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Group A - Matchday 2



Romania

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/09/2001	QR (GS)	Hungary - Romania	1-3	Kecskemet	Szabics 67; Cernat 53, Bratu 65, 90
01/06/2001	QR (GS)	Romania - Hungary	1-0	Bucharest	Sânămărtean 81

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/06/1999	QR (GS)	Romania - Hungary	2-1	Bucharest	Cernat 22, 74; Ferenczi 79
13/10/1998	QR (GS)	Hungary - Romania	1-2	Budapest	Ferenczi 29 (P); Stoica 58, Pancu 67

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
22/09/1981	QR (GS)	Romania - Hungary	2-1	Râmnicu Vâlcea	Turcu 47, Vlatanescu 86; Melis 26
12/05/1981	QR (GS)	Hungary - Romania	4-2	Bekescsaba	Kardos 41 (P), Pölöskei 56, 61, Melis 63; Gabor 52, Klein 88

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/10/1979	QR (GS)	Romania - Hungary	4-0	Bucharest	Terhes 8, 70, Bozesan I 10, Suci 25
25/10/1978	QR (GS)	Hungary - Romania	1-0	Szeged	Suliza 32 (P)

	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																		
Hungary	4	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	8	2	0	6	9	16
Romania	4	4	0	0	4	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	8	6	0	2	16	9

Match background

The second round of Group A games pits co-hosts Hungary against neighbours Romania at the Bozsik Stadion in Budapest.

- While Hungary's most successful recent U21 campaign came as long ago as 1996, Romania need look back only two years for inspiration, having reached the semi-finals of the 2019 competition in Italy.
- Romania will be looking to build on their 1-1 draw against the Netherlands on Matchday 1, when Hungary conceded three times in the final half-hour to lose 3-0 against Germany.

Previous meetings

- The teams have contested eight previous European U21 Championship matches, Romania winning six of those – including the last five.
- Most recently, Romania were victorious 1-0 in Bucharest and 3-1 in Kecskemét in the 2002 U21 EURO qualifying competition, although both teams missed out on the finals in Switzerland. Romania lost 5-0 on aggregate to France in the play-offs having finished as runners-up to Italy in Group 8, one point ahead of Hungary.
- That was also the case in the 2000 preliminaries; Romania were 2-1 victors in both Budapest and Bucharest but could only finish third in the section behind Slovakia and Portugal, with Hungary in fourth place.
- Hungary have not beaten Romania since a 4-2 victory in Békéscsaba in May 1981; that was the third meeting between the teams and their second victory.
- Andrei Vlad, Denis Haruț and Radu Boboc started for Romania in a 2-1 defeat of Hungary in European U17 Championship qualifying on 24 October 2015.

Form guide

Hungary

- This is the co-hosts' first appearance at the U21 EURO finals. Hungary and fellow hosts Slovenia are the only sides to be making their debuts at the 2021 tournament.
- Before the eight-team final tournament was introduced for 1998, Hungary reached the quarter-finals of the 1996 event, losing 4-3 to Scotland over two legs (2-1 h, 1-3 a).
- The Hungarians, who were also losing quarter-finalists in the inaugural edition of the U21 competition in 1978 and again two years later, enjoyed their most successful campaign in 1986, losing to eventual champions Spain 5-4 on aggregate in the semi-finals (3-1 h, 1-4 a) having beaten Poland 5-1 over two legs in the last eight (0-1 a, 5-0 h).
- Hungary's most successful European U21 Championship campaign since 1996 came in 2006, when they lost to holders Italy in the qualifying play-offs (1-1 h, 0-1 a).
- A team coached by Michael Boris – who was succeeded by Zoltán Gera in June 2019 – finished fourth in qualifying Group 6 ahead of 2019 U21 EURO, behind Belgium, Sweden and Turkey having picked up 11 points from ten matches. Hungary lost their last five fixtures.

Romania

- This is Romania's third appearance at the U21 EURO finals, and the first time they have qualified for successive tournaments.
- In 2019, a team coached by Mirel Rădoi qualified unbeaten (W7 D3) and then finished first in Group C at the final tournament, winning the section ahead of France – with whom they finished level on seven points – England and Croatia.
- Germany proved too strong in the semi-finals, however, scoring two late goals to win 4-2 – Romania's first competitive U21 defeat in 14 games (W9 D4), since a 2-0 qualifying loss in Bulgaria in October 2016.
- That was Romania's first appearance in the final tournament since they lost to the Netherlands in the quarter-finals of the 1998 tournament, which Romania hosted. They lost all three games at those 1998 finals, subsequently going down to Germany (0-1 aet) and Russia (1-2) to finish in eighth place.
- This time round, Adrian Mutu – who replaced Rădoi in January 2020 – guided Romania to the finals as the fifth best second-placed side overall, his team having finished as runners-up to Denmark in Group 8 (W6 D2 L2). Romania collected 20 points to end six behind the Danes but four ahead of third-placed Ukraine.

Links and trivia

- Mutu was in the Romania U21 side that beat Hungary 2-1 on 13 October 1998.
- Mutu played twice against Hungary at senior level, both in Budapest – a 2-0 FIFA World Cup qualifying win on 5 September 2001 and a 2-2 draw in the 2014 qualifying competition on 22 March 2013, captaining the side and

converting a penalty to make it 1-1 after current Hungary U21 assistant coach Vilmos Vanczák had opened the scoring. That goal was his 35th and last for Romania, equalling Gheorghe Hagi's all-time record.

- Gera played against Romania in two senior internationals, a 1-0 friendly loss in Budapest on 12 August 2009 and a 1-1 UEFA EURO 2016 qualifying draw in Bucharest on 11 October 2014. He also took part in a 3-0 loss at the Cyprus Cup on 21 February 2004, although that was not classed as an official match.
- Mutu scored twice in Fiorentina's 4-3 win against Hungarian side Debrecen in Budapest in the 2009/10 UEFA Champions League group stage, and was also on target in the Italian club's 5-2 home success.

Squad list

Hungary

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		Team	Pld	Gls
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Martin Auerbach	03/11/2002	18	Puskás Akadémia	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
12	Balázs Bese	22/01/1999	22	Budafoki	-	0	0	1	0	2	-
22	Péter Kovács	10/02/2000	21	Budaors	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Benedek Varju	21/05/2001	19	MTK	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
3	Attila Mocsi	29/05/2000	20	Haladás	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
4	Botond Balogh	06/06/2002	18	Parma	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
5	András Huszti	29/01/2001	20	Budafoki	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
13	Olivér Tamás	14/04/2001	19	Paks	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Bendegúz Bolla	22/11/1999	21	Fehérvár	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
19	László Deutsch	09/03/1999	22	Puskás Akadémia	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Midfielders											
6	Martin Palincsar	03/01/1999	22	MTK	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
8	Szabolcs Mezei	18/10/2000	20	MTK	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
10	Adrián Szőke	01/07/1998	22	Heracles	*	0	0	1	0	1	-
14	Kristóf Hinora	05/02/1998	23	Vasas	-	0	0	1	0	3	-
15	Mihály Kata	13/04/2002	18	MTK	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
16	Norbert Szendrei	27/03/2000	20	Honvéd	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
20	Csaba Bukta	25/07/2001	19	Altach	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
21	András Csonka	01/05/2000	20	Budafoki	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Márk Kovácsréti	01/09/2000	20	Kisvárdá	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
Forwards											
7	Tamás Kiss	24/11/2000	20	Puskás Akadémia	*	0	0	1	0	1	-
9	Bence Bíró	14/07/1998	22	MTK	-	0	0	1	0	11	4
11	Alen Skribek	11/04/2001	19	Budafoki	-	0	0	1	0	1	-
17	Donát Bárány	04/09/2000	20	Debrecen	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Coach											
-	Zoltán Gera	22/04/1979	41		-	0	0	1	0	1	-

Romania

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Daniel Vlad	15/04/1999	21	FCSB	-	8	0	1	0	9	-
12	Mihai Aioani	07/11/1999	21	Chindia Targoviste	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
23	Mihai Eșanu	25/07/1998	22	Dinamo București	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
2	Radu Boboc	24/04/1999	21	Viitorul	-	7	0	1	0	12	-
3	Raul Opruț	04/01/1998	23	Hermannstadt	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
4	Alexandru Pașcanu	28/09/1998	22	Ponferradina	-	8	0	1	0	22	-
5	Radu Drăgușin	03/02/2002	19	Juventus	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
13	Denis Ciobotariu	10/06/1998	22	CFR Cluj	-	3	0	1	0	4	-
15	Andrei Chindriș	12/01/1999	22	Botoșani	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
16	Denis Haruț	25/02/1999	22	FCSB	-	5	1	1	0	6	1
19	Ștefan Vlădoiu	28/12/1998	22	Universitatea Craiova	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Midfielders											
6	Marco Dulca	11/05/1999	21	Chindia Targoviste	-	0	0	0	0	5	-
8	Marius Marin	30/08/1998	22	Pisa	*	7	0	1	0	8	-
10	Olimpiu Moruțan	25/04/1999	21	FCSB	-	6	1	1	0	10	1
11	Andrei Ciobanu	18/01/1998	23	Viitorul	-	8	2	1	1	14	3
14	Răzvan Oaidă	02/03/1998	23	FCSB	-	4	0	1	0	8	-
17	Octavian Popescu	27/12/2002	18	FCSB	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Cătălin Itu	26/10/1999	21	CFR Cluj	-	4	0	1	0	5	-
22	Darius Olaru	03/03/1998	23	FCSB	-	9	1	1	0	12	1
Forwards											
7	George Cîmpanu	08/10/2000	20	Universitatea Craiova	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
9	George Ganea	26/05/1999	21	Viitorul	*	7	1	1	0	8	1
20	Alexandru Mățan	29/08/1999	21	Columbus Crew	-	5	1	1	0	9	1
21	Adrian Petre	11/02/1998	23	UTA	-	5	2	1	0	12	5
Coach											
-	Adrian Mutu	08/01/1979	42		-	4	0	1	0	5	-

Match officials

Referee	Lawrence Visser (BEL)
Assistant referees	Thibaud Nijssen (BEL) , Ruben Wyns (BEL)
Fourth official	Espen Eskås (NOR)
UEFA Delegate	Elena Kobak (RUS)
UEFA Referee observer	Roberto Rosetti (ITA)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Lawrence Visser	18/12/1989	3	26

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches featuring 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
09/07/2019	UCL	1QR	FC Astana	CFR 1907 Cluj	1-0	Nur-Sultan

Match-by-match lineups

Hungary

Under-21 - Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Netherlands	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Romania	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Hungary	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Matchday 1 (24/03/2021)

Hungary 0-3 Germany

Goals: 0-1 L. Nmecha 61, 0-2 Baku 66, 0-3 Baku 73

Hungary: Bese, Mocsi, Balogh, Palincsar (60 Hinora), Kiss (78 Skribek), Mezei (78 Kovácsréti), Szőke (60 Bíró), Kata, Szendrei, Bolla, Deutsch

Matchday 2 (27/03/2021)

Hungary-Romania

Matchday 3 (30/03/2021)

Netherlands-Hungary

Romania

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(10/09/2019)

Denmark 2-1 Romania

Goals: 1-0 Olsen 3, 2-0 Olsen 55, 2-1 Coman 80

Romania: Aioani, Boboc, Dima (66 Chindriș), Pașcanu, Băluță, Coman, Dragomir (51 Ciobanu), Drăguș (66 Dobre), Petre (73 Ganea), Olaru, Ratiu (66 Velisar)

(10/10/2019)

Romania 3-0 Ukraine

Goals: 1-0 Morușan 75, 2-0 Petre 80, 3-0 Petre 90+4

Romania: Vlad, Boboc, Pașcanu, Băluță, Man (84 Marin), Ganea (76 Petre), Drăguș (63 Mihăilă), Oaidă, Chindriș, Velisar, Morușan (76 Olaru)

(14/10/2019)

Romania 3-0 Northern Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Băluță 48, 2-0 Mihăilă 59, 3-0 Ciobanu 67

Romania: Vlad, Boboc, Pașcanu, Băluță (79 Ricardo), Mihăilă (69 Drăguș), Man (69 Neicutescu), Petre (69 Ganea), Oaidă, Chindriș, Ratiu (63 Velisar), Ciobanu

(14/11/2019)

Romania 4-1 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Kairinen 3, 1-1 Mihăilă 8, 2-1 Mihăilă 16, 3-1 Hyvärinen 45+5 (og), 4-1 Mihăilă 78

Romania: Vlad, Boboc (32 Ricardo), Pașcanu (83 Ciobotariu), Mihăilă, Man (64 Merloi), Ganea (64 Petre), Morușan (64 Olaru), Oaidă, Chindriș, Ratiu, Ciobanu

(19/11/2019)

Northern Ireland 0-0 Romania

Romania: Vlad, Pașcanu, Ricardo, Mihăilă (71 Ciobanu), Man (90 Merloi), Morușan (82 Ciobotariu), Petre, Oaidă, Chindriș, Vlădoiu, Marin (72 Olaru)

(04/09/2020)

Finland 1-3 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Olaru 21, 1-1 Soisalo 24, 1-2 Mihăilă 57, 1-3 Ciobanu 84

Romania: Vlad, Boboc, Pașcanu (90 Drăgușin), Ghiță, Mihăilă (90 Măștan), Ganea (53 Costache), Man, Marin, Haruț,

Ciobanu , Olaru (61 Itu)

(08/09/2020)

Malta 0-3 Romania

Goals: 0-1 Man 6, 0-2 Costache 41 (P) , 0-3 Haruț 83

Romania: Vlad, Opruț, Ghiță, Mihăilă (73 Mățan), Casap (57 Ciobanu), Man (82 Cîmpanu), Marin, Chindriș, Haruț, Costache (73 Ganea), Olaru (82 Itu)

(09/10/2020)

Ukraine 1-0 Romania

Goals: 1-0 Buletsa 80 (P)

Romania: Vlad, Opruț (46 Boboc), Pașcanu, Ghiță, Man (77 Moruțan), Mățan (65 Drăguș), Marin, Haruț, Ciobanu (77 Itu), Costache, Olaru

(13/10/2020)

Romania 4-1 Malta

Goals: 1-0 Mățan 17, 2-0 Man 27, 3-0 Ganea 36, 4-0 Man 40 (P) , 4-1 Elouni 51

Romania: Aioani, Drăgușin, Vlădoiu, Băluță, Ganea (46 Chindriș), Man (60 Drăguș), Mățan (60 Petrila), Marin, Haruț, Ciobanu (82 Itu), Olaru (77 Moruțan)

(17/11/2020)

Romania 1-1 Denmark

Goals: 0-1 Laursen 50 (P) , 1-1 Costache 72

Romania: Vlad, Boboc, Pașcanu, Moruțan, Hagi, Marin, Ciobotariu, Haruț, Mățan, Costache (76 Cârnaț), Olaru

Group stage – final tournament

Group A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Netherlands	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Romania	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Hungary	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Matchday 1 (24/03/2021)

Romania 1-1 Netherlands

Goals: 0-1 Schuurs 16, 1-1 Ciobanu 20

Romania: Vlad, Boboc, Pașcanu, Marin, Ganea (80 Petre), Moruțan (88 Itu), Ciobanu , Ciobotariu, Haruț, Mățan (72 Oaidă), Olaru

Matchday 2 (27/03/2021)

Hungary-Romania

Matchday 3 (30/03/2021)

Germany-Romania

Team facts

Hungary

Tournament record

2019: did not qualify
2017: did not qualify
2015: did not qualify
2013: did not qualify
2011: did not qualify
2009: did not qualify
2007: did not qualify
2006: play-offs
2004: did not qualify
2002: did not qualify
2000: did not qualify
1998: did not qualify
1996: quarter-finals
1994: did not qualify
1992: did not qualify
1990: did not qualify
1988: did not qualify
1986: semi-finals
1984: did not qualify
1982: did not qualify
1980: quarter-finals
1978: quarter-finals

Biggest wins

Final tournament

N/A

Qualifying

7-0: Hungary v Greece, 09/10/76
1978 qualifying group stage, Kecskemét

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

0-3: Hungary v Germany, 24/03/21
2021 group stage, Székesfehérvár

Qualifying

8-0: Serbia v Hungary, 07/09/08
2009 qualifying group stage, Belgrade

Romania

Tournament record

2019: semi-finals
2017: did not qualify
2015: did not qualify
2013: did not qualify
2011: did not qualify (play-offs)
2009: did not qualify
2007: did not qualify
2006: did not qualify
2004: did not qualify
2002: did not qualify (play-offs)
2000: did not qualify
1998: eighth place
1996: did not qualify
1994: did not qualify
1992: did not qualify

1990: did not qualify
1988: did not qualify
1986: did not qualify
1984: did not qualify
1982: did not qualify
1980: did not qualify
1978: did not qualify

Biggest wins

Final tournament

4-1: Romania v Croatia, 18/06/19
Group stage, Serravalle

Qualifying

0-5 twice, most recently v Armenia, 16/11/04
2006 qualifying group stage, Yerevan

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

4-2: Germany v Romania, 27/06/19
Semi-final, Bologna

Qualifying

8-0: Germany v Romania, 09/09/14
2015 qualifying group stage, Magdeburg

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** all-time qualifying and final tournament data

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality **DoB:** date of birth

Under-21: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position **Pld:** played **W:** won **D:** drawn **L:** lost **GF:** goals for **GA:** goals against **Pts:** points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

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

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second round
R4: Fourth round
SF: Semi-finals
R16: round of 16
R32: Round of 32
1st: first leg

2nd: second leg
PO: Play-off
Rep: Replay
PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

GS: Group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: 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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