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1. Introduction

This guide is set to help you with all the information about Euro 2016 matches, fixtures, stadiums, teams and everything else about UEFA European Championship 2016 in France. It also includes broadcasting rights and ways to watch online. We have included a handy wallchart and calendar to download and print if you like. In the first part of the document you can read a bit about the history of the European Championship and the champions in previous years.

We hope that you enjoy this guide, if so please share it so others may read it as well.

2. History

The European Nations Cup was the original idea of Henri Delaunay. He was the President of the France Football Association and the first General Secretary of UEFA. Mr. Delaunay was also a FIFA Board member during the 1920s and played a role in the development of the World Cup. He first proposed the idea for a European Cup of Nations in 1927; however, it was not given serious consideration by UEFA until 1958.

Unfortunately, Mr. Delaunay did not live to witness the tournament that he envisioned. In his honor, the first trophy in 1960 was dedicated to him and still maintains his name.

From 1960 to 1996, the competition was called the European Nations Cup. The first tournament had four teams and would remain at this number until 1980.

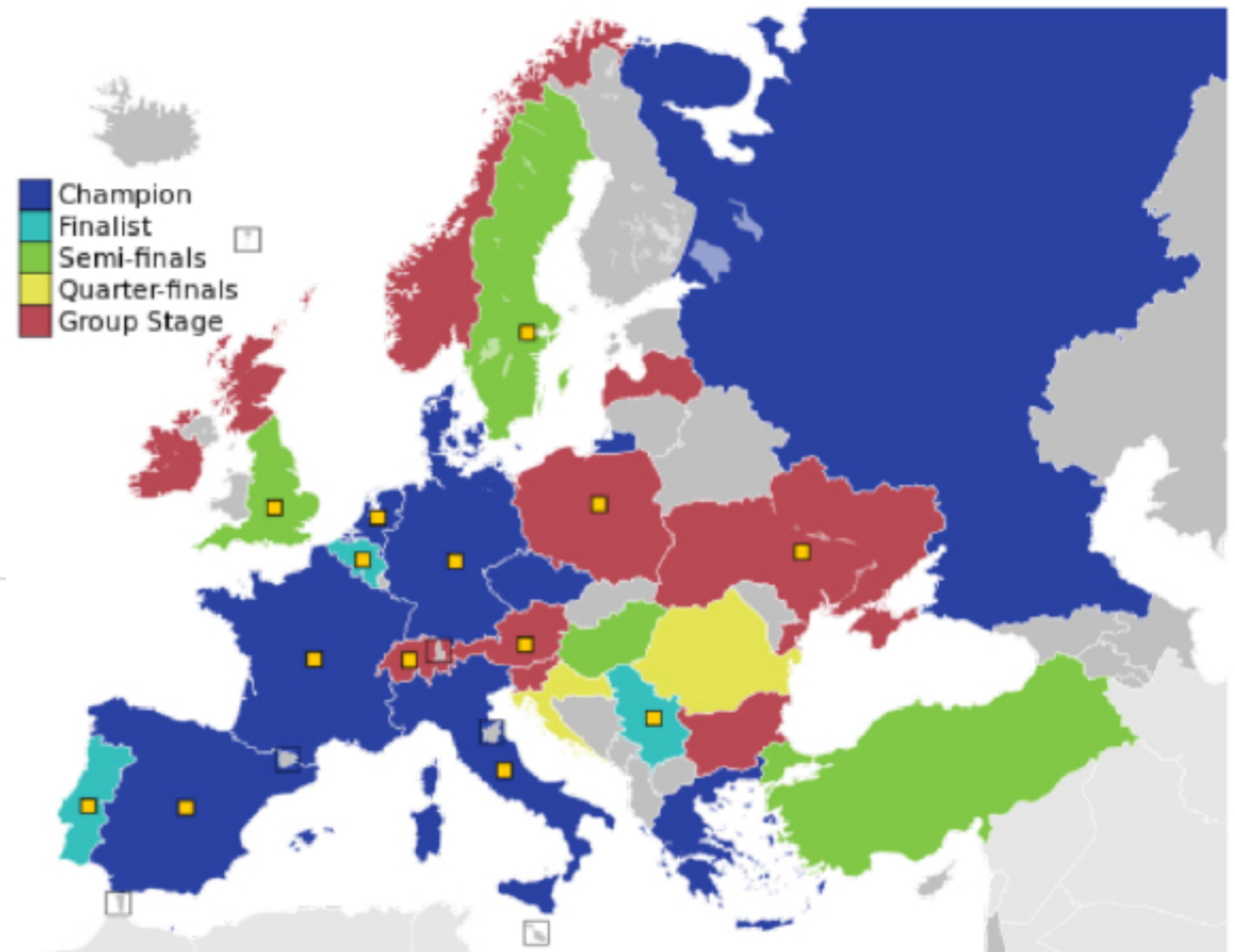
From 1980 to 1992, eight teams participated in the tournament.

The “Euro” branding label was first used in 1996 (England) and 16 teams participated.

The first joint hosted tournament was Euro 2000 (Belgium and The Netherlands). Euro 2016 is the 15th quadrennial tournament since 1960.

3. Champions

YEAR	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP	HOSTS
1960	 Soviet Union (USSR)	Yugoslavia	France
1964	 Spain	Soviet Union (USSR)	Spain
1968	 Italy	Yugoslavia	Italy
1972	 West Germany	Soviet Union (USSR)	Belgium
1976	 Czechoslovakia	West Germany	Yugoslavia
1988	 Netherlands	Soviet Union (USSR)	West Germany
1992	 Denmark	Germany	Sweden
1996	 Germany	Czech Republic	England
2000	 France	Italy	Belgium & Holland
2004	 Greece	Portugal	Portugal
2008	 Spain	Germany	Austria & Switzerland
2012	 Spain	Italy	Poland & Ukraine
2016			France



Europe's national teams contest the award every four years since that time. Currently, 9 nations have won the UEFA European Championship title with Germany and Spain being the most successful teams, each having three titles. Here is the UEFA Euro [Championship winners list](#):



1960 UEFA European Championship Winner: The Soviet Union

Runners-up: Yugoslavia

Final scores: Soviet Union 2-1 Yugoslavia (Extra-time)

Host country: France

The first final went into extra time after a 1-1 draw between the Soviet Union and their opponents, Yugoslavia. Viktor Ponedelnik found the net with a header in the second half of the extra time to give the Soviet Union a win at the Parc des Princes, Paris.



1964 UEFA European Championship Winner: Spain

Runners-up: The Soviet Union

Final scores: Spain 2-1 Soviet Union

Host country: Spain

The Soviet Union got to defend their title four years later, reaching the finals of the tournament. They played the host nation, Spain, with the score line remaining 1-1 up to the final minutes of the match. Marcelino won Spain the title with a goal six minutes to the final whistle.



1968 UEFA European Championship Winner: Italy

Runners-up: Yugoslavia

Final scores: Italy 2-0 Yugoslavia (Rematch)

Host country: Italy

Once more, the host nations qualified for the final. But this time it was Italy that was to battle it out with Yugoslavia in the 1968 European Football Championship final. Italy's semi-final opponents, the Soviet Union, had been eliminated from the tournament after losing a coin toss used to determine 'the winner' of the goalless draw. Italy won their first title after the final went for a rematch and ended 2-0 in their favor, two days after they tied 1-1.



1972 UEFA European Championship Winner: West Germany

Runners-up: Soviet Union

Final scores: Germany 3-0 Soviet Union

Host country: Belgium

The performance of the Soviet Union team was still outstanding as they made it to the finals for the third time. West Germany won the match 3-0 with two goals from Gerd Muller and another from Herbert Wimmer, at the Heysel Stadium.



1976 UEFA European Championship Winner: Czechoslovakia

Runners-up: West Germany

Final scores: Czechoslovakia 2-2 West Germany
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Host country: Yugoslavia

West Germany defended their title in 1976 and qualified for the finals. The Germans forced the match against Czechoslovakia into extra time after Bernd Holzenbein equalized 2-2 in the final minutes of the normal play time. The fight was on but eventually the winner was to be determined through a penalty shoot-out. Czechoslovakia won the shoot-out 5-3 after capitalizing on a miss by the German Uli Hoeneb.



1980 UEFA European Championship Winner: West Germany

Runners-up: Belgium

Final scores: West Germany 2-1 Belgium

Host country: Italy

West Germany was at the finals for a third consecutive time, this time facing Belgium. Two goals from Horst Hrubesch made it 2-1 for Germany and they were crowned the European Champions for the second time.



1984 UEFA European Championship Winner: France

Runners-up: Spain

Final scores: France 2-0 Spain

Host country: France

The 1984 European Football Championship final was a match between Spain and the host nation France. France had a successful contest having one of their players, Michel Platini, achieve a nine-goal record in the tournament. His ninth goal came in the final when they outscored Spain 2-0 to win their first title.



1988 UEFA European Championship Winner: Netherlands

Runners-up: Soviet Union

Final scores: Netherlands 2-0 Soviet Union

Host country: West Germany

Netherlands and the Soviet Union met in the 1988 final held in West Germany. The most memorable moment of the match is the spectacular second goal by Marco van Basten. The stunning volley sealed the 2-0 win for Netherlands, who were playing in the final for the first time.



1992 UEFA European Championship Winner: Denmark

Runners-up: Germany

Final scores: Denmark 2-0 Germany

Host country: Sweden

In 1992, Germany had been unified and they got into the finals once again. This time their opponents were the newcomers Denmark. Denmark who had eliminated the Dutch in the semi finals. The Danes took the lead in the first half through a shot by John Jensen and further extended it in the 78th minute to seal a 2-0 win.



1996 UEFA European Championship Winner: Germany

Runners-up: Czech Republic

Final scores: Germany 2-1 Czech Republic (Extra-time-Golden goal)

Host country: England

The 1996 final went into extra time after Germany and the Czech Republic still tied 1-1 at the 90th minute. Olivier Bierhoff of Germany scored his second for the match five minutes into the extra time and this was the first golden goal in the European Football Championship history.



2000 UEFA European Championship Winner: France

Runners-up: Italy

Final scores: France 2-1 Italy (Extra-time-Golden goal)

Host countries: Belgium/Netherlands

France met Italy in the 2000 final of the tournament. They came into the competition having won the World Cup two years earlier and were contesting for a second title in the European tournament. France secured a late equalizer to break Italy's 1-0 lead and the match went into the extra time. The final was determined by a golden goal 13 minutes later after David Trezeguet pushed France to win the match at 2-1.



2004 UEFA European Championship Winner: Greece

Runners-up: Portugal

Final scores: Greece 1-0 Portugal

Host country: Portugal

Greece made it to the final of the tournament for the first time having played in two European Championships. Though they had earlier on lost to Greece in the group stage, Portugal remained the favorites to win the match. Greece presented a major surprise by defeating the host nation by 1-0 in the 2004 final, thanks to a goal by Angelos Charisteas.



2008 UEFA European Championship Winner: Spain

Runners-up: Germany

Final scores: Spain 1-0 Germany

Host countries: Austria/Switzerland

Germany faced Spain in the 2008 final held in Vienna, Austria. The match's lone goal was scored in the 33rd minute by Fernando Torres pushing Spain to win the title. Spain was in great form as they won the tournament unbeaten.



2012 UEFA European Championship Winner: Spain

Runners-up: Italy

Final scores: Spain 4-0 Italy

Host countries: Poland/Ukraine

The World Champions, Spain, came to defend their title in Ukraine. The final match was against Italy and by half-time the Spaniards were leading by 2-0. The Italians had to play the better part of the second half with 10-men after Thiago Motta was injured. Two more goals from Fernando Torres and Juan Mata made it 4-0, the biggest winning margin in the European Football Championship final. This made Spain the only team that has defended the European Championship title so far.

THE 15TH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE HELD IN FRANCE

from 10 June to 10 July 2016. It will consist 24 teams competing, a transformation from the previous system of 16 participants.

4. How to watch online

How to watch the UEFA EURO 2016 live online

UEFA.com

1. UEFA's official site

UEFA promised to stream all matches from EURO 2016 live on their website, though it is not clear if it will be available to all countries. If you have any difficulties, you can try the other alternatives



2. ESPN Player (US)

ESPN TV network owns the broadcast rights in the US for the UEFA European Championship 2016, so this would be your choice if you live in the United States.



3. First Row Sports

Just FirstRowSports is a live streaming sports website that will provide you with links to watch the UEFA Euro 2016 free. The site features less ads than other relevant websites and offers good quality of streams.



4. Roja Directa

Also a very good source for online sports streaming, Roja-Directa.eu will provide you with good options to watch all matches from the European Championship 2016. The site is regularly updated with live streams of every sport.



5. Bref Sport

Another free option – Bref Sport will also provide you with links to stream your favorite sports live from the UEFA European football championship. This streaming site also has less ads and a better design. Streams are updated every several minutes with more than one link per match, so you will always have an option to watch.

5. How to watch on TV – Broadcasters

Here's a list of all TV channels that have won the rights to broadcast live all matches from the UEFA European Championship 2016:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Tv Rights</u>
<u>Albania</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Top Channel ▪ SuperSport
<u>Armenia</u>	AMPTV
<u>Austria</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORF ▪ ATV
<u>Azerbaijan</u>	İTV
<u>Belarus</u>	BTRC
<u>Belgium</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VRT ▪ RTBF
<u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>	BHRT
<u>Bulgaria</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BNT ▪ Nova TV
<u>Croatia</u>	HRT
<u>Cyprus</u>	CyBC
<u>Czech Republic</u>	ČT
<u>Denmark</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DR ▪ TV 2
<u>Estonia</u>	ERR
<u>Finland</u>	Yle
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TF1 ▪ M6 ▪ beIN Sports
<u>Georgia</u>	GPB
Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ARD ▪ ZDF ▪ ProSiebenSat.1
<u>Greece</u>	ERT
<u>Hungary</u>	MTV
<u>Iceland</u>	SkjárEinn
Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RTÉ ▪ TV3
<u>Israel</u>	Charlton
<u>Italy</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RAI ▪ Sky Sport
<u>Kazakhstan</u>	Saran Media
<u>Kosovo</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RTK ▪ SuperSport
<u>Latvia</u>	LTV
<u>Lithuania</u>	LRT
<u>Macedonia</u>	MKRTV
<u>Malta</u>	PBS
<u>Moldova</u>	TRM
<u>Montenegro</u>	RTCG
<u>Netherlands</u>	NOS
<u>Philippines</u>	ABS-CBN
<u>Singapore</u>	Eleven Sports Network
<u>South Africa</u>	SuperSport
<u>India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal</u>	Sony SIX, SOny ESPN
<u>South Korea</u>	IB Media Net Inc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SuperSport ▪ TV Media Sport
<u>Sub-Saharan Africa</u>	
<u>Tajikistan</u>	Saran Media
<u>Thailand</u>	GMM Grammy
<u>Turkmenistan</u>	Saran Media
<u>United States</u>	ESPN
<u>Venezuela</u>	Meridiano Televisión
<u>Vietnam</u>	VTV
<u>Norway</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NRK ▪ TV 2
<u>Poland</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TVP ▪ Polsat
Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RTP ▪ SportTV
<u>Romania</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dolce
<u>Russia</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pervyi Kanal ▪ VGTRK ▪ Match TV
<u>Serbia</u>	RTS
<u>Slovakia</u>	RTVS
<u>Slovenia</u>	RTVSLO
<u>Sweden</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SVT ▪ TV4
<u>Switzerland</u>	SRG SSR
<u>Turkey</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TRT ▪ Digiturk
<u>Ukraine</u>	Ukrayina
United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BBC ▪ ITV ▪ S4C ▪
<u>Angola</u>	SportTV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBS ▪ beIN Sports
<u>Australia</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rede Globo ▪ Rede Bandeirantes
<u>Brazil</u>	
<u>Brunei</u>	Astro
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TSN ▪ RDS
<u>Canada</u>	
<u>Cambodia</u>	GMM Grammy
<u>Caribbean</u>	ESPN
<u>China</u>	CCTV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ beIN Sports ▪ now TV
<u>Hong Kong</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RCTI ▪ Global TV ▪ Indovision
<u>Indonesia</u>	
<u>Japan</u>	MP & Silva
<u>Kyrgyzstan</u>	Saran Media
<u>Laos</u>	GMM Grammy
<u>Latin America</u>	Televideo Services
<u>Malaysia</u>	Astro
<u>Mexico</u>	OTI
<u>MENA</u>	beIN Sports
<u>Myanmar</u>	Sky Net
<u>Philippines</u>	ABS-CBN

6. Stadiums

HOW IT WILL ALL MAP OUT NEXT SUMMER

STADE BOLLAERT-DELELIS
Lens
Capacity: 35,000
Club: RC Lens
Did you know? Darren Anderton scored here at France 98, but a £50m refit means he wouldn't recognise it.



STADE PIERRE MAUROY
Lille
Capacity: 50,000
Club: LOSC Lille
Did you know? Host to a Davis Cup final, the French rugby team and Rihanna but not yet international football.



STADE DE FRANCE
Saint-Denis, Paris
Capacity: 80,000
Home of: France national team
Did you know? France won 1998 World Cup here, England lost the 2007 Rugby World Cup.



STADE DE LYON
Lyon
Capacity: 59,000
Club: Olympique Lyonnais
Did you know: The most expensive stadium, costing £181m, it will officially open on January 9.



PARC DES PRINCES
Paris
Capacity: 45,000
Club: Paris Saint-Germain
Did you know? Leeds were beaten by Bayern Munich here in the 1975 European Cup final.



STADE GEOFFROY GUICHARD
Saint-Etienne
Capacity: 42,000
Club: AS Saint-Etienne
Did you know? David Beckham was sent off here at France 98 before England lost to Argentina on penalties.



STADE DE BORDEAUX
Bordeaux
Capacity: 42,000
Club: Girondins de Bordeaux
Did you know? Opened in May, it was designed by the boffins behind Beijing's Bird's Nest.



STADE DE NICE
Nice
Capacity: 35,000
Club: OGC Nice
Did you know: This eco-friendly venue has 4,000 solar panels, geothermal heating and pitch sprinkler system from rainwater.



STADIUM DE TOULOUSE
Toulouse
Capacity: 33,000
Club: Toulouse FC
Did you know: Built for 1938 World Cup it is called 'mini Wembley' after the stadium demolished in 2003.



STADE VELODROME
Marseille
Capacity: 67,000
Club: Olympique de Marseille
Did you know: Semi-finals of two World Cups and a Euro final have been staged here.



ENGLAND'S training centre will be a 2,400-capacity amateur league ground 30 miles outside Paris, which currently looks more like a building site than a football venue. The Stade des Bourgnones, the ramshackle home of sixth-tier club US Chantilly, is being transformed into a practice facility that would grace the Premier League. It is less than half a mile from England's hotel, the well-heeled five-star Auberge du Jeu de Paume.



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UEFA Euro 2016 Stadiums



Saint-Denis Stade de France (80,000 seats)

Matches:

10 June 21:00 – France vs Romania – Group A
13 June 18:00 – Republic of Ireland vs Sweden – Group E
16 June 21:00 – Germany vs Poland – Group C
22 June 18:00 – Iceland vs Austria – Group F
27 June 18:00 – Round of 16 – WE vs RD
3 July 21:00 – Quarter Final – W40 vs W44
10 July 21:00 – Final Euro 2016 – W49 vs W50



Marseille Stade Velodrome (67,000 seats)

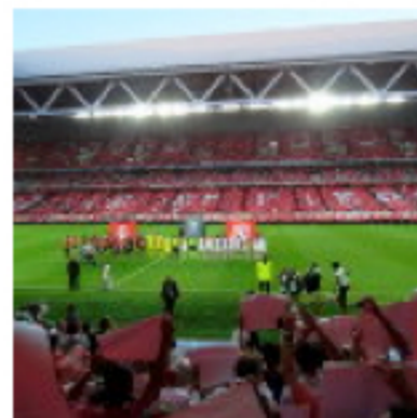
Matches:

11 June 21:00 – England vs Russia – Group B
15 June 21:00 – France vs Albania – Group A
18 June 18:00 – Iceland vs Hungary – Group F
21 June 18:00 – Ukraine vs Poland – Group C
30 June 21:00 – Quarter Finals – W37 vs W39
7 July 21:00 – Semi Final – W47 vs W48



Lyon Stade de Lyon (Grand Stade OL – 59,000 seats)

13 June 21:00 – Belgium vs Italy – Group E
16 June 18:00 – Ukraine vs Northern Ireland – Group C
19 June 21:00 – Romania vs Albania – Group A
22 June 21:00 – Hungary vs Portugal – Group F
26 June 15:00 – Round of 16 – WA vs 3C/D/E
6 July 21:00 – Semi Final – W45 vs W46



Lille Stade Pierre Mauroy (50,000 seats)

Matches:

12 June 21:00 – Germany vs Ukraine – Group C
15 June 15:00 – Russia vs Slovakia – Group B
19 June 21:00 – Switzerland vs France – Group A
22 June 21:00 – Italy vs Republic of Ireland – Group E
26 June 18:00 – Round of 16 – WC vs 3A/B/F
1 July 21:00 – Quarter Final – W38 vs W42



Paris Parc des Princes (45,000 seats)

12 June 15:00 – Turkey vs Croatia – Group D
15 June 18:00 – Romania vs Switzerland – Group A
18 June 21:00 – Portugal vs Austria – Group F
21 June 18:00 – Northern Ireland vs Germany – Group C
25 June 18:00 – Round of 16 – WB – 3A/C/D



Bordeaux Stade de Bordeaux (Matmut Atlantique – 42,000 seats)

Matches:

12 June 21:00 – Germany vs Ukraine – Group C
15 June 15:00 – Russia vs Slovakia – Group B
19 June 21:00 – Switzerland vs France – Group A
22 June 21:00 – Italy vs Republic of Ireland – Group E
26 June 18:00 – Round of 16 – WC vs 3A/B/F
1 July 21:00 – Quarter Final – W38 vs W42



Saint-Etienne Stade Geoffroy-Guichard (42,000 seats)

Matches:

14 June 21:00 – Portugal vs Iceland – Group F
17 June 18:00 – Czech Republic vs Croatia – Group D
20 June 21:00 – Slovakia vs England – Group B
25 June 15:00 – Round of 16 – RA vs RC



Nice Stade de Nice (Allianz Riviera – 35,000 seats)

Matches:

12 June 18:00 – Poland vs Northern Ireland – Group C
17 June 21:00 – Spain vs Turkey – Group D
22 June 21:00 – Sweden vs Belgium – Group E
27 June 21:00 – Round of 16 – RB vs RF



Lens Stade Bollaert-Delelis (35,000 seats)

Matches:

11 June 15:00 – Albania vs Switzerland – Group A
16 June 15:00 – England vs Wales – Group B
21 June 21:00 – Czech Republic vs Turkey – Group D
25 June 21:00 – Round of 16 – WD vs 3B/E/F



Toulouse Stadium de Toulouse (33,000 seats)

Matches:

12 June 18:00 – Poland vs Northern Ireland – Group C
17 June 21:00 – Spain vs Turkey – Group D
22 June 21:00 – Sweden vs Belgium – Group E
27 June 21:00 – Round of 16 – RB vs RF

7. Teams



With 24 teams assembling for the first time ever, we realised everyone would be confused and scared, so decided to rank the teams in order of how likely they were to taste glory in France.

And, having realised this was a thankless task, we threw our European Football Correspondent, Ed Malyon, under the bus and asked him for his 24-1:

The power rankings are done in order of perceived likelihood of winning Euro 2016. Quality of playing resources and coaching are taken into account as well as difficulty of group, draw and their qualifying record.



24. Albania

Somebody has to be bottom, right? Albania go into their first major tournament as minnows but a proud nation who edged Denmark to automatic qualification in Group I. However, the lack of quality and big-game experience in this squad is a concern.



22. Romania

Keane for more: Ireland's management duo have guided them back to a major tournament. Having squeaked through a playoff, Ireland's reward was a rock-hard group containing Belgium, Italy and Sweden. Their backline was better than Germany's in qualifying but this will be an entirely different test and, most probably, beyond them.



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23. Hungary

Gift of the Gab: Gabor Kiraly is still going. A country with a rich footballing history, Hungary have been absent from major tournaments for far too long now. But, frankly, there are several reasons that they haven't been at one since 1986 and they wouldn't be in France this summer had UEFA not expanded the competition. A tough group only exacerbates their problems.



21. Northern Ireland

The Green and White Army have done excellently to qualify, topping their group with just one defeat. But, as above, it was a weak pool to begin with and they've got the opposite situation in France, having been thrown in with Germany, Poland and Ukraine. This also looks like a nice smaller-country story ending in inevitable fashion.



19. Slovakia

Yes we 'can: Tomas Hubocan is a Slovakia regular. There are a raft of teams in the middle-class of the Euro 2016 squads that have one great individual and not so much else. Slovakia are the first of these, boasting Napoli midfielder Marek Hamsik but not a lot to make things happen around him. In a group with the unpredictable trio of England, Wales and Russia, they have a chance of progression but on face value it's hard to rank them too high.



18. Turkey

Running of the Bul: Umut Bulut will hope to start for Turkey

Turkey have a good side with good players, but they have to go here simply because they finished well below the Czech Republic in qualifying and are in the same group as them in France.

The other two teams in that group are Spain and the criminally underrated Croatia, so it's a tough time to be Turkey even if the strength of their squad would have them down as sneaky dark horses in most other groups.



16. Russia

An easy group sees Russia higher up the rankings than perhaps their boring play and average squad merits. While it's difficult to truly gauge how good some of their players are when they all play in the Russian league (barring Alexander Kerzhakov) the hiring of Leonid Slutsky as coach is a positive step. Will they have one eye on 2018 though?



14. Czech Republic

The Czechs may not have some of the household names that they had 20 years ago when they reached the final at Euro 96, but they topped a qualification group featuring Turkey, Iceland and the Netherlands. That deserves respect, but they've been flung into a very difficult situation in France this summer, with Spain, Turkey and Croatia alongside them in Group D.



17. Ukraine

Having made just two of eleven major tournaments since gaining independence from the Soviet Union, Ukraine's national team has little prestige in international competitions.

While Germany can expect to win Group C, the Ukrainians will fight with Poland for second place, but they don't have a player of Robert Lewandowski's quality to count on.



15. Iceland

A tiny nation at their first tournament, the easiest thing to do would be to write off Iceland. But after only narrowly missing out on a trip to Brazil in a playoff, they went one better in qualifying automatically for the Euros to prove it wasn't just a purple patch. Not to be underestimated.



13. Wales

If Gareth Bale plays his best, and he seems to have done that for Wales a fair bit, then it's not out of the question for the Dragons to win this group. England, Russia and Slovakia wasn't exactly a nightmare draw for Chris Coleman and there are some nice pieces around him, like Aaron Ramsey and the underrated Ashley Williams. Win that group and the draw becomes quite favourable.



12. Sweden

There are others, of course, but you won't be able to talk about Sweden this summer without mentioning the veteran superstar, heading into what will likely be his final chance on the international stage.

Belgium and Italy will prove tough adversaries in Group E but, y'know.... Zlatan.



11. Poland

Robert Lewandowski was supposed to propel Poland to something when the European Championships were on home soil back in 2012.

Now he has four more years of experience and elite goalscoring behind him there's pressure and expectation.

But they also have a strong spine with Kamil Glik and Grzegorz Krychowiak and some interesting pieces like Arkadiusz Milik.



10. Switzerland

One of the fancied dark horses in Brazil, they were only eliminated in extra time by finalists Argentina and have a kind enough draw to go deep here.

Their squad is talented but lacks quality up front, although the scouting corps that follows Breel Embolo suggests he could break out sooner rather than later. Let's hope he's not just another Johan Vonlanthen.



9. Austria

Wir in it to win it: Austria celebrate qualification. This has the look of a team who could be a neutral's favourite and outside shot at glory.

David Alaba is the undoubted star but there's (predominantly Bundesliga-based) talent throughout and it lead them to a record of P10 W9 D1 L0 in qualifying.

An even-looking group could see them gather some momentum.



8. Portugal

An ageing defence has been solid in recent fixtures and there are several players who provide an X factor, which should make them quarter-finalists at least.

But the draw beyond the groups is unpleasant for them and they've not really impressed in recent tournaments - least of all in Brazil where they went out at the group stage.



7. England

A quarter-final exit most probably looms but some breakthrough talent has given England hope.

Harry Kane has proven not to be a one-season wonder and should start, while clubmate Dele Alli has surely played himself into the squad and possibly the first XI.

Roy Hodgson got the World Cup wrong, though, and needs to repay the FA's faith.



6. Croatia

Quite aside from a good defence and Champions League-winning striker, here's Croatia's midfield: Luka Modric, Ivan Rakitic, Mateo Kovacic, Milan Badelj, Ivan Perisic.

Oh, and here's the youngsters backing them up: Alen Halilovic, Marcelo Brozovic.

Only Spain and France can compete with that in the centre of the park and Croatia shouldn't



4. Italy

On one hand, the Italians have only beaten one half-decent opponent since a group-stage exit at World Cup 2014 - the Netherlands - and they didn't even qualify for this competition.

On the other, an unbeaten qualification campaign, a talented manager and a typically strong squad means the Azzurri should still qualify from a difficult group. The tactical nous of Antonio Conte (and Italian players' ability to stick to those instructions) could be the difference for a team who should be aiming at the semi-finals at least.



2. France

Les Bleus would probably be top if Karim Benzema wasn't likely to miss the tournament for what can only be described as unsavoury reasons.

Their squad is absolutely loaded with talent, particularly in midfield, and the youngsters who could gate-crash this squad are frightening.

Worth adding that home advantage worked out well for them last time, in 1998.



5. Belgium

On the quality of their playing resources alone, Belgium might have snuck ahead of group rivals Italy into fourth.

But that would require us forgetting the abject showing of coach Marc Wilmots in Brazil, who managed to turn one of the most talented groups of players into a dull, uninspiring side. Has he got anything new to offer?



3. Spain

The World Cup in 2014 was disastrous. That wasn't Spain, and it remains a miracle that Vicente del Bosque stayed on.

In fact, he's probably the greatest concern with Spain as his stubborn refusal to pick form players (see De Gea, David for details) and stick with the old guard threatens to weaken their challenge. Aritz Aduriz's long overdue call-up shows a softening there, but Del Bosque needs to go out with a bang.



1. Germany

World champions Germany were surprisingly rocky in qualifying where they only edged out Poland by a point.

They'll do better than that in France after being paired with their neighbours again in a group that they should breeze through.

The goalkeeper, midfield and attack are elite and their young defence isn't far behind.

It will take a very good team to stop them winning their first European Championships in 20 years

8. Groups, Fixtures and Schedule



England will face Russia in their Euro 2016 opener in Marseille before Roy Hodgson's side meet Wales in Lens. Elsewhere, the Republic of Ireland will meet Sweden, Italy and Belgium.

GROUP A

Friday, June 10: France v Romania (20:00, Stade de France, Paris)

Saturday, June 11: Albania v Switzerland (14:00, Stade Bollaert-Delelis, Lens)

Wednesday, June 15: Romania v Switzerland (17:00, Parc des Princes, Paris)

Wednesday, June 15: France v Albania (20:00, Stade Velodrome, Marseille)

Sunday, June 19: Romania v Albania (20:00, Stade de Lyon)

Sunday, June 19: Switzerland v France (20:00, Stade Pierre Mauroy, Lille)

GROUP B

Saturday, June 11: Wales v Slovakia (17:00, Stade de Bordeaux)

Saturday, June 11: England v Russia (20:00, Stade Velodrome, Marseille)

Wednesday, June 15: Russia v Slovakia (14:00, Stade Pierre Mauroy, Lille)

Thursday, June 16: England v Wales (14:00, Stade Bollaert-Delelis, Lens)

Monday, June 20: Russia v Wales (20:00, Stadium de Toulouse)

Monday, June 20: Slovakia v England (20:00, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, St Etienne)

GROUP C

Sunday, June 12: Poland v Northern Ireland (17:00, Stade de Nice)

Sunday, June 12: Germany v Ukraine (20:00, Stade Pierre Mauroy, Lille)

Thursday, June 16: Ukraine v Northern Ireland (17:00, Stade de Lyon)

Thursday, June 16: Germany v Poland (20:00, Stade de France, Paris)

Tuesday, June 21: Ukraine v Poland (17:00, Stade Velodrome, Marseille)

Tuesday, June 21: Northern Ireland v Germany (17:00, Parc des Princes, Paris)

GROUP D

Sunday, June 12: Turkey v Croatia (14:00, Parc des Princes, Paris)

Monday, June 13: Spain v Czech Republic (14:00, Stadium de Toulouse)

Friday, June 17: Czech Republic v Croatia (17:00, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, St Etienne)

Friday, June 17: Spain v Turkey (20:00, Stade de Nice)

Tuesday, June 21: Czech Republic v Turkey (20:00, Stade Bollaert-Delelis, Lens)

Tuesday, June 21: Croatia v Spain (20:00, Stade de Bordeaux)

GROUP E

Monday, June 13: Republic of Ireland v Sweden (17:00, Stade de France, Paris)

Monday, June 13: Belgium v Italy (20:00, Stade de Lyon)

Friday, June 17: Italy v Sweden (14:00, Stadium de Toulouse)

Saturday, June 18: Belgium v Republic of Ireland (14:00, Stade de Bordeaux)

Wednesday, June 22: Italy v Republic of Ireland (20:00, Stade Pierre Mauroy, Lille)

Wednesday, June 22: Sweden v Belgium (20:00, Stade de Nice)

GROUP F

Tuesday, June 14: Austria v Hungary (17:00, Stade de Bordeaux)

Tuesday, June 14: Portugal v Iceland (20:00, Stade Geoffroy Guichard, St Etienne)

Saturday, June 18: Iceland v Hungary (17:00, Stade Velodrome, Marseille)

Saturday, June 18: Portugal v Austria (20:00, Parc des Princes, Paris)

Wednesday, June 22: Iceland v Austria (17:00, Stade de France)

Wednesday, June 22: Hungary v Portugal (17:00, Stade de Lyon)

LAST 16

Match 1: Runner-up Group A v Runner-up C (14:00, June 25, St-Etienne)

Match 2: Winner D v Third-place B/E/F (20:00, June 25, Lens)

Match 3: Winner B v Third-place A/C/D (17:00, June 25, Paris)

Match 4: Winner F v Runner-up E (20:00, June 26, Toulouse)

Match 5: Winner C v Third-place A/B/F (17:00, June 26, Lille)

Match 6: Winner A v Third-place C/D/E (14:00, June 26, Lyon)

Match 7: Winner E v Runner-up D (17:00, June 27, St-Denis)

Match 8: Runner-up B v Runner-up F (20:00, June 27, Nice)

QUARTER-FINALS

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2 (20:00, June 30, Marseille)

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4 (20:00, July 1, Lille)

Winner Match 5 v Winner Match 6 (20:00, July 2, Bordeaux)

Winner Match 7 v Winner Match 8 (20:00, July 3, St-Denis)

SEMI-FINALS

Winner QF1 v Winner QF2 (20:00, July 6, Lyon)

Winner QF3 v Winner QF4 (20:00, July 7, Marseille)

FINAL

Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (20:00, July 10, St-Denis)

9. Trivia & Facts

Here comes some amazing true facts about European Championship 2016, the continental football tournament which started way back to 1960. Come 2016, here are some trivias:

- For the First Time There will be 24 Teams Participating.
- Gibraltar Entered Qualifications for the Very First Time.
- France Will Host the Tournament for a Record 3rd Time.
- Cheapest Euro 2016 Tickets Will Cost €25.
- David Guetta Will Produce Official Euro 2016 Song.
- Super Victor is the Official Euro 2016 Mascot.
- 2 Countries Can Win the Euro a Record of 4 Times-Spain and Germany.
- The Champions Will Play the 2017 Confederations Cup.
- There is a possible chance that for the first time a striker from same country will make it a hat-trick of Golden Boot Winner.(Spain)
- Spain can become the first team to win 3 consecutive Euros.
- Germany can become the third nation after France and Spain to win both the World Cup and Euro, consecutively.
- Spain is the only team successful to retain Euro.
- Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, France and Netherlands holds the record for most red cards ever received by any team in the tournament history - 3.
- If France wins the Euro, it will be the only team, to twice be the winner of the tournament despite being the host.
- So, just wait for the tournament and enjoy your summers by supporting your favourite team.



France to host for the record three times.

This will be the record third time that France will be hosting Euro Tournament. Previously, they hosted the very first addition of Euro in year 1960 and then after a gap of 24 years, they hosted in year 1984. During the year, France were crowned champion of the Europe defeating Spain 2-0 on the final of the Euro. It was a second time that the host country was entitled champion.

Cheapest Euro 2016 Tickets Will Cost €25

The cheapest Euro 2016 ticket will cost €25 and will be available on 43 of 51 matches. It is also confirmed that the most expensive ticket for the final will cost €895. Initially, the tickets will be sold out from 10th of June and in fact tickets won't be sold at the stadium during the match day.



David Guetta Will Produce Official Euro 2016 Son

Well it is the great news for David Guetta fans as it is sure that the Official song of Euro 2016 will be produced by David Guetta. Possibly the writer of the song is also expected to be Guetta and is hoped to get released on the month of March.

Opening at Stade de France

The opening ceremony of the Europe's Biggest tournament will be held at Stade de France on 10th of June. Stade de France is biggest stadium of France where more that eighty thousands audience can speculate the opening ceremony.

10. Wallchart & Calendar

YOUR SUPER EURO 2016 WALLCHART

Group A
 FRANCE (June 10, St-Denis)
 ROMANIA (June 15, Lyon)
 ALBANIA (June 18, Lyon)
 SWITZERLAND (June 20, St-Denis)

Group B
 ENGLAND (June 11, St-Denis)
 RUSSIA (June 14, St-Denis)
 WALES (June 16, St-Denis)
 SLOVAKIA (June 19, St-Denis)

Group C
 GERMANY (June 12, St-Denis)
 UKRAINE (June 15, Lyon)
 POLAND (June 18, Lyon)
 N IRELAND (June 20, St-Denis)

Group D
 SPAIN (June 13, St-Denis)
 CZECH REPUBLIC (June 16, St-Denis)
 TURKEY (June 19, Lyon)
 CROATIA (June 21, St-Denis)

Group E
 BELGIUM (June 14, St-Denis)
 ITALY (June 17, St-Denis)
 REP OF IRELAND (June 20, St-Denis)
 SWEDEN (June 22, St-Denis)

Group F
 PORTUGAL (June 15, St-Denis)
 ICELAND (June 18, Lyon)
 AUSTRIA (June 21, St-Denis)
 HUNGARY (June 23, St-Denis)

THE FINAL
 JULY 10, 8.0
 Stade de France, St-Denis

Quarter-Finals: Winner Match 1 vs Winner Match 2 (July 6, St-Denis); Winner Match 3 vs Winner Match 4 (July 7, St-Denis); Winner Match 5 vs Winner Match 6 (July 8, St-Denis); Winner Match 7 vs Winner Match 8 (July 9, St-Denis).

Semi-Finals: Winner QF1 vs Winner QF2 (July 6, Lyon); Winner QF3 vs Winner QF4 (July 7, Lyon).

3rd Place Match: Winner D vs 3rd place B/C/E (June 26, St-Denis).

Final: Winner C vs 3rd place A/B/F (June 26, St-Denis).

You can download and print this wallchart in PDF here

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