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Czech Republic

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Group B - Matchday 1



Italy

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
21/06/2017	GS-FT	Czech Republic - Italy	3-1	Tychy	Trávník 24, Havlík 79, Lüftner 85; Berardi 70

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
17/06/2007	GS-FT	Italy - Czech Republic	3-1	Arnhem	Aquilani 4, Chiellini 29, Rossi 45+1; Papadopoulos 14

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/05/2002	SF	Czech Republic - Italy	3-2 gg	Zurich	Rožehnal 1, Pospíšil 83, 99 ET; Pirlo 86 (P), Maccarone 90+4

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
04/06/2000	F	Czech Republic - Italy	1-2	Bratislava	Tomáš Došek 51; Pirlo 42 (P), 81

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
23/03/1994	QF	Czechoslovakia - Italy	1-0 agg: 1-3	Ceske Budejovice	Svoboda 88
09/03/1994	QF	Italy - Czechoslovakia	3-0	Salerno	Vieri 7, Panucci 9, Negro 79

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
25/03/1992	QF	Italy - Czechoslovakia	2-0 agg: 4-1	Padova	Luzardi 39, Bertarelli 43
11/03/1992	QF	Czechoslovakia - Italy	1-2	Trnava	Necas 85; Melli 8, 53

UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/04/1983	QR (GS)	Italy - Czechoslovakia	2-1	Trieste	Giordano 35, 41 (P)
11/11/1982	QR (GS)	Czechoslovakia - Italy	2-1	Prague	Monelli 21

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
Total																		
Czech Republic	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	3	0	5	10	4	0	6	13	18
Italy	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	5	0	3	10	6	0	4	18	13

Match background

Virtual ever-presents at the UEFA European Under-21 Championship, Italy kick off their latest finals campaign at the Stadion Celje against the Czech Republic.

- The Azzurrini may be the joint most successful side in U21 EURO history but the most recent of their five titles came 17 years ago and they failed to progress beyond the group stage on home soil two years ago. The Czechs also have a U21 title to their name, in their case from 2002, although their last two finals campaigns also foundered in the group stage.

Previous meetings

- This will be the teams' fifth encounter since 2000 – all in the final tournament. Most recently the Czech Republic were 3-1 winners at Tychy's Stadion Miejski on Matchday 2 of the 2017 edition thanks to goals from Michal Trávník (24) and, after Domenico Berardi's 70th-minute equaliser for Italy, Marek Havlík (79) and Michael Lüftner (85). It was Italy who progressed from Group C, however, winning their other two games to finish first in the section on six points; that victory provided the fourth-placed Czechs' only points of the tournament.
- Italy ran out 3-1 winners on Matchday 3 of the 2007 group stage thanks to goals from Alberto Aquilani (4), Giorgio Chiellini (29) and Giuseppe Rossi (45+1); Michal Papadopulos (14) got the sole Czech response. Neither side progressed to the semi-finals, Italy finishing third in Group B and the Czechs fourth.
- The Czechs triumphed in dramatic circumstances in the the teams' 2002 semi-final. They looked set for the final when David Rozehnal's first-minute opener was followed by Michal Pospíšil's strike seven minutes from time but, remarkably, an Andrea Pirlo penalty (86) heralded Massimo Maccarone's equaliser four minutes into added time to force an extra 30 minutes. The Czechs, however, regrouped swiftly and Pospíšil scored the golden-goal winner in the 99th minute as they went on to lift the trophy.
- Two years earlier, in 2000, Pirlo's two goals had given Italy the trophy at the Czechs' expense. The midfielder converted a 42nd-minute penalty and, after Tomáš Došek had levelled (51), struck again with nine minutes left to clinch a 2-1 final victory in Bratislava.
- Italy beat Czechoslovakia in the two-legged quarter-finals of 1992 and 1994 – winning three of those four matches – and proceeded to take the title on both occasions. Each side registered a 2-1 home win in qualifying for the 1984 finals, but once more it was Italy who held sway overall, topping the qualifying section before losing to England in the semi-finals.

Form guide

Czech Republic

- Karel Krejčí's side finished top of qualifying Group 4, picking up 21 points from their ten matches to edge out Croatia by a single point at the top of the section. Defeated only once, 2-0 away to Scotland, they made sure of first place with a 2-0 win in Greece in their final qualifier.
- Winners in 2002 with a squad including Petr Čech, Milan Baroš, Zdeněk Grygera, David Rozehnal, Jan Polák and Tomáš Hübschman – who all amassed more than 50 senior caps – the Czech Republic are in the final tournament for the seventh time. Runners-up in 2000, they were knocked out in the group stage in 2007 and, as hosts, 2015, but reached the semi-finals in 2011.
- The Czechs' most recent appearance came in 2017, when they finished bottom of a section including Italy, eventual winners Germany and Denmark in Poland. That 3-1 win against Italy on Matchday 2 came either side of defeats by Germany (0-2) and Denmark (2-4).
- Czechoslovakia reached the U21 quarter-finals on six occasions, but never went any further in the competition.

Italy

- Italy have participated in 11 of the 13 final tournaments since 1998, missing out only in 1998 and 2011. They have reached the semi-finals or better in six of those previous ten appearances, claiming the trophy in 2000 and 2004.
- Italy were also champions for three tournaments running between 1992 and 1996, and reached the 1986 final.
- The Azzurrini qualified automatically for the 2019 finals as hosts, but were unable to progress beyond the group stage despite winning two of their three fixtures, beating both Spain and Belgium 3-1 either side of a costly 1-0 loss to Poland. They finished level with eventual champions Spain and Poland on six points, with Spain progressing to the semi-finals by virtue of their superior record in matches between the three teams.
- Despite those victories in 2019, Italy have won only five of their last 11 matches in the final tournament (D1 L5).
- In qualifying for the 2021 finals, Paolo Nicolato – who replaced Luigi Di Biagio in July 2019 – guided the Azzurrini to first place in Group 1, his team picking up 25 points from their ten matches (W8 D1 L1) to finish four ahead of Iceland.

Italy's sole defeat was a 3-0 reverse in Sweden on 8 September 2020; they won their last four matches, scoring four goals against Luxembourg (4-0) and Sweden (4-1) in the final two.

Links and trivia

- Have played together:

Michal Sadílek & Gianluca Scamacca (PSV Eindhoven 2016/17)

- Sandro Tonali and Lorenzo Colombo started in AC Milan's 1-0 victory away to a Sparta Praha side who lost Dominik Plechatý to a 77th-minute red card in the UEFA Europa League on 10 December 2020. Martin Vítík and Adam Karabec were both in the Sparta starting XI, with Ladislav Krejčí replacing the latter at half-time; Mattia Gabbia was an unused Milan substitute.
- Plechatý and Karabec came on as late substitutes in Sparta's 3-0 loss in Milan on 29 October, with Tonali starting for the Rossoneri.
- Andrea Pinamonti made his senior debut for Internazionale in a 2-1 UEFA Europa League win against Sparta on 8 December 2016.
- Sadílek made his senior debut for PSV Eindhoven as a second-half substitute in a 1-1 UEFA Champions League group stage draw at home to Inter on 11 December 2018.

Squad list

Czech Republic

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.	FT		Team	Pld	Gls
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Matěj Kovář	17/05/2000	20	Man. United	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
16	Martin Jedlička	24/01/1998	23	Dunajská Streda	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
23	Matouš Trmal	20/10/1998	22	Vitória SC	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Defenders											
2	Martin Vítík	21/01/2003	18	Sparta Praha	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
3	Matěj Chalouš	02/02/1998	23	Liberec	-	6	0	0	0	7	-
4	Libor Holík	12/05/1998	22	Jablonec	-	8	1	0	0	8	1
5	Dominik Plechatý	18/04/1999	21	Sparta Praha	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
15	Michal Fukala	22/10/2000	20	Liberec	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
18	Denis Granečný	07/09/1998	22	Emmen	-	9	0	0	0	9	-
Midfielders											
6	Michal Sadílek	31/05/1999	21	Liberec	-	9	0	0	0	9	-
7	Pavel Bucha	11/03/1998	23	Plzeň	-	9	2	0	0	9	2
8	Filip Havelka	21/01/1998	23	České Budějovice	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
9	Dominik Janošek	13/06/1998	22	Zlín	-	9	2	0	0	9	2
11	Ladislav Krejčí	20/04/1999	21	Sparta Praha	-	7	5	0	0	7	5
12	Ondřej Lingr	07/10/1998	22	Slavia Praha	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
13	Michal Kohút	04/06/2000	20	Slovácko	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
14	Patrik Žitný	21/01/1999	22	Teplice	-	5	0	0	0	5	-
17	Tomáš Ostrák	05/02/2000	21	Karviná	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
19	Adam Karabec	02/07/2003	17	Sparta Praha	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
21	Pavel Šulc	29/12/2000	20	Plzeň	-	3	1	0	0	3	1
Forwards											
10	Ondřej Šašík	21/03/1998	23	Baník	-	7	2	0	0	7	2
20	Vaclav Drchal	25/07/1999	21	Mladá Boleslav	-	5	3	0	0	5	3
22	Antonín Vaniček	22/04/1998	22	Bohemians 1905	-	9	1	0	0	12	1
Coach											
-	Karel Krejčí	20/12/1968	52		-	10	0	0	0	10	-

Italy

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Alessandro Plizzari	12/03/2000	21	Reggina	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
12	Marco Carnesecchi	01/07/2000	20	Cremonese	-	7	0	0	0	7	-
22	Michele Cerofolini	04/01/1999	22	Reggiana	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
Defenders											
2	Raoul Bellanova	17/05/2000	20	Pescara	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
3	Gianluca Frabotta	24/06/1999	21	Juventus	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
4	Matteo Gabbia	21/10/1999	21	Milan	-	4	0	0	0	4	-
5	Riccardo Marchizza	26/03/1998	22	Spezia	-	4	1	0	0	4	1
6	Matteo Lovato	14/02/2000	21	Verona	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
13	Luca Ranieri	23/04/1999	21	SPAL	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
15	Enrico Del Prato	10/11/1999	21	Reggina	-	8	1	0	0	8	1
16	Lorenzo Pirola	20/02/2002	19	Monza	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
17	Gabriele Zappa	22/12/1999	21	Cagliari	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
19	Marco Sala	04/06/1999	21	SPAL	-	8	0	0	0	8	-
Midfielders											
7	Davide Frattesi	22/09/1999	21	Monza	-	5	0	0	0	5	-
8	Sandro Tonali	08/05/2000	20	Milan	-	2	0	0	0	4	-
14	Nicolò Rovella	04/12/2001	19	Genoa	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
18	Tommaso Pobega	15/07/1999	21	Spezia	-	2	2	0	0	2	2
21	Giulio Maggiore	12/03/1998	23	Spezia	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
Forwards											
9	Lorenzo Colombo	08/03/2002	19	Cremonese	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
10	Patrick Cutrone	03/01/1998	23	Valencia	-	6	3	0	0	9	4
11	Gianluca Scamacca	01/01/1999	22	Genoa	-	9	6	0	0	9	6
20	Giacomo Raspadori	18/02/2000	21	Sassuolo	-	3	2	0	0	3	2
23	Andrea Pinamonti	19/05/1999	21	Internazionale	-	8	2	0	0	8	2
Coach											
-	Paolo Nicolato	21/12/1966	54		-	9	0	0	0	9	-

Match officials

Referee	Dennis Higler (NED)
Assistant referees	Joost van Zuilen (NED) , Johan Balder (NED)
Fourth official	Horatiu Fesnic (ROU)
UEFA Delegate	Vakhtang Bzikadze (GEO)
UEFA Referee observer	Vladimir Sajn (SVN)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Dennis Higler	30/09/1985	3	25

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches featuring teams from 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
23/03/2017	U17	ELITE	England	Czech Republic	5-3	Bijeljina
13/05/2018	U17	QF	Italy	Sweden	1-0	Rotherham

Match-by-match lineups

Czech Republic

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(06/09/2019)

Czech Republic 2-0 Lithuania

Goals: 1-0 Vaníček 16, 2-0 Šašinka 68 (P)

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Chaluš, Holík, Plechatý, Sadílek, Šašinka, Krejčí, Matoušek (89 Graiciar), Granečný, Hložek (83 Havelka), Vaníček (74 Žitný)

(10/10/2019)

Czech Republic 1-1 Greece

Goals: 0-1 Bouzoukis 45+2 (P) , 1-1 Hložek 76

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Chaluš, Holík, Plechatý, Sadílek, Bucha, Šašinka, Souček, Matoušek (74 Růsek), Hložek, Vaníček (62 Janošek)

(14/10/2019)

Czech Republic 0-0 Scotland

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Janošek, Chaluš, Holík, Plechatý, Sadílek, Šašinka, Matoušek (70 Havelka), Granečný, Hložek, Vaníček (63 Bucha)

(14/11/2019)

Czech Republic 6-0 San Marino

Goals: 1-0 Hložek 11, 2-0 Janošek 15, 3-0 Krejčí 38, 4-0 Krejčí 67, 5-0 Hložek 69, 6-0 Janošek 82

Czech Republic: Trmal, Holík (76 Souček), Sadílek, Žitný (64 Kohút), Havelka (85 Granečný), Janošek, Krejčí, Bucha (76 Hlavatý), Šulc (64 Vaníček), Chaluš, Hložek

(18/11/2019)

Croatia 1-2 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Ivanušec 30, 1-1 Krejčí 39, 1-2 Bucha 72

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Holík, Sadílek, Havelka, Janošek, Šašinka, Krejčí, Bucha (91 Vaníček), Granečný (78 Žitný), Chaluš, Hložek (85 Souček)

(02/09/2020)

San Marino 0-6 Czech Republic

Goals: 0-1 Drchal 19, 0-2 Drchal 27, 0-3 Krejčí 64, 0-4 Krejčí 76, 0-5 Holík 77, 0-6 Šulc 84

Czech Republic: Trmal, Zima, Holík, Sadílek, Bucha (74 Šulc), Havelka (81 Granečný), Janošek, Krejčí, Žitný (74 Vaníček), Karabec (65 Beran), Drchal (64 Lingr)

(07/09/2020)

Czech Republic 0-0 Croatia

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Holík, Plechatý, Sadílek, Bucha, Havelka (92 Lingr), Janošek, Šašinka, Krejčí, Drchal (78 Granečný), Šulc (19 Matoušek)

(09/10/2020)

Scotland 2-0 Czech Republic

Goals: 1-0 Hornby 25, 2-0 Ross McCrorie 82

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Zima, Plechatý, Sadílek, Bucha, Janošek, Krejčí, Hlavatý (80 Granečný), Souček, Drchal (68 Růsek), Vaníček (67 Matoušek)

(13/10/2020)

Lithuania 0-1 Czech Republic

Goals: 0-1 Šašinka 22

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Chaluš, Zima, Plechatý, Sadílek, Bucha, Janošek, Šašinka, Matoušek (88 Drchal), Granečný (84 Havelka), Vaníček (76 Žitný)

(13/11/2020)

Greece 0-2 Czech Republic

Goals: 0-1 Bucha 68 (P) , 0-2 Drchal 90+1

Czech Republic: Jedlička, Zima, Holík, Plechatý (46 Ostrák), Bucha, Havelka (46 Granečný), Janošek, Šašinka (77 Drchal), Krejčí, Lingr (89 Klima), Matoušek (65 Vaníček)

Group stage – final tournament

Group B

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (24/03/2021)

Czech Republic-Italy

Matchday 2 (27/03/2021)

Slovenia-Czech Republic

Matchday 3 (30/03/2021)

Spain-Czech Republic

Italy

Under-21 - Qualifying round

(10/09/2019)

Italy 5-0 Luxembourg

Goals: 1-0 Locatelli 9 (P) , 2-0 Kean 37 (P) , 3-0 Sottitl 62, 4-0 Tumminello 68, 5-0 Scamacca 77

Italy: Plizzari, Bastoni, Carraro, Locatelli (76 Zanellato), Pinamonti (61 Tumminello), Zaniolo (61 Frattesi), Scamacca, Del Prato, Marchizza, Sala (83 Tripaldelli), Kean (46 Sottitl)

(10/10/2019)

Republic of Ireland 0-0 Italy

Italy: Carnesecchi, Luca Pellegrini, Tonali, Bastoni, Frattesi, Carraro (68 Sottitl), Pinamonti (46 Cutrone), Scamacca (46 Kean), Del Prato, Marchizza (23 Adjapong), Locatelli

(14/10/2019)

Armenia 0-1 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Scamacca 20

Italy: Carnesecchi, Adjapong, Luca Pellegrini (75 Sala), Bastoni, Frattesi (64 Maggiore), Cutrone, Scamacca (75 Pinamonti), Ranieri, Zanellato (86 Carraro), Locatelli, Sottitl (86 Bettella)

(16/11/2019)

Italy 3-0 Iceland

Goals: 1-0 Sottitl 32, 2-0 Cutrone 84, 3-0 Cutrone 90

Italy: Carnesecchi, Gabbia, Carraro (93 Esposito), Pinamonti (80 Scamacca), Cutrone (93 Maistro), Ranieri, Del Prato, Maggiore (80 Zanellato), Sala, Locatelli, Sottitl (68 Adjapong)

(19/11/2019)

Italy 6-0 Armenia

Goals: 1-0 Kean 15, 2-0 Pinamonti 25, 3-0 Kean 41, 4-0 Zanellato 53, 5-0 Scamacca 57, 6-0 Del Prato 66

Italy: Carnesecchi, Adjapong, Carraro, Pinamonti (56 Scamacca), Cutrone, Ranieri (63 Bettella), Del Prato, Zanellato (63 Maistro), Sala (56 Tripaldelli), Kean, Locatelli (83 Maggiore)

(08/09/2020)

Sweden 3-0 Italy

Goals: 1-0 Almqvist 12, 2-0 Almqvist 29, 3-0 Henriksson 51

Italy: Carnesecchi, Adjapong (68 Casale), Luca Pellegrini (68 Sala), Carraro (87 Colpani), Gabbia, Pinamonti, Cutrone, Maleh (46 Varnier), Del Prato, Zanellato, Sottitl (46 Scamacca)

(13/10/2020)

Italy 2-0 Republic of Ireland

Goals: 1-0 Sottitl 43, 2-0 Cutrone 62

Italy: Cerofolini, Vogliacco, Frabotta, Tonali, Buongiorno, Pirola, Birindelli, Ricci (88 Nicolussi), Cutrone, Muratore (46 Portanova), Sottitl (83 Raspadori)

(12/11/2020)

Iceland 1-2 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Pobega 35, 1-1 Willumsson 63, 1-2 Pobega 88

Italy: Carnesecchi, Gabbia, Frattesi, Pobega, Rovella, Scamacca (80 Pinamonti), Lovato (72 Vogliacco), Del Prato, Sala, Bellanova, Sottit (91 Maleh)

(15/11/2020)

Luxembourg 0-4 Italy

Goals: 0-1 Scamacca 15, 0-2 Scamacca 29, 0-3 Pinamonti 56, 0-4 Marchizza 66

Italy: Carnesecchi, Gabbia, Frattesi (87 Maleh), Pobega (46 Ricci), Rovella, Scamacca (78 Raspadori), Marchizza, Del Prato, Sala (46 Frabotta), Bellanova, Sottit (46 Pinamonti)

(18/11/2020)

Italy 4-1 Sweden

Goals: 1-0 Maleh 27, 2-0 Raspadori 48, 2-1 Karlsson 50, 3-1 Raspadori 61, 4-1 Scamacca 68

Italy: Cerofolini, Vogliacco (83 Bellanova), Ricci, Cuomo, Scamacca (71 Sottit), Maleh (58 Colpani), Buongiorno (46 Del Prato), Zappa, Melegoni, Sala (46 Marchizza), Raspadori

Group stage – final tournament

Group B

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matchday 1 (24/03/2021)

Czech Republic-Italy

Matchday 2 (27/03/2021)

Spain-Italy

Matchday 3 (30/03/2021)

Italy-Slovenia

Team facts

Czech Republic

Tournament record

2019: did not qualify
2017: group stage
2015: group stage
2013: did not qualify (play-offs)
2011: fourth place
2009: did not qualify
2007: group stage
2006: did not qualify (play-offs)
2004: did not qualify (play-offs)
2002: winners
2000: runners-up
1998: did not qualify
1996: quarter-finals
1994: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
1992: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
1990: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
1988: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
1986: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)
1984: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)
1982: did not qualify (as Czechoslovakia)
1980: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)
1978: quarter-finals (as Czechoslovakia)

Biggest wins

Final tournament

0-4: Serbia v Czech Republic, 20/06/15
Group stage, Prague

Qualifying

8-0 four times, most recently Czech Republic v Andorra, 10/08/11
2013 qualifying group stage, Mladá Boleslav

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

2-4: Czech Republic v Denmark, 24/06/17
Group stage, Tychy
3-1: Italy v Czech Republic, 17/06/07
Group stage, Arnhem
2-0 three times, most recently Germany v Czech Republic, 18/06/17
Group stage, Tychy

Qualifying

5-1: Croatia v Czech Republic, 09/10/17
2019 qualifying group stage, Varaždin
4-0: Spain v Czech Republic, 07/06/97
1998 qualifying group stage, Burgos

Italy

Tournament record

2019: group stage
2017: semi-finals
2015: group stage
2013: runners-up
2011: did not qualify (play-offs)
2009: semi-finals
2007: group stage
2006: group stage

2004: winners
2002: semi-finals
2000: winners
1998: did not qualify
1996: winners
1994: winners
1992: winners
1990: semi-finals
1988: quarter-finals
1986: runners-up
1984: semi-finals
1982: quarter-finals
1980: quarter-finals
1978: quarter-finals

Biggest wins

Final tournament

4-0: Italy v Israel, 08/06/13
Group stage, Tel Aviv

Qualifying

8-1: Italy v Wales, 05/09/03
2004 qualifying group stage, Pavia
7-0 twice, most recently v Liechtenstein, 06/09/12
2013 qualifying group stage, Casarano

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament

3-1 four times, most recently v Spain, 27/06/17
Semi-final, Kraków

Qualifying

6-0: Norway v Italy, 05/06/91
1992 qualifying group stage, Stavanger

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** all-time qualifying and final tournament data

:: 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
UEL: UEFA Europa League
UCUP: UEFA Cup
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
WEURO: UEFA European Women's Championship

Competition stages

F: Final
GS1: First group stage
GS2: Second group stage
3QR: Third qualifying round
R2: Second 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

GS: Group stage
R1: First round
R3: Third round
PR: Preliminary round
QF: Quarter-finals
QR: Qualifying round
1QR: First qualifying round
2QR: Second qualifying round
FT: Final tournament
ELITE: Elite round
3rdPO: Third-place play-off
GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

Other abbreviations

(aet): After extra time
No.: Number
ag: Match decided on away goals
Pld: Matches played
Pos.: Position
Pts: Points
R: Sent off (straight red card)
Res.: Result
sg: Match decided by silver goal
GF: Goals for
gg: Match decided by golden goal
Y/R: Sent off (two yellow cards)
f: Match forfeited

pens: Penalties
og: Own goal
P: Penalty
agg: Aggregate
AP: Appearances
Comp.: Competition
D: Drawn
DoB: Date of birth
ET: Extra Time
GA: Goals against
t: Match decided by toss of a coin
W: Won
Y: Booked
L: Lost
Nat.: Nationality
N/A: Not applicable

Statistics

-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

Squad list

D: Disciplinary

*: Misses next match if booked

S: Suspended

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

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