

# 2013 UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

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Spain



Russia

Group B - Matchday 1  
Teddy Stadium, Jerusalem  
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## Previous competitive meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
09/09/08	QR (GS)	Spain - Russia	2-0	Palencia	Juan Mata 70(p), Piqué 77
20/08/08	QR (GS)	Russia - Spain	1-2	Moscow	K. Kombarov 49; Xisco 8, Jurado 27

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/05/98	QF	Spain - Russia	1-0	Bucharest	Iván Pérez 84

	Home				Away				Final				Total					
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Spain	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	5	1
Russia	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	5

## Match background

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Reigning champions Spain will aim to continue their dominance against Russia as the teams meet in the first round of Group B games at the Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem.

### How they qualified

- Spain won all but one of their ten qualifying fixtures, only dropping points in a goalless draw in Switzerland in their penultimate Group 5 fixture. Julen Lopetegui's side still won the section by five points, and a 5-0 home win against Denmark in the first leg of the play-offs effectively secured their finals place, confirmed by a 3-1 away victory in the return. Rodrigo contributed 11 of Spain's 35 goals to make him qualifying's top scorer.

- Russia won their first four Group 6 fixtures but then lost in Portugal before a goalless draw at home to Albania. A 4-1 win against Poland got things back on track and a home draw against Moldova secured first place two points ahead of the Portuguese. Fedor Smolov then scored in each half to bring the Czech Republic's 18-match unbeaten qualifying run to an end in the play-off first leg, and found the net again in the home return in Yekaterinburg before Yuri Kirillov's late goal secured a 2-2 draw on the night and a 4-2 aggregate success.

### Previous meetings

- The teams have played in three previous UEFA European Under-21 Championship fixtures and Spain have won all of them, scoring five goals and conceding only one.

- Iván Pérez scored the only goal of their first competitive meeting, in the 1998 quarter-finals in Bucharest. Spain went on to defeat Norway 1-0 in the last four and Greece by the same scoreline in the final – Pérez again getting the only goal – to claim the second of their three U21 crowns.

- They were next brought together in qualifying for the 2009 finals, Spain winning in both Moscow and Palencia. First-half goals in the opener, from Xisco (8) and José Manuel Jurado (27), paved the way for an away victory despite Kirill Kombarov's reply soon after the break.

- Spain were made to wait longer in their home game when a Juan Mata penalty broke the deadlock in the 70th minute before Gerard Piqué added a second seven minutes later. Spain finished nine points clear of second-placed Russia and went on to the play-offs, where they knocked out Switzerland, but were unable to progress from the group stage at the Sweden finals.

- The sides have since crossed paths in a 2011 friendly in Soria, Spain, where Thiago Alcántara's 23rd-minute effort for the home team was cancelled out by Pavel Yakovlev 12 minutes from time.

- The teams at the Nuevo Estadio Los Pajaritos on 5 June 2011 were:

**Spain:** Mariño (Miño 46), Domínguez (Ruiz 65), Martínez (San José 76), Montoya (Azpilicueta 65), Vilà, Herrera (Parejo 46), Thiago (Pérez 69), Botía, Adrián (Nsue 65), Bojan (Jeffren 46), Capel (José Ángel 76).

**Russia:** Zabolotni, Tsallagov, Logashov, Chicherin, Burlak (Zhestokov 46), Zotov, Kirillov (Emelyanov 85), Gatagov (Shatov 69), Kokorin (Cheryshev 46), Smolov (Yakovlev 46), Kanunnikov (Grigoryev 46).

### Match background

- Spain are in the finals for the third successive edition and will be seeking to repeat their feats of two years ago, when they claimed a third European U21 crown with a 2-0 defeat of Switzerland in Aarhus, Denmark. Spain had previously triumphed in 1986 and 1998, while they were runners-up in 1984 and 1996 and third in 1994 and 2000. They failed to make it beyond the group stage in 2009, however, on what was their first finals appearance in nine years.

- This is Russia's first finals appearance as an independent nation under the current format. They reached the quarter-finals in 1994 and 1998 and were knocked out in the play-offs in 2000, 2006 and 2007.

- As part of the Soviet Union, they were European champions in 1980 and 1990.

### Team ties

- Coach Lopetegui was an unused substitute as Spain defeated the Soviet Union on penalties in Moscow in the semi-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup in 1985. Spain lost the final to Brazil.

- Russia coach Nikolai Pisarev made three Liga starts for CP Mérida in 1995/96.

- Denis Cheryshev made his senior debut for Real Madrid CF against CD Alcoyano in the Copa del Rey on 27 November 2012. His club-mates include Nacho and Álvaro Morata.

- Martín Montoya featured in FC Barcelona's 3-0 win away to Sergei Bryzgalov's FC Spartak Moskva in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 20 November 2012. Cristian Tello scored in Barça's 3-2 win in the reverse fixture at the Camp Nou.

- Isco scored twice as a Málaga CF team also including Ignacio Camacho beat FC Zenit St Petersburg – who had Maksim Kanunnikov on the bench – 3-0 in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 18 September 2012.
- Camacho again featured while Isco and Kanunnikov were all unused substitutes when Zenit and Málaga drew 2-2 in St Petersburg on 21 November.
- Rodrigo played in SL Benfica's 2-1 away defeat and 2-0 home win against Spartak Moskva in the 2012/13 UEFA Champions League group stage. Bryzgalov played in the first game in Moscow.
- Iker Muniain scored both Athletic Club goals against FC Lokomotiv Moskva in a 2-2 draw in the 2011/12 UEFA Europa League round of 32, the Spanish side winning on away goals. Taras Burlak and Maksim Belyaev featured for Lokomotiv in the tie while Aleksandr Filtsov was an unused replacement.

#### **Spain news**

- During the photo session most of the squad played pool or tried their hand on the games console, while Morata came out on top in the table tennis.
- Álvaro Vázquez and Muniain, who arrived in Israel with slight injury concerns, are fit to face Russia.
- Málaga CF forward Isco was at the forefront of most of the fun and games during the photo session, making wisecracks as the squad posed for their shots.
- Muniain, one of the five players that triumphed at the 2011 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, has a clear goal: "Our objective is to compete at the highest level throughout and to give ourselves to win in the final."

#### **Russia news**

- Russia arrived in Israel on 29 May and have been training in Bat Yam.
- Russia have lost forward Aleksandr Kokorin to injury and named FC Dinamo Moskva's Andrei Panyukov as his replacement.
- Alan Dzagoev and Smolov have been called up to the Russia senior squad for the 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Portugal on 7 June and will miss the opener against Spain before travelling to Israel.
- Russia played their only pre-tournament friendly on 3 June and beat third-tier Israeli side Maccabi Ironi 7-0 thanks to first-half strikes from Pavel Yakovlev and Cheryshev, two goals from Maksim Grigoryev and Sergei Petrov's second-half hat-trick.
- Defender Georgi Schennikov and striker Andrei Panyukov did not play in the friendly due to minor injuries, while third-choice goalkeeper Stanislav Kritsuk missed the game with flu. Schennikov and Kritsuk joined the main group in Tuesday's evening training session while Panyukov was present but trained on his own.

## Team facts

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### Spain

#### Final tournament record

**2011:** winners  
**2009:** group stage  
**2000:** third place  
**1998:** winners  
**1996:** runners-up  
**1994:** third place  
**1990:** quarter-finals  
**1988:** quarter-finals  
**1986:** winners  
**1984:** runners-up  
**1982:** quarter-finals

#### All-time competitive record

P178 W122 D28 L28

#### 2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W9 D1 L0 F35 A3

**Top scorers:** Rodrigo (11)

**Ever presents:** Carles Planas, Isco

#### Spain U21s capped at senior level

Thiago Alcántara (3 caps), Iker Muniain (1), Isco (1)

#### Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

Denmark 2011: David de Gea, Thiago Alcántara, Martín Montoya, Iker Muniain, Diego Mariño

#### Most capped player

All-time: Santi Denia (27)

Current: David de Gea (22)

#### Leading scorer

All-time: Rodrigo (14)

Current: Rodrigo (14)

#### Biggest wins

##### Final tournament:

Ukraine 0-3 Spain 19/06/2011

2011 group stage, Herning Stadion, Herning

##### Qualifying:

Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005

2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

#### Heaviest defeats

##### Final tournament:

England 2-0 Spain 18/06/2009

2009 group stage, Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg

Portugal 2-0 Spain 15/04/1994

1994 semi-finals, Costières, Nimes

##### Qualifying:

Netherlands 5-0 Spain 16/02/1983

1984 qualifying group stage, Galgenwaard, Utrecht

## **Russia**

### **Final tournament record**

**1998:** quarter-finals

**1994:** quarter-finals

### **All-time competitive record**

P101 W59 D14 L28

### **2013 qualifying (including play-off)**

P10 W6 D3 L1 F21 A7

**Top scorers:** Fedor Smolov (7), Aleksandr Kokorin (5)

**Ever presents:** Nikolai Zabolotni, Oleg Shatov

### **Russia U21s capped at senior level**

Alan Dzagoev (27), Aleksandr Kokorin (12), Fedor Smolov (2), Oleg Shatov (2), Maksim Grigoryev (2), Taras Burlak (1), Georgi Schennikov (1), Denys Cheryshev (1), Arseni Logashov (1)

### **Players with previous U21 final tournament experience**

None

### **Most capped player(competitive games only)**

All-time: Oleg Kuzmin, Aleksandr Pavlenko (16)

Current: Fedor Smolov, Pavel Yakovlev (14)

### **Leading scorer(competitive games only)**

All-time: Spartak Gogniev (11)

Current: Fedor Smolov (8)

### **Biggest wins**

#### **Final tournament:**

Russia 2-1 Romania 30/05/1998

1998 seventh-placed match, Lia Manoliu Stadium, Bucharest

#### **Qualifying:**

Luxembourg 0-10 Russia 06/06/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Stade Municipal, Petange

### **Heaviest defeats**

#### **Final tournament:**

France 2-0 Russia 08/03/1994

1994 quarter-finals, Stade de la Mosson, Montpellier

Spain 2-0 Russia 24/05/1998

1998 quarter-finals, Cotroceni Stadium, Bucharest

#### **Qualifying:**

Portugal 3-0 Russia 10/10/2006

2007 play-off, Estadio Sampaio, Vila Nova de Gaia

Romania 3-0 Russia 03/09/2010

2011 qualifying group stage, Municipal Stadium, Botosani

## Squad list

### Spain

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	David de Gea	07/11/90	22	Manchester United FC	-	9	-	-	-	20	-
13	Diego Mariño	09/05/90	23	Villarreal CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
23	Joel	17/06/90	22	Wigan Athletic FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Martín Montoya	14/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	1	-	-	13	1
4	Nacho	18/01/90	23	Real Madrid CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
5	Marc Bartra	15/01/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	8	2	-	-	8	2
6	Iñigo Martínez	17/05/91	22	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
15	Marc Muniesa	27/03/92	21	FC Barcelona	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
16	Álvaro	08/01/90	23	Real Zaragoza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Alberto Moreno	05/07/92	20	Sevilla FC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Daniel Carvajal	11/01/92	21	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
3	Asier Illarramendi	08/03/90	23	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
7	Sergio Canales	16/02/91	22	Valencia CF	-	3	3	-	-	6	5
8	Koke	08/01/92	21	Club Atlético de Madrid	-	5	1	-	-	5	1
10	Thiago Alcántara	11/04/91	22	FC Barcelona	-	2	1	-	-	11	2
14	Ignacio Camacho	04/05/90	23	Málaga CF	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
17	Pablo Sarabia	11/05/92	21	Getafe CF	-	7	2	-	-	7	2
22	Isco	21/04/92	21	Málaga CF	-	10	6	-	-	10	6
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Rodrigo	06/03/91	22	SL Benfica	-	9	11	-	-	9	11
11	Cristian Tello	11/08/91	21	FC Barcelona	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
12	Álvaro Morata	23/10/92	20	Real Madrid CF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Iker Muniain	19/12/92	20	Athletic Club	-	7	2	-	-	11	2
21	Álvaro Vázquez	27/04/91	22	Getafe CF	-	9	5	-	-	9	5
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Julen Lopetegui	28/08/66	46	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-

Russia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Nikolai Zabolotni	16/04/90	23	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
12	Stanislav Kritsuk	01/12/90	22	SC Braga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Aleksandr Filtsov	02/01/90	23	FC Krasnodar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
3	Georgi Schennikov	27/04/91	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	2	-	-	-	11	-
4	Nikita Chicherin	18/08/90	22	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	8	-	-	-	8	-
5	Taras Burlak	22/02/90	23	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	7	-	-	-	7	-
13	Sergei Bryzgalov	15/11/92	20	FC Spartak Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Maksim Belyaev	30/09/91	21	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	5	-	-	-	5	-
23	Ivan Knyazev	05/11/92	20	FC Torpedo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
2	Ibragim Tsallagov	12/12/90	22	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
6	Yuri Kirillov	19/01/90	23	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	5	1	-	-	6	1
7	Sergei Petrov	02/01/91	22	FC Krasnodar	-	9	-	-	-	9	-
8	Oleg Shatov	29/07/90	22	FC Anji Makhachkala	-	10	2	-	-	10	2
18	Roman Emelyanov	08/05/92	21	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
19	Maksim Grigoryev	06/07/90	22	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	5	1	-	-	5	1
20	Shota Bibilov	06/08/90	22	FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod	-	6	1	-	-	6	1
21	Aleksandr Zotov	27/08/90	22	FC Spartak Moskva	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
22	Alan Dzagoev	17/06/90	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Andrei Panyukov	25/09/94	18	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Fedor Smolov	09/02/90	23	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	9	7	-	-	14	8
11	Maksim Kanunnikov	14/07/91	21	FC Amkar Perm	-	9	-	-	-	10	-
14	Pavel Yakovlev	07/04/91	22	FC Spartak Moskva	-	8	-	-	-	14	1
17	Denis Cheryshev	26/12/90	22	Real Madrid CF	-	8	3	-	-	8	3
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Nikolai Pisarev	23/11/68	44	-	-	9	-	-	-	10	-



## Head coach

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### Spain: Julen Lopetegui

**Date of birth:** 28 August 1966

**Nationality:** Spanish

**Playing career:** San Sebastián CF, Castilla CF, UD Las Palmas, Real Madrid CF, CD Logroñés, FC Barcelona, Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Spain

**Coaching career:** Rayo Vallecano de Madrid, Real Madrid Castilla, Spain Under-19s, Spain Under-20s, Spain Under-21s

- A native of the Basque country, Lopetegui's promising goalkeeping performances for Real Sociedad de Fútbol's youth sides led to a move to Real Madrid where he joined the club's youth ranks aged 19. He made it into the senior squad at Madrid but, starved of first team opportunities, made the switch to Logroñés where he made 107 Spanish top-flight appearances over three seasons.
- Those displays earned him a move to FC Barcelona but again found playing time hard to come by, prompting a transfer to Rayo Vallecano where he played 112 times until his retirement in 2002. He earned one senior international cap during his playing career and was part of Spain's 1994 FIFA World Cup squad.
- Following coaching roles with Real Madrid Castilla and a short spell in charge at Rayo, Lopetegui joined the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) in 2010 and led the U19s to the following year's European title in Romania before taking the U20s to the quarter-finals of the FIFA U-20 World Cup in Colombia. Took over the U21 helm from Luis Milla in August 2012, guiding the holders to the Israel finals.

### Russia: Nikolai Pisarev

**Date of birth:** 23 November 1968

**Nationality:** Russian

**Playing career:** FC Torpedo Moskva, FC Winterthur, FC Spartak Moskva (three times), CP Mérida, FC St Pauli, FC Dinamo Moskva, FC Torpedo-ZIL, Russia, Russia (beach soccer)

**Coaching career:** FC Krasnoznamensk, PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara, FC Uralan Elista, Russia (beach soccer), Russia Under-21

- Pisarev came through the youth ranks at Torpedo Moskva and represented the club during the late 1980s. A move to Winterthur followed before a spell with Spartak Moskva where he won three Russian league titles. He returned to Spartak later in his career, winning three more championships, while also playing in Spain and Germany plus at other Moscow clubs.
- Representing the USSR, Pisarev won the 1990 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, though he was a fringe player in that squad. He won three caps for the senior Russia side, all of them in 1995, and scored his only goal in a 3-0 EURO '96 qualifying win against Faroe Islands on 6 May 1995.
- After hanging his boots in 2001, Pisarev plied his trade as an assistant coach at Krasnoznamensk, Krylya Sovetov Samara and Uralan Elista. His first spell as a head coach came with Russia's beach soccer team (2005–10) before being appointed Russian Football Union (RFS) sporting director in May 2010. He started to combine that position with the job of U21 coach in September of that year and guided Russia to the finals for the first time in 14 years.

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Matej Jug (SVN)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Alan Mulvanny (SCO), Johann Gudmundsson (ISL)
<b>Additional assistant referees</b>	Ilias Spathas (GRE), Halis Özkahya (TUR)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Nissan Davidy (ISR)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Petr Fousek (CZE)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Marc Batta (FRA)

### Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Matej Jug	25/09/1980	8

### UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches featuring teams from the two countries involved in this match

No matches found

### Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
08/09/07	U21	QR	Armenia	Czech Republic	1-1	Yerevan
26/03/08	U21	QR	Portugal	Bulgaria	2-0	Guimaraes
07/09/10	U21	QR	England	Lithuania	3-0	Colchester
16/10/12	U21	PO	Switzerland	Germany	1-3	Lucerne
08/09/07	U21	QR	Armenia	Czech Republic	1-1	Yerevan
26/03/08	U21	QR	Portugal	Bulgaria	2-0	Guimaraes
07/09/10	U21	QR	England	Lithuania	3-0	Colchester
16/10/12	U21	PO	Switzerland	Germany	1-3	Lucerne

## Match-by-match lineups

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### Final tournament Group B

#### Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Russia</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Spain</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Matchday 1 (06/06/13)

Spain v Russia

#### Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Netherlands v Russia

Germany v Spain

#### Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

Spain v Netherlands

Russia v Germany

## Competition facts

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### Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

#### Champions (hosts)

2011 Spain (Denmark)\*  
2009 Germany (Sweden)\*  
2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)\*  
2006 Netherlands (Portugal)\*  
2004 Italy (Germany)\*  
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland)\*  
2000 Italy (Slovakia)  
1998 Spain (Romania)  
1996 Italy (Spain)  
1994 Italy (France)  
1992 Italy  
1990 USSR  
1988 France  
1986 Spain  
1984 England  
1982 England  
1980 USSR  
1978 Yugoslavia

\*Current format

#### Leading scorers

##### All-time

**15** Lampros Choutos (Greece), Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)  
**14** Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)

##### In a final tournament since 2000

**7** Marcus Berg (Sweden, 2009)  
**5** Adrián López (Spain, 2011)  
**4** Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007), Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004)  
**3** Ola Toivonen (Sweden, 2009), Robert Acquafresca (Italy, 2009), Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark, 2006) Leroy Lita (England, 2007), Massimo Maccarone (Italy, 2002), Giorgio Chiellini (Italy, 2007), Nicky Hofs (Netherlands, 2006), Hugo Almeida (Portugal, 2004), Markus Rosenberg (Sweden, 2004)

##### Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 1990

2011: 10 Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)  
2009: 8 Robert Acquafresca (Italy)  
2007: 4 Theo Walcott (England), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Igor Denisov (Russia), Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia)  
2006: 14 Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)  
2004: 11 Alberto Gilardino (Italy)  
2002: 9 Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)  
2000: 15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)  
1998: 9 Steffen Iversen (Norway)  
1996: 10 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway)  
1994: 8 Nicolas Ouedec (France), Nelson Antonio Soares Gama (Portugal)  
1992: 9 Peter Møller (Denmark)  
1990: 9 Igor Kolyvanov (USSR)

##### Biggest win:

###### All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino 08/02/2005  
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

##### Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey 29/05/2000  
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

**Final**

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009  
2009, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

**Most goals in a game:**

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005  
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

**Final tournament**

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia 01/06/2000  
2000 group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

**Final**

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 German Democratic Republic 31/05/1978  
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

**Record attendance:**

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany 18/11/2003  
2004 qualifying play-off, Sükrü Saraçoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

**Final tournament**

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 5-4 on pens) 31/05/1996  
1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

## Competition information

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- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1990.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 25 March 2011 and ran until 16 October 2012 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Israel, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2013 finals works:** The group stage is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) position in the coefficient ranking used for the final draw;

If two teams with the same number of points, goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams will be determined by penalties, provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The final tournament consists of two groups of four, with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals (A1 v B2 and B2 v A1) where it becomes a knockout competition (extra time and then penalties apply).

- **Disciplinary information:** Yellow cards that do not result in a suspension expire at the end of the group stage and are not carried forward to the semi-finals.
- **Top scorer:** adidas will award a golden boot to the leading scorer at the tournament after the final, along with silver and bronze boots for the players finishing second and third in the scoring chart.
- **Official ball:** The official match ball of the tournament was unveiled during the finals draw in November. Made by adidas, it features the blue and white colours of hosts Israel and its design has the same thermally bonded triangular patterns as the adidas Tango 12, match ball of UEFA EURO 2012.
- **Official song:** Former player Eyal Golan collaborated with some of Israel's best musicians to help produce Always My Number 1, the official tune of the finals. The 42-year-old will sing it at the opening ceremony at the Netanya Municipal Stadium on 5 June; it will be subsequently played at every match.
- **Match officials:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Israel: Ivan Bebek (Croatia), Antony Gautier (France), Pawel Gil (Poland), Ovidiu Hategan (Romania), Matej Jug (Slovenia) and Serhiy Boiko (Ukraine). Also, for the first time at an Under-21 finals, there will be a team of additional assistant referees.
- **Trophy:** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times. A full-size replica is awarded to the winning association. Each association that competes in the final tournament will receive a commemorative plaque.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 35 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 35 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** Avi Nimni and Eli Ohana are the tournament's two ambassadors. With over 130 caps between them, they are two of Israel's foremost former players. Nimni is also Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC's all-time leading goalscorer while Ohana won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1988 with KV Mechelen.
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Israel will provide unrivalled coverage in ten languages, with live coverage, player interviews, full statistics and video. There is also full social media coverage including dedicated Twitter (@UEFAUnder21) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) pages.
- **Next finals:** The Czech Republic were selected as hosts of the 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 20 March 2012. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1992.

## Legend

### :: Squad list

**No:** number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** final tournament only

### :: Match officials

**Nat:** nationality **DoB:** date of birth

**Under-21:** Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

**UEFA:** Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

### :: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

**Pos:** position **Pld:** played **W:** won **D:** drawn **L:** lost **GF:** goals for **GA:** goals against **Pts:** points

### :: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

### :: Competitions

#### Club competitions

**UCL:** UEFA Champions League

**ECCC:** European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

**UEL:** UEFA Europa League

**UCUP:** UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

**UCWC:** UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

**SCUP:** UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

**ICF:** Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

#### National team competitions

**EURO:** UEFA European Football Championship

**WC:** FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup

**FRIE:** Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

**U21:** UEFA European Under-21 Championship

**U17:** UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

**U19:** UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

**WWC:** FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

### :: Competition stages

**F:** Final

**GS:** Group stage

**GS1:** First group stage

**GS2:** Second group stage

**KO1:** First knockout round

**PR:** Preliminary round

**QF:** Quarter-finals

**QR:** Qualifying round

**QR1:** First qualifying round

**QR2:** Second qualifying round

**FT:** Final tournament

**ELITE:** Elite round

**3rdPO:** Third-place play-off

**GS-FT:** Group stage – final tournament

**3QR:** Third qualifying round

**R1:** First round

**R2:** Second round

**R3:** Third round

**R4:** Fourth round

**SF:** Semi-finals

**R16:** round of 16

**R32:** Round of 32

**1st:** first leg

**2nd:** second leg

**PO:** Play-off

**(Rep) :** Replay

**PO - FT:** Play-off for Final Tournament

**Prom/rel PO:** Promotion/relegation play-off

### :: Statistics

**(-)** : Denotes player substituted

**(\*)** : Denotes player sent off

**(+)** : Denotes player introduced

**(+/-)** : Denotes player introduced and substituted

### :: Squad list

**D:** Disciplinary

**S:** Suspended

**Overall U21:** Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

**\***: Misses next match if booked

**#:** Suspended for at least one match

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