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Group G - Matchday 9



Latvia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

2020 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/06/2019	QR (GS)	Latvia - Slovenia	0-5	Riga	Črnigoj 24, 27, Iličić 29 (P), 44, Zajc 47

UEFA EURO 2000

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/06/1999	PR (GS)	Latvia - Slovenia	1-2	Liepaja	Pahars 17; Zahovič 26, 42
14/10/1998	PR (GS)	Slovenia - Latvia	1-0	Maribor	Udovič 86

	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																		
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	3	3	0	0	8	1
Latvia	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	3	1	8
FIFA*																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	1	0	1
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	1	0
Total																		
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	-	-	-	-	4	3	0	1	8	2
Latvia	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	3	2	8

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Slovenia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Vid Belec	06/06/1990	29	APOEL	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nejc Vidmar	31/03/1989	30	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jan Oblak	07/01/1993	26	Atlético	-	8	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Bojan Jokić	17/05/1986	33	Ufa	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Uros Korun	25/05/1987	32	Piast	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Martin Milec	20/09/1991	28	Maribor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aljaž Struna	04/08/1990	29	Houston Dynamo	*	8	1	0	0		
-	Miha Mevlja	12/06/1990	29	Sochi	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Miha Blažič	08/05/1993	26	Ferencváros	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Petar Stojanović	07/10/1995	24	Dinamo Zagreb	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Jure Balkovec	09/09/1994	25	Empoli	-	4	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Rajko Rep	20/06/1990	29	TSV	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Haris Vučklič	21/08/1992	27	Twente	-	0	0	0	0		
-	René Krhin	21/05/1990	29	Nantes	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Josip Iličić	29/01/1988	31	Atalanta	*	8	3	0	0		
-	Jasmin Kurtić	10/01/1989	30	SPAL	-	8	0	0	0		
-	Amedej Vetrlih	16/09/1990	29	Rizespor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Miha Zajc	01/07/1994	25	Fenerbahçe	-	6	2	0	0		
-	Benjamin Verbič	27/11/1993	25	Dynamo Kyiv	-	6	2	0	0		
-	Jaka Bijol	05/02/1999	20	CSKA Moskva	-	3	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Roman Bezjak	21/02/1989	30	APOEL	*	4	1	0	0		
-	Tim Matavž	13/01/1989	30	Vitesse	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andraž Šporar	27/02/1994	25	Slovan Bratislava	-	7	2	0	0		
Coach											
-	Matjaž Kek	09/09/1961	58		-	8	0	0	0		

Latvia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Andris Vaņins	30/04/1980	39	Zürich	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Pāvels Šteinbors	21/09/1985	34	Arka	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Ozols	10/09/1995	24	Riga	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Igors Tarasovs	16/10/1988	31	Spartaks Jūrmala	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Vitālijs Maksimenko	08/12/1990	28	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Kaspars Dubra	20/12/1990	28	Olexandriya	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Vitālijs Jagodinskis	28/02/1992	27	RFS	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Mārcis Ošs	25/07/1991	28	Xamax	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Antonijs Černomordijs	26/09/1996	23	Riga	-	3	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Oļegs Laizāns	28/03/1987	32	Riga	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Vladimirs Kamešs	28/10/1988	31	Riga	*	5	1	0	0		
-	Ritvars Rugins	17/10/1989	30	Riga	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Savaļnieks	04/02/1993	26	RFS	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Andrejs Cigaņiks	12/04/1997	22	RFS	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Ingars Stuglis	12/02/1996	23	Ventspils	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aleksejs Grjaznovs	01/10/1997	22	Valmiera	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Raivis Jurkovskis	09/12/1996	22	Liepāja	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Fjodorovs	27/09/1996	23	Riga	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Mārtiņš Ķigurs	31/03/1997	22	Liepāja	-	3	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Dāvis Ikaunieks	07/01/1994	25	RFS	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ēriks Punculs	18/01/1994	25	Valmiera	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Vladislavs Gutkovskis	02/04/1995	24	Nieciecza	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Roberts Uldriķis	03/04/1998	21	Sion	-	4	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Slaviša Stojanovic	06/12/1969	49		-	8	0	0	0		

Head coach

Matjaž Kek

Date of birth: 9 September 1961

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Maribor (twice), Spittal/Drau, Grazer AK

Coaching career: Maribor, Slovenia (youth), Slovenia (twice), Al-Ittihad, Rijeka

- Born in Maribor, he began a long affiliation with the local club as a player. Featured from 1979 to 1984 in the Yugoslavian Federal League before a decade in Austria's lower leagues with Spittal/Drau and Grazer AK – earning one cap for Slovenia in 1992 while with the latter. Returned home to win a hat-trick of Slovenian titles at Maribor between 1997 and 1999 as well as two national cups.
- Turned to coaching immediately after hanging up his boots and was on the staff for four further Maribor championship wins before taking charge himself for the 2003/04 season.
- Appointed coach of Slovenia's Under-15 and U16 teams in 2006 before the call came to replace senior head coach Branko Oblak midway through UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying campaign in January 2007.
- Endured difficult start to reign with youthful team but came good to eventually steer Slovenia to 2010 FIFA World Cup finals after a famous away-goals victory over Russia in the play-offs. Oversaw creditable performances in South Africa although Slovenia failed to progress from group stage.
- Stepped down after failure to reach UEFA EURO 2012, going on to have a brief spell in Saudi Arabia with Al-Ittihad before resurfacing at Rijeka in February 2013. Kek proved a huge success in Croatia, winning the club's first title in 2016/17 when Rijeka completed the double by claiming the Croatian Cup for the second time in his reign; also took the club into the UEFA Europa League group stage in 2013/14 and 2014/15. Stepped down in October 2018 and reappointed as Slovenia coach the following month.

Slaviša Stojanović

Date of birth: 6 December 1969

Nationality: Slovenian

Playing career: Slovan Ljubljana, Ljubljana (twice), Celje, Vevče, Livar

Coaching career: Slovan Ljubljana, Livar, Domžale, Celje, United Arab Emirates (assistant), Slovenia, Crvena zvezda, Lierse, Changchun Yatai, Riga, Levski Sofia, Latvia

- Born in what is now Serbia, Stojanović had an unremarkable career as a defender in Slovenian football, finding his true calling as a coach in his late 20s when he led Slovan Ljubljana to national titles at Under-16 and U18 levels.
- Established his local reputation in charge of Domžale between 2002 and 2008, during which his side won the 2006/07 and 2007/08 domestic titles – their first top-division successes.
- After a single campaign at Celje, Stojanović moved abroad to assist compatriot Srečko Katanec, then coach of the United Arab Emirates; the pair were dismissed in September 2011, Stojanović taking over as Slovenia boss the following month.
- Stojanović resigned as Slovenia coach in December 2012, after just over a year in charge, and returned to football in June 2013 with Crvena zvezda, whom he steered to their first Serbian title in seven years in his lone campaign.
- After an ill-starred spell in Belgium with Lierse, Stojanović coached clubs in China and Latvia, then took command of Levski Sofia at the start of the 2018/19 campaign. He left the Bulgarian side in January 2019 and was appointed head coach of Latvia two months later.

Match officials

Referee	Radu Petrescu (ROU)
Assistant referees	Radu Ghinguleac (ROU) , Mircea Mihail Grigoriu (ROU)
Fourth official	Marcel Birsan (ROU)
UEFA Delegate	Lennart Vestervall (SWE)
UEFA Referee observer	Peter Sippel (GER)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Radu Petrescu	12/11/1982	1	52

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
16/07/2013	UCL	2QR	Birkirkara FC	NK Maribor	0-0	Ta' Qali

Match-by-match lineups

Slovenia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Poland	8	6	1	1	13	2	19
Austria	8	5	1	2	17	7	16
North Macedonia	8	3	2	3	10	11	11
Slovenia	8	3	2	3	13	8	11
Israel	8	3	2	3	15	15	11
Latvia	8	0	0	8	2	27	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

Israel 1-1 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Šporar 48, 1-1 Zahavi 55

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličič, Kurtič, Šporar (85 Bohar), Zajc (62 Črnigoj), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (90 Bijol)

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Slovenia 1-1 North Macedonia

Goals: 1-0 Zajc 34, 1-1 Bardi 47

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličič, Kurtič, Šporar (71 Berić), Zajc (90 Zahović), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (84 Črnigoj)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Austria 1-0 Slovenia

Goals: 1-0 Burgstaller 74

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Bijol (63 Popović), Iličič, Kurtič, Šporar, Zajc (69 Bohar), Jokić, Črnigoj (78 Berić), M. Mevlja, Stojanović

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Latvia 0-5 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Črnigoj 24, 0-2 Črnigoj 27, 0-3 Iličič 29 (P), 0-4 Iličič 44, 0-5 Zajc 47

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna, Iličič, Kurtič, Zajc (64 Bijol), Jokić, Črnigoj (83 Majer), M. Mevlja, Popović (77 Zahović), Berić, Stojanović

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Slovenia 2-0 Poland

Goals: 1-0 Aljaž Struna 35, 2-0 Šporar 65

Slovenia: Oblak, Balkovec, Aljaž Struna, Krhin, Iličič, Kurtič, Šporar (85 Popović), Bezjak, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (62 Črnigoj)

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Slovenia 3-2 Israel

Goals: 1-0 Verbić 43, 1-1 Natcho 50, 1-2 Zahavi 63, 2-2 Bezjak 66, 3-2 Verbić 90

Slovenia: Oblak, Aljaž Struna (54 Blažič), Krhin (81 Popović), Iličič, Kurtič, Šporar, Jokić (46 Balkovec), Bezjak, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

North Macedonia 2-1 Slovenia

Goals: 1-0 Elmas 50, 2-0 Elmas 68, 2-1 Iličič 90+5 (P)

Slovenia: Oblak, Balkovec, Aljaž Struna, Krhin (48 Popović), Iličič, Kurtič, Šporar, Bezjak (79 Berić), M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (65 Zajc)

Matchday 8 (13/10/2019)

Slovenia 0-1 Austria

Goals: 0-1 Posch 21

Slovenia: Oblak, Balkovec, Aljaž Struna, Krhin (79 Popović), Iličić, Kurtić, Šporar, Bezjak (61 Zajc), M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbić (69 Berić)

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Poland-Slovenia

Latvia

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group G

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Slovenia	8	3	2	3	13	8	11
Israel	8	3	2	3	15	15	11
Latvia	8	0	0	8	2	27	0

Matchday 1 (21/03/2019)

North Macedonia 3-1 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Alioski 11, 2-0 Elmas 29, 2-1 Velkoski 87 (og) , 3-1 Elmas 90+3

Latvia: Vaņins (33 Šteinbors), Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Gabovs, Šabala (79 Uldriķis), Karašausks (68 Tobers), Isajevs, Cigaņiks, Rakels, Tarasovs

Matchday 2 (24/03/2019)

Poland 2-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Lewandowski 76, 2-0 Glik 84

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns, Ikaunieks, Karašausks (85 Tobers), Isajevs, Rakels, Savaļņieks (80 Gabovs), Gutkovskis (70 Uldriķis)

Matchday 3 (07/06/2019)

Latvia 0-3 Israel

Goals: 0-1 Zahavi 10, 0-2 Zahavi 60, 0-3 Zahavi 81

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns (79 Rugins), Ikaunieks (57 Cigaņiks), Karašausks (67 Kamešs), Rakels, Savaļņieks, Tobers, Gutkovskis

Matchday 4 (10/06/2019)

Latvia 0-5 Slovenia

Goals: 0-1 Črnigoj 24, 0-2 Črnigoj 27, 0-3 Iličić 29 (P) , 0-4 Iličić 44, 0-5 Zajc 47

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko (16 Jagodinskis), Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns, Solovjovs, Kamešs, Rakels (78 Ontužāns), Savaļņieks, Tobers (69 Rugins), Gutkovskis

Matchday 5 (06/09/2019)

Austria 6-0 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Arnautović 7, 2-0 Sabitzer 13, 3-0 Arnautović 53 (P) , 4-0 Šteinbors 76 (og) , 5-0 Laimer 80, 6-0 Gregoritsch 85

Latvia: Šteinbors, Maksimenko, Dubra, Laizāns (82 Uldriķis), Kamešs, Bogdaškins, Cigaņiks (66 Savaļņieks), Pētersons, Černomordijs, Tobers (77 Rugins), Gutkovskis

Matchday 6 (09/09/2019)

Latvia 0-2 North Macedonia

Goals: 0-1 Pandev 14, 0-2 Bardi 17

Latvia: Vaņins, Maksimenko, Laizāns, Kamešs (84 Šabala), Rugins, Ķigurs (75 Punculs) , Ikaunieks, Pētersons, Černomordijs, Uldriķis (46 Savaļņieks), Gutkovskis

Matchday 7 (10/10/2019)

Latvia 0-3 Poland

Goals: 0-1 Lewandowski 9, 0-2 Lewandowski 13, 0-3 Lewandowski 76

Latvia: Vaņins, Maksimenko, Ošs, Dubra, Laizāns (72 Tobers), Rugins, Ikaunieks, Ķigurs (86 Cigaņiks), Rakels (72 Karašausks), Jagodinskis, Gutkovskis

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Israel 3-1 Latvia

Goals: 1-0 Dabbur 16, 2-0 Zahavi 26, 2-1 Kamešs 40, 3-1 Dabbur 42

Latvia: Šteinbors, Ošs, Kamešs (78 D. Ikaunieks), Jurkovskis, Ikaunieks (86 Ontužāns), Savaļnieks, Ķigurs (68 Laizāns), Tarasovs, Černomordijs, Jagodinskis, Gutkovskis

Matchday 9 (16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

Matchday 10 (19/11/2019)

Latvia-Austria

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