2020 UEFA European Football Championship

The key facts, the venues, the groups, the fixtures and some historical facts. Presented by FootballHistory.org. Visit *https://www.footballhistory.org/european-championship.html* for the history of the European Championships in football.

The tournament

Key facts in summary:

- EURO 2020 will include 24 national teams after qualifications and is scheduled to be held in 12 countries.

- The tournament opens in Rome on 12 June and lasts to 12 July.

- The group stage runs, with up to four matches a day, until 24 June.

- The knockout phase begins on June 27 with Round of 16. It ends with the final on 12 July.

The venues

In total 12 stadiums will be used in the tournament.

- Stadio Olimpico, **Rome** (capacity: 72,698)

- Olympic Stadium, **Baku** (capacity: 68,700)

- St Petersburg Stadium, **Saint Petersburg** (capacity: 68,134)

- Parken Stadium, **Copenhagen** (capacity: 38,065)

- Puskás Arena, **Budapest** (capacity: 67,889)

- Johan Cruijff ArenA, **Amsterdam** (capacity: 54,990)

- National Arena, **Bucharest** (capacity: 55,600)

- Wembley Stadium, **London** (capacity: 90,000)

- Hampden Park, **Glasgow** (capacity: 52,063)

- Estadio de San Mames, **Bilbao** (capacity: 53,332)

- Dublin Arena, **Dublin** (capacity: 51,700)

- Fußball Arena Munchen, **Munich** (capacity: 75,000)

The semi-finals and the final will be played at Wembley Stadium.

The draw

The top two in each group and the four best third-placed teams progress to the round of 16.

Group A
Turkey
Italy
Wales
Switzerland

Group B
Denmark
Finland
Belgium
Russia

Group C
Netherlands
Ukraine
Austria
? (Play-off)

Group D
England
Croatia
? (Play-off)
Czech Republic

Group E
Spain
Sweden
Poland
? (Play-off)

Group F
France
Portugal
Germany
? (Play-off)

Play-off semi-finals

Thursday 26 March 2020

Path A: Iceland v Romania, Bulgaria v Hungary

Path B: Bosnia and Herzegovina v Northern Ireland, Slovakia v Republic of Ireland

Path C: Scotland v Israel, Norway v Serbia (18:00 CET)

Path D: Georgia v Belarus (18:00 CET), North Macedonia v Kosovo

Play-off finals

Tuesday 31 March 2020

Path A: Bulgaria/Hungary v Iceland/Romania

Path B: Bosnia and Herzegovina/Northern Ireland v Slovakia/Republic of Ireland

Path C: Norway/Serbia v Scotland/Israel

Path D: Georgia/Belarus v North Macedonia/Kosovo (18:00 CET)

This pdf-file will be updated on https://www.footballhistory.org/european-championship-2020.html *when play-off winners are decided.*

Match schedule

All kick-off times CET

GROUP STAGE

12 June

Group A: Turkey v Italy (21:00, Rome)

13 June

Group A: Wales v Switzerland (15:00, Baku)

Group B: Denmark v Finland (18:00, Copenhagen)

Group B: Belgium v Russia (21:00, St Petersburg)

14 June

Group D: England v Croatia (15:00, London)

Group C: Austria v Play-off winner D or A (18:00, Bucharest)

Group C: Netherlands v Ukraine (21:00, Amsterdam)

15 June

Group D: Play-off winner C v Czech Republic (15:00, Glasgow)

Group E: Poland v Play-off winner B (18:00, Dublin)

Group E: Spain v Sweden (21:00, Bilbao)

16 June

Group F: Play-off winner A or D v Portugal (18:00, Budapest)

Group F: France v Germany (21:00, Munich)

17 June

Group B: Finland v Russia (15:00, St Petersburg)

Group A: Turkey v Wales (18:00, Baku)

Group A: Italy v Switzerland (21:00, Rome)

18 June

Group C: Ukraine v Play-off winner D or A (15:00, Bucharest)

Group B: Denmark v Belgium (18:00, Copenhagen)

Group C: Netherlands v Austria (21:00, Amsterdam)

19 June

Group E: Sweden v Play-off winner B (15:00, Dublin)

Group D: Croatia v Czech Republic (18:00, Glasgow)

Group D: England v Play-off winner C (21:00, London)

20 June

Group F: Play-off winner A or D v France (15:00, Budapest)

Group F: Portugal v Germany (18:00, Munich)

Group E: Spain v Poland (21:00, Bilbao)

21 June

Group A: Italy v Wales (18:00, Rome)

Group A: Switzerland v Turkey (18:00, Baku)

22 June

Group C: Play-off winner D or A v Netherlands (18:00, Amsterdam)

Group C: Ukraine v Austria (18:00, Bucharest)

Group B: Russia v Denmark (21:00, Copenhagen)

Group B: Finland v Belgium (21:00, St Petersburg)

23 June

Group D: Czech Republic v England (21:00, London)

Group D: Croatia v Play-off winner C (21:00, Glasgow)

24 June

Group E: Play-off winner B v Spain (18:00, Bilbao)

Group E: Sweden v Poland (18:00, Dublin)

Group F: Germany v Play-off winner A or D (21:00, Munich)

Group F: Portugal v France (21:00, Budapest)

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Round of 16

27 June

1: 2A v 2B (18:00, Amsterdam)

2: 1A v 2C (21:00, London)

28 June

3: 1C v 3D/E/F (18:00, Budapest)

4: 1B v 3A/D/E/F (21:00, Bilbao)

29 June

5: 2D v 2E (18:00, Copenhagen)

6: 1F v 3A/B/C (21:00, Bucharest)

30 June

7: 1D v 2F (18:00, Dublin)

8: 1E v 3A/B/C/D (21:00, Glasgow)

Rest days on 1 and 2 July

Quarter-finals

3 July

QF1: Winner 6 v Winner 5 (18:00, St Petersburg)

QF2: Winner 4 v Winner 2 (21:00, Munich)

4 July

QF3: Winner 3 v Winner 1 (18:00, Baku)

QF4: Winner 8 v Winner 7 (21:00, Rome)

Rest days on 5 and 6 July

Semi-finals

7 July

SF1: Winner QF2 v Winner QF1 (21:00, London)

8 July

SF2: Winner QF4 v Winner QF3 (21:00, London)

Rest days on 9, 10, 11 July

Final

12 July

Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (21:00, London)

History and stats

Though the first European Championship was held in 1960, the idea behind it is much older. It dates back to 1927, when the French Football Federation's administrator Henri Delaunay first proposed a pan-European football tournament. Despite the fact that he later became the first General Secretary of UEFA, Delaunay had already passed away by the time the tournament was officially started. In his honor, the tournament trophy was named after him.

The Henri Delaunay trophy contains a figure of a juggling boy on the back and the words "Championnat d'Europe," and "Coupe Henri Delaunay" on the front. In 2008, it was remodeled to make it larger and more in line with UEFA's more modern trophies. The new trophy is made of sterling silver, weighs 8 kilograms (18 lb), and is 60 centimeters (24 in) tall. The names of the winning countries are now engraved on the back.

The two most successful nations in the tournament's history are Germany and Spain, with three titles each. Spain is the only nation to successfully defend its title, having done so in 2012. Germany has played the most matches (49), scored the most goals (72) and recorded the most victories (26). In 1984, France became the only nation to win all of its matches at a tournament (5 out of 5). In 1992, Denmark won the title with only two victories in five games.

Over the years, the European Champions has gotten more popular with TV audiences. In 2016, the total live audience for the expanded 51-match tournament grew to 2 billion viewers. When compared to Euro 2012, this amounted to an increase of 100 million. These totals were mostly raised by audiences in Brazil and China, where the 1300 GMT slot had a big impact. The final match between Portugal and France attracted 600 million people.

STATS

In total, ten nations have won the tournament. All previous winners except Greece is participated in the 2020 edition.