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Russia

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Previous meetings

Head to Head

UEFA Nations League

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
11/10/2018	GS-FT	Russia - Sweden	0-0	Kaliningrad	

2016 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
05/09/2015	QR (GS)	Russia - Sweden	1-0	Moscow	Dzyuba 38
09/10/2014	QR (GS)	Sweden - Russia	1-1	Solna	Toivonen 49; Kokorin 10

UEFA EURO 2008

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
18/06/2008	GS-FT	Russia - Sweden	2-0	Innsbruck	Pavlyuchenko 24, Arshavin 50

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/06/1994	GS-FT	Sweden - Russia	3-1	Detroit	Brolin 39, Dahlin 60, 81; Salenko 4

1964 UEFA European Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
27/05/1964	QF	USSR - Sweden	3-1 agg: 4-2	Moscow	Ponedelnik 32, 56, Voronin 83; Hamrin 78
13/05/1964	QF	Sweden - USSR	1-1	Solna	Hamrin 88; Ivanov 62

FIFA World Cup

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
19/06/1958	QF	Sweden - USSR	2-0	Solna	Hamrin 49, Simonsson 87

	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																		
Sweden	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6	2	2	2	27	8	10	9	33	46
Russia	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	2	2	2	27	9	10	8	46	33

Squad list

Sweden

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	League phase		Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Robin Olsen	08/01/1990	28	Roma	-			3	0		
12	Karl-Johan Johnsson	28/01/1990	28	Guingamp	-			0	0		
23	Kristoffer Nordfeldt	23/06/1989	29	Swansea	-			0	0		
Defenders											
2	Mikael Lustig	13/12/1986	31	Celtic	-			3	0		
3	Victor Lindelöf	17/07/1994	24	Man. United	-			3	0		
4	Andreas Granqvist	16/04/1985	33	Helsingborg	-			2	1		
5	Martin Olsson	17/05/1988	30	Swansea	-			1	0		
6	Ludwig Augustinsson	21/04/1994	24	Bremen	-			3	0		
14	Filip Helander	22/04/1993	25	Bologna	-			1	0		
16	Emil Krafth	02/08/1994	24	Amiens	-			1	0		
Midfielders											
7	Sebastian Larsson	06/06/1985	33	AIK	-			3	0		
8	Mattias Svanberg	05/01/1999	19	Bologna	-			0	0		
10	Jakob Johansson	21/06/1990	28	Rennes	-			1	0		
13	Gustav Svensson	07/02/1987	31	Seattle Sounders	-			2	0		
15	Oscar Hiljemark	28/06/1992	26	Genoa	-			1	0		
17	Viktor Claesson	02/01/1992	26	Krasnodar	-			3	1		
18	Robin Quaison	09/10/1993	25	Mainz	-			0	0		
19	Marcus Rohdén	11/05/1991	27	Crotone	-			1	0		
20	Kristoffer Olsson	30/06/1995	23	AIK	-			0	0		
21	Jimmy Durmaz	22/03/1989	29	Toulouse	-			1	0		
Forwards											
9	Marcus Berg	17/08/1986	32	Al-Ain	-			3	0		
11	John Guidetti	15/04/1992	26	Alavés	-			1	0		
22	Isaac Kiese Thelin	24/06/1992	26	Leverkusen	-			3	1		
Coach											
-	Jan Andersson	29/09/1962	56		-			3	0		

Russia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	League phase		Pld	Gls		
Goalkeepers											
1	Guilherme	12/12/1985	32	Lokomotiv Moskva	-			2	0		
12	Andrei Lunev	13/11/1991	27	Zenit	-			1	0		
16	Anton Shunin	27/01/1987	31	Dinamo Moskva	-			0	0		
Defenders											
3	Roman Neustädter	18/02/1988	30	Fenerbahçe	-			3	1		
4	Georgi Schennikov	27/04/1991	27	CSKA Moskva	-			0	0		
5	Andrei Semenov	24/03/1989	29	Akhmat	-			0	0		
14	Georgi Dzhikiya	21/11/1992	25	Spartak Moskva	-			3	0		
17	Kirill Nababkin	08/09/1986	32	CSKA Moskva	-			0	0		
19	Egor Sorokin	04/11/1995	23	Rubin	-			0	0		
Midfielders											
2	Vladislav Ignatyev	20/01/1987	31	Lokomotiv Moskva	-			0	0		
7	Daler Kuzyaev	15/01/1993	25	Zenit	-			3	0		
8	Yuri Gazinski	20/07/1989	29	Krasnodar	-			3	0		
10	Ruslan Kambolov	01/01/1990	28	Rubin	-			1	0		
13	Pavel Mogilevets	25/01/1993	25	Rubin	-			1	0		
15	Aleksei Miranchuk	17/10/1995	23	Lokomotiv Moskva	-			0	0		
18	Anton Miranchuk	17/10/1995	23	Lokomotiv Moskva	-			0	0		
20	Aleksei Ionov	18/02/1989	29	Rostov	-			3	0		
21	Aleksandr Erokhin	13/10/1989	29	Zenit	-			1	0		
Forwards											
6	Ari	11/12/1985	32	Krasnodar	-			0	0		
9	Anton Zabolotny	13/06/1991	27	Zenit	-			1	0		
11	Fedor Chalov	10/04/1998	20	CSKA Moskva	-			0	0		
22	Artem Dzyuba	22/08/1988	30	Zenit	-			3	1		
23	Dmitri Poloz	12/07/1991	27	Rubin	-			1	0		
Coach											
-	Stanislav Cherchesov	02/09/1963	55		-			3	0		

Head coach

Janne Andersson

Date of birth: 29 September 1962

Nationality: Swedish

Playing career: Alet (twice), Halmia, Laholm

Coaching career: Alet, Halmstad (assistant, twice), Laholm, Halmstad, Örgryte, Norrköping, Sweden

- Jan 'Janne' Andersson succeeded Erik Hamrén as Sweden coach after UEFA EURO 2016 having led Norrköping to their first Allsvenskan title in 26 years the previous autumn.
- A footballer and handball player in his native Halmstad, Andersson became assistant coach to Stuart Baxter at the city's main club in 1990, going on to work under Tom Prahl and then Jonas Thern.
- Andersson, who also coached lower-division teams Alet and Laholm, took the Halmstad reins himself in 2004 and in his first season in charge was named coach of the year in Sweden after steering Halmstad to second place.
- After a brief spell at second-tier Örgryte in 2010, Andersson was named Norrköping coach the following year as they returned to the Allsvenskan, at first keeping them up then unexpectedly guiding them to the 2015 title.
- Although his appointment as Sweden coach meant he missed out on leading Norrköping into UEFA Champions League qualifying, Andersson made up for that by taking Sweden to the 2018 FIFA World Cup via a famous play-off win against Italy and then guiding them to the quarter-finals in Russia.

Stanislav Cherchesov

Date of birth: 2 September 1963

Nationality: Russian

Playing career: Spartak Ordzhonikidze, Spartak Moskva (four times), Lokomotiv Moskva, Dynamo Dresden, Tirol Innsbruck

Coaching career: Kufstein, Wacker Tirol, Spartak Moskva, Zhemchuzhina Sochi, Terek Grozny, Amkar Perm, Dinamo Moskva, Legia Warszawa, Russia

- Born in North Ossetia, goalkeeper Cherchesov captained Russia in their first international after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, against Mexico in 1992, and was selected for the 1994 and 2002 FIFA World Cups as well as EURO '96. At club level, Cherchesov was ever-present as Spartak finished the 1995/96 UEFA Champions League group stage with maximum points.
- After a spell in Austria, where he started his coaching career, Cherchesov rejoined Spartak in the summer of 2006 as sporting director. He replaced Vladimir Fedotov as coach in June 2007 and led the team to a second-place finish that season. Cherchesov parted company with Spartak after an 8-2 aggregate defeat against Dynamo Kyiv in the 2008/09 UEFA Champions League third qualifying round.
- After a brief stint at second-tier Zhemchuzhina Sochi, Cherchesov coached Terek from 2011 to 2013, guiding them to eighth in the Russian Premier-Liga in the latter season – the highest finish in their history. He took charge of Amkar Perm in June 2013 but left the following April for Dinamo Moskva.
- Under Cherchesov, Dinamo won all six of their group matches in the 2014/15 UEFA Europa League group stage, losing to Napoli in the round of 16. The capital outfit finished fourth in the Premier-Liga that campaign and Cherchesov was soon dismissed.
- Cherchesov was appointed by Legia less than three months later, his sole season at the helm yielding the domestic double for the Warsaw club in their centenary year. On 11 August 2016, Cherchesov was announced as Russia coach and unexpectedly led the team to the 2018 World Cup quarter-finals on home soil, the highlight a shoot-out defeat of Spain in the round of 16.

Match officials

Referee	Benoît Bastien (FRA)
Assistant referees	Hicham Zakrani (FRA) , Frédéric Haquette (FRA)
Additional assistant referees	François Letexier (FRA) , Jérôme Miguelgorry (FRA)
Fourth official	Nicolas Danos (FRA)
UEFA Delegate	Petr Fousek (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Michael Koukoulakis (GRE)

Referee

Name	Date of birth		UEFA matches
Benoît Bastien	17/04/1983	1	35

UEFA Nations League matches between the two teams

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
19/10/2014	U17	QR	Russia	Wales	0-0	Minsk
24/10/2014	U17	QR	Belarus	Russia	1-2	Molodechno
21/07/2015	UCL	2QR	FK Žalgiris Vilnius	Malmö FF	0-1	Vilnius
15/02/2018	UEL	R32	FC Spartak Moskva	Athletic Club	1-3	Moscow
19/09/2018	UCL	GS	FC Viktoria Plzeň	PFC CSKA Moskva	2-2	Plzen

Competition facts

What is the background to the UEFA Nations League?

The rejuvenation of national team football – and the UEFA Nations League – stems from the desire of UEFA and its 55 member associations to improve the quality and standing of national team football. UEFA and its associations wanted more sporting meaning in national team football, with associations, coaches, players and supporters increasingly of the opinion that friendly matches are not providing adequate competition for national teams.

Extensive consultation and discussions started as far back as the 2011 UEFA Strategy Meeting in Cyprus and continued at a series of Top Executive Programme (TEP) meetings over the following three years. The UEFA Nations League was unanimously adopted at the XXXVIII Ordinary UEFA Congress in Astana on 27 March 2014.

What is the basic format?

The format of the UEFA Nations League features promotion and relegation. The 55 European national teams have been divided into four leagues in accordance with UEFA's national association coefficient rankings on 11 October 2017.

League A includes the top-ranked sides and League D includes the lowest:

League A

Group A1: Germany, France, Netherlands

Group A2: Belgium, Switzerland, Iceland

Group A3: Portugal, Italy, Poland

Group A4: Spain, England, Croatia

Teams have been split into four groups of three, with the group winners then contesting the UEFA Nations League Finals (semi-finals, third-place match and final) in June 2019 to become the UEFA Nations League winners. One host country will be appointed in December 2018 from among the finalist teams.

The four teams that finish bottom of their groups will be relegated to League B for the 2020 edition.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

League B

Group B1: Slovakia, Ukraine, Czech Republic

Group B2: Russia, Sweden, Turkey

Group B3: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Northern Ireland

Group B4: Wales, Republic of Ireland, Denmark

Teams have been split into four groups of three.

The four group winners are promoted to League A, with the four sides that finish bottom relegated to League C for the next competition to be played in 2020.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

League C

Group C1: Scotland, Albania, Israel

Group C2: Hungary, Greece, Finland, Estonia

Group C3: Slovenia, Norway, Bulgaria, Cyprus

Group C4: Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Lithuania

Teams have been split into one group of three (containing teams from Pots 1, 2 and 3 only) and three groups of four. Due to winter venue restrictions, a group could contain a maximum of two of these teams: Norway, Finland, Estonia, Lithuania.

The four group winners are promoted to League B, with the four sides that finish bottom relegated to League D for the 2020 edition.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

League D

Group D1: Georgia, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Andorra

Group D2: Belarus, Luxembourg, Moldova, San Marino

Group D3: Azerbaijan, Faroe Islands, Malta, Kosovo

Group D4: FYR Macedonia, Armenia, Liechtenstein, Gibraltar

Teams have been split into four groups of four.

Due to excessive travel restrictions, any group could not contain a maximum of one of these pairs: Andorra & Kazakhstan, Faroe Islands & Kazakhstan, Gibraltar & Kazakhstan, Gibraltar & Azerbaijan

The four group winners are promoted to League C for the 2020 edition.

The top four ranked teams that do not qualify for UEFA EURO 2020 will enter a play-off in March 2020, with one final place on offer.

Leagues A and B consist of four groups of three teams

League C comprises one group of three teams and three groups of four sides

League D is formed by four groups of four teams

The League Phase Draw for the UEFA Nations League took place at the SwissTech Convention Centre in Lausanne on 24 January 2018.

In each league, four group winners are promoted (or play in the Finals, see below) and four teams are relegated for the next competition to be played in 2020.

The overall UEFA Nations League rankings will determine the composition of the draw pots for the subsequent European Qualifiers.

In addition, the UEFA Nations League will provide teams with another chance to qualify for the UEFA EURO final tournament, with four sides qualifying through play-off matches which take place in March 2020 (see below).

When will the UEFA Nations League take place?

The UEFA Nations League will take place as follows:

See the full fixture list.

The UEFA Nations League group games are being held over six matchdays, during the 'double-headers' in September, October and November 2018. The UEFA Nations League Finals competition for the teams that win the four groups within the top division is scheduled for June 2019.

For the UEFA Nations League Finals, the group winners of UEFA Nations League A will play in a knockout format (semi-finals, third-place match and final) in June 2019 to become the UEFA Nations League winners. One host country will be formally appointed by the UEFA Executive Committee in December 2018 from one of the nations competing in the final four. Italy, Poland and Portugal (all in Group A3) have expressed interest.

The play-off matches will be staged in March 2020 (see below).

Will qualifying for the UEFA EURO change?

The changes to UEFA EURO qualifying will make it more streamlined. The equation is now simple: ten groups with the top two teams in each group qualifying automatically, and the other four places being awarded to European Qualifiers play-off winners, in which the 16 group winners of the UEFA Nations League will be in contention.

The UEFA EURO 2020 qualifying draw will be made after the completion of the UEFA Nations League and allow for the four UEFA Nations League Finals participants to be drawn into groups of five teams.

But the key principle of the qualifiers remains: that every team can play every team.

The European Qualifiers for UEFA EURO 2020 commence in March 2019. There will be two matchdays in each of March, June, September, October and November 2019. In total, there will be five groups of five teams and five groups of six teams (ten groups in all) playing over ten matchdays (the same number as now). The winner and runner-up in each of the ten groups will qualify automatically for the UEFA EURO 2020 final tournament (June 2020).

The last four EURO places will be won through the European Qualifiers play-offs, which will take place in March 2020 and which will be contested by the 16 UEFA Nations League group winners.

If a group winner has already qualified via the European Qualifiers, then their spot will go to the next best-ranked team in their league. If a league does not have four teams to compete, the remaining slots are allocated to teams from another league, according to the overall UEFA Nations League ranking.

Each league will have a path of its own and each path will feature two single-leg semi-finals and one single-leg final. The winner of each path will win a ticket to UEFA EURO 2020.

How are the overall UEFA Nations League rankings calculated?

Within each league (A, B, C and D), the overall ranking will be calculated based on position in the group then points, goal difference, goals scored, away goals scored, wins, away wins, disciplinary points, coefficient ranking.

What are the advantages for national associations and teams?

National associations and coaches, in consultations with UEFA, revealed that they feel that friendly internationals are not providing adequate sporting competition. The UEFA Nations League creates more meaningful and competitive matches for teams and a dedicated calendar and structure for national team football.

Top teams can also aspire to take part in the UEFA Nations League Finals, a new top-level event.

For middle-ranking and smaller nations, the UEFA Nations League will offer an extra way to qualify for UEFA EURO final tournaments. Lower-tier countries – the bottom 16 in the rankings – are now guaranteed one of the 24 qualifying slots for UEFA EURO.

Lower-ranking teams who have struggled against sides ranked considerably higher than them will now get the chance to take part in balanced matches. Teams do not learn and progress by repeatedly losing; now some sides will start winning.

While the UEFA Nations League will replace most friendly internationals, there will still be space in the calendar for friendlies, especially for top teams who may want to face opposition from outside Europe as they will be in groups of three teams.

Associations and teams benefit from clarity of the fixture calendar, and there is now a clear buffer between the end of the UEFA EURO and FIFA World Cup, and vice versa, as well as stability of income.

What are the advantages for supporters?

Supporters more than most realise that most friendlies fail to deliver competitive and meaningful football. Now they will have the opportunity to see their teams play in more competitive matches, take part in a new competition and get a second chance to qualify for the major tournaments.

In every even year there are World Cup or UEFA EURO champions; now in every odd year there will be a UEFA Nations League winners. Football is about competition and now, just like in club football, there will be a national team champion at the close of every season.

Will this mean more demands on players and clubs?

No: the UEFA Nations League and European Qualifiers will adhere to the existing agreed international match calendar. UEFA is always keen to preserve the balance between club and international football. The new competition should, in fact, reduce demands on players and clubs with less travel envisaged for friendly games while national teams will be playing more consistently at their own level. With double-header matchweeks, players will even go back to their clubs earlier than is currently the case.

Is this just about generating more revenue?

No, finances are not a driver for the new competition. However, the competition will have the same centralised media rights as have recently been introduced for all European Qualifiers so associations will have even more stability in their income.

Will there be no more friendly internationals?

There will certainly be fewer friendly internationals and undoubtedly fewer meaningless friendlies. However, there will still be space in the calendar for friendly internationals – particularly warm-up matches for final tournaments. UEFA is also keen that European teams will still have the chance to play opponents from other confederations.

Match-by-match lineups

Sweden

UEFA Nations League - Group stage – final tournament

Group B2

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Russia	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Sweden	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Turkey	4	1	0	3	4	7	3

Matchday 2 (10/09/2018)

Sweden 2-3 Turkey

Goals: 1-0 Kiese Thelin 35, 2-0 Claesson 49, 2-1 Çalhanoğlu 51, 2-2 Emre Akbaba 88, 2-3 Emre Akbaba 90+2

Sweden: Olsen, Lustig (78 Krafth), Lindelöf, Augustinsson, S. Larsson, Ekdal (56 Hiljemark), Berg, Claesson, Jansson, Durmaz (71 Rohdén), Kiese Thelin

Matchday 3 (11/10/2018)

Russia 0-0 Sweden

Sweden: Olsen, Lustig, Lindelöf, Granqvist, Augustinsson, S. Larsson, Berg (82 Andersson), Forsberg, Svensson, Claesson, Kiese Thelin (71 Guidetti)

Matchday 5 (17/11/2018)

Turkey 0-1 Sweden

Goals: 0-1 Granqvist 71 (P)

Sweden: Olsen, Lustig, Lindelöf (46 Helander), Granqvist, M. Olsson, Augustinsson, S. Larsson, Ekdal (81 Svensson), Berg, J. Johansson, Claesson (90 Kiese Thelin)

Matchday 6 (20/11/2018)

Sweden-Russia

Russia

UEFA Nations League - Group stage – final tournament

Matchday 1 (07/09/2018)

Turkey 1-2 Russia

Goals: 0-1 Cheryshev 13, 1-1 Serdar Aziz 41, 1-2 Dzyuba 49

Russia: Lunev, Mário Fernandes, Neustädter, Cheryshev (79 Ionov), Kuzyaev (73 Mogilevets), Gazinski, Zobnin, Kudryashov (82 Rausch), Dzhikiya, Erokhin, Dzyuba

Matchday 3 (11/10/2018)

Russia 0-0 Sweden

Russia: Guilherme, Mário Fernandes, Neustädter, Rausch, Cheryshev (87 Zabolotny), Gazinski, Zobnin, Dzhikiya, Golovin, Ionov (76 Kuzyaev), Dzyuba

Matchday 4 (14/10/2018)

Russia 2-0 Turkey

Goals: 1-0 Neustädter 20, 2-0 Cheryshev 78

Russia: Guilherme, Mário Fernandes, Neustädter, Kuzyaev (71 Cheryshev), Gazinski, Zobnin, Kudryashov, Dzhikiya, Golovin (91 Poloz), Ionov (82 Kambolov), Dzyuba

Matchday 6 (20/11/2018)

Sweden-Russia

Legend

Competitions

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