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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
26/03/2019	QR (GS)	Malta - Spain	0-2	Ta' Qali	Morata 31, 73

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
EURO																		
Spain	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	3	3	0	0	17	3
Malta	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	3	3	17
FIFA*																		
Spain	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	4	0	0	13	0
Malta	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	4	0	13
Friendlies																		
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	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																		
Spain	3	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	-	-	-	-	7	7	0	0	30	3
Malta	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	7	0	0	7	3	30

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	David de Gea	07/11/1990	29	Man. United	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Kepa	03/10/1994	25	Chelsea	*	6	0	0	0		
-	Pau López	13/12/1994	24	Roma	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Raúl Albiol	04/09/1985	34	Villarreal	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Ramos	30/03/1986	33	Real Madrid	-	7	4	0	0		
-	Juan Bernat	01/03/1993	26	Paris	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Dani Carvajal	11/01/1992	27	Real Madrid	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/1991	28	Athletic Club	-	4	0	0	0		
-	José Gayà	25/05/1995	24	Valencia	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Pau Torres	16/01/1997	22	Villarreal	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Jesús Navas	21/11/1985	33	Sevilla	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Santi Cazorla	13/12/1984	34	Villarreal	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/1991	28	Bayern	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Pablo Sarabia	11/05/1992	27	Paris	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sergio Busquets	16/07/1988	31	Barcelona	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Saúl Ñíguez	21/11/1994	24	Atlético	-	3	1	0	0		
-	Rodri	22/06/1996	23	Man. City	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Fabián Ruiz	03/04/1996	23	Napoli	*	5	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Paco Alcácer	30/08/1993	26	Dortmund	-	2	3	0	0		
-	Álvaro Morata	23/10/1992	27	Atlético	-	4	3	0	0		
-	Gerard Moreno	07/04/1992	27	Villarreal	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dani Olmo	05/05/1998	21	Dinamo Zagreb	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mikel Oyarzabal	21/04/1997	22	Real Sociedad	-	5	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Robert Moreno	19/09/1977	42		-	5	0	0	0		

Malta

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Justin Haber	09/06/1981	38	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Henry Bonello	13/10/1988	31	Valletta	*	8	0	0	0		
-	Rashed Al-Tumi	04/10/2000	19	Casarano	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Jonathan Caruana	24/07/1986	33	Valletta	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Andrei Agius	12/08/1986	33	Hibernians	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Joseph Zerafa	31/05/1988	31	Valletta	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Jurgen Pisani	03/09/1992	27	Floriana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Karl Micallef	08/09/1996	23	Hamrun	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Dunstan Vella	27/04/1996	23	Hibernians	-	4	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Paul Fenech	20/12/1986	32	Balzan	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Rowen Muscat	05/06/1991	28	Valletta	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Tristan Caruana	15/09/1991	28	Hamrun	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Zach Muscat	22/08/1993	26	Olhanense	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Jake Grech	18/11/1997	21	Hibernians	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Luke Gambin	16/03/1993	26	Colchester	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Nikolai Muscat	13/07/1996	23	Gżira	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Brandon Paiber	05/06/1995	24	Floriana	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Michael Mifsud	17/04/1981	38	Birkirkara	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Alfred Effiong	29/11/1984	34	Balzan	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Juan Corbolan	03/01/1997	22	Gżira	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Kyrian Nwoko	04/07/1997	22	Valletta	*	7	1	0	0		
-	Joseph Mbong	15/07/1997	22	Hibernians	*	8	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Raymond Farrugia	01/10/1955	64		-	8	0	0	0		

Head coach

Robert Moreno

Date of birth: 19 September 1977

Nationality: Spanish

Coaching career: Penya Barçelona Collblanc, L'Hospitalet, Castelldefels, Damm, Barcelona B (assistant), Roma (assistant), Celta Vigo (assistant, twice), Barcelona (assistant), Spain (assistant, interim, permanent)

- Originally from Catalonia, Moreno started coaching aged 14 when his PE teacher asked him to help in classes; after spells in the youth departments of several lower division clubs he eventually ended up at Barcelona B, where he met Luis Enrique.
- Enrique took Moreno with him when he was appointed Roma coach in 2011, Moreno also working as assistant at Celta in 2013/14 before returning to Barcelona when Enrique took charge of the first team; as well as serving as assistant coach, Moreno was also the head of opposition scouting.
- Barcelona swept all before them in 2014/15, winning the Spanish Liga, Copa del Rey and UEFA Champions League treble and also adding the UEFA Super Cup and FIFA Club World Cup later in 2015; another league title and two more domestic cups followed before Enrique, and Moreno, departed in summer 2017.
- Spent 2017/18 back at Celta, working as assistant to Juan Carlos Unzué as Enrique took a sabbatical, but the pair were reunited in July 2018 when Enrique was appointed Spain coach.
- Stepped in as interim manager in March 2019 when Enrique took a break from the position, and after overseeing three successive UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying wins was named Spain's 56th permanent manager – aged 41, their youngest since Guillermo Eizaguirre in 1948 – on 19 June when Enrique opted to step down.

Ray Farrugia

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, Marxaxlokk, 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.

Match officials

Referee	Viktor Kassai (HUN)
Assistant referees	György Ring (HUN) , Vencel Tóth (HUN)
Fourth official	Tamás Bogнар (HUN)
UEFA Delegate	Kurt Zuppinger (SUI)
UEFA Referee observer	Sabri Celik (TUR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Viktor Kassai	10/09/1975	13	112

Viktor Kassai

Referee since: 1990
First division: 1999
FIFA badge: 2003

Tournaments: 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup, 2016 FIFA Club World Cup, UEFA EURO 2016, 2013 FIFA U-20 World Cup, UEFA EURO 2012, 2010 FIFA World Cup, 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cup, 2008 Olympic Games, 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup, 2005 UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2001 UEFA Regions' Cup

Finals

2011 UEFA Champions League
2008 Olympic Games

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/03/2011	EURO	QR	Spain	Czech Republic	2-1	Granada
10/06/2012	EURO	GS-FT	Spain	Italy	1-1	Gdansk

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
03/03/2003	U17	2QR	Spain	Bulgaria	3-0	Alginet
07/03/2003	U17	2QR	France	Spain	0-2	Alcoy
08/03/2007	UEL	R16	Sevilla FC	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	2-2	Seville
12/12/2007	UCL	GS	SK Slavia Praha	Sevilla FC	0-3	Prague
12/03/2008	UEL	R16	Getafe CF	SL Benfica	1-0	Getafe
30/09/2008	UCL	GS	Villarreal CF	Celtic FC	1-0	Villarreal
16/03/2010	UCL	R16	Sevilla FC	PFC CSKA Moskva	1-2	Seville
29/09/2010	UCL	GS	Valencia CF	Manchester United FC	0-1	Valencia
25/03/2011	EURO	QR	Spain	Czech Republic	2-1	Granada
25/04/2012	UCL	SF	Real Madrid CF	FC Bayern München	2-1	Madrid
10/06/2012	EURO	GS-FT	Spain	Italy	1-1	Gdansk
03/10/2012	UCL	GS	RSC Anderlecht	Málaga CF	0-3	Brussels
24/10/2012	UCL	GS	Borussia Dortmund	Real Madrid CF	2-1	Dortmund

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
12/03/2013	UCL	R16	FC Barcelona	AC Milan	4-0	Barcelona
26/03/2013	WC	QR	France	Spain	0-1	Paris
23/04/2013	UCL	SF	FC Bayern München	FC Barcelona	4-0	Munich
10/04/2014	UEL	QF	Valencia CF	FC Basel 1893	5-0	Valencia
04/11/2014	UCL	GS	Real Madrid CF	Liverpool FC	1-0	Madrid
12/04/2016	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF	VfL Wolfsburg	3-0	Madrid
05/05/2016	UEL	SF	Liverpool FC	Villarreal CF	3-0	Liverpool
01/11/2016	UCL	GS	Manchester City FC	FC Barcelona	3-1	Manchester
24/11/2016	UEL	GS	Athletic Club	US Sassuolo Calcio	3-2	Bilbao
18/04/2017	UCL	QF	Real Madrid CF	FC Bayern München	4-2	Madrid
15/02/2018	UEL	R32	Olympique Lyonnais	Villarreal CF	3-1	Decines
21/02/2019	UEL	R32	Real Betis Balompie	Stade Rennais FC	1-3	Seville

Match-by-match lineups

Spain

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

Matchday 1 (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

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Malta 0-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 31, 0-2 Morata 73

Spain: Kepa, Gayà, Saúl Ñíguez (65 Jesús Navas), Morata (79 Rodrigo), Asensio, Canales, Hermoso, Bernat (56 Muniain), Ramos, Rodri, Sergi Roberto

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Faroe Islands 1-4 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Ramos 6, 0-2 Jesús Navas 19, 1-2 K. Olsen 30, 1-3 Gestsson 34 (og) , 1-4 Gayà 71

Spain: Kepa, Hermoso, Morata, Sergi Roberto, Isco (74 Fabián Ruiz), Gayà, Ramos (46 Llorente), Rodri, Aspas (56 Asensio), Santi Cazorla, Jesús Navas

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Spain 3-0 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Ramos 64 (P) , 2-0 Morata 85 (P) , 3-0 Oyarzabal 87

Spain: Kepa, Carvajal, Iñigo Martínez (88 Llorente), Sergio Busquets, Rodrigo (71 Oyarzabal), Isco, Asensio (65 Morata), Ramos, Jordi Alba, Fabián Ruiz, Parejo

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Romania 1-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Ramos 29 (P) , 0-2 Alcácer 47, 1-2 Andone 59

Spain: Kepa, Llorente, Sergio Busquets, Ceballos (76 Sarabia), Saúl Ñíguez, Alcácer (84 Hermoso), Ramos, Fabián Ruiz, Jordi Alba, Rodrigo (71 Oyarzabal), Jesús Navas

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Spain 4-0 Faroe Islands

Goals: 1-0 Rodrigo 13, 2-0 Rodrigo 50, 3-0 Alcácer 90, 4-0 Alcácer 90+3

Spain: De Gea, Carvajal, Hermoso, Thiago Alcántara, Suso (68 Sarabia), Oyarzabal (60 Alcácer), Gayà, Ramos (84 Unai Nuñez), Rodri, Rodrigo, Parejo

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Norway 1-1 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Saúl Ñíguez 47, 1-1 King 90+4 (P)

Spain: Kepa, Albiol, Sergio Busquets, Ceballos (64 Santi Cazorla), Saúl Ñíguez, Bernat (88 Iñigo Martínez), Ramos, Fabián Ruiz, Rodrigo, Oyarzabal (78 Rodri), Jesús Navas

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Sweden 1-1 Spain

Goals: 1-0 Berg 50, 1-1 Rodrigo 90+2

Spain: De Gea (60 Kepa), Carvajal (81 Jesús Navas), Albiol, Iñigo Martínez, Ceballos, Gerard Moreno, Thiago Alcántara (66 Rodrigo), Bernat, Rodri, Fabián Ruiz, Oyarzabal

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Spain-Malta

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Spain-Romania

Malta

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

Matchday 1 (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)

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Malta 0-2 Spain

Goals: 0-1 Morata 31, 0-2 Morata 73

Malta: Bonello, Caruana (85 Micallef), S. Borg, Guillaumier, Mbong (65 R. Muscat), P. Fenech, Nwoko, Corbolan, Mintoff (69 Mifsud), J. Zerafa, Z. Muscat

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Sweden 3-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Quaison 2, 2-0 Claesson 50, 3-0 Isak 81

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg (80 Apap), Agius, J. Grech (64 P. Fenech), Mbong, Montebello (71 Nwoko), R. Muscat, Corbolan, Effiong, Gambin, Z. Muscat

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Malta 0-4 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Puşcaş 7, 0-2 Puşcaş 29, 0-3 Chipciu 34, 0-4 Man 90+1

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, Mbong, P. Fenech (59 J. Grech), R. Muscat, Corbolan (84 Montebello), Effiong, J. Zerafa, Gambin (67 Mifsud), Z. Muscat

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Norway 2-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Berge 34, 2-0 King 45+1 (P)

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, J. Grech (77 Effiong), Mbong, P. Fenech (64 J.P. Farrugia), Nwoko, R. Muscat, Vella, Corbolan, Z. Muscat (20 Apap)

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Romania 1-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Puşcaş 47

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, Mbong, J.P. Farrugia, Nwoko (72 Effiong), R. Muscat, Vella (86 J. Grech), Corbolan, Gambin (81 J. Zerafa), Z. Muscat

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Malta 0-4 Sweden

Goals: 0-1 Danielson 11, 0-2 S. Larsson 58 (P) , 0-3 Agius 66 (og) , 0-4 S. Larsson 71 (P)

Malta: Bonello, Agius, Mbong, Nwoko, R. Muscat (68 P. Fenech), Vella, Shaw, Effiong (75 Mifsud), J. Zerafa, Gambin, Z. Muscat (66 Caruana)

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Faroe Islands 1-0 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Baldvinsson 71

Malta: Bonello, S. Borg, Agius, J. Grech, Mbong, P. Fenech (71 Gambin), Mifsud (71 Effiong), Nwoko, R. Muscat (80 J. Zerafa), Vella, Z. Muscat

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Spain-Malta

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

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