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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)	Armenia - Finland	0-2	Yerevan	Jensen 14, Soiri 78

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
15/11/2006	QR (GS)	Finland - Armenia	1-0	Helsinki	Nurmela 8
07/10/2006	QR (GS)	Armenia - Finland	0-0	Yerevan	

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/10/2004	QR (GS)	Finland - Armenia	3-1	Tampere	Kuqi 8, 87, A. Eremenko 28; Shahgeldyan 32
08/09/2004	QR (GS)	Armenia - Finland	0-2	Yerevan	Forssell 24, A. Eremenko 67

	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																		
Finland	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	0	3	0
Armenia	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	3	0	1	2	0	3
FIFA*																		
Finland	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	5	1
Armenia	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	0	2	1	5
Friendlies																		
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Armenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total																		
Finland	2	2	0	0	3	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	5	4	1	0	8	1
Armenia	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	5	0	1	4	1	8

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Finland

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Anssi Jaakkola	13/03/1987	32	Bristol Rovers	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Lukas Hradecky	24/11/1989	29	Leverkusen	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Jesse Joronen	21/03/1993	26	Brescia	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Jukka Raitala	15/09/1988	31	Montreal	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Juha Pirinen	22/10/1991	27	Tromsø	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Jere Uronen	13/07/1994	25	Genk	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Sauli Väisänen	05/06/1994	25	Chievo	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Leo Väisänen	23/07/1997	22	Den Bosch	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Albin Granlund	01/09/1989	30	Örebro	-	4	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Tim Sparv	20/02/1987	32	Midtjylland	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Joona Toivio	10/03/1988	31	Häcken	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Joni Kauko	12/07/1990	29	Esbjerg	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Rasmus Schüller	18/06/1991	28	Minnesota	-	5	0	0	0		
-	Petteri Forsell	16/10/1990	28	HJK	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Robin Lod	17/04/1993	26	Minnesota	-	7	0	0	0		
-	Pyry Soiri	22/09/1994	25	Esbjerg	-	6	1	0	0		
-	Glen Kamara	28/10/1995	23	Rangers	*	7	0	0	0		
-	Fredrik Jensen	09/09/1997	22	Augsburg	-	2	1	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Teemu Pukki	29/03/1990	29	Norwich	-	7	5	0	0		
-	Joel Pohjanpalo	13/09/1994	25	Leverkusen	-	1	1	0	0		
-	Simon Skrabb	19/01/1995	24	Norrköping	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Lassi Lappalainen	24/08/1998	21	HJK	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Jasse Tuominen	12/11/1995	23	BATE	-	3	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Markku Kanerva	24/05/1964	55		-	7	0	0	0		

Armenia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Arsen Beglaryan	18/02/1993	26	Dnyapro Mogilev	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Henri Avagyan	16/01/1996	23	Alashkert	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aram Airapetyan	22/11/1986	32	Urartu	-	7	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Hovhannes Hambartsumyan	04/10/1990	29	Paralimni	-	5	1	0	0		
-	Varazdat Haroyan	24/08/1992	27	Ural	*	7	0	0	0		
-	Taron Voskanyan	22/02/1993	26	Alashkert	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Hayk Ishkhanyan	24/06/1989	30	Alashkert	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Arman Hovhannisyan	07/07/1993	26	Gandzasar	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Jordy Monroy	03/01/1996	23	Boyacá Chicó	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Andre Calisir	13/06/1990	29	Göteborg	-	3	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Artak Edigaryan	18/03/1990	29	Pyunik	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marcos Pizzelli	03/10/1984	35	Aktobe	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Rumyan Hovsepyan	13/11/1991	27	Arda	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Artak Grigoryan	19/10/1987	31	Alashkert	-	6	0	0	0		
-	Gor Malakyan	12/06/1994	25	Ararat-Armenia	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Aras Özbiliz	09/03/1990	29	Pyunik	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Edgar Babayan	28/10/1995	23	Hobro	*	5	0	0	0		
-	Petros Avetisyan	07/01/1996	23	Ararat-Armenia	-	3	0	0	0		
-	Erik Vardanyan	07/06/1998	21	Pyunik	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Gevorg Ghazaryan	05/04/1988	31	AEL	*	7	2	0	0		
-	Tigran Barseghyan	22/09/1993	26	Kaysar	-	6	3	0	0		
-	Sargis Adamyan	23/05/1993	26	Hoffenheim	-	4	0	0	0		
-	Aleksandre Karapetyan	23/12/1987	31	Sochi	-	6	3	0	0		
Coach											
-	Armen Gyulbudaghyants	19/12/1966	52		-	7	0	0	0		

Head coach

Markku Kanerva

Date of birth: 24 May 1964

Nationality: Finnish

Playing career: HJK Helsinki (twice), Elfsborg, FinnPa

Coaching career: HJK Helsinki (assistant), Viikingit, Finland Under-21s, Finland (caretaker, twice), Finland (assistant), Finland

- A defender in his playing days, Markku Kanerva started out at home-town club HJK and won five Finnish titles and three Finnish Cups over two spells, returning for four years until his retirement in 1998 after an initial stay from 1983 to 1990.
- Contested five games in the 1998/99 UEFA Champions League with HJK, having rejoined after stints with Swedish side Elfsborg and Finnish outfit FinnPa; Kanerva also picked up 59 caps for his national team, scoring once.
- Began his coaching career as an assistant at HJK before briefly holding the reins at Viikingit in 2003 and entering the Football Association of Finland (SPL-FBF) coaching set-up the following year.
- Took charge of Finland's U21s between 2004 and 2009, earning recognition as Finland's coach of the year in 2008 after booking the side a historic maiden place at the 2009 UEFA European U21 Championship finals.
- Assistant coach of Finland's senior team between 2010 and 2016, Kanerva took over in an interim capacity in both 2011 and 2015 before being handed the role full time as Hans Backe's replacement in December 2016. A home win against Iceland was the highlight of the unsuccessful qualifying campaign for the 2018 FIFA World Cup but better was to follow as Finland won promotion to League B in the first UEFA Nations League.

Armen Gyulbudaghyants

Date of birth: 19 December 1966

Nationality: Armenian

Playing career: Spartak Hoktemberyan, Lori, Banants, Homenetmen Lebanon

Coaching career: Banants (twice), Armenia Under-19, Armenia U21, Pyunik (twice), Impuls, Alashkert, Gol Gahar (assistant), Padideh (assistant), Armenia

- A powerful and creative midfielder, Gyulbudaghyants spent the early part of his career in the USSR lower leagues before joining Banants in 1992, finishing third in the league and winning the Armenian Cup in the first post-independence season. He scored 17 goals in 61 appearances for the club before retiring aged 29 after suffering a knee injury that also restricted him to a single senior cap for Armenia.
- Switched to coaching and in 2001 returned to Banants, combining his new role with gaining coaching qualifications. In 2007 he went to Moscow to study, becoming the first Armenian coach to acquire a UEFA Pro Licence.
- His most successful spell followed at Pyunik between May 2007 and July 2008, players such as Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Gevorg Ghazaryan and Karlen Mkrtychyan breaking through and going on to become the backbone of the national side.
- Gyulbudaghyants guided Pyunik to the 2007 league title and took Impuls to the Armenian Cup final four years later, his most notable coaching achievements; however, he also has a fine record in improving his sides' results and developing young players.
- Stepped up to take charge of Armenia in October 2018 following the departure of Vardan Minasyan.

Match officials

Referee	Jesús Gil Manzano (ESP)
Assistant referees	Diego Barbero (ESP) , Ángel Nevado (ESP)
Fourth official	Juan Martínez Munuera (ESP)
UEFA Delegate	Jacob Erel (ISR)
UEFA Referee observer	David Malcolm (NIR)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Jesús Gil Manzano	04/02/1984	2	36

Jesús Gil Manzano

Referee since: 1995
First division: 2012
FIFA badge: 2014

Tournaments: 2019 FIFA U-20 World Cup, 2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Finals
N/A

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
24/03/2017	WC	QR	Turkey	Finland	2-0	Antalya

Match-by-match lineups

Finland

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group J

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	8	8	0	0	25	3	24
Finland	8	5	0	3	12	8	15
Armenia	8	3	1	4	13	15	10
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	3	1	4	17	14	10
Greece	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
Liechtenstein	8	0	2	6	2	25	2

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Italy 2-0 Finland

Goals: 1-0 Barella 7, 2-0 Kean 74

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri, Granlund (90 Soiri), Toivio, Väisänen, Kamara, Lod, Pukki (83 Karjalainen), Sparv, Pirinen, Hämäläinen (70 Lappalainen)

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Armenia 0-2 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Jensen 14, 0-2 Soiri 78

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri, Granlund, Toivio, Kamara, Lod (87 Taylor), Jensen (69 Schüller), Pukki, Sparv, Pirinen, Hämäläinen (57 Soiri)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Finland 2-0 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 1-0 Pukki 56, 2-0 Pukki 68

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri, Granlund (38 Raitala), Toivio, Kamara, Lod, Pukki, Sparv, Skrabb (84 Schüller), Uronen, Forsell (63 Lappalainen)

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Liechtenstein 0-2 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Pukki 37, 0-2 Källman 57

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri, Toivio, Kamara, Källman, Lod, Pukki, Sparv (61 Schüller), Uronen, Lappalainen (74 Soiri), Raitala (86 Väisänen)

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Finland 1-0 Greece

Goals: 1-0 Pukki 52 (P)

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri, Toivio, Kamara, Lod, Pukki (85 Karjalainen), Soiri (93 Schüller), Sparv, Uronen, Tuominen (87 Jensen), Raitala

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Finland 1-2 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Immobile 59, 1-1 Pukki 72 (P), 1-2 Jorginho 79 (P)

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri, Granlund (82 Soiri), Toivio, Kamara, Lod, Pukki, Schüller (87 Kauko), Väisänen, Uronen, Lappalainen (75 Tuominen)

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 4-1 Finland

Goals: 1-0 I. Hajrović 29, 2-0 Pjanić 37 (P), 3-0 Pjanić 58, 4-0 Ar. Hodžić 73, 4-1 Pohjanpalo 79

Finland: Hradecky, Arajuuri (30 Väisänen), Toivio, Kamara, Tuominen, Lod, Pukki, Soiri (46 Pohjanpalo), Sparv (71 Kauko), Uronen, Raitala

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Finland-Armenia

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Finland-Liechtenstein

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Greece-Finland

Armenia

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Liechtenstein	8	0	2	6	2	25	2

Matchday 1 (23/03/2019)

Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-1 Armenia

Goals: 1-0 Krunic 33, 2-0 Milošević 80, 2-1 Mkhitarian 90+3 (P)

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Mkrtyan, Calisir, Ghazaryan (81 Özbiliz), K. Hovhannisyanyan, Daghbashyan, Mkhitarian, Karapetyan (67 Babayan), Adamyan (67 Briasco)

Matchday 2 (26/03/2019)

Armenia 0-2 Finland

Goals: 0-1 Jensen 14, 0-2 Soiri 78

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Calisir, Babayan (74 Avetisyan), Ghazaryan, K. Hovhannisyanyan, Briasco (59 Karapetyan), Daghbashyan, Mkhitarian, Özbiliz (67 Barseghyan)

Matchday 3 (08/06/2019)

Armenia 3-0 Liechtenstein

Goals: 1-0 Ghazaryan 2, 2-0 Karapetyan 18, 3-0 Barseghyan 90+1

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, T. Voskanyan, Mkrtyan (76 A. Grigoryan), Avetisyan (78 Hovsepyan), Ghazaryan, Barseghyan, K. Hovhannisyanyan, Mkhitarian, Hambartsumyan, Karapetyan (73 Babayan)

Matchday 4 (11/06/2019)

Greece 2-3 Armenia

Goals: 0-1 Karapetyan 8, 0-2 Ghazaryan 33, 1-2 Zeca 54, 1-3 Barseghyan 74, 2-3 Fortounis 87

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan, Mkrtyan (55 Hovsepyan), Ghazaryan (83 Avetisyan), Barseghyan, K. Hovhannisyanyan, Mkhitarian, Hambartsumyan, Karapetyan (70 Babayan), Ishkhanyan

Matchday 5 (05/09/2019)

Armenia 1-3 Italy

Goals: 1-0 Karapetyan 11, 1-1 Belotti 28, 1-2 Lo. Pellegrini 77, 1-3 Airapetyan 80 (og)

Armenia: Airapetyan, Calisir, Haroyan, A. Grigoryan (57 Hovsepyan), Mkrtyan, Ghazaryan (82 Babayan), Barseghyan (57 Adamyan), K. Hovhannisyanyan, Mkhitarian, Hambartsumyan, Karapetyan

Matchday 6 (08/09/2019)

Armenia 4-2 Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goals: 1-0 Mkhitarian 3, 1-1 Džeko 13, 2-1 Mkhitarian 66, 2-2 Gojak 70, 3-2 Hambartsumyan 77, 4-2 Lončar 90+5 (og)

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, Mkrtyan (75 A. Grigoryan), Ghazaryan, Barseghyan, K. Hovhannisyanyan (83 A. Hovhannisyanyan), Ishkhanyan, Mkhitarian, Hambartsumyan, Hovsepyan (79 Vardanyan), Adamyan

Matchday 7 (12/10/2019)

Liechtenstein 1-1 Armenia

Goals: 0-1 Barseghyan 19, 1-1 Frick 72

Armenia: Airapetyan, Haroyan, Pizzelli (60 G. Malakyan), Ghazaryan (88 Özbiliz), Barseghyan, A. Hovhannisyanyan, Ishkhanyan, Hambartsumyan, Karapetyan, Hovsepyan (83 Miranyan), Adamyan

Matchday 8 (15/10/2019)

Finland-Armenia

Matchday 9 (15/11/2019)

Armenia-Greece

Matchday 10 (18/11/2019)

Italy-Armenia

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