

Albania national football team

The **Albania national football team** (Albanian: *Kombëtarja e futbollit të Shqipërisë*) represents Albania in men's international football, and is governed by the Albanian Football Association, the governing body for football in Albania.

Albania competes in the three major international football tournaments—the FIFA World Cup, UEFA European Championship and UEFA Nations League. Albania was the winner of the 1946 Balkan Cup and the 2000 Malta Rothmans International Tournament. At Euro 2016, Albania made its debut at a major men's football tournament, scoring its first goal and recording its first victory in a major tournament against Romania on 19 June 2016.^[5] They will compete in Euro 2024.

Since its completion in 2019, *Arena Kombëtare (National Arena)*, known as *Air Albania Stadium* for sponsorship reasons, has been the team's home ground. Albania's highest FIFA World Ranking was 22nd in August 2015.

The team uses red, white and black colours and the Albanian double headed eagle as its symbol. Its supporters are collectively known as the *Tifozët Kuq e Zi* and use the same national red and black colours.

In 2020, Albania won group 4 of UEFA Nations League C and was promoted to UEFA Nations League B.

History

20th century



Commemorative stamp (2003) of the ninety years of the first unofficial match of the football nation of Albania.

Albania also participated for the first time in the Balkan Cup in which Albania won by beating Romania 1–0 in the final.^[7] In 1954, Albania was one of the founding members of UEFA. Albania waited until 1962 to compete in a Euro Cup competition and the only time Albania was between the best 16 teams of the Continent, the reason being Albania got past the first leg as Greece, for political reasons

	<div><div><div><div><div></div><div>Albania</div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div>FSHF</div></div></div></div></div>
Nickname(s)	Kuq e Zinjtë (The Red and Blacks) Shqiponjat (The Eagles)
Association	<i>Federata Shqiptare e Futbollit</i> (FSHF)
Confederation	<u>UEFA</u> (Europe)
Head coach	Sylvinho
Captain	Berat Djimsiti
Most caps	Lorik Cana (93)
Top scorer	Erjon Bogdani (18)
Home stadium	Arena Kombëtare
FIFA code	ALB
	<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div>First colours</div><div>Second colours</div><div>Third colours</div></div></div>
FIFA ranking	
Current	64 ▼ 2 (15 February 2024) ^[1]
Highest	22 (August 2015 ^[2])
Lowest	124 (August 1997 ^[3])
First international	
<div><div><div></div><div>Albania 2–3 Yugoslavia</div></div><div>(Tirana, Albania; 7 October 1946)</div></div>	
Biggest win	

forfeited the game.^{[8][9]} At the end of the tournament Albania ranked 9th in Europe.^{[10][11][12]} Albania participated at the 1964 Summer Olympics in the Men's qualification tournament, and closely lost both matches against Bulgaria in the preliminary round.^[13] They would participate for the second and last time at the 1972 Summer Olympics in which they faced Romania at the Men's European Qualifiers in the Playoffs. Albania would lose both matches close with 2–1 in the first leg and 1–2 at home in the second leg.^{[14][15]}

Albania participated for the first time in a qualifying phrase of a World Cup in the qualifiers of the 1966 edition in England. The team was drawn in the Group 5 which finished in the last position with only one point from six matches. In the qualifiers, of the UEFA Euro 1968 Albania had a draw 0–0 against West Germany that denied the Germans the participation to the UEFA Euro 1968 finals.^{[16][17]} In later years, Albania did not participate in the qualifiers of the World Cup 1970, UEFA Euro 1976, World Cup 1978 and UEFA Euro 1980 for unknown political reasons. After six years without playing any international matches, Albania entered in the qualifiers of the World Cup 1982, managing to finish in a place other than last for the first time in a qualifying match, with Finland getting last place instead. In the following qualification for the World Cup 1986 Albania were able to beat famously Belgium at home in Tirana with 2–0 as well as drawing away in Mielec against Poland with 2–2 despite leading until the end of this match. Their last point were won against Greece at home. Missing out close for their first ever FIFA World Cup as they finished third in the standings. The qualifiers of the World Cup 1990 were probably the worst qualifier in Albania's history as there were 6 losses in as many games with no memorable matches.



Manifest of the Fifth Albanian Football Spartakiad (1984).

21st century

In the qualifiers of the World Cup 2002, Albania recorded a 2–0 win over Greece which was the only team that they beat during the qualifiers. Albania was able to make some impact in the qualifying of the UEFA Euro 2004 by beating 3–1 Russia at Loro Boriçi Stadium.^[18] This match was also the debut of the German coach Hans-Peter Briegel who led Albania to an undefeated run

at home matches. Despite the good results, Albania finished the group in the penultimate spot with only eight points. In the qualifiers of the World Cup 2006 Albania recorded some historical results. Two months after Greece beat Portugal to win the European Championship, Albania defeated Greece 2–1.^[19]

In the qualifiers of the UEFA Euro 2008 Albania won twice in both matches against Luxembourg. Albania also drew 2–2 with Belarus and 0–0 away with Bulgaria. Albania's Euro campaign ended with a 6–1 loss away to Romania which resulted in the resignation of the coach Otto Barić and his assistant.^[20] In December 2007, Arie Haan was named Albania's head coach by signing a two-year contract for the qualifiers of the World Cup 2010, where Albania made a very negative performance by winning only one match. Albania won only seven points from ten matches and Haan was replaced by Josip Kuže in May 2009 following the end of the campaign.^[21] However, Kuže couldn't lead Albania to the better results as the team ended the qualifiers of the UEFA Euro 2012 with only nine points from ten matches. With Kuže in charge, Albania recorded its second biggest win the history by defeating Cyprus 6–1 at home, equal with Albania's 5–0 victory over Vietnam in 2003.^[22]

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Biggest defeat	
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European Championship	
Appearances	2 (first in 2016)
Best result	Group stage (2016)
Medal record	
Men's football	
Balkan Cup	
<div><div><div><div></div></div></div></div>	<div>1946 Albania</div> <div>Team</div>
Malta International	
<div><div><div><div></div></div></div></div>	<div>2000 Albania</div> <div>Team</div>



Loro Boriçi captained the team in winning the 1946 Balkan Cup.

Josip Kuže parted ways with Albania three and a half years after he started the job, and in December 2011, Italian coach Gianni de Biasi replaced him.^[23] Albania started the qualifiers and was, at one point, 2nd in group with six matches played and four to spare, but failed to be successful in the last four, losing away in Slovenia and Iceland, as well as at home against Switzerland, and drawing in Cyprus.^[24] Albania started the qualifiers of the UEFA Euro 2016 with an emphatic 1–0 away win against Portugal,^[25] which was followed by a 1–1 draw against Denmark at the newly renovated stadium Elbasan Arena.^[26] After beating Armenia 3–0 in the last qualifying match, Albania made history by qualifying for the UEFA Euro 2016, its first appearance at a major men's football tournament after 50 years and Albania's first-ever appearance at a competitive tournament in the history.^[27] In the tournament itself, Albania lost 0–1 to Switzerland and 0–2 to hosts France. While they beat Romania 1–0 (their first win against Romania since 1947), the team finished last among the third-placed teams and didn't progress beyond the group stage.^[28]



The team of Albania took the field with the second shirt against Austria on 26 March 2016.

In 2018 World Cup qualification, Albania was drawn in a group with Spain, Italy, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, and Israel. Despite the difficult draw, they placed third in the group, their best result in history without qualifying for the final tournament. During this time, manager Gianni De Biasi resigned after disputes with the FSHF and was replaced by Christian Panucci.^[29] Albania played poorly in the 2018–19 UEFA Nations League, winning only once against Israel and losing the return leg as well as both matches against Scotland.^[30] Panucci would be sacked after a 2–0 defeat to Turkey in the opening match of UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying.^[31] Edoardo Reja replaced Panucci as Albania faced home and away series against both 2018 FIFA World Cup champions France and Iceland as well as the return leg against Turkey.^[32] In the end, Albania placed fourth in the group, failing to qualify.^[33]

On 17 November 2023, Albania qualified for UEFA Euro 2024.^[34]

Team image

Nicknames

The team's nicknames are the "*Kuq e Zinjtë*" ("The Red and Blacks") and "*Shqiponjat*" ("The Eagles"). It is also known, among supporters, as "*Kosova B*" ("Kosovo B"). During the period before 2016, the national teams of Albania and Kosovo exchanged players with each other due to the complexities of descent brought on by Kosovo's independence, leading supporters to refer to each team as the other team's "reserve" side.^[35]

Kits

Albania' colours are red and black, mirroring the nation's flag. The team typically wears red shirts, black shorts and red socks. Away kits are usually all-white, with red and black trim. In the 2000s, Albania signed with German sportswear company Puma and was the first kit supplier of Albania in the 21st century. On 29 January 2016, Albania signed Italian sportswear company Macron, which continues to be Albania's kit.^[36]

Kit sponsorship

Kit supplier	Period	Contract	
		Announcement	Duration
 <u>Adidas</u>	1981–1992		
 <u>Umbro</u>	1992–1993		
 <u>Uhlsport</u>	1994–1995		
 <u>Puma</u>	1996–2005		
 <u>Nike</u>	2005–2010		
 <u>Adidas</u>	2010–2016		
 <u>Macron</u>	2016–present	26 January 2016 ^[36]	2016–2022 ^[36]
		9 June 2022 ^[37]	2022–2027 ^[37]



Albania home kit at 2016–17 season.

Home stadium

Albania's main stadium for most part of the history was Qemal Stafa Stadium located in Tirana. The work started in April 1939 during the Italy regime. The construction lasted for three years but it stopped briefly in August 1943 following the fall of fascist regime.^[38] The stadium had an Olympic Stadium shape, as idealized by Gherardo Bosio, a young fascist architect from Florence, Italy.^[39] The stadium's initial capacity was 15,000, this due to the fact that Tirana at that time had only 60,000 inhabitants.^[39] It was named after Qemal Stafa, a Hero of Albania in World War II.^[40] The stadium was inaugurated officially on 7 October 1946 when Albania played its first competitive match against Yugoslavia.^[41] Ever since then, further 130 international matches took place in the stadium, with the last being a friendly against Georgia in November 2015.^[42] In 2005, Cecilia de Marco and Elisabetta Lorusso, two young Italian students, called the stadium as "one of the strongest symbols of Italian impact in Albania".^[38] In November 2013, Qemal Stafa Stadium was shut down by FIFA for not fulfilling international standards.^[43] The stadium's demolition started in June 2016, and it was announced that is going to be replaced by Arena Kombëtare.^[44]





























Construction of Arena Kombëtare in the city center, 2019

Albania sometimes has played home matches at other venues. Outside Tirana, the national team has played matches in Flamurtari Stadium in Vlorë,^[45] Tomori Stadium in Berat,^[46] Niko Dovana Stadium in Durrës,^[47] Loro Boriçi Stadium in Shkodër^[48] and Elbasan Arena in Elbasan.^[49] In February 2014, due to Albania not having a stadium that fulfills international standards set by FIFA, the work for renovation of Elbasan Arena (at the time Ruzhdi Bizhuta Stadium) started.^[50] The work lasted for 7 months, and the stadium was inaugurated on 9 October when Albania played a friendly match against KF Elbasani under-19 squad; Albania won the match 17–0.^[51] The official inauguration occurred two days later in the UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying match against Denmark.^[52]

The first international match at Loro Boriçi Stadium was played on 29 March 2003 against Russia, with Albania winning 3–1.^[18] In October 2014, Prime Minister of Albania, Edi Rama, promised the reconstruction of the stadium.^[53] The stadium's construction started in May 2015 and finished in August 2016.^[54] In 2016–17, the stadium served temporary as the home of Kosovo national team, due to stadiums in Mitrovica and Pristina were under renovation and did not meet UEFA standards.^[55]

Albania national football team home stadiums

Nr. of matches	Image	Stadium	Capacity	Location	First match	Last match	Ref
131		<u>Qemal Stafa Stadium</u>	25,000	<u>Tirana, Albania</u>	v.  Yugoslavia, 7 October 1946	v.  Georgia, 16 November 2015	[41]
19		<u>Arena Kombëtare</u>	22,500	<u>Tirana, Albania</u>	v.  France, 17 November 2019	v.  Faroe Islands, 20 October 2023	[56]
18		<u>Elbasan Arena</u>	13,800	<u>Elbasan, Albania</u>	v.  Denmark, 11 October 2014	v.  San Marino, 8 September 2021	[49]
9		<u>Loro Boriçi Stadium</u>	20,200	<u>Shkodër, Albania</u>	v.  Russia, 29 March 2003	v.  Turkey, 22 March 2019	[48]
6		<u>Niko Dovana Stadium</u>	12,040	<u>Durrës, Albania</u>	v.  Uzbekistan, 11 August 2010	v.  Malta, 5 March 2014	[47]
2		<u>Nuevo Estadio de Los Cármenes</u>	19,336	<u>Granada, Spain</u>	v.  Ukraine, 29 March 1997	v.  Germany, 2 April 1997	[57]
1		<u>Skënderbeu Stadium</u>	12,343	<u>Korçë, Albania</u>	v.  North Macedonia, 17 November 2010		[45]
1		<u>Hardturm</u>	16,600	<u>Zürich, Switzerland</u>	v.  Northern Ireland, 10 September 1997		[58]
1		<u>Tomori Stadium</u>	17,890	<u>Berat, Albania</u>	v.  Cuba, 6 August 1988		[46]
1		<u>Flamurtari Stadium</u>	10,500	<u>Vlorë, Albania</u>	v.  Romania, 28 October 1987		[45]

Rivalries

Kosovo

This derby is otherwise known as Brotherly derby (Albanian: *Derbi vëllazëror*), also known as the Brotherly (Albanian: *Vëllazërorja*). The documented beginnings of this derby date back to the time during the World War II, respectively on 29 November 1942, where they played a friendly match as part of the celebrations for 30th Anniversary of the Independence of Albania and the match ended with a 2–0 win for Tirana,^{[a][60][61]} this derby is back 50 years after the first match, when the Football Federation of Kosovo signed a cooperation protocol with the Albanian Football Association and in the framework of this protocol it was decided to play on 14 February a friendly match between these two national teams,^[62] and this match ended with a 3–1 win for Albania.^[63]

Serbia

This football rivalry between Albania and Serbia is mainly due to historical tensions between the two countries. It has been described as "one of the fiercest rivalries in the world". During the Euro 2016 qualifying phase, the Serbian crowd were chanting "Kill, kill Albanians"^[64] and were throwing flares at the Albania team, after which there was a clash between the Serbia and Albania teams.^[65]

Supporters



A choreography of Tifozat Kuq e Zi in the national team's first match at Elbasan Arena against Denmark in October 2014.

Tifozat Kuq e Zi (*Red and Black Fans*, also known as the **Albania National Football Team Supporters Club)** is a non-profit football supporters' association for the Albania national football team and various national team sportive activities.^{[66][67]} It was founded on 25 December 2003.^[66] In cooperation with FSHF, it organises trips for football fans to visit games, and develops and sells merchandise to support itself and fund sporting related projects.

Tifozat Kuq e Zi stands firm in the political view that Albanians should share only one national team and have continuous aspirations to join in one state (Një Komb, Një Kombëtare), i.e. unification of Albania, Kosovo, etc.^{[68][69]} In this sense, TKZ is joined by different supporters' associations throughout Albanian-speaking regions mainly in Kosovo (Shqiponjat of Peja, Kuqezinjet e Jakoves of Gjakova, Plisat of Prishtina, Torcida of Mitrovica, etc.), North Macedonia (Ballistët of Tetovë, Ilirët of Kumanovë, Shvercerat of Shkupi, etc.) and in Albania itself (Ultras Guerrils of Partizani Tirana, Tirona Fanatics of KF Tirana, Vllaznit Ultras of Vllaznia Shkodër, Ujqërit e Deborës of Skënderbeu Korçë, Shqiponjat of KF Besa Pejë and many other different Albanian fans).^[66]

There are sports twinnings with some amateur football teams of the historic Albanian communities of Italy (*Arbëreshë*): in 2017, on the occasion of the Italy – Albania match played in Palermo (Sicily, Italy) for the World Cup qualifiers, the local team and the Municipality of Piana degli Albanesi welcomed the ambassador of the Republic of Albania, the official delegation of the Albanian football federation and numerous Albanian fans who also came from the Balkans, in a fraternal and sporting twinning *Arbëreshë-Shqiptarë*.

The ongoing dispute between the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and the Football Association of Albania has been seen as a political intrusion by FIFA and UEFA, which led to the banning of Albania from international sportive activities. FSHF president Armand Duka is highly unwanted by the TKZ who have numerous asked for his resignation believing he is responsible for internal corruption in the Albanian Football Association.^{[70][71][72][73]}

The TKZ have been praised by many different football players and managers, whom were not just Albanian. One example is with Switzerland's former coach, Ottmar Hitzfeld, who was astonished by how many Albanian fans turned up and how enthusiastic they were in 2014 FIFA World Cup qualifying match between Switzerland and Albania where the Swiss won 2–0 thanks to goals from Gökhan Inler and Kosovo-born Xherdan Shaqiri. He didn't believe that there was 12,000 Albanian fans in the stands which was more than how many Swiss fans turned up for the game. He stated





that "Albanian fans are fantastic and the most passionate fans I have ever seen".^[74] During that campaign, TKZ attended all games Albania played apart from a match against Cyprus in Nicosia and were also large in numbers in the away games to Slovenia in Maribor and Norway in Oslo.^{[75][76][77]}



Albanian and Arbëreshë fans in Palermo, for the Italy-Albania 2018 FIFA World Cup qualifier match on 24 March 2017.

Media coverage

Current

Broadcaster	Television channel	Period	Broadcast matches	
			Qualifying	Friendly
  SuperSport Albania		N/A–present		
	TV Klan	2022–present ^[78]		
	 ArtSport	2022–present		
	 Klan Kosova			

Previous

Broadcaster	Television channel	Period
 Albanian Radio Television		until 2022
 Radio Television of Kosovo	 RTK 1	

Results and fixtures

The following is a list of match results in the last 12 months, as well as any future matches that have been scheduled.





☐ Win ☐ Draw ☐ Loss ☐ Fixture

2023



Euro 2024 qualifying	27 March 20:45	Poland  1–0  Albania	Warsaw, Poland [show]
		<u>Świderski</u> ⚽ 41' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036321/)	Stadium: Stadion Narodowy Attendance: 56,227 Referee: <u>Slavko Vinčić</u> (Slovenia)
Euro 2024 qualifying	17 June 20:45	Albania  2–0  Moldova	Tirana, Albania [show]
		<u>Asani</u> ⚽ 52' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036344/) <u>Bajrami</u> ⚽ 76'	Stadium: Arena Kombëtare Attendance: 20,944 Referee: <u>Dennis Higler</u> (Netherlands)
Euro 2024 qualifying	20 June 20:45 (19:45 UTC+1)	Faroe Islands  1–3  Albania	Tórshavn, Faroe Islands [show]
		<u>Færø</u> ⚽ 45+1' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036344/) <u>Bajrami</u> ⚽ 20' <u>Asllani</u> ⚽ 51' <u>Muçi</u> ⚽ 90+1'	Stadium: Tórsvøllur Attendance: 2,507 Referee: <u>Chrysovalantis Theouli</u> (Cyprus)

		qualifiers/ match/203 6368/)			
Euro 2024 qualifying	7 September 20:45	Czech Republic 	1–1	 Albania	Prague, Czech Republic [show] Stadium: <u>Eden Arena</u> Attendance: 18,641 Referee: <u>Anthony Taylor</u> (England)
		Černý ⚽ 56' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036391/)		Bajrami ⚽ 66'	
Euro 2024 qualifying	10 September 20:45	Albania 	2–0	 Poland	Tirana, Albania [show] Stadium: <u>Arena Kombëtare</u> Attendance: 21,900 Referee: <u>José María Sánchez</u> (Spain)
		Asani ⚽ 37' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036414/)		Daku ⚽ 62'	
Euro 2024 qualifying	12 October 20:45	Albania 	3–0	 Czech Republic	Tirana, Albania [show] Stadium: <u>Arena Kombëtare</u> Attendance: 20,917 Referee: <u>Danny Makkelie</u> (Netherlands)
		Asani ⚽ 9' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036436/)		Seferi ⚽ 51', 73'	
Friendly	17 October 16:30	Albania 	2–0	 Bulgaria	Tirana, Albania [show] Stadium: <u>Arena Kombëtare</u> Attendance: 17,232 Referee: <u>Mervan Bejtullahu</u> (Kosovo)
		Laçi ⚽ 41' Report (https://eu-football.info/match.php?id=18654)		Muçi ⚽ 81'	
Euro 2024 qualifying	17 November 20:45 (21:45 UTC+2)	Moldova 	1–1	 Albania	Chişinău, Moldova [show] Stadium: <u>Zimbru Stadium</u> Attendance: 9,537 Referee: <u>Willie Collum</u> (Scotland)
		Baboglo ⚽ 87' Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036483/)		Cikalleshi ⚽ 25' (pen.)	
Euro 2024 qualifying	20 November 20:45	Albania 	0–0	 Faroe Islands	Tirana, Albania [show] Stadium: <u>Arena Kombëtare</u> Attendance: 21,456 Referee: <u>Sven Jablonski</u> (Germany)
		Report (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036506/)			

2024

Friendly	22 March 20:45 UTC+1	Albania 	v	 Chile	Parma, Italy [show] Stadium: <u>Stadio Ennio Tardini</u>
		Report (https://eu-football.info/match.php?id=18919)			
Friendly	25 March 19:00 UTC+1	Sweden 	v	 Albania	Solna, Sweden [show] Stadium: <u>Friends Arena</u>
		Report (https://eu-football.info/match.php?id=18739)			

<u>Friendly</u>	3 June	<u>Albania</u> 	v	 <u>Liechtenstein</u>	<u>Austria</u>	[show]
			Report (https://eu-football.info/match.php?id=18933)			
<u>Euro 2024</u>	15 June 21:00 <u>CEST</u>	<u>Italy</u> 	v	 <u>Albania</u>	<u>Dortmund, Germany</u> Stadium: <u>Westfalenstadion</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/match/2036164/)			
<u>Euro 2024</u>	19 June 15:00 <u>CEST</u>	<u>Croatia</u> 	v	 <u>Albania</u>	<u>Hamburg, Germany</u> Stadium: <u>Volksparkstadion</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/match/2036176/)			
<u>Euro 2024</u>	24 June 21:00 <u>CEST</u>	<u>Albania</u> 	v	 <u>Spain</u>	<u>Düsseldorf, Germany</u> Stadium: <u>Merkur Spiel-Arena</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/match/2036187/)			
<u>2024–25 Nations League</u>	7 September 20:45	<u>Ukraine</u> 	v	 <u>Albania</u>	TBD ^[b]	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationleague/match/2040066/)			
<u>2024–25 Nations League</u>	10 September 20:45	<u>Albania</u> 	v	 <u>Georgia</u>	<u>Tirana, Albania</u> Stadium: <u>Arena Kombëtare</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationleague/match/2040086/)			
<u>2024–25 Nations League</u>	11 October 20:45	<u>Czech Republic</u> 	v	 <u>Albania</u>	<u>Czech Republic</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationleague/match/2040109/)			
<u>2024–25 Nations League</u>	14 October 18:00 (20:00 <u>UTC+4</u>)	<u>Georgia</u> 	v	 <u>Albania</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationleague/match/2040129/)			
<u>2024–25 Nations League</u>	16 November 20:45	<u>Albania</u> 	v	 <u>Czech Republic</u>	<u>Tirana, Albania</u> Stadium: <u>Arena Kombëtare</u>	[show]
			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationleague/match/2040141/)			

2024–25 Nations League	19 November	Albania 	v	 Ukraine	Tirana, Albania	[show]
	20:45			Report (https://www.uefa.com/uefanation/sleague/match/2040169/)	Stadium: Arena Kombëtare	

Coaching staff

Current coaching staff

Role	Name
Head coach	 Sylvinho
Assistant coach(es)	 Pablo Zabaleta
	 Dorival Guidoni
	 Ervin Bulku
Athletic coach(es)	 Taulant Stërmasi
	 Elton Kodra
Goalkeeping coach	 Ilir Bozhiqi
Physiotherapist	 Altin Haxhia
Doctor	 Gianluca Stesina
Masseur	 Arzen Voçi
Material base(s)	 Eduard Salillari
	 Osman Bulku
Osteopath	 Arjan Llaperi
Team manager	 Dritan Babamusta
Video analyst	 Alarico Marco Rossi



Sylvinho, the current head coach of Albania national football team.

Players

Current squad

- The following players were called up for the [UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying matches against Moldova and Faroe Islands](#), on 17 and 20 November 2023.^[80]
- *Caps and goals are correct as of 20 November 2023 after the match against [Faroe Islands](#).*^[81]

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Etrit Berisha (<i>vice-captain</i>)	10 March 1989	80	0	 Empoli
12	GK	Elhan Kastrati	2 February 1997	2	0	 Cittadella
23	GK	Thomas Strakosha (<i>4th captain</i>)	19 March 1995	25	0	 Brentford
2	DF	Iván Balliu	1 January 1992	11	0	 Rayo Vallecano
3	DF	Mario Mitaj	6 August 2003	10	0	 Lokomotiv Moscow
4	DF	Elseid Hysaj (<i>3rd captain</i>)	20 February 1994	81	2	 Lazio
5	DF	Frédéric Veseli	20 November 1992	45	0	 Fatih Karagümrük
6	DF	Berat Gjimshiti (<i>captain</i>)	19 February 1993	55	1	 Atalanta
13	DF	Jon Mersinaj	8 February 1999	1	0	 Lokomotiva
18	DF	Ardian Ismajli	30 September 1996	36	2	 Empoli
7	MF	Keidi Bare	28 August 1997	28	2	 Espanyol
8	MF	Klaus Gjasula	14 December 1989	27	0	 Darmstadt 98
10	MF	Nedim Bajrami	28 February 1999	19	3	 Sassuolo
14	MF	Qazim Laçi	19 January 1996	23	2	 Sparta Prague
20	MF	Ylber Ramadani	12 April 1996	32	1	 Lecce
21	MF	Kristjan Asllani	9 March 2002	16	2	 Inter Milan
24	MF	Arbnor Muçolli	15 September 1999	4	0	 IFK Göteborg
9	FW	Jasir Asani	19 May 1995	9	3	 Gwangju
11	FW	Myrto Uzuni	31 May 1995	35	5	 Granada
15	FW	Taulant Seferi	15 November 1996	17	3	 Baniyas
16	FW	Sokol Cikalleshi	27 July 1990	59	13	 Konyaspor
17	FW	Ernest Muçi	19 March 2001	7	2	 Beşiktaş
19	FW	Mirлинд Daku	1 January 1998	5	1	 Rubin Kazan
22	FW	Arbnor Muja	29 November 1998	5	0	 Samsunspor

Recent call-ups

The following players have been called up for the team within the last 12 months and are still available for selection.

- U21, U19, U17 = Was called up from national U21, U19 or U17 squad.
- PRE = Preliminary squad/standby.
- INJ = It is not part of the current squad due to injury.

Records

As of 20 November 2023^[82]
Players in **bold** are still active with Albania.

Most appearances

Rank	Player	Caps	Goals	Period
1	<u>Lorik Cana</u>	93	1	2003–2016
2	<u>Elseid Hysaj</u>	81	2	2013–present
3	<u>Etrit Berisha</u>	80	0	2012–present
4	<u>Altin Lala</u>	79	3	1998–2011
5	<u>Klodian Duro</u>	77	4	2001–2011
6	<u>Erjon Bogdani</u>	75	18	1996–2013
	<u>Ervin Skela</u>	75	13	2000–2011
8	<u>Ansi Agolli</u>	73	3	2005–2017
	<u>Foto Strakosha</u>	73	0	1990–2004
10	<u>Odise Roshi</u>	71	5	2011–present



Panajot Pano, awarded "The Player of the Century" by UEFA and rated by the Albanian Football Federation as the most outstanding national player of the last 50 years.

Top goalscorers




Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Average	Period
1	<u>Erjon Bogdani</u>	18	75	0.24	1996–2013
2	<u>Alban Bushi</u>	14	67	0.21	1995–2007
3	<u>Sokol Cikalleshi</u>	13	60	0.22	2014–present
	<u>Ervin Skela</u>	13	75	0.17	2000–2011
5	<u>Armando Sadiku</u>	12	39	0.31	2012–present
6	<u>Hamdi Salihi</u>	11	50	0.22	2006–2015
	<u>Altin Rraklli</u>	11	63	0.17	1992–2005
8	<u>Sokol Kushta</u>	10	31	0.32	1987–1996
	<u>Igli Tare</u>	10	68	0.15	1997–2007
10	<u>Bekim Balaj</u>	9	48	0.19	2012–2022

























Lorik Cana is the most capped player in the history of Albania with 93 caps.





















Competitive record

FIFA World Cup

FIFA World Cup record										Qualification record						
Year	Round	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1930 to  1962	Did not participate									Did not participate						
 1966	Did not qualify									4th	6	0	1	5	2	12

 1970	Entry not accepted ^[83]									Entry not accepted						
 1974	Did not qualify									4th	6	1	0	5	3	13
 1978	Did not participate									Did not participate						
 1982										4th	8	1	0	7	4	22
 1986										3rd	6	1	2	3	6	9
 1990										4th	6	0	0	6	3	15
 1994										7th	12	1	2	9	6	26
 1998										6th	10	1	1	8	7	20
  2002										5th	8	1	0	7	5	14
 2006										5th	12	4	1	7	11	20
 2010										5th	10	1	4	5	6	13
 2014										5th	10	3	2	5	9	11
 2018										3rd	10	4	1	5	10	13
 2022										3rd	10	6	0	4	12	12
   2026	To be determined									To be determined						
   2030																
 2034																
Total	—	0/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	13/22	114	24	14	76	84	200

UEFA European Championship

UEFA European Championship record										Qualifying record						
Year	Round	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1960	Did not participate									Did not participate						
 1964	Did not qualify									Round of 16	4	3	0	1	7	4
 1968										3rd	4	0	1	3	0	12
 1972										4th	6	1	1	4	5	9
 1976	Did not participate									Did not participate						
 1980																
 1984																
 1988	Did not qualify									5th	8	0	2	6	4	14
 1992										4th	6	0	0	6	2	17
 1996										5th	7	1	0	6	2	21
  2000										6th	10	2	2	6	10	16
 2004										5th	10	1	4	5	8	14
  2008										4th	8	2	2	4	11	15
  2012										5th	12	2	5	5	12	18
 2016	Group stage	18th	3	1	0	2	1	3	Squad	5th	10	2	3	5	7	14
 2020	Did not qualify									2nd	8	4	2	2	10	5
 2024	Qualified									4th	10	4	1	5	16	14
										1st	8	4	3	1	12	4

  2028	To be determined									To be determined						
   2032																
Total	Group stage	2/17	3	1	0	2	1	3	—	14/17	111	26	26	59	100	177

Albania's European Championship record		[show]
First match	<div><div><div><div><div></div></div></div><div><div></div></div></div><div>Albania 0–1 Switzerland</div><div>(Stade Bollaert-Delelis, Lens, France; 11 June 2016)</div></div>	
Biggest win	<div><div><div><div><div></div></div></div><div><div></div></div></div><div>Romania 0–1 Albania</div><div>(Parc Olympique Lyonnais, Lyon, France; 19 June 2016)</div></div>	
Biggest defeat	<div><div><div><div><div></div></div></div><div><div></div></div></div><div>France 2–0 Albania</div><div>(Stade Vélodrome, Marseille, France; 15 June 2016)</div></div>	
Best result	Group stage (2016)	
Worst result		

UEFA Nations League

UEFA Nations League record																				
League phase**												Finals								
Season	LG	Grp	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	P/R	RK	Year	Pos.	Pld	W	D*	L	GF	GA	Squad
<div>2018–19</div>	<div>C</div>	<div>1</div>	3rd	4	1	0	3	1	8	<div>==</div>	34th	<div><div><div><div></div></div><div></div></div>2019</div>	Did not qualify							
<div>2020–21</div>	<div>C</div>	<div>4</div>	1st	6	3	2	1	8	4	<div>▲</div>	35th	<div><div><div><div></div></div><div></div></div>2021</div>								
<div>2022–23</div>	<div>B</div>	<div>2</div>	3rd	4	0	2	2	4	6	<div>==</div>	27th	<div><div><div><div></div></div><div></div></div>2023</div>								
<div>2024–25</div>	<div>B</div>	<div>1</div>	To be determined									<div><div><div><div></div></div><div></div></div>2025</div>								
Total				14	4	4	6	13	18	27th		Total			—	—	—	—	—	—

**Draws include knockout matches decided via penalty shoot-out.*

***League stage played home and away. Flag shown represents host nation for the finals stage.*

Summer Olympic Games

Olympic Games record											Qualification record						
Year	Result	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad		Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1908 to 1936	Team did not exist										Team did not exist						
 1948 to 1960	Did not participate										Did not participate						
 1964	Did not qualify										<u>PR</u>	2	0	0	2	0	2
 1968	Did not participate										Did not participate						
 1972	Did not qualify										<u>PO</u>	2	0	0	2	2	4
 1976 to 1988	Did not participate										Did not participate						
Since 1992	See <i>Albania national under-23 team</i>										See <i>Albania national under-23 team</i>						
Total	—	0/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2/2	4	0	0	4	2	6

Other tournaments

Year	Round	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad
<div><div></div><div>Balkan Cup</div></div>									
<div><div></div><div>1946</div></div>	Champions	1st	3	2	0	1	6	4	<div>Squad</div>
1947	Fifth place	5th	4	0	0	4	2	13	
1948	Fifth place	5th	3	1	2	0	1	0	
<div><div></div><div>Malta International Tournament</div></div>									
<div>1998</div>	Third place	3rd	3	0	2	1	3	6	
<div>2000</div>	Champions	1st	3	3	0	0	5	0	
Total	Best: Champions	5/5	16	6	4	6	17	23	—

FIFA rankings

As of *December 2022* Source:^[84]

Best Ranking

Worst Ranking

Best Mover

Worst Mover

Albania's FIFA world rankings

Rank		Year	Pld	Best		Worst	
				Rank	Move	Rank	Move
	66	2022	11	65	▲ 1	69	▼ 1
	66	2021	12	63	▲ 3	69	▼ 3
	66	2020	7	66	▲ 3	69	▼ 3
	66	2019	16	61	▲ 2	66	▼ 4
	60	2018	9	56	▲ 2	60	▼ 3
	62	2017	9	51	▲ 9	71	▼ 12
	49	2016	12	35	▲ 5	49	▼ 10
	38	2015	7	22	▲ 15	63	▼ 7
	58	2014	9	45	▲ 25	70	▼ 16
	57	2013	8	37	▲ 16	71	▼ 13
	63	2012	9	58	▲ 17	97	▼ 10
	74	2011	11	50	▲ 23	75	▼ 14
	65	2010	9	58	▲ 13	97	▼ 7
	96	2009	9	78	▲ 3	98	▼ 11
	81	2008	7	73	▲ 19	102	▼ 18
	80	2007	11	66	▲ 11	88	▼ 12
	87	2006	6	62	▲ 20	88	▼ 13
	82	2005	10	82	▲ 7	93	▼ 4
	86	2004	8	86	▲ 5	94	▼ 5
	89	2003	11	86	▲ 13	101	▼ 5
	93	2002	9	92	▲ 4	97	▼ 5
	96	2001	7	74	▲ 1	96	▼ 6
	72	2000	8	72	▲ 13	94	▼ 6
	83	1999	8	83	▲ 15	95	▼ 2
	106	1998	8	97	▲ 14	109	▼ 8
	116	1997	7	113	▲ 8	124	▼ 4
	116	1996	5	90	▲ 6	116	▼ 12
	91	1995	8	87	▲ 13	106	▼ 6
	100	1994	5	93	▲ 9	113	▼ 11
	92	1993	7	91	▲ 1	93	▼ 6
	86	1992		86		86	

Honours

- Balkan Cup:
 - 🏆 Champions (1): 1946
- Malta International Football Tournament:

- **1 Champions** (1): 2000^[85]

Head-to-head record

As of 17 November 2023 after the match against Moldova


Key

















	Positive balance (more Wins)
	Neutral balance (Wins = Losses)
	Negative balance (more Losses)



2007 Postage stamp of Albania, commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Victory at the Balkan Cup.

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %	Reference
 Algeria ^[A]	2	1	1	0	4	1	+3	50%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=6) H2H results* (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=328)
 Andorra	7	5	1	1	11	4	+7	71%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=5)
 Argentina	1	0	0	1	0	4	−4	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=7)
 Armenia	6	4	1	1	10	5	+5	66%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=9)
 Austria	7	0	0	7	2	19	−17	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=12)
 Azerbaijan	5	3	1	1	5	3	+2	60%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=15)
 Bahrain	1	0	0	1	0	3	−3	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=16)
 Belarus	7	3	2	2	10	10	0	42%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=36)
 Belgium	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	50%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=21)
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	1	2	2	4	5	−1	20%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=26)
 Bulgaria	14	3	4	7	10	17	−7	21%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=32)
 Cameroon	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=64)
 China	2	0	1	1	3	4	−1	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=39) H2H results* (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=290)
 Cuba	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=87)
 Cyprus	6	2	2	2	12	7	+5	33%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=49)
 Czech Republic ^[B]	8	3	1	4	11	14	−5	33%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=95)
 Denmark	10	1	3	6	4	19	−15	10%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=56)
 East Germany	3	0	1	2	2	7	−5	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=82)
 England	6	0	0	6	1	19	−18	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=60)
 Estonia	4	1	3	0	3	1	+2	25%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=123)
 Faroe Islands	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	50%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=70)
 Finland	7	2	1	4	6	8	−2	28%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=70)
66 nations	382	105	80	197	369	578	−209	27%	All H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&data=1)

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %	Reference
 France	9	1	1	7	4	20	−16	11%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=73)
 Georgia	15	3	4	8	13	23	−10	20%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=85)
 Germany ^[C]	14	0	1	13	10	38	−28	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=86)
 Greece ^[D]	15	6	3	6	16	13	+3	50%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=175)
 Hungary	8	2	1	5	2	19	−17	25%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=100)
 Iceland	9	3	2	4	11	12	−1	33%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=103)
 Iran	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	100%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=106)
 Israel	6	2	0	4	6	9	−3	33%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=210)
 Italy	4	0	0	4	1	7	−4	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=118)
 Jordan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=111)
 Kazakhstan	4	3	1	0	6	2	+4	75%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=120)
 Kosovo	7	5	1	1	13	9	+1	71%	H2H results ^{[61][87][88]}
 Latvia	5	0	5	0	6	6	0	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=231)
 Liechtenstein	3	3	0	0	6	0	+6	100%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=126)
 Lithuania	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	33%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=234)
 Luxembourg	7	3	1	3	8	7	+1	42%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=130)
 North Macedonia	10	2	4	4	7	12	−5	20%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=236)
 Malta	8	5	2	1	14	3	+11	62%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=136)
 Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	4	−4	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=238)
66 nations	382	105	80	197	369	578	−209	27%	All H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&data=1)

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %	Reference
 Moldova	8	6	2	0	17	3	+14	75%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=138)
 Montenegro	3	3	0	0	9	2	+7	100%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=140) H2H results* (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=274)
 Morocco	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=141)
 Netherlands	4	0	0	4	1	7	−6	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=242)
 Northern Ireland	9	2	2	5	5	13	−8	22%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=148)
 Norway	5	1	2	2	5	6	−1	20%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=149)
 Poland	15	2	3	10	10	20	−10	7%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=156)
 Portugal	7	1	1	5	5	13	−8	14%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=159)
 Qatar	3	2	0	1	5	3	+2	66%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=162)
 Republic of Ireland	4	0	1	3	2	6	−4	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=163)
 Romania ^[E]	19	3	3	13	12	45	−33	15%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=165) H2H results* (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=166)
 Russia	2	1	0	1	4	5	−1	50%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=251)
 Scotland	2	0	0	2	0	6	−6	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=111)
 San Marino	4	4	0	0	13	0	+13	100%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=173)
 Saudi Arabia	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=194)
 Serbia ^[F]	7	1	1	5	7	15	−8	14%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=222)
66 nations	382	105	80	197	369	578	−209	27%	All H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&data=1)

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %	Reference
 Slovenia	7	1	2	4	2	6	−4	14%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=181)
 Spain	8	0	0	8	3	31	−28	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=185)
 Sweden	5	1	1	3	5	10	−5	20%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=191)
 Switzerland	7	0	1	6	4	12	−8	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=194)
 Turkey	12	4	2	6	14	13	+1	33%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=203)
 Ukraine	6	0	1	5	4	13	−9	0%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=265)
 Uzbekistan	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	100%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=215)
 Vietnam	1	1	0	0	5	0	+5	100%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=269)
 Wales	4	1	2	1	2	3	−1	25%	H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&oppo=218)
66 nations	382	105	80	197	369	578	−209	27%	All H2H results (https://eu-football.info/_matches.php?id=4&dاتا=1)

Notes

- A. Includes match against [Algeria Olympic](#).
- B. Includes matches against [Czechoslovakia](#).
- C. Includes matches against [West Germany](#).
- D. Includes awarded matches at the [Euro 1964 qualifying](#).^[86]
- E. Includes matches against [Romania Olympic](#) at [1971 Mediterranean Games](#) qualifying.
- F. Includes matches against [Yugoslavia](#).

See also

- [Albanian Football Association](#)
- [Football in Albania](#)
- [Albania national youth football team](#)
- [Albania national under-23 football team](#) (defunct)
- [Albania national under-21 football team](#)
- [Albania national under-20 football team](#)
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- [Albania national under-18 football team](#)
- [Albania national under-17 football team](#)
- [Albania national under-16 football team](#)

Notes and references

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