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Romania

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA EURO 2004

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/06/2003	PR (GS)	Norway - Romania	1-1	Oslo	Solskjær 78 (P); I Ganea 64
12/10/2002	PR (GS)	Romania - Norway	0-1	Bucharest	Iversen 83

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
03/06/1981	QR (GS)	Romania - Norway	1-0	Bucharest	Țicleanu 67
24/09/1980	QR (GS)	Norway - Romania	1-1	Oslo	Hareide 20; Iordănescu 10

	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																		
Norway	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	2	1
Romania	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	1	2
FIFA*																		
Norway	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	1	1	1	2
Romania	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	0	2	1
Friendlies																		
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	3	3	4	8
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	3	1	8	4
Total																		
Norway	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	11	2	5	4	7	11
Romania	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	-	-	-	-	11	4	5	2	11	7

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Norway

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Sten Grytebust	25/10/1989	29	København	-	0	0	0	0		
-	André Hansen	17/12/1989	29	Rosenborg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sondre Rossbach	07/02/1996	23	Odd	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Omar Elabdellaoui	05/12/1991	27	Olympiacos	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Stefan Strandberg	25/07/1990	28	Ural	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jonas Svensson	06/03/1993	26	AZ	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kristoffer Ajer	17/04/1998	21	Celtic	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Birger Meling	17/12/1994	24	Rosenborg	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Haitam Aleesami	31/07/1991	27	Palermo	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sigurd Rosted	22/07/1994	24	Gent	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Håvard Nordtveit	21/06/1990	28	Fulham	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Stefan Johansen	08/01/1991	28	West Brom	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Markus Henriksen	25/07/1992	26	Hull	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Fredrik Midtsjø	11/08/1993	25	AZ	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ole Selnæs	07/07/1994	24	Shenzhen	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Mats Møller Daehli	02/03/1995	24	St Pauli	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Martin Ødegaard	17/12/1998	20	Vitesse	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sander Berge	14/02/1998	21	Genk	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Tarik Elyounoussi	23/02/1988	31	AIK	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ola Kamara	15/10/1989	29	Shenzhen	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Joshua King	15/01/1992	27	Bournemouth	-	2	2	0	0		
-	Mohamed Elyounoussi	04/08/1994	24	Southampton	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Bjorn Johnsen	06/11/1991	27	AZ	*	2	1	0	0		
Coach											
-	Lars Lagerbäck	16/07/1948	70		-	2	0	0	0		

Romania

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Ciprian Tătărușanu	09/02/1986	33	Nantes	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Silviu Lung	04/06/1989	30	Kayserispor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ionuț Radu	28/05/1997	22	Genoa	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Alexandru Chipciu	18/05/1989	30	Sparta Praha	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Cristian Săpunaru	05/04/1984	35	Kayserispor	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Romario Benzar	26/03/1992	27	FCSB	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Alin Toșca	14/03/1992	27	PAOK	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dragoș Grigore	07/09/1986	32	Ludogorets	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Ionuț Nedelcearu	25/04/1996	23	Ufa	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Ciprian Deac	16/02/1986	33	CFR Cluj	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Paul Anton	10/05/1991	28	Krylya Sovetov	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicolae Stanciu	07/05/1993	26	Al-Ahly	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alexandru Maxim	08/07/1990	28	Mainz	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dan Nistor	06/05/1988	31	Dinamo București	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Tudor Băluță	27/03/1999	20	Viitorul	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Iulian Cristea	17/07/1994	24	FCSB	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicusor Bancu	18/09/1992	26	Universitatea Craiova	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Claudiu Keșerü	02/12/1986	32	Ludogorets	-	2	3	0	0		
-	George Țucudean	30/04/1991	28	CFR Cluj	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gheorghe Grozav	29/09/1990	28	Varda	-	0	0	0	0		
-	George Pușcaș	08/04/1996	23	Palermo	-	2	1	0	0		
-	Dorin Rotariu	29/07/1995	23	Astana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ianis Hagi	22/10/1998	20	Viitorul	-	2	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Cosmin Contra	15/12/1975	43		-	2	0	0	0		

Head coach

Lars Lagerbäck

Date of birth: 16 July 1948

Nationality: Swedish

Playing career: Alby, Gimnäs

Coaching career: Kilafors, Arbrå, Hudiksvalls, Sweden (youth sides), Sweden, Nigeria, Iceland, Norway

- A lower-league player, Lagerbäck began his coaching career in 1977 with Kilafors, joining the Swedish Football Association (SvFF) as a youth coach after spells with two other modest club sides Arbrå and Hudiksvall. Coached the national Under-21 and B teams until Tommy Söderberg took him on as his assistant with the senior national squad in 1998.
- Söderberg and Lagerbäck managed Sweden in tandem from 2000, reaching UEFA EURO 2000, the 2002 FIFA World Cup and the quarter-finals of UEFA EURO 2004; following Söderberg's departure, Lagerbäck took the troops to the 2006 World Cup and UEFA EURO 2008 single-handed.
- Stepped down after failing to lead Sweden to the 2010 World Cup finals, but ended up travelling to that tournament as coach of Nigeria.
- Appointed Iceland boss in October 2011, he steered the side to the 2014 World Cup play-offs where they lost to Croatia. Agreed a new contract that would mean he handed over the reins to assistant Heimir Hallgrímsson at the end of the UEFA EURO 2016 campaign – and promptly guided Iceland to their first ever major tournament.
- Even better was to follow as Iceland knocked out England en route to reaching the quarter-finals, where they lost to France, and in February 2017 Lagerbäck came out of retirement to take over as coach of Norway, his new side picking up ten points from their six 2018 World Cup qualifiers under his watch and going on to win promotion in the UEFA Nations League.

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.

Match officials

Referee	Sergei Karasev (RUS)
Assistant referees	Anton Averianov (RUS) , Aleksei Lunev (RUS)
Fourth official	Vitali Meshkov (RUS)
UEFA Delegate	Gordon Pate (SCO)
UEFA Referee observer	Martin Ingvarsson (SWE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Sergei Karasev	12/06/1979	6	69

Sergei Karasev

Referee since: 1995
First division: 2008
FIFA badge: 2010

Tournaments: 2018 FIFA World Cup, 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup, 2016 Olympic Games, UEFA EURO 2016, 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, 2002 UEFA Regions' Cup

Finals
N/A

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
02/09/2011	EURO	QR	Luxembourg	Romania	0-2	Luxembourg
15/06/2016	EURO	GS-FT	Romania	Switzerland	1-1	Paris

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/09/2002	RCUP	QR	C. R. Piemonte Valle d'Aosta (ITA)	Dacia Amateur (ROM)	2-0	Povazska Bystrica
27/09/2002	RCUP	QR	Dacia Amateur (ROM)	Slovak Western Region	0-3	Trencin
02/09/2011	EURO	QR	Luxembourg	Romania	0-2	Luxembourg
08/08/2012	UCL	3QR	FC Vaslui	Fenerbahçe SK	1-4	Piatra Neamt
20/11/2012	UCL	GS	CFR 1907 Cluj	SC Braga	3-1	Cluj-Napoca
07/03/2013	UEL	R16	FCSB	Chelsea FC	1-0	Bucharest
22/08/2013	UEL	PO	Swansea City AFC	FC Petrolul Ploiești	5-1	Swansea
28/08/2014	UEL	PO	FC Astra Giurgiu	Olympique Lyonnais	0-1	Giurgiu
15/06/2016	EURO	GS-FT	Romania	Switzerland	1-1	Paris

Match-by-match lineups

Norway

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)

Spain 2-1 Norway

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

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit, King, Johansen (77 Kamara), T. Elyounoussi (55 Johnsen), Elabdellaoui, Selnæs, Henriksen, Ødegaard (56 Elyounoussi)

(26/03/2019)

Norway 3-3 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Johnsen 41, 2-0 King 59, 2-1 Claesson 70, 2-2 Nordtveit 86 (og) , 2-3 Quaison 90+1, 3-3 Kamara 90+7

Norway: Jarstein, Aleesami, Ajer, Nordtveit, King, Elyounoussi (72 Kamara), Elabdellaoui, Selnæs, Henriksen, Ødegaard, Johnsen (87 Sørloth)

(07/06/2019)

Norway-Romania

(10/06/2019)

Faroe Islands-Norway

(05/09/2019)

Norway-Malta

(08/09/2019)

Sweden-Norway

(12/10/2019)

Norway-Spain

(15/10/2019)

Romania-Norway

(15/11/2019)

Norway-Faroe Islands

(18/11/2019)

Malta-Norway

Romania

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group F

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Spain	10	8	2	0	31	5	26
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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 4-1 Faroe Islands

Goals: 1-0 Deac 26, 2-0 Keşerü 29, 3-0 Keşerü 33, 3-1 V. Davidsen 40 (P) , 4-1 Puşcaş 63

Romania: Tătăruşanu, Benzar (46 Hagi), Moţi, Chipciu, Puşcaş, Stanciu (78 Man), Bancu, Keşerü (69 Cicăldău), Deac, Marin, Grigore

(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

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Norway

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – group stage
1996 – did not qualify
1992 – did not qualify
1988 – did not qualify
1984 – did not qualify
1980 – did not qualify
1976 – did not qualify
1972 – did not qualify
1968 – did not qualify
1964 – did not qualify
1960 – did not qualify

Final tournament win

0-1: Spain v Norway, 13/06/00

Final tournament loss

0-1: Norway v Yugoslavia, 18/06/00

Qualifying win

5-0: Norway v Luxembourg, 26/04/95

Qualifying loss

5-1: Croatia v Norway, 28/03/15

4-0: Hungary v Norway, 27/10/71

Final tournament appearances

3: Eirik Bakke
3: André Bergdølmo
3: Bjørn Otto Bragstad
3: John Carew
3: Dan Eggen
3: Tore André Flo
3: Steffen Iversen
3: Thomas Myhre
3: Erik Mykland
3: Ole Gunnar Solskjær

Final tournament goals

1: Steffen Iversen

Overall appearances

31: Steffen Iversen
27: John Carew
26: Henning Berg
26: John Arne Riise
20: Tore André Flo
20: Svein Grøndalen
20: Brede Hangeland
20: Øyvind Leonhardsen
20: Ole Gunnar Solskjær

Overall goals

13: Steffen Iversen
9: Ole Gunnar Solskjær
7: John Carew

- 6:** Tore André Flo
- 5:** Kjetil Rekdal
- 5:** John Arne Riise

UEFA European Championship records: Romania

History

- 2016 – group stage
- 2012 – did not qualify
- 2008 – group stage
- 2004 – did not qualify
- 2000 – quarter-finals
- 1996 – group stage
- 1992 – did not qualify
- 1988 – did not qualify
- 1984 – group stage
- 1980 – did not qualify
- 1976 – did not qualify
- 1972 – did not qualify
- 1968 – did not qualify
- 1964 – did not qualify
- 1960 – did not qualify

Final tournament win

- 2-3:** England v Romania, 20/06/00

Final tournament loss

- 2-0:** Netherlands v Romania, 17/06/08
- 2-0:** Italy v Romania, 24/06/00

Qualifying win

- 7-0:** Romania v Liechtenstein, 02/09/98
- 7-0:** Romania v Cyprus, 23/04/67
- 0-7:** Luxembourg v Romania, 16/10/02

Qualifying defeat

- 7-1:** Switzerland v Romania, 24/05/67
- 6-0:** Spain v Romania, 01/11/62

Final tournament appearances

- 8:** Gheorghe Hagi
- 7:** Cristian Chivu
- 7:** Dorinel Munteanu
- 6:** Cosmin Contra
- 6:** Dan Petrescu
- 6:** Bogdan Stelea
- 6:** Viorel Moldovan
- 6:** Constantin Gâlcă
- 6:** Adrian Ilie
- 6:** Adrian Mutu
- 6:** Gheorghe Popescu

Final tournament goals

- 2:** Bogdan Stancu
- 1:** Viorel Moldovan
- 1:** Cristian Chivu
- 1:** Dorinel Munteanu
- 1:** Ioan Ganea
- 1:** Florin Răducioiu
- 1:** Laszlo Bölöni
- 1:** Marcel Coraș
- 1:** Adrian Mutu

Overall appearances

- 40:** Răzvan Raț

36: Gheorghe Popescu
35: Dorinel Munteanu
32: Gheorghe Hagi
31: Dan Petrescu
31: Ioan Lupescu

Overall goals

16: Adrian Mutu
9: Ciprian Marica
9: Florin Răducioiu
8: Gheorghe Hagi
8: Dorinel Munteanu
8: Ioan Ganea

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