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Group H - Matchday -12

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

No UEFA competition matches have been played between these two teams

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	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dumitru Celeadnic	23/04/1992	26	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Ion Jordan	10/01/1990	29	Petrocub	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Artiom Rozgoniuc	01/10/1995	23	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Veaceslav Posmac	07/11/1990	28	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Dinu Graur	27/12/1994	24	Milsami	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Oleg Reabciuk	16/01/1998	21	Porto	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Artur Craciun	29/06/1998	20	Milsami	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Eugeniu Cebotaru	16/10/1984	34	Sibir	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alexandru Antoniu	23/05/1989	29	Milsami	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Artur Ionița	17/08/1990	28	Cagliari	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Cătălin Carp	20/10/1993	25	Ufa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Gheorghe Anton	27/01/1993	26	Sheriff	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Eugeniu Cociuc	11/05/1993	25	Sabail	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Iaser Țurcan	07/01/1998	21	Petrocub	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Constantin Sandu	15/09/1993	25	Speranta	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Radu Gînsari	10/12/1991	27	H. Haifa	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nicolae Milinceanu	01/08/1992	26	Chiasso	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vitalie Damașcan	24/01/1999	20	Torino	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Vladimir Ambros	30/12/1993	25	Petrocub	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Ion Nicolaescu	07/09/1998	20	Shakhtyor	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Sergiu Platica	05/06/1991	27	Milsami	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Alexandru Spiridon	20/07/1960	58		-	0	0	0	0		

France

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season					
						Qual.		FT			
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
-	Hugo Lloris	26/12/1986	32	Tottenham	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Steve Mandanda	28/03/1985	33	Marseille	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Alphonse Areola	27/02/1993	26	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
Defenders											
-	Lucas Digne	20/07/1993	25	Everton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Samuel Umtiti	14/11/1993	25	Barcelona	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Layvin Kurzawa	04/09/1992	26	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Djibril Sidibé	29/07/1992	26	Monaco	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kurt Zouma	27/10/1994	24	Everton	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Raphaël Varane	25/04/1993	25	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Presnel Kimpembe	13/08/1995	23	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Benjamin Pavard	28/03/1996	22	Stuttgart	-	0	0	0	0		
Midfielders											
-	Blaise Matuidi	09/04/1987	31	Juventus	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Moussa Sissoko	16/08/1989	29	Tottenham	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Paul Pogba	15/03/1993	26	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Thomas Lemar	12/11/1995	23	Atlético	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Florian Thauvin	26/01/1993	26	Marseille	-	0	0	0	0		
-	N'Golo Kanté	29/03/1991	27	Chelsea	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Tanguy Ndombele	28/12/1996	22	Lyon	-	0	0	0	0		
Forwards											
-	Antoine Griezmann	21/03/1991	28	Atlético	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Olivier Giroud	30/09/1986	32	Chelsea	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kingsley Coman	13/06/1996	22	Bayern	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Nabil Fekir	18/07/1993	25	Lyon	-	0	0	0	0		
-	Kylian Mbappé	20/12/1998	20	Paris	-	0	0	0	0		
Coach											
-	Didier Deschamps	15/10/1968	50		-	0	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.

Didier Deschamps

Date of birth: 15 October 1968

Nationality: French

Playing career: Nantes, Marseille (twice), Bordeaux, Juventus, Chelsea, Valencia

Coaching career: Monaco, Juventus, Marseille, France

- A product of Nantes's highly rated youth system, Deschamps had success with Marseille as a defensive midfielder, winning Ligue 1 in 1990 and 1992 and captaining them to UEFA Champions League glory in 1993. Signed for Juve in 1994 and won the UEFA Champions League again in 1996, adding three Serie A titles, a Coppa Italia and a European/South American Cup.
- Left in 1999 for Chelsea, staying one season and lifting the FA Cup, before ending his career with a year in Valencia, watching from the bench as they lost the 2001 UEFA Champions League final to Bayern München. Skipped France to victory on home soil at the 1998 FIFA World Cup and also at UEFA EURO 2000, retiring that year with 103 caps.
- Started coaching career in 2001 with Monaco, landing the French League Cup in 2003 and reaching the UEFA Champions League final a year later, going down to José Mourinho's Porto. Resigned in September 2005 and joined his old club Juventus, then in Serie B, the following June. Stepped down after securing promotion back to Serie A in May 2007.
- Appointed Marseille boss in May 2009, replacing Eric Gerets. Ended OM's 18-year wait for the Ligue 1 championship in his first term and added a maiden League Cup, retaining the latter trophy in the next two campaigns.
- Succeeded Laurent Blanc after UEFA EURO 2012 and guided France to the 2014 World Cup, where they lost to eventual winners Germany in the quarter-finals, and then to the final of UEFA EURO 2016 on home soil only to lose to Portugal in extra time. Redemption followed at Russia 2018, where France went all the way to lift the trophy, making Deschamps only the third man to win the World Cup as both player and coach after Mário Zagallo and Franz Beckenbauer.

Match officials

Referee	Aleksandar Stavrev (MKD)
Assistant referees	Marjan Kirovski (MKD) , Dejan Kostadinov (MKD)
Fourth official	Dimitar Meckarovski (MKD)
UEFA Delegate	Kurt Zuppinger (SUI)
UEFA Referee observer	Gevorg Hovhannisyan (ARM)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	UEFA EURO matches	UEFA matches
Aleksandar Stavrev	30/03/1977	5	80

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
05/09/2015	EURO	QR	Austria	Moldova	1-0	Vienna

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
25/09/2006	U17	QR	France	Lithuania	4-2	Otopeni - Bucharest
01/10/2009	UEL	GS	FC Sheriff Tiraspol	Fenerbahçe SK	0-1	Tiraspol
05/12/2012	UCL	GS	LOSC Lille	Valencia CF	0-1	Villeneuve d'Ascq
27/02/2014	UEL	R32	Olympique Lyonnais	FC Chornomorets Odesa	1-0	Lyon
23/10/2014	UEL	GS	FC Dinamo Minsk	EA Guingamp	0-0	Borisov
05/09/2015	EURO	QR	Austria	Moldova	1-0	Vienna
22/10/2015	UEL	GS	FC Girondins de Bordeaux	FC Sion	0-1	Bordeaux
17/08/2017	UEL	PO	Legia Warszawa	FC Sheriff Tiraspol	1-1	Warsaw
03/09/2017	WC	QR	France	Luxembourg	0-0	Toulouse
30/08/2018	UEL	PO	Qarabağ FK	FC Sheriff Tiraspol	3-0	Baku

Match-by-match lineups

Moldova

Final tournament - Qualifying round

Group H

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andorra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moldova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(22/03/2019)

Moldova-France

(25/03/2019)

Turkey-Moldova

(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

France

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(22/03/2019)

Moldova-France

(25/03/2019)

France-Iceland

(08/06/2019)

Turkey-France

(11/06/2019)

Andorra-France

(07/09/2019)

France-Albania

(10/09/2019)

France-Andorra

(11/10/2019)

Iceland-France

(14/10/2019)

France-Turkey

(14/11/2019)

France-Moldova

(17/11/2019)

Albania-France

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