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**Spain**

**Stadion Ljudski vrt - Maribor**

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Matchday 4 - Quarter-finals



**Croatia**

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## Previous meetings

### Head to Head

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
24/03/2016	QR (GS)	Spain - Croatia	0-3	Burgos	Ćaleta-Car 36, Perica 42, 48
17/11/2015	QR (GS)	Croatia - Spain	2-3	Rijeka	Pašalić 64, Radošević 81 (P); Deulofeu 19 (P), 54, Asensio 41

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
10/09/2012	QR (GS)	Spain - Croatia	6-0	Alicante	Sarabia 3, Deulofeu 10, Vázquez 17, 81, Isco 34, Montoya 38
06/10/2011	QR (GS)	Croatia - Spain	0-2	Osijek	Koke 18, Rodrigo 57

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
12/10/2010	PO	Croatia - Spain	0-3 agg: 1-5	Varazdin	Álvaro Domínguez 67, Adrián López 89, Jeffren Suárez 90+1
09/10/2010	PO	Spain - Croatia	2-1	Burgos	Adrián López 21, San José 42; Školnik 22

#### UEFA European Under-21 Championship

Date	Stage reached	Match	Result	Venue	Goalscorers
29/05/2000	GS-FT	Spain - Croatia	0-0	Trnava	

	Qualifying								Final tournament				Total					
	Home				Away													
	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
<b>Total</b>																		
Spain	3	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	5	1	1	16	6
Croatia	3	0	0	3	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	7	1	1	5	6	16

## Match background

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Croatia's first U21 EURO knockout tie could scarcely be more daunting, against holders and five-time champions Spain at Maribor's Stadion Ljudski vrt.

- While Group D runners-up Croatia have never played in the tournament's knockout rounds, Group B winners Spain have now qualified from their section in their last five finals appearances and have never lost a U21 EURO knockout game before the final since the tournament format was introduced in 1998.
- The winners of this tie will face Portugal or Italy in the semi-final on 3 June in Maribor.

### Previous meetings

- All seven of the sides' previous contests have come in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship, Spain winning five of them – although Croatia were triumphant in the most recent, a 3-0 victory in Burgos in the qualifying tournament for the 2017 finals, Stipe Perica's double adding to a Duje Ćaleta-Car opener. Spain had won 3-2 in Croatia in November 2015, Gerard Deulofeu scoring twice either side of a Marco Asensio goal, and ultimately finished second in the section behind Sweden to reach the play-offs. Croatia were eliminated having finished three points and one place lower.
- That Croatia win had ended Spain's run of five successive competitive wins against them, a sequence that included home (2-1) and away (3-0) victories in the play-offs for the 2011 tournament.
- Deulofeu was also on the scoresheet when the sides met in the 2013 qualifying competition, finding the net in a 6-0 victory in Alicante in which Álvaro Vazquez scored twice and Pablo Sarabia, Isco and Martín Montoya once each. Koke and Rodrigo had got the goal in Spain's 2-0 victory in Osijek, Spain ultimately finishing first in the section having won seven of their eight games – and going on to take the title – with fourth-placed Croatia eliminated.
- The sides' only previous final tournament meeting came in 2000, a goalless draw at the Štadión Antona Malatinského in Trnava on Matchday 2. Spain eventually finished second in Group A on five points and beat hosts Slovakia in the third-place play-off; debutants Croatia ended bottom, that draw producing their sole point.
- Mario Vušković's penalty equaliser earned Croatia a 1-1 draw against Spain in the European U17 Championship qualifying round on 25 October 2017.
- Spain's Antonio Blanco came off the bench to equalise David Čolina's opening goal for Croatia in the 1-1 draw between the teams in the group stage of the 2017 European U17 Championship. Hugo Guillamón, Juan Miranda and substitute Abel Ruiz were also in the Spain side, with Bartol Franjić starting for Croatia.
- Abel Ruiz scored the only goal as Spain beat Croatia in a U17 friendly on 16 February 2017; Čolina and Franjić plus substitute Vušković were all in the Croatia side with Miranda also starting for Spain. Čolina and Franjić had also played in a 2-1 Croatia victory two days earlier with Ruiz and Miranda representing Spain.
- Iñaki Peña and Marc Cucurella were in the Spain side that drew 0-0 against Croatia in the group stage at the 2015 U17 EURO; Adrian Šemper and Nikola Moro were unused Croatia substitutes.

### Form guide

#### Spain

- Spain have won five U21 EURO titles, a joint competition record along with Italy.
- This is Spain's eighth appearance in the U21 final tournament since 1998, and a sixth in the competition's last seven editions. They have only failed to get past the group stage once in those eight participations, in 2009, and have reached the final in each of their last four, lifting the trophy in 2011, 2013 and 2019.
- Current coach Luis de la Fuente – who succeeded Albert Celades in July 2018 – led Spain to a 2-1 final victory against Germany in Udine in 2019. His side had finished first in Group A, level with hosts Italy and Poland on six points but top in the three-way head-to-head, before beating France 4-1 in the semi-finals.
- Spain have lost only three of 39 European U21 Championship games (W31 D5) – against Italy on Matchday 1 at the 2019 finals (1-3), in qualification at home to Northern Ireland on 11 September 2018 (1-2) and Germany in the 2017 final (0-1).
- De la Fuente's team won nine of their ten qualifiers in booking their place at the 2021 finals, dropping points only in a 1-1 draw in Israel on 19 November 2019. They won their next five qualifiers, keeping a clean sheet in each, and have now not conceded in 729 minutes of competitive football. They finished on 28 points, ten ahead of North Macedonia at the top of Group 6.
- Spain conceded only one goal – a penalty – in qualifying, which gave them the best defensive record; no other team conceded fewer than four.

- Spain have won 20 of their last 24 matches at the final tournament (D2 L2); the 2019 defeat by Italy was their first in the group stage since a 2-0 reverse to England on 18 June 2009.
- De la Fuente also led Spain to the 2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship title in Greece.
- Spain qualified unbeaten for this quarter-final as Group C winners, picking up seven points from their three games thanks to wins against co-hosts Slovenia (3-0) and the Czech Republic (2-0) either side of a goalless draw with section runners-up Italy.
- Spain, Portugal and Denmark all came through the group stage without conceding a goal.
- Spain's record in U21 quarter-finals is W5 L3. They were beaten in three of the first five but have won the last three, most recently 1-0 against Russia in 1998. They have not lost a last-eight tie since being eliminated by Italy in 1990 (1-3 a, 1-0 h).

### **Croatia**

- All three of Croatia's previous U21 EURO final appearances ended in the group stage. In 2019, they finished bottom of Group C behind Romania, France (both seven points) and England (1). Nenad Gračan's side lost to Romania (1-4) and France (0-1) before that 3-3 draw against England.
- That 2019 appearance ended Croatia's 15-year wait to feature in the final tournament; the previous appearance had come in 2004 when, as on their 2000 debut, they finished bottom of their section having failed to win a game, drawing one and losing two on each occasion.
- Croatia's record in the finals is now W1 D3 L8 F15 A24.
- In qualifying for the 2021 tournament, Igor Bišćan's side finished second in Group 4 a point behind the Czech Republic, taking 20 points from their ten games (W6 D2 L2). Croatia were unbeaten in their last six qualifiers (W4 D2), a 10-0 defeat of San Marino in Zagreb on 8 October 2020 the team's biggest ever victory.
- Croatia squeezed through to this stage as Group D runners-up, a 3-2 win against Switzerland on Matchday 2 proving crucial either side of defeats by section winners Portugal (0-1) and England (1-2). Domagoj Bradarić's 90th-minute goal in the latter fixture proved decisive in sending Croatia through at England's expense after both sides, plus Switzerland, had finished with three points.
- This is Croatia's first appearance in the U21 quarter-finals.

### **Links and trivia**

- Spain's Brahim Díaz (AC Milan) and Gonzalo Villar (Roma) and Martin Erlić (Spezia), Boško Šutalo (Atalanta) and Ivor Pandur (Hellas Verona) of Croatia all play in Italy's Serie A.
- Spain's Josep Martínez (Leipzig) and Petar Musa (Union Berlin) of Croatia play in the German Bundesliga.
- Sandro Kulenović scored in Legia Warszawa's 3-2 UEFA Youth League loss against Real Madrid in October 2016.
- Kristijan Bistrić played 90 minutes as CSKA Moskva won 3-0 away to Real Madrid on Matchday 6 of the UEFA Champions League on 12 December 2018.

# Squad list

## Spain

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Álvaro Fernández	13/04/1998	23	Huesca	-	4	0	3	0	7	-
13	Josep Martínez	27/05/1998	23	Leipzig	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
23	Iñaki Peña	02/03/1999	22	Barcelona	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
2	Oscar Mingueza	13/05/1999	22	Barcelona	*	0	0	1	0	1	-
3	Adriá Pedrosa	13/05/1998	23	Espanyol	-	6	2	1	0	7	2
4	Hugo Guillamón	31/01/2000	21	Valencia	*	4	1	3	0	7	1
5	Jorge Cuenca	17/11/1999	21	Almería	-	6	0	3	0	9	-
11	Marc Cucurella	22/07/1998	22	Getafe	-	6	1	2	0	8	1
12	Juan Miranda	19/01/2000	21	Betis	-	2	0	2	1	4	1
15	Alejandro Francés	01/08/2002	18	Zaragoza	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
22	Óscar Gil	26/04/1998	23	Espanyol	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
6	Martin Zubimendi	02/02/1999	22	Real Sociedad	*	3	0	2	0	5	-
7	Brahim Díaz	03/08/1999	21	Milan	-	4	2	1	0	5	2
8	Fran Beltrán	03/02/1999	22	Celta	-	8	0	3	0	11	-
10	Gonzalo Villar	23/08/1998	22	Roma	*	4	0	3	1	7	1
14	Manu García	02/01/1998	23	Sporting Gijón	*	4	1	3	0	7	1
16	Antonio Blanco	23/07/2000	20	Real Madrid	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
17	Bryan Gil	11/02/2001	20	Eibar	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
21	Oihan Sancet	25/04/2000	21	Athletic Club	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Abel Ruiz	28/01/2000	21	Braga	-	3	0	3	0	6	-
18	Javier Puado	25/05/1998	23	Espanyol	-	5	0	3	1	8	1
19	Fernando Niño	24/10/2000	20	Villarreal	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
20	Yeremi Pino	20/10/2002	18	Villarreal	-	0	0	2	0	2	-
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Luis de la Fuente	21/06/1961	59		*	10	0	3	0	22	-

## Croatia

No.	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		Team	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
<b>Goalkeepers</b>											
1	Adrian Šemper	12/01/1998	23	Chievo	-	8	0	1	0	9	-
12	Ivor Pandur	25/03/2000	21	Verona	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
23	Ivan Nevistić	31/07/1998	22	Rijeka	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
<b>Defenders</b>											
3	David Čolina	19/07/2000	20	Hajduk Split	-	3	0	2	0	5	-
4	Boško Šutalo	01/01/2000	21	Atalanta	-	9	1	0	0	9	1
5	Martin Erlić	24/01/1998	23	Spezia	-	4	0	2	0	6	-
6	Joško Gvardiol	23/01/2002	19	Dinamo Zagreb	-	5	1	0	0	5	1
11	Domagoj Bradarić	10/12/1999	21	LOSC	*	3	0	3	1	8	1
15	Krešimir Krizmanić	03/07/2000	20	HNK Gorica	-	2	0	1	0	3	-
22	Mario Vušković	16/11/2001	19	Hajduk Split	-	2	0	3	0	5	-
<b>Midfielders</b>											
2	Marin Šverko	04/02/1998	23	Saarbrücken	-	7	1	3	0	10	1
7	Luka Ivanušec	26/11/1998	22	Dinamo Zagreb	*	9	7	3	1	21	8
8	Nikola Moro	12/03/1998	23	Dynamo Moscow	-	9	4	3	1	21	6
10	Lovro Majer	17/01/1998	23	Dinamo Zagreb	-	8	4	2	0	15	4
13	Neven Djurasek	15/08/1998	22	Varaždin	-	3	0	0	0	3	-
14	Hrvoje Babec	28/07/1999	21	HNK Gorica	*	0	0	3	0	3	-
16	Bartol Franjić	14/01/2000	21	Dinamo Zagreb	*	1	0	3	0	4	-
17	Kristijan Bistović	09/04/1998	23	Kasımpaşa	-	10	3	3	0	13	3
<b>Forwards</b>											
9	Sandro Kulenović	04/12/1999	21	Rijeka	*	7	5	2	0	11	5
18	Stipe Biuk	26/12/2002	18	Hajduk Split	-	0	0	0	0	-	-
19	Matej Vuk	10/06/2000	20	Istra 1961	-	1	0	0	0	1	-
20	Petar Musa	04/03/1998	23	Union Berlin	-	8	4	2	0	10	4
21	Dario Špikić	22/03/1999	22	HNK Gorica	*	6	2	3	0	9	2
<b>Coach</b>											
-	Igor Bišcan	04/05/1978	43		*	7	0	3	0	10	-

## Match officials

<b>Referee</b>	Giorgi Kruashvili (GEO)
<b>Assistant referees</b>	Levan Varamishvili (GEO) , Zaza Pipia (GEO)
<b>Fourth official</b>	Irakli Kvirikashvili (GEO)
<b>UEFA Delegate</b>	Felix Grigore (ROU)
<b>UEFA Referee observer</b>	Marc Batta (FRA)

## Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches	UEFA matches
Giorgi Kruashvili	29/05/1986	9	44

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
30/03/2021	U21	GS-FT	Spain	Czech Republic	2-0	Celje

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

Date	Competition	Stage reached	Home	Away	Result	Venue
21/07/2016	UEL	2QR	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	RoPS Rovaniemi	3-0	Zagreb
26/09/2017	UYL	R1	FC Dinamo 1948	NK Lokomotiva Zagreb	0-2	Bucharest
22/10/2019	UYL	GS	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	1-1	Vysokiy
10/12/2019	UYL	GS	AFC Ajax	Valencia CF	1-1	Duivendrecht
30/03/2021	U21	GS-FT	Spain	Czech Republic	2-0	Celje

## Match-by-match lineups

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### Spain

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#### Under-21 - Qualifying round

(06/09/2019)

##### Kazakhstan 0-1 Spain

**Goals:** 0-1 Olmo 28 (P)

**Spain:** D. Martín, Pedro Porro, Jorge Cuenca, Amo, Aleñá (63 Martín), Olmo, Puado (46 Pozo), Óscar Rodríguez (71 Fran Beltrán), Cucurella, Carles Pérez (46 Ferran Torres), Oriol Busquets

(10/09/2019)

##### Spain 2-0 Montenegro

**Goals:** 1-0 Olmo 3, 2-0 Olmo 9

**Spain:** D. Martín, Jorge Cuenca, Miranda, Fran Beltrán (75 Óscar Rodríguez), Olmo (83 Pozo), Buñuel, E. García (65 Amo), Cucurella, Martín (46 Ruiz), Lozano, Ferran Torres (75 Morlanes)

(15/10/2019)

##### Montenegro 0-2 Spain

**Goals:** 0-1 Buñuel 34, 0-2 Cucurella 62

**Spain:** D. Martín, Buñuel, Jorge Cuenca, E. García, Fran Beltrán (58 Villar), Martín (68 Pozo), Olmo, Cucurella (80 Fati), Pedrosa, Ferran Torres (68 Dani Gómez), Lozano

(14/11/2019)

##### Spain 3-0 North Macedonia

**Goals:** 1-0 M. García 7, 2-0 Serafimov 47 (og) , 3-0 Pedrosa 87

**Spain:** Fernández, E. García, M. García (68 Fran Beltrán), Pozo (46 Fati), Ruiz (46 Martín), Óscar Rodríguez (46 Villar), Buñuel, Pepelu, Pedrosa, Clemente, Ferran Torres (81 Sergio Gómez)

(19/11/2019)

##### Israel 1-1 Spain

**Goals:** 0-1 Óscar Rodríguez 50, 1-1 Karzev 81 (P)

**Spain:** Fernández, Pedro Porro, E. García, Amo, M. García (46 Óscar Rodríguez), Martín (70 Ruiz), Villar (46 Sergio Gómez), Cucurella (46 Fran Beltrán), Pedrosa, Ferran Torres, Lozano (84 Pepelu)

(03/09/2020)

##### North Macedonia 0-1 Spain

**Goals:** 0-1 Hugo Duro 83 (P)

**Spain:** Martínez, Pipa, Hugo Guillamón, Miranda, Clemente, Aleñá (55 Villar), Pozo (70 Antoñín), Dani Gómez (46 Hugo Duro), Martín (70 Pedri), Ricard Puig, Zubimendi (90 Moncayola)

(08/10/2020)

##### Faroe Islands 0-2 Spain

**Goals:** 0-1 Brahim Díaz 51, 0-2 Brahim Díaz 90+1

**Spain:** Martínez, Jorge Cuenca, Hugo Guillamón, Ricard Puig (60 Antoñín), Óscar Rodríguez (88 Moncayola), Puado (60 Pedri), Zubimendi, Pipa (69 Pedro Porro), Cucurella, Pedrosa, Barrenetxea (46 Brahim Díaz)

(13/10/2020)

##### Spain 3-0 Kazakhstan

**Goals:** 1-0 Hugo Guillamón 65, 2-0 Dani Gómez 71, 3-0 Dani Gómez 85

**Spain:** Fernández, Pedro Porro, Jorge Cuenca, Hugo Guillamón (84 Manu Hernando), Ricard Puig (46 Pedri), Brahim Díaz, Óscar Rodríguez (63 Fran Beltrán), Puado (60 Bryan Gil), Fran García (46 Dani Gómez), Cucurella, Moncayola

(12/11/2020)

##### Spain 2-0 Faroe Islands

**Goals:** 1-0 Pedrosa 67, 2-0 López 87

**Spain:** Fernández (46 Sotorres), Jorge Cuenca, Pozo, Fran Beltrán (60 M. García), Dani Gómez (46 López), Brahim Díaz (46 Puado), Zubimendi, Manu Hernando, Bryan Gil, Pedrosa, Pedri (74 Óscar Rodríguez)

(17/11/2020)

##### Spain 3-0 Israel

**Goals:** 1-0 López 65 (P) , 2-0 Barrenetxea 75, 3-0 Moncayola 89



**Spain:** Martinez, Pedro Porro, Hugo Guillamón, Clemente, M. García, Óscar Rodríguez (58 Brahim Díaz), López (74 Dani Gómez), Bryan Gil (74 Barrenetxea), Pedrosa (79 Manuel Sánchez), Puado (58 Fran Beltrán), Moncayola

## Group stage – final tournament

### Group B

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
<b>Spain</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
Italy	3	1	2	0	5	1	5
Czech Republic	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Slovenia	3	0	1	2	1	8	1

### Matchday 1 (24/03/2021)

#### Slovenia 0-3 Spain

**Goals:** 0-1 Puado 53, 0-2 Villar 54, 0-3 Miranda 89

**Spain:** Fernández, Pipa, Hugo Guillamón, Jorge Cuenca, Zubimendi (58 Moncayola), Ruiz (83 Dani Gómez), Villar, Cucurella (58 M. García), Miranda, Brahim Díaz (83 Fran Beltrán), Puado (69 Pino)

### Matchday 2 (27/03/2021)

#### Spain 0-0 Italy

**Spain:** Fernández, Hugo Guillamón (46 Pipa), Jorge Cuenca, Zubimendi (80 Fran Beltrán), Ruiz, Villar (56 Moncayola), Cucurella, Miranda, Mingueza, M. García, Puado

### Matchday 3 (30/03/2021)

#### Spain 2-0 Czech Republic

**Goals:** 1-0 Dani Gómez 69, 2-0 Dani Gómez 78

**Spain:** Fernández, Pipa, Pedrosa, Hugo Guillamón, Jorge Cuenca, Ruiz (65 Dani Gómez), Villar (73 Pozo), Moncayola, M. García (81 Ricard Puig), Puado (72 Fran Beltrán), Barrenetxea (81 Pino)

## Quarter-finals

### Matchday 4 (31/05/2021)

Spain-Croatia

## Croatia

## Under-21 - Qualifying round

(10/09/2019)

### Croatia 1-2 Scotland

**Goals:** 1-0 Kulenović 10, 1-1 McLennan 81, 1-2 McLennan 89

**Croatia:** Šemper, Hujber, Sosa, Kalaica (83 Soldo), Nejašmić, Ivanušec, Moro, Kulenović (83 Bistrović), Majer (78 Čuže), Bradarić (69 Marin), Šutalo

(14/10/2019)

### San Marino 0-7 Croatia

**Goals:** 0-1 Kulenović 6, 0-2 Kulenović 24, 0-3 Ivanušec 26, 0-4 Bistrović 42, 0-5 Kulenović 45+2, 0-6 Ivanušec 57, 0-7 Soldo 75

**Croatia:** Šemper, Šverko, Kalaica, Nejašmić (30 Bistrović), Marin (70 Dolček), Moro (46 Lepinjica), Kulenović, Ivanušec, Čuže (64 Posavec), Šutalo (46 Soldo), Čolina

(14/11/2019)

### Lithuania 1-3 Croatia

**Goals:** 0-1 Ivanušec 9, 1-1 Antanavičius 60, 1-2 Posavec 73, 1-3 Bistrović 89

**Croatia:** Šemper, Bradarić, Kalaica, Ivanušec (91 Majer), Moro (75 Žaper), Marin (46 Posavec), Čuže (65 Bistrović), Šutalo, Gvardiol, Musa (75 Kovačević), Lepinjica

(18/11/2019)

### Croatia 1-2 Czech Republic

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

**Croatia:** Šemper, Bradarić, Kalaica, Brekalo, Moro (76 Majer), Ivanušec, Šutalo, Gvardiol, Musa (83 Posavec), Lepinjica (83 Bistrović), Čuže (64 Žaper)

(03/09/2020)

**Croatia 5-0 Greece**

**Goals:** 1-0 Moro 1, 2-0 Majer 5, 3-0 Musa 14, 4-0 Majer 24, 5-0 Musa 52

**Croatia:** Šemper, Šverko, Sosa, Šutalo, Erlić, Nejašmić (60 Bistровić), Ivanušec (77 Dolček), Moro (78 Žaper), Majer, Musa (67 Kulenović), Špikić (60 Čuže)

(07/09/2020)

**Czech Republic 0-0 Croatia**

**Croatia:** Šemper, Šverko, Sosa, Šutalo, Erlić, Nejašmić, Ivanušec, Moro, Majer (68 Bistровić), Musa (77 Kulenović), Špikić (60 Dolček)

(08/10/2020)

**Croatia 10-0 San Marino**

**Goals:** 1-0 Kulenović 2, 2-0 Majer 23, 3-0 Špikić 34, 4-0 Ivanušec 40, 5-0 Ivanušec 44, 6-0 Nejašmić 52, 7-0 Nejašmić 56, 8-0 Ivanušec 73, 9-0 Vizinger 78, 10-0 Gvardiol 81

**Croatia:** Kotarski, Šverko (73 Krizmanić), Erlić, Nejašmić (73 Djurasek), Ivanušec (73 Vizinger), Kulenović (62 Musa), Majer, Gvardiol, Bistровić, Čolina, Špikić (62 Čuže)

(13/10/2020)

**Greece 0-1 Croatia**

**Goals:** 0-1 Majer 27

**Croatia:** Šemper, Sosa, Šutalo, Erlić, Nejašmić, Ivanušec (91 Šverko), Moro, Majer (66 Bistровić), Gvardiol, Musa (78 Kulenović), Špikić (67 Vizinger)

(12/11/2020)

**Scotland 2-2 Croatia**

**Goals:** 0-1 Moro 20, 0-2 Bistровić 25, 1-2 Middleton 54, 2-2 McLennan 70

**Croatia:** Šemper, Šverko, Sosa, Šutalo, Gvardiol, Nejašmić (77 Špikić), Moro (81 Djurasek), Kulenović (68 Čolina), Majer (68 Musa), Vušković, Bistровić (81 Franjić)

(17/11/2020)

**Croatia 7-0 Lithuania**

**Goals:** 1-0 Špikić 13, 2-0 Musa 29, 3-0 Šverko 36, 4-0 Šutalo 57, 5-0 Musa 66, 6-0 Moro 70, 7-0 Moro 76

**Croatia:** Kotarski, Šverko (83 Krizmanić), Štefulj, Šutalo, Vušković, Špikić (83 Bogojević), Moro (77 Djurasek), Musa, Bistровić, Divković (77 Dolček), Vuk (46 Ivanušec)

**Group stage – final tournament**

**Group D**

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
<b>Croatia</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Switzerland	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
England	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

**Matchday 1 (25/03/2021)**

**Portugal 1-0 Croatia**

**Goals:** 1-0 Fábio Vieira 68

**Croatia:** Šemper, Šverko, Erlić, Ivanušec, Moro (67 Babec), Kulenović (63 Vizinger), Majer (67 Musa), Bradarić, Franjić (75 Špikić), Bistровić (75 Žaper), Vušković

**Matchday 2 (28/03/2021)**

**Croatia 3-2 Switzerland**

**Goals:** 1-0 Ivanušec 8, 2-0 Moro 61 (P), 3-0 Vizinger 64, 3-1 Imeri 79 (P), 3-2 Kulenović 89 (og)

**Croatia:** Kotarski, Šverko, Babec, Erlić (25 Vušković), Ivanušec, Moro (76 Žaper), Bradarić, Vizinger (85 Kulenović), Franjić (75 Krizmanić), Bistровić, Špikić (75 Čolina)

**Matchday 3 (31/03/2021)**

**Croatia 1-2 England**

**Goals:** 0-1 Eze 12 (P), 0-2 Jones 74, 1-2 Bradarić 90+1

**Croatia:** Kotarski, Šverko (86 Musa), Babec (64 Žaper), Ivanušec, Moro, Bradarić, Vizinger (86 Divković), Franjić,

Bistrović (76 Majer), Špikić (64 Čolina), Vušković

## **Quarter-finals**

**Matchday 4** (31/05/2021)

Spain-Croatia

## Team facts

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### Spain

#### Tournament record

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

#### Biggest wins

##### Final tournament

**5-0** twice, most recently v Poland, 22/06/19  
Group stage, Bologna

##### Qualifying

**14-0:** Spain v San Marino, 08/02/05  
2006 qualifying group stage, El Ejido

#### Heaviest defeats

##### Final tournament

**3-1:** Italy v Spain, 16/06/19  
Group stage, Bologna  
**2-0** twice, most recently v England, 18/06/09  
Group stage, Gothenburg

##### Qualifying

**5-0:** Netherlands v Spain, 16/02/83  
1984 qualifying group stage, Utrecht

### Croatia

#### Tournament record

**2019:** group stage  
**2017:** did not qualify  
**2015:** did not qualify (play-offs)  
**2013:** did not qualify  
**2011:** did not qualify (play-offs)  
**2009:** did not qualify  
**2007:** did not qualify  
**2006:** did not qualify (play-offs)  
**2004:** group stage  
**2002:** did not qualify (play-offs)  
**2000:** group stage  
**1998:** did not qualify

**1996:** did not qualify

**Biggest wins**

**Final tournament**

**3-2:** Croatia v Switzerland, 28/03/21  
Group stage, Koper-Capodistria

**Qualifying**

**10-0:** Croatia v San Marino, 08/10/20  
2021 qualifying group stage, Zagreb

**Heaviest defeats**

**Final tournament**

**4-1:** Romania v Croatia, 18/06/19  
Group stage, Serravalle

**Qualifying**

**6-0:** Spain v Croatia, 10/09/12  
2013 qualifying group stage, Alicante

## 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

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## Statistics

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-: Denotes player substituted

+: Denotes player introduced

\*: Denotes player sent off

+/-: Denotes player introduced and substituted

## Squad list

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**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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