

2024 Men's Euros

The Men's Euros takes place every 4 years and consists of teams competing for the championship title. Both England and Scotland have qualified and football fans will be able to watch the two teams taking part this summer.



How Is the Tournament Organised?

From 14th June to 14th July, Germany will be hosting the 17th edition of the event and matches will take place in ten different cities. The opening game will be played in Munich at the Munich Football Arena with the final being played at Olympiastadion Berlin.

The 24 Qualifying Teams and Their Groups

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Türkiye

In December 2023, the final draw to create the six groups of the qualifying teams took place. As Germany is the host country, they were immediately assigned the first spot in Group A; the remaining teams were then organised into groups through a draw. The countries within each group will play against each other to decide who progresses to the next round.

After these matches are played, the top two teams from each group will continue to the round of 16. Alongside them, the four best teams that came in third place will also progress. The next stages will be the quarter-finals and semi-finals before the final match between the remaining two teams.

The First-Ever Final

The USSR won the first-ever Men's Euros (then known as the European Nations Cup) against Yugoslavia at the Parc des Princes, Paris, in 1960. It is thought that there was a crowd of roughly 17,966 people that witnessed the match. The final score was 2-1 to the USSR with the winning goal scored by Viktor Ponedelnik about 23 minutes into extra time.



Player of the Match Award

Every year since 1996, there has been an official Player of the Match award that aims to recognise players' performances throughout the Men's Euros competition. To determine the most deserving player, a panel watches each game to choose a winner. After each game has reached full-time, the award is presented to the player who has been named Player of the Match. Spain's Andrés Iniesta and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo have received it more than any other player so far.

All-Time Statistics

Presently, Germany and Spain are the two teams that have earned the most championship titles. They have three wins each with Italy and France tied with two wins each after them. Moreover, Spain is considered to be the country with the highest number of matches played and the most match wins. They have played 179 games and won 118 in total.

The Men's Euros 2028

The next Men's Euros competition will take place in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. A successful joint bid led to their appointment as the next host nations. Overall, there have been five occasions where more than one nation has hosted. The first time it happened was in 2000 in Belgium and the Netherlands. More recently, 11 different nations hosted the postponed 2020 event in 2021.



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Questions

1. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

- Viktor PONEDERNIK headed the winning goal about 23 minutes into extra time.
- Both England and Scotland have qualified and football fans will be able to watch the two teams taking part this summer.
- As Germany is the host country, they were immediately assigned the first spot in Group A...
- They have played 179 games and won 118 in total.

2. Underline one word in the quotation below that shows that it was a winning bid.

A successful joint bid led to their appointment as the next host nations.

3. Find and copy one word which shows that people saw the first final being played.

4. Fill in the missing words.

_____, Germany and Spain are the two teams that have earned the most _____ titles.

5. Which countries are in Group D?

6. Why do you think the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland wanted to be the next hosts for the event?

7. Look at the section called **Player of the Match Award**. Why has this been included?

8. What do you think historians will gain from this text in the future?

Answers

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2. Underline one word in the quotation below that shows that it was a winning bid.

A successful joint bid led to their appointment as the next host nations.

Award 1 mark for:

- **successful**

3. Find and copy one word which shows that people saw the first final being played.

witnessed

4. Fill in the missing words.

Presently, Germany and Spain are the two teams that have earned the most **champion** titles.

5. Which countries are in Group D?

Poland, Netherlands, Austria and France are in Group D.

6. Why do you think the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland wanted to be the next hosts for the event?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think they wanted to host because the Men's Euros is a major event that only happens every 4 years and they wanted to have the chance to have it in their own countries.

7. Look at the section called **Player of the Match Award**. Why has this been included?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think this has been included because the award is important as it celebrates a key player in each match throughout the championship.

8. What do you think historians will gain from this text in the future?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think historians will gain an insight into how the tournament was organised in 2024 as well as the current all-time statistics which may change in the future.

2024 Men's Euros

The Men's Euro's, which takes place every 4 years, consists of teams competing for the championship title. In October 2023, both England and Scotland qualified and football fans will be able to watch the two teams taking part this summer.



How Is the Tournament Organised?

This year, the event will be held in Germany from 14th June to 14th July and it will be the 17th edition of the event. In total, ten cities will host the matches all across the country. Munich Football Arena will host the opening game and the final will take place at Olympiastadion Berlin.

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In December 2023, an event was held where the six groups were created by a final draw. As Germany is the host country, they were assigned the first spot in Group A automatically. The countries within each group will play against each other to decide who progresses to the next round. In the opening matches for the two teams from the United Kingdom, England's will play against Serbia and Scotland will face Germany.

After these matches are played, the round of 16 will begin where the top two teams of each group will continue alongside the four best teams that came in third place. The next stages will be the quarter-finals and semi-finals before the final match between the remaining two teams.

The First-Ever Final

In 1960, the USSR won the first-ever Men's Euros (then known as the European Nations Cup) against Yugoslavia at the Parc des Princes, Paris, in front of a crowd of approximately 17,966 people. The final score was 2-1 to the USSR with the winning goal scored by Viktor Ponedelnik about 23 minutes into extra time.

The highest-scoring match also happened in 1960. Yugoslavia's 5-4 win against France in the opening semi-final is the highest-scoring game in the Men's Euros to date.

All-Time Statistics

Across the history of the event, Germany and Spain are the two teams that have earned the most championship titles with three wins each. Italy and France are subsequently tied with two wins each. Moreover, Spain is also the country with the highest number of matches played and won: 179 games played and 118 won. Additionally, Spain has the most goals scored: 407 in total. In comparison, England has scored 331 goals.

The Men's Euros 2028

The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland will host the next Men's Euros competition after a joint bid from England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales was approved. This will be the fifth time that the event has taken place in multiple nations; the first was Belgium and the Netherlands in 2000. The previous Men's Euros in 2020, which was postponed until summer 2021, took place in 11 different nations.

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Player of the Match Award



Throughout the tournament, there is an official Player of the Match award that aims to recognise a player's performance. A panel watches each match and decides who deserves the achievement; the award is then given after at the end of each match. The awards were first introduced at the 1996 tournament. Currently, Spain's Andrés Iniesta and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo have received it more than any other player. Overall, players from five teams have received this award the most throughout the events so far: Spain, Portugal, Germany, Italy and France.



Questions

1. Draw **four** lines and match each group to their countries.

Group C

Group D

Group E

Group F

Türkiye, Georgia,
Portugal, Czechia

Belgium, Slovakia,
Romania, Ukraine

Slovenia, Denmark,
Serbia, England

Poland, Netherlands,
Austria, France

2. Underline one word in the quotation below that shows Germany was placed immediately.

As Germany is the host country, they were assigned the first spot in Group A automatically.

3. Find and copy one word that shows that England and Scotland succeeded in getting into the Men's Euros.

4. Fill in the missing words.

The next stages will be the _____ and semi-finals before the final match between the _____ two teams.

5. How many people are thought to have watched the first final in 1960?

6. **The Initial Final** What effect does this subheading have on you as a reader?

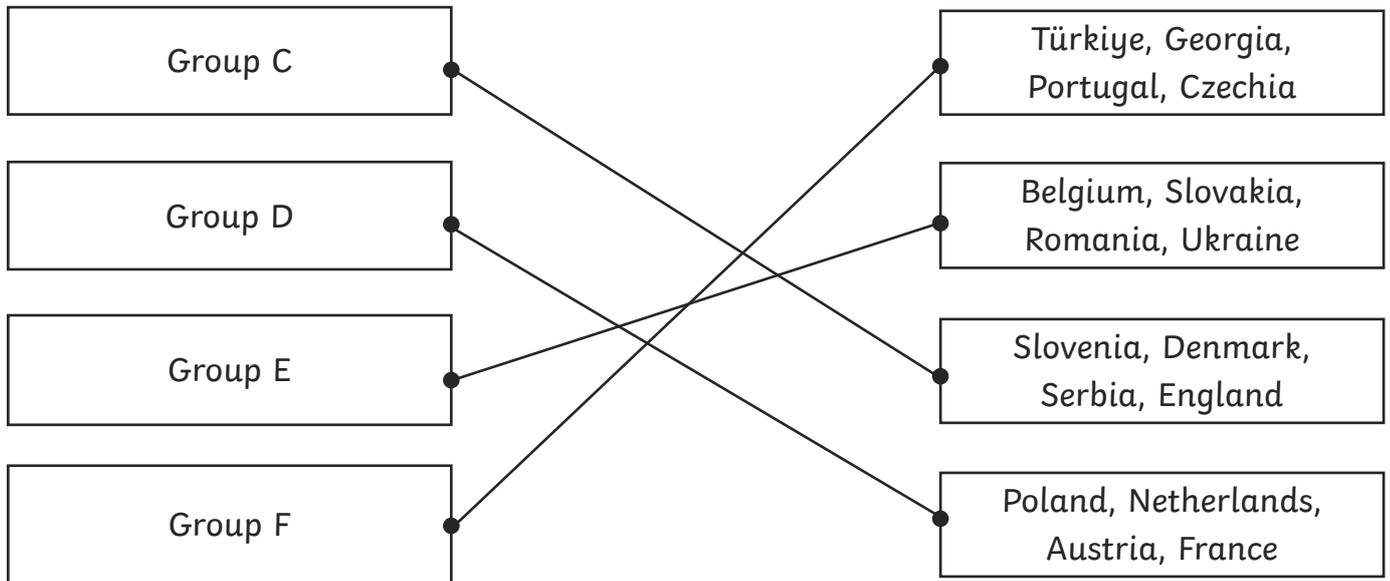
7. Look at the section called **All-Time Statistics**. Why has this been included?

8. What have you learnt about the Men's Euros that you didn't know before? Explain your answer.

9. If this text was to be rewritten in the future, how might it change?

Answers

1. Draw **four** lines and match each group to their countries.



2. Underline one word in the quotation below that shows Germany was placed immediately.

As Germany is the host country, they were assigned the first spot in Group A automatically.

Award 1 mark for:

- **automatically**

3. Find and copy one word that shows that England and Scotland succeeded in getting into the Men's Euros.

qualified

4. Fill in the missing words.

The next stages will be the **quarter-finals** and semi-finals before the final match between the **remaining** two teams.

5. How many people are thought to have watched the first final in 1960?

It is thought that there were roughly 17,966 people who watched the final in 1960.

6. **The Initial Final** What effect does this subheading have on you as a reader?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I made me feel intrigued to know more about what happened in the first ever final match of the tournament and its outcome.

7. Look at the section called **All-Time Statistics**. Why has this been included?

Pupil's own responses, such as: This section has been included to celebrate the highest achievements, such as the country with the most wins, that have occurred in the Men's Euros.

8. What have you learnt about the Men's Euros that you didn't know before? Explain your answer.

Pupil's own responses, such as: I learnt that the first-ever final was played by the USSR and Yugoslavia and that the outcome was 2-0.

9. If this text was to be rewritten in the future, how might it change?

Pupil's own responses, such as: The information about the host city would change as the event is hosted by a different country or countries every 4 years. The teams within each group would also change depending on who qualified that year.

2024 Men's Euros

The Men's Euros has teams from across the continent compete for the championship title. Football fans will unite to watch the quadrennial (something, such as an event, that recurs every 4 years) tournament very soon. After qualifying in October 2023, both England and Scotland will be the two teams from the United Kingdom taking part this summer.



How Is the Tournament Organised?

This summer, the event will be held in Germany and will run from 14th June to 14th July (this will be the 17th edition of the event). Altogether, there will be ten cities hosting the matches across the country. The opening game will take place at Munich Football Arena with the final match at Olympiastadion Berlin.

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In December 2023, the final draw, which organised the qualifying teams into six groups, occurred. As Germany are the host country, they were automatically assigned the first spot in Group A. Within each group, the countries will play against each other to decide who progresses to the next round. England's opening match will be against Serbia before facing Denmark and Slovenia; Scotland will face Germany in the opening match before competing against Switzerland and Hungary.

After these initial matches, the tournament will then move on to the round of 16. This is where the top two teams from each group will proceed with the four best teams that came in third place. The teams will continue to be eliminated through the quarter-finals and semi-finals before the final commences between the remaining two teams.



The Inaugural Match

In 1960, the first tournament, known as the European Nations Cup, culminated in a 2-1 win for the USSR against Yugoslavia. Approximately 23 minutes into extra time, Viktor Ponedelnik headed in the winning goal. This historic moment took place at the Parc des Princes, Paris, in front of a crowd of approximately 17,966 people.

The highest-scoring match also occurred in 1960. Yugoslavia's win against France in the opening semi-final is still considered to be the highest-scoring game in the history of the Men's Euros; a total of nine goals (5-4 to Yugoslavia).

Player of the Match Award

The official Player of the Match award aims to recognise the performance of the players throughout the tournament. A panel, which decides who deserves the achievement, watches each match before awarding the player after full-time. The accolade was initially introduced at the tournament held in 1996. Since then, Spain's Andrés Iniesta and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo have received the award more than any other player to date. Ronaldo is also the top goalscorer and has made more appearances in the Men's Euros than any other player so far.

All-Time Statistics

Currently, Germany and Spain are the two teams that possess the most titles in the history of the Men's Euros: they are tied with three wins each. Italy and France follow closely with two wins each. Spain is also the country with the highest number of matches played and won: 179 games played and 118 won. Additionally, they also have the most goals scored with 407 goals; England has 331 goals comparatively.

The Men's Euros 2028

The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland will host the next Men's Euros after a joint bid from England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. This event will be the fifth time that the event has taken place in multiple nations with the first being Belgium and the Netherlands in 2000. Most recently, Euro 2020 happened across 11 different nations.

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Timeline of Men's Euros Finals

	Winner	Vs	Opponent
1960	USSR		Yugoslavia
1964	Spain		USSR
1968	Italy		Yugoslavia
1972	West Germany		USSR
1976	Czechoslovakia		West Germany
1980	West Germany		Belgium
1984	France		Spain
1988	Netherlands		USSR
1992	Denmark		Germany
1996	Germany		Czech Republic
2000	France		Italy
2004	Greece		Portugal
2008	Spain		Germany
2012	Spain		Italy
2016	Portugal		France
2020	Italy		England

(the event was postponed until 2021)

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Questions

1. Draw **four** lines and match each country to the year they won.

Czechoslovakia

1988

Netherlands

2004

Greece

1976

Portugal

2016

2. Underline one word in the quotation below that suggests that there are matches before the round of 16.

After these initial matches, the tournament will then move on to the round of 16.

3. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'award'.

4. Fill in the missing words.

The Men's Euros has teams from across the _____ compete for the championship title. Football fans will unite to watch the _____ tournament...

5. What do the words **deserves the achievement** tell us about the Player of the Match award?

6. **This historic moment took place at the Parc des Princes, Paris...**

What does this sentence imply about this first event?

7. Who do you think will win the tournament this year? Explain your answer.

8. What is the main point of the section called **The Inaugural Match**?

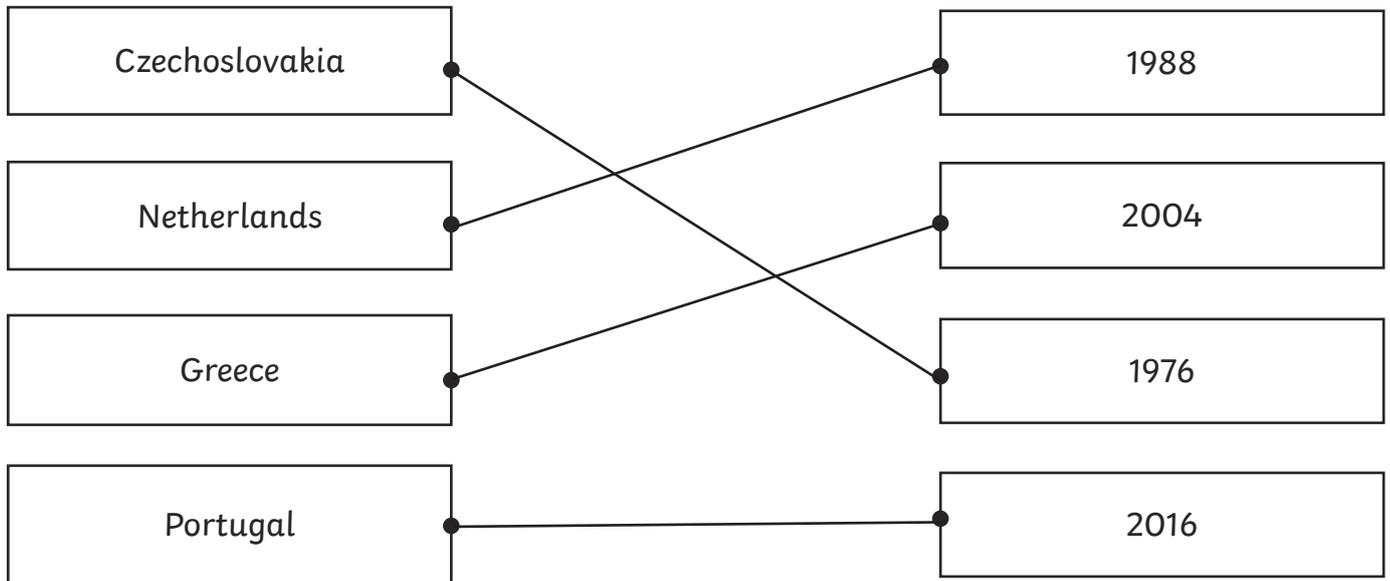
9. How is the section called **Player of the Match** similar to the section called **All-Time Statistics**?

10. Tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The Men's Euros takes place every 3 years.		
This summer, the event will be held in Germany.		
Belgium, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine are in Group B.		
Yugoslavia won the first Men's Euros competition.		
Italy won the 2020 and the 1968 Men's Euros competition.		

Answers

1. Draw **four** lines and match each country to the year they won.



2. Underline one word in the quotation below that suggests that there are matches before the round of 16.

After these initial matches, the tournament will then move on to the round of 16.

Award 1 mark for:

- **initial**

3. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'award'.

accolade

4. Fill in the missing words.

The Men's Euros has teams from across the **continent** compete for the championship title.

Football fans will unite to watch the **quadrennial** tournament...

5. What do the words **deserves the achievement** tell us about the Player of the Match award?

Pupil's own responses, such as: It tells us that the award goes to the player who stood out for their performance the most.

6. **This historic moment took place at the Parc des Princes, Paris...**

What does this sentence imply about this first event?

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think that this implies that this event is historically important as it was the first-ever final to be played and it will always be remembered.

7. Who do you think will win the tournament this year? Explain your answer.

Pupil's own responses, such as: I think Germany or Spain will win this year because both countries have already won the event three times.

8. What is the main point of the section called **The Inaugural Match**?

Pupil's own responses, such as: This section is about the first-ever Men's Euros final and gives the reader information about the historical moment from 1960.

9. How is the section called **Player of the Match** similar to the section called **All-Time Statistics**?

Pupil's own responses, such as: These sections are similar as they are praising particular countries or players for their achievements throughout the Men's Euros.

10. Tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The Men's Euros takes place every 3 years.		✓
This summer, the event will be held in Germany.	✓	
Belgium, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine are in Group B.		✓
Yugoslavia won the first Men's Euros competition.		✓
Italy won the 2020 and the 1968 Men's Euros competition.	✓	

Award 2 marks for all five correct.

Award 1 mark for four correct.