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Moldova

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Group H - Matchday -10



Andorra

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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																		
Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FIFA*																		
Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friendlies																		
Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	0	7	2
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	1	3	2	7
Total																		
Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	0	7	2
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	1	3	2	7

* FIFA World Cup/FIFA Confederations Cup

Squad list

Moldova

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Stanislav Namașco	10/11/1986	32	Zeta	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alexei Koșev	19/11/1993	25	Fortuna Sittard	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dumitru Celeadnic	23/04/1992	27	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Igor Armaș	14/07/1987	31	Voluntari	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ion Jardan	10/01/1990	29	Petrocub	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Artiom Rozgoniuc	01/10/1995	23	Sheriff	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Dinu Graur	27/12/1994	24	Milsami	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Oleg Reabciuk	16/01/1998	21	Porto	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Ștefan Efros	08/05/1990	29	FC Speranța Nisporeni	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Alexandru Suvorov	02/02/1987	32	Sfintul Gheorghe	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Eugeniu Cebotaru	16/10/1984	34	Sibir	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alexandru Antoniu	23/05/1989	30	Milsami	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Artur Ionița	17/08/1990	28	Cagliari	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Cătălin Carp	20/10/1993	25	Ufa	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Gheorghe Anton	27/01/1993	26	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Eugeniu Cociuc	11/05/1993	26	Sabail	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Evgheni Oancea	05/01/1996	23	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Iaser Țurcan	07/01/1998	21	Petrocub	-	1	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Radu Gînsari	10/12/1991	27	H. Haifa	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Alexandru Boiciuc	21/08/1997	21	Sfintul Gheorghe	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vitalie Damașcan	24/01/1999	20	Torino	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Alexandru Spiridon	20/07/1960	58		-	2	0	0	0		

Andorra

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Ferran Pol	28/02/1983	36	Sant Julià	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Josep Gomes	03/12/1985	33	UE Santa Coloma	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Francisco Pires	25/01/1998	21	FC Andorra	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Ildefons Lima	10/12/1979	39	Inter Escaldes	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marc Garcia	21/03/1988	31	EC Granollers	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Jordi Rubio	01/11/1987	31	UE Santa Coloma	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Emili Garcia	11/01/1989	30	Andorra	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Moisés San Nicolás	17/09/1993	25	FC Santa Coloma	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Chus Rubio	09/09/1994	24	UE Santa Coloma	*	2	0	0	0		
-	Max Llovera	08/01/1997	22	FC Santboià	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Joan Cervós	24/02/1998	21	FC Andorra	-	2	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Marc Pujol	21/08/1982	36	FC Andorra	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Sergi Moreno	25/11/1987	31	Inter Escaldes	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Marc Vales	04/04/1990	29	Sandefjord	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marcio Vieira	10/10/1984	34	Monzón	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Marc Rebés	03/07/1994	24	FC Santa Coloma	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Victor Rodríguez	07/09/1987	31	FC Santa Coloma	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Jordi Aláez	23/01/1998	21	FC Andorra	-	2	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Juli Sánchez	20/06/1978	40	FC Santa Coloma	-	1	0	0	0		
-	Ludovic Clemente	09/05/1986	33	FC Andorra	-	2	0	0	0		
-	Sebastià Gómez	01/11/1983	35	Engordany	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Aaron Sánchez	05/06/1996	23	UE Santa Coloma	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alex Martínez	10/10/1998	20	FC Andorra	-	1	0	0	0		
Coach											

Andorra

							Current season					
							Qual.		FT			
-	Koldo Alvarez	04/09/1970	48			-	2	0	0	0		

Head coach

Alexandru Spiridon

Date of birth: 20 July 1960

Nationality: Moldovan

Playing career: Nistru Chişinău (twice), SKA Kyiv, Zorya Voroshilovgrad, Zaria Bălţi, Zimbru Chişinău, Tiligul Tiraspol

Coaching career: Zimbru Chişinău (twice), Tiligul Tiraspol (twice), Moldova Under-21, Moldova (twice), Unisport Chişinău, Nistru Otaci, Shakhtar Donetsk (assistant), Zenit (assistant)

- Born in Edinet in northern Moldova, the midfielder started his professional career at Nistru Chişinău (now Zimbru). Shortly before he was due to travel to the 1979 FIFA World Youth Championship with the USSR, Spiridon broke his leg in two places – an injury that would hamper his career.
- Played for Ukrainian clubs SKA Kyiv and Zorya Voroshilovgrad (now Zorya Luhansk) in the Soviet second tier before returning to Nistru and later joining Zaria Bălţi. After Moldova gained independence, Spiridon went on to play for Zimbru and Tiligul Tiraspol before hanging up his boots at the age of 37.
- Spiridon won 16 caps and scored twice for Moldova between 1991 and 1995. He won five Moldovan leagues with Zimbru both as player and coach and was voted the country's player of the year in 1992.
- He started coaching in 1992 while still playing for Zimbru – first as assistant coach then, from 1994, as player/head coach. Held the same role at Tiligul before focusing solely on coaching and guiding local clubs Unisport and Nistru. He was on the national team coaching staff between 1994 and 2000, working with the Under-21s, and briefly took charge of the senior side in 2001.
- A new chapter in Spiridon's career kicked off in 2004 as he became Mircea Lucescu's assistant at Shakhtar – a post he held for the next 12 years, during which Shakhtar won eight league titles and the 2008/09 UEFA Cup. Spiridon followed Lucescu to Zenit for the 2016/17 season before being appointed as Moldova's head coach in January 2018.

Koldo Alvarez

Date of birth: 4 September 1970

Nationality: Andorran

Playing career: Aurrerá Vitória, Atlético Madrid, Toledo (loan), Salamanca, FC Andorra (twice), Balaguer

Coaching career: Andorra

- A reserve goalkeeper at Atlético, Koldo came through the club's youth ranks and lifted the Copa del Rey with the Spanish side in 1990/91.
- Leaving the capital in search of first-team football, Koldo played for Toledo before winning promotion to the Spanish second division with Salamanca in 1993/94.
- Signed for FC Andorra in the summer of 1994, dividing his time between playing for the club's first team and acting as a youth coach with the national Under-17, U19 and U21 sides.
- Capped 78 times by Andorra before his retirement following a 6-0 loss to England at Wembley in June 2009 having been named his country's best player of the last 50 years by the Andorran Football Federation (FAF) six years earlier.
- Took over as coach of the national team in February 2010, his side finishing bottom of their qualifying groups for UEFA EURO 2012 and the 2014 FIFA World Cup. That was again the case in the UEFA EURO 2016 preliminaries, although Andorra did score four goals – setting a new best mark for the competition – and overcame Hungary in June 2017 in 2018 World Cup qualifying, their first competitive win since 2004.

Match officials

Referee	Bojan Pandžić (SWE)
Assistant referees	Joakim Amri Nilsson (SWE) , Daniel Gustavsson (SWE)
Fourth official	Kaspar Sjöberg (SWE)
UEFA Delegate	Phivos Constantinides (CYP)
UEFA Referee observer	Manuel Mejuto González (ESP)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Bojan Pandžić	13/03/1982	0	28

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

No such matches refereed

Match-by-match lineups

Moldova

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	10	8	1	1	25	6	25
Turkey	10	7	2	1	18	3	23
Iceland	10	6	1	3	14	11	19
Albania	10	4	1	5	16	14	13
Andorra	10	1	1	8	3	20	4
Moldova	10	1	0	9	4	26	3

(22/03/2019)

Moldova 1-4 France

Goals: 0-1 Griezmann 24, 0-2 Varane 27, 0-3 Giroud 36, 0-4 Mbappé 87, 1-4 Ambros 89

Moldova: Koşevlev, Reabciuk, Posmac, Ionița, Carp, Cebotaru, Cociuc (46 Rozgoniuc), Gînsari, Nicolaescu (59 Damaşcan), I. Jardan, A. Antoniuc (73 Ambros)

(25/03/2019)

Turkey 4-0 Moldova

Goals: 1-0 Hasan Ali Kaldırım 24, 2-0 Cenk Tosun 26, 3-0 Cenk Tosun 53, 4-0 Kaan Ayhan 70

Moldova: Koşevlev, Reabciuk, Rozgoniuc, Posmac, Ionița, Carp (46 Țurcan), Cebotaru, Gînsari (73 A. Antoniuc), I. Jardan, Ambros (57 Nicolaescu), Graur

(08/06/2019)

Moldova-Andorra

(11/06/2019)

Albania-Moldova

(07/09/2019)

Iceland-Moldova

(10/09/2019)

Moldova-Turkey

(11/10/2019)

Andorra-Moldova

(14/10/2019)

Moldova-Albania

(14/11/2019)

France-Moldova

(17/11/2019)

Moldova-Iceland

Andorra

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(22/03/2019)

Andorra 0-2 Iceland

Goals: 0-1 B. Bjarnason 22, 0-2 Kjartansson 80

Andorra: Gomes, C. Martínez (81 Clemente), Vales, Rebés, Ildefons Lima, M. Vieira, M. San Nicolás, Cervós, Chus Rubio (87 Juli Sánchez), Llovera, Alex Martínez (71 Aláez)

(25/03/2019)

Andorra 0-3 Albania

Goals: 0-1 Sadiku 21, 0-2 Balaj 87, 0-3 Abrashi 90+6

Andorra: Gomes, C. Martínez (74 Aláez), Vales (84 Pujol), Rebés, Ildefons Lima, M. Vieira, Clemente (67 Cervós), M. San Nicolás, Chus Rubio, Llovera, Rodríguez

(08/06/2019)

Moldova-Andorra

(11/06/2019)

Andorra-France

(07/09/2019)

Turkey-Andorra

(10/09/2019)

France-Andorra

(11/10/2019)

Andorra-Moldova

(14/10/2019)

Iceland-Andorra

(14/11/2019)

Albania-Andorra

(17/11/2019)

Andorra-Turkey

Team facts

UEFA European Championship records: Moldova

History

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

Qualifying win

4-0: Moldova v San Marino, 11/10/11

Qualifying defeat

6-1: Germany v Moldova, 04/06/99
6-1: Germany v Moldova, 08/10/95
5-0: three times, most recently Turkey v Moldova, 11/10/06

Overall appearances

27: Radu Rebeja
24: Serghei Cleșcenco
24: Alexandru Epureanu
22: Victor Golovatenco
17: Serghei Stroenco
16: Igor Bugaev
16: Ghenadie Olexic
16: Ion Testemițanu
16: Igor Armaș

Overall goals

5: Viorel Frunză
4: Igor Bugaev
4: Alexandru Suvorov
3: Igor Oprea

UEFA European Championship records: Andorra

History

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

Qualifying win

N/A

Qualifying defeat

7-0: Croatia v Andorra, 07/10/06

Overall appearances

40: Óscar Sonejee
34: Ildefons Lima
34: Josep Ayala
31: Manolo Jiménez
31: Marcio Vieira
30: Koldo Álvarez
26: Justo Ruiz
25: Txema Garcia
25: Juli Sánchez

Overall goals

3: Ildefons Lima
1: Justo Ruiz

- 1: Jesús Lucendo
- 1: Emiliano González
- 1: Antoni Lima
- 1: Julià Fernández
- 1: Fernando Silva
- 1: Cristian Martínez

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