

□□□□ **Astazi de la ora 19,00 Romania va intilni formatia Elvetiei , in mansa a doua de la Campionatul European de fotbal.**

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HA! ROMANIA !!!

## Romania team profile

One of only four countries to participate in each of the first three FIFA World Cups, Romania's finest EURO achievement came when they reached the quarter-finals in 2000.

**Best result:** quarter-finals 2000

**Coach:** Anghel Iordănescu

**Leading scorer:** all time – Gheorghe Hagi, Adrian Mutu (35); current – Ciprian Marica (25)

**Most appearances:** all time – Dorinel Munteanu (134); current – Răzvan Raț (108)

**Association formed:** 1909

**Nickname:** Tricolorii (The Tricolours)

**Where they play:** Arena Națională, Bucharest

One of only four countries to participate in each of the first three FIFA World Cups, Romania saved their finest hour for the 1994 tournament in the United States, where, with playmaker Gheorghe Hagi in peerless form, they reached the quarter-finals, losing to Sweden only on penalties.

They would participate in three of the next four UEFA European Championships, their best effort coming in 2000 when a late penalty enabled them to beat England 3-2 and earn a place in the quarter-finals, where they lost to Italy. Having not reached the World Cup since 1998, their 2014 hopes ended with a play-off defeat by Greece but they recovered to qualify unbeaten for UEFA EURO 2016, with veteran USA '94 boss Anghel Iordănescu returning to the fold in mid-campaign.

## **EURO pedigree**

### **Matches played**

**Overall:** P128 W60 D39 L29 F216 A118

**Final tournament:** P13 W1 D4 L8 F8 A17

**Qualifying:** P115 W59 D35 L21 F208 A101

Having often encountered tough draws when they have reached the finals, Romania's EURO success has been limited although, having qualified unbeaten, Emeric Ienei guided his team through a group containing Germany, Portugal and England to reach the last eight of UEFA EURO 2000. It was a feat that Victor Pițurcă had a chance of matching eight years later after impressive draws against 2006 World Cup finalists France and Italy – Adrian Mutu scoring but later missing a penalty in the latter match – but beating the Netherlands in the final group game proved a step too far.

A slow start cost them the chance to make it to UEFA EURO 2012, draws against Albania and Belarus preceding a 2-0 loss in France. Răzvan Lucescu was succeeded six games in by Pițurcă, back for a third spell as national coach, and three draws and a victory in the last four matches both earned third spot and provided hope for the future.

### **Memorable EURO matches**

#### **[14/10/2007: Romania 1-0 Netherlands, UEFA EURO 2008 qualifying](#)**

Dorin Goian's goal earned a first win against the Netherlands and with it a finals place.

#### **[20/06/2000: Romania 3-2 England, UEFA EURO 2000 group stage](#)**

Ionel Ganea's 89th-minute penalty helped Romania dramatically secure a quarter-final berth.

### [05/06/1999: Romania 2-0 Hungary, UEFA EURO 2000 qualifying](#)

Gheorghe Hagi came out of retirement to inspire Romania to a win that took them into the finals.

### **Did you know?**

UEFA EURO 2016 is the fourth of the last six UEFA European Championships for which Romania have qualified.