

COVID-19

Due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, organisers were forced to postpone the Euro 2020 tournament until 2021 and many changes have been made to the traditional set-up. There are now 11 host cities (rather than 12) and the capacity of many of the stadiums has been reduced to allow for greater social distancing.

Tournament Stages

The first stage of the tournament is the group stage where each team will play against the other three members of the same group. The winners and runners-up from each group, along with four other teams, will progress to the next stage of the tournament, known as the round of 16. During this stage, all 16 teams play one match. The winning eight teams will then move to the quarter-finals, where the four highest-scoring teams will earn a place in the semi-finals.

The final of Euro 2020 will see the remaining two teams competing for the prestigious prize.

Prizes

As well as the glory and (perhaps even) the coveted trophy, there is also a large financial reward for being successful in the tournament. All 24 qualifying teams will receive at least €9.25m and the winning team could earn up to €34m.

Key Players

Each team has the chance to select the cream of the crop of their nation's talent to compete as part of the national squad. Some of the big names expected to take part in the tournament include:



Kylian Mbappé: France

Kylian Mbappé is one of France's key players. He was considered to be a teenage prodigy and he has been footballing since he was a young child.



Phil Foden: England

Manchester City player, Phil Foden, rose to fame after playing a key role in the squad that won the U-17 (under 17s) World Cup in 2017.



Kevin De Bruyne: Belgium

Kevin De Bruyne currently plays for Manchester City and is known for helping other members of his team to score goals (known as goal assists).



Robert Lewandowski: Poland

Robert Lewandowski has scored over 40 goals for FC Bayern Munich and is Poland's all-time top goalscorer.