	-	-	-	6	6	0	0	19	1
Faroe Islands	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	6	0	0	6	1	19

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Romania

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Costel Pantilimon	01/02/1987	32	Nottm Forest	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ciprian Tătărușanu	09/02/1986	33	Nantes	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Florin Niță	03/07/1987	31	Sparta Praha	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Cosmin Moți	03/12/1984	34	Ludogorets	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alexandru Chipciu	18/05/1989	29	Sparta Praha	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Cristian Săpunaru	05/04/1984	34	Kayserispor	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Romario Benzar	26/03/1992	27	FCSB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dragoș Grigore	07/09/1986	32	Ludogorets	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ionuț Nedelcearu	25/04/1996	22	Ufa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Cristian Manea	09/08/1997	21	CFR Cluj	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Tudor Băluță	27/03/1999	19	Viitorul	-	1	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ciprian Deac	16/02/1986	33	CFR Cluj	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Paul Anton	10/05/1991	27	Krylya Sovetov	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicolae Stanciu	07/05/1993	25	Al-Ahly	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Răzvan Marin	23/05/1996	22	Standard Liège	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dan Nistor	06/05/1988	30	Dinamo București	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alexandru Cicăldău	08/07/1997	21	Universitatea Craiova	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicusor Bancu	18/09/1992	26	Universitatea Craiova	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Claudiu Keșerü	02/12/1986	32	Ludogorets	-	1	1	0	0		
-	George Pușcaș	08/04/1996	22	Palermo	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Ivan	04/01/1997	22	Rapid Wien	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ianis Hagi	22/10/1998	20	Viitorul	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dennis Man	26/08/1998	20	FCSB	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Cosmin Contra	15/12/1975	43		-	1	0	0	0		

Faroe Islands

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Gunnar Nielsen	07/10/1986	32	FH	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Teitur Gestsson	19/08/1992	26	HB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Karstin Hansen	05/10/1997	21	Skála	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Atli Gregersen	15/06/1982	36	Vikingur	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Odmar Faerø	01/11/1989	29	Ham-Kam	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Viljormur Davidson	19/07/1991	27	VB	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Rógvi Baldvinsson	06/12/1989	29	Bryne	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Bartal Wardum	03/05/1997	21	HB	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Heini Vatnsdal	18/10/1991	27	Fremad Amager	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Hallur Hansson	08/07/1992	26	Horsens	-	1	0	0	0		
-	René Joensen	08/02/1993	26	Grindavík	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Magnus Egilsson	19/03/1994	25	HB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Árni Frederiksberg	13/06/1992	26	B36	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Kaj Bartalsstovu	23/06/1991	27	ÍBV	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Brandur Hendriksson	19/12/1995	23	FH	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sølvi Vatnhamar	05/05/1986	32	Vikingur	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Klæmint Olsen	17/07/1990	28	NSÍ	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Gilli Rólantsson	11/08/1992	26	Brann	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jákup Thomsen	23/11/1997	21	FH	-	1	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Lars Olsen	02/02/1961	58		-	1	0	0	0		

Head coach

Cosmin Contra

Date of birth: 15 December 1975

Nationality: Romanian

Playing career: Politehnica Timișoara (three times), Dinamo București, Alavés, AC Milan, Atlético Madrid, West Brom (loan), Getafe

Coaching career: Politehnica Timișoara, Fuenlabrada, Petrolul Ploiești, Getafe, Guangzhou, Alcorcón, Dinamo București, Romania

- Started and ended his playing career with his home-town club Politehnica Timișoara, heading to Spain in 1999 after a spell in the Romanian capital with Dinamo București.
- A major hit with Alavés, the attacking right-back helped the little-known club to reach the 2000/01 UEFA Cup final in their first season in European competition, scoring three goals and putting in a fine performance in the final – a 5-4 loss to Liverpool after extra time in Dortmund.
- Played for Milan, Atlético and West Brom then, after a spell back at Politehnica, helped Getafe make it to the 2007/08 UEFA Cup quarter-finals. Played in his second UEFA European Championship in summer 2008, and won the last of his 73 Romania caps in 2010, more than 14 years after his international debut.
- Moved from pitch to bench at Timișoara, working briefly as player-coach. After a spell in Spain, led Petrolul to 2012/13 Romanian Cup success, then returned to save Getafe from relegation in 2014 before trying his luck in China.
- Having won the 2016/17 Romanian League Cup with Dinamo București he was hired as Romania coach in September 2017, promptly winning six of his first eight matches in charge.

Lars Olsen

Date of birth: 2 February 1961

Nationality: Danish

Playing career: Glostrup, Køge, Brøndby (twice), Trabzonspor, Seraing, Basel

Coaching career: Brøndby (youth/reserves/assistant), Randers, Odense, Faroe Islands

- Enjoyed an illustrious playing career as a central defender, winning five Danish titles in a six-year spell at Brøndby between 1985 and 1991.
- Allegedly drove from Turkey to Scandinavia when he learned of his country's belated call-up to EURO '92. His passion and leadership – he played every minute in Sweden – helped inspire Denmark to the most unlikely of triumphs. He ended his career with 84 caps, a record 69 as captain.
- Learned his coaching craft with Brøndby, taking charge at various youth and reserve levels after finishing his playing days at the club in 1996, before accepting his first senior job with newly formed Randers in 2003. Guided the team into the Danish Super League in 2004 but could not help maintain their elite status, suffering immediate relegation.
- Steered second-division Randers to a surprise 2006 Danish Cup success, beating Esbjerg in the final, while also securing a return to the top flight. Moved to Odense in summer 2007, leading his new side to a fourth-place finish in his first term. Consecutive runners-up spots followed in 2008/09 and 2009/10 before he departed in September 2010.
- Appointed coach of the Faroe Islands in November 2011, his team were unable to register a win as they came bottom of 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying Group C, earning their only point in a 1-1 home draw with Kazakhstan. However, UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying featured two high points in the shape of home and away wins against the 2004 champions Greece, while there were two more victories in the 2018 World Cup preliminaries.

Match officials

Referee	Halil Umut Meler (TUR)
Assistant referees	Esat Sancaktar (TUR) , Ibrahim Çağlar Uyarcan (TUR)
Fourth official	Mete Kalkavan (TUR)
UEFA Delegate	Márton Esterházy (HUN)
UEFA Referee observer	Igor Pristovnik (CRO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Halil Umut Meler	01/08/1986	0	20

UEFA European Championship matches featuring 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

No such matches refereed

Match-by-match lineups

Romania

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Spain	10	8	2	0	31	5	26
Sweden	10	6	3	1	23	9	21
Norway	10	4	5	1	19	11	17
Romania	10	4	2	4	17	15	14
Faroe Islands	10	1	0	9	4	30	3
Malta	10	1	0	9	3	27	3

(23/03/2019)

Sweden 2-1 Romania

Goals: 1-0 Quaison 33, 2-0 Claesson 40, 2-1 Keşerü 58

Romania: Tătăruşanu, Băluţă (78 Ivan), Manea, Chipciu, Puşcaş (64 Hagi), Stanciu, Bancu, Marin, Mitriţă (46 Keşerü), Grigore, Săpunaru

(26/03/2019)

Romania-Faroe Islands

(07/06/2019)

Norway-Romania

(10/06/2019)

Malta-Romania

(05/09/2019)

Romania-Spain

(08/09/2019)

Romania-Malta

(12/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Romania

(15/10/2019)

Romania-Norway

(15/11/2019)

Romania-Sweden

(18/11/2019)

Spain-Romania

Faroe Islands

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(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

Faroe Islands: Nielsen, V. Davidsen, A. Gregersen, Hansson, Hendriksson, Rólantsson, S. Vatnhamar (68 Bartalsstovu), Baldvinsson (79 Ar. Frederiksberg), O. Faerø, R. Joensen (72 K. Olsen), J. Thomsen

(26/03/2019)

Romania-Faroe Islands

(07/06/2019)

Faroe Islands-Spain

(10/06/2019)

Faroe Islands-Norway

(05/09/2019)

Faroe Islands-Sweden

(08/09/2019)

Spain-Faroe Islands

(12/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Romania

(15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands-Malta

(15/11/2019)

Norway-Faroe Islands

(18/11/2019)

Sweden-Faroe Islands

Legend

:: 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

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

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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