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Slovenia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

	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																		
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	3	2
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	2	3
Total																		
Austria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	3	2
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	0	1	2	3

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Austria

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Heinz Lindner	17/07/1990	28	Grasshoppers	-	2	0	0	0	22	-
-	Pavao Pervan	13/11/1987	31	Wolfsburg	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Cican Stankovic	04/11/1992	26	Salzburg	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Defenders											
-	Andreas Ulmer	30/10/1985	33	Salzburg	-	1	0	0	0	8	-
-	David Alaba	24/06/1992	26	Bayern	-	1	0	0	0	65	13
-	Aleksandar Dragović	06/03/1991	28	Leverkusen	*	2	0	0	0	69	1
-	Stefan Lainer	27/08/1992	26	Salzburg	-	1	0	0	0	9	-
-	Martin Hinteregger	07/09/1992	26	Frankfurt	-	2	0	0	0	35	3
-	Stefan Posch	14/05/1997	22	Hoffenheim	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Philipp Lienhart	11/07/1996	22	Freiburg	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
Midfielders											
-	Julian Baumgartlinger	02/01/1988	31	Leverkusen	-	2	0	0	0	66	1
-	Stefan Ilsanker	18/05/1989	30	Leipzig	-	0	0	0	0	31	-
-	Peter Žulj	09/06/1993	25	Anderlecht	-	1	0	0	0	6	-
-	Florian Kainz	24/10/1992	26	Köln	-	1	0	0	0	12	-
-	Marcel Sabitzer	17/03/1994	25	Leipzig	-	2	0	0	0	33	5
-	Louis Schaub	29/12/1994	24	Köln	-	0	0	0	0	9	5
-	Valentino Lazaro	24/03/1996	23	Hertha	-	2	0	0	0	17	-
-	Xaver Schlager	28/09/1997	21	Salzburg	-	1	0	0	0	7	-
-	Konrad Laimer	27/05/1997	22	Leipzig	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Karim Onisiwo	17/03/1992	27	Mainz	-	2	0	0	0	4	-
Forwards											
-	Guido Burgstaller	29/04/1989	30	Schalke	-	0	0	0	0	21	1
-	Marko Arnautović	19/04/1989	30	West Ham	-	2	2	0	0	75	21
-	Michael Gregoritsch	18/04/1994	25	Augsburg	-	0	0	0	0	8	1
Coach											
-	Franco Foda	23/04/1966	53		-	2	0	0	0	9	-

Slovenia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		Team		
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
-	Vid Belec	06/06/1990	29	Sampdoria	-	0	0	0	0	7	-
-	Nejc Vidmar	31/03/1989	30	Olimpija Ljubljana	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Jan Oblak	07/01/1993	26	Atlético	-	2	0	0	0	20	-
Defenders											
-	Bojan Jokić	17/05/1986	33	Ufa	*	2	0	0	0	92	1
-	Andraž Struna	23/04/1989	30	Anorthosis	-	0	0	0	0	25	1
-	Nemanja Mitrovič	15/10/1992	26	Jagiellonia	-	0	0	0	0	1	-
-	Aljaž Struna	04/08/1990	28	Houston Dynamo	-	2	0	0	0	12	-
-	Miha Mevlja	12/06/1990	28	Rostov	-	2	0	0	0	13	1
-	Miha Blažič	08/05/1993	26	Ferencváros	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
-	Petar Stojanović	07/10/1995	23	Dinamo Zagreb	-	2	0	0	0	7	-
-	Jon Stankovič	14/01/1996	23	Huddersfield	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Jure Balkovec	09/09/1994	24	Verona	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
Midfielders											
-	Josip Iličić	29/01/1988	31	Atalanta	-	2	0	0	0	54	5
-	Jasmin Kurtič	10/01/1989	30	SPAL	-	2	0	0	0	48	1
-	Denis Popovič	15/10/1989	29	Orenburg	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
-	Miha Zajc	01/07/1994	24	Fenerbahçe	-	2	1	0	0	8	2
-	Domen Črnigoj	18/11/1995	23	Lugano	-	2	0	0	0	5	-
-	Damjan Bohar	18/10/1991	27	Zagłębie	-	1	0	0	0	2	-
-	Žan Majer	25/07/1992	26	Lecce	-	0	0	0	0	2	-
-	Jaka Bijol	05/02/1999	20	CSKA Moskva	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
Forwards											
-	Robert Berić	17/06/1991	27	St-Étienne	-	1	0	0	0	17	1
-	Luka Zahovič	15/11/1995	23	Maribor	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
-	Andraž Šporar	27/02/1994	25	Slovan Bratislava	-	2	1	0	0	9	1
Coach											
-	Matjaž Kek	09/09/1961	57		-	2	0	0	0	50	-

Head coach

Franco Foda

Date of birth: 23 April 1966

Nationality: German

Playing career: Kaiserslautern (twice), Arminia Bielefeld, Saarbrücken, Bayer Leverkusen, Stuttgart, Basel, Sturm Graz

Coaching career: Sturm Graz (three times), Kaiserslautern, Austria

- Born in Mainz to a German mother and Italian father, Foda started his playing career at Weisenau and joined Mainz, then in the third tier, in his youth. As a professional he played in 321 German Bundesliga games, winning the German Cup with both Kaiserslautern and Leverkusen.
- In 1987, the defender was called up by the West German national team for a South America tour. He played against Argentina and Brazil, his only two international caps.
- Foda ended his career with a highly successful four-year spell at Austrian club Sturm Graz, with whom he won three league titles and also reached the UEFA Champions League group stage three years running.
- After hanging up his boots, Foda remained in Styria and moved into coaching, initially as an assistant to the experienced Ivan Osim before taking over as Sturm's head coach in 2002.
- He would spend the best part of the next decade and a half at Sturm, punctuating his tenure only with a single season back in Germany with Kaiserslautern (2012/13) after leading Sturm to victories in the 2009/10 Austrian Cup and the following season's Bundesliga. In October 2017 he was appointed Marcel Koller's successor as head coach of the Austrian national team, taking over the reins in January 2018.

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.

Match officials

Referee	Aleksei Kulbakov (BLR)
Assistant referees	Dmitri Zhuk (BLR) , Oleg Maslyanko (BLR)
Fourth official	Denis Scherbakov (BLR)
UEFA Delegate	Vilmos Szabó (HUN)
UEFA Referee observer	Georgios Bikas (GRE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Aleksei Kulbakov	27/12/1979	8	100

Aleksei Kulbakov

Referee since: 1995
First division: 2003
FIFA badge: 2005

Tournaments: 2013 UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2006 UEFA European Under-17 Championship

Finals

2013 UEFA European Under-19 Championship

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
11/10/2006	U19FRIE	R1	Austria	Spain	2-2	Steyr
19/07/2007	UEL	1QR	NK Široki Brijeg	FC Koper	3-1	Siroki Brijeg
17/07/2008	UEL	1QR	FC Koper	KF Vllaznia	1-2	Nova Gorica
27/08/2009	UEL	PO	AC Sparta Praha	NK Maribor	1-0	Prague
30/09/2010	UEL	GS	SK Rapid Wien	Beşiktaş JK	1-2	Vienna
28/07/2011	UEL	3QR	FC Salzburg	FK Senica	1-0	Salzburg
18/08/2011	UEL	PO	FK Austria Wien	CS Gaz Metan Mediaş	3-1	Vienna
06/08/2013	UCL	3QR	NK Maribor	APOEL FC	0-0	Maribor
18/08/2016	UEL	PO	Gabala SC	NK Maribor	3-1	Baku
05/09/2016	WC	QR	Georgia	Austria	1-2	Tbilisi
17/08/2017	UEL	PO	SCR Altach	Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC	0-1	Innsbruck
26/09/2017	UCL	GS	Sevilla FC	NK Maribor	3-0	Seville
07/12/2017	UEL	GS	Olympique de Marseille	FC Salzburg	0-0	Marseille
07/03/2019	UEL	R16	SSC Napoli	FC Salzburg	3-0	Naples

Match-by-match lineups

Austria

European Qualifiers

(21/03/2019)

Austria 0-1 Poland

Goals: 0-1 K. Piątek 69

Austria: Lindner, Dragović, Hinteregger, Arnautović, Alaba, Sabitzer, Grillitsch (84 Onisiwo), Wöber, Baumgartlinger, Lainer, Lazaro (81 Janko)

(24/03/2019)

Israel 4-2 Austria

Goals: 0-1 Arnautović 8, 1-1 Zahavi 34, 2-1 Zahavi 45, 3-1 Zahavi 55, 4-1 Dabbur 66, 4-2 Arnautović 75

Austria: Lindner, Ulmer, Dragović, Hinteregger, Arnautović, Sabitzer, Wöber (60 Janko), Baumgartlinger, Žulj (85 Kainz), Lazaro, Schlager (61 Onisiwo)

(07/06/2019)

Austria-Slovenia

(10/06/2019)

North Macedonia-Austria

(06/09/2019)

Austria-Latvia

(09/09/2019)

Poland-Austria

(10/10/2019)

Austria-Israel

(13/10/2019)

Slovenia-Austria

(16/11/2019)

Austria-North Macedonia

(19/11/2019)

Latvia-Austria

Slovenia

European Qualifiers

(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, Verbič (90 Bijol)

(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 Zahovič), Jokić, M. Mevlja, Stojanović, Verbič (84 Črnigoj)

(07/06/2019)

Austria-Slovenia

(10/06/2019)

Latvia-Slovenia

(06/09/2019)

Slovenia-Poland

(09/09/2019)

Slovenia-Israel

(10/10/2019)

North Macedonia-Slovenia

(13/10/2019)

Slovenia-Austria

(16/11/2019)

Slovenia-Latvia

(19/11/2019)

Poland-Slovenia

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Austria

History

2016 – group stage
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – group stage
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – did not qualify
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

N/A

Final tournament defeat

0-2: Austria v Hungary, 14/06/16

Qualifying win

7-0: Austria v San Marino, 28/04/99
7-0: Austria v Liechtenstein, 26/04/95

Qualifying defeat

9-0: Spain v Austria, 27/03/99

Final tournament appearances

5: Martin Harnik
4: Christian Fuchs
4: Sebastian Prödl
3: 16 players

Final tournament goals

1: Ivica Vastic
1: Alessandro Schöpf

Overall appearances

24: Christian Fuchs
23: Martin Harnik
21: Bruno Pezzey
21: Marko Arnautović
20: Andreas Herzog
20: Toni Polster
20: Friedrich Koncilia
20: Julian Baumgartlinger
19: Herbert Prohaska
19: David Alaba
18: Walter Schachner

Overall goals

15: Toni Polster
9: Marc Janko
9: Hans Krankl
8: Walter Schachner
7: Marko Arnautović
6: Andreas Herzog
6: Ivica Vastic

UEFA European Championship records: Slovenia

History

2016 – did not qualify
2012 – did not qualify
2008 – did not qualify
2004 – did not qualify
2000 – group stage
1996 – did not qualify

Final tournament win

N/A

Final tournament loss

1-2: Slovenia v Spain, 18/06/00

Qualifying win

6-0: Slovenia v San Marino, 27/03/15

Qualifying loss

5-0: France v Slovenia, 12/10/02

Final tournament appearances

3: Milenko Ačimovič
3: Aleš Čeh
3: Mladen Dabanovič
3: Marinko Galič
3: Amir Karič
3: Željko Milinovič
3: Džoni Novak
3: Milan Osterc
3: Miran Pavlin
3: Mladen Rudonja
3: Zlatko Zahovič

Final tournament goals

3: Zlatko Zahovič
1: Miran Pavlin

Overall appearances

32: Valter Birsa
30: Zlatko Zahovič
29: Boštjan Cesar
28: Samir Handanovič
28: Milivoje Novakovič
27: Milenko Ačimovič
27: Bojan Jokić
24: Robert Koren
23: Aleš Čeh
23: Džoni Novak
23: Miran Pavlin

Overall goals

18: Zlatko Zahovič
10: Milivoje Novakovič
9: Ermin Šiljak
5: Tim Matavž
4: Klemen Lavrič
4: Sašo Udovič

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