



MOLDOVA 2021

Friday 12th November 2021 19:00 Zimbru Stadium, Chişinău #MDASCO

Fresh off 2 big wins last month the crucial matches keep on coming for Steve Clarke's Scotland as they head for the Republic of Moldova with a great chance of securing a play off spot for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. Scotland are 4 points ahead of 3rd place Israel in Group F and a win will guarantee a semi-final next March. Despite the fact that Moldova sit bottom of the group with only 1 point, finished bottom of their Nations League Group (C3) so face a relegation play off to drop into the lowest league, are ranked 181st in the FIFA rankings, have never qualified for the Euros or the World Cup and have not won a competitive match since June 2019 (against Andorra) this will be no easy task. Scotland struggled to a 1-0 win in the reverse fixture at Hampden earlier this year and our one previous trip to Chişinău, a dire 1-1 draw, was the final straw for Berti Vogts who resigned shortly after. The only other meeting between the 2 nations was the late great Walter Smith's first win as Scotland manager, 2-0 at Hampden with goals from Christian Dailly and James McFadden. Moldova is a landlocked country with Romania to the west and the rest of the country surrounded by Ukraine. It has a history of invasions and occupation and over the years was part of the Ottoman Empire, the Russian Empire, Greater Romania and then the Soviet Union after World War II before declaring independence in 1991. There is still division to this day with the breakaway state of Transnistria to the east one of the post-Soviet Frozen Conflict zones. The national football team have only been competing since July 1991, their first game was a 4-2 defeat to Georgia. The best team in the country is Sheriff Tiraspol who have won 19 of the last 21 Moldovan national titles, they qualified for the champions league group stages for the first time this season and then beat Real Madrid in the Bernabeu 2-1. However, they are in Transnistria, only have 4 or 5 Moldovans in their squad and none of them played in the tie in Madrid.



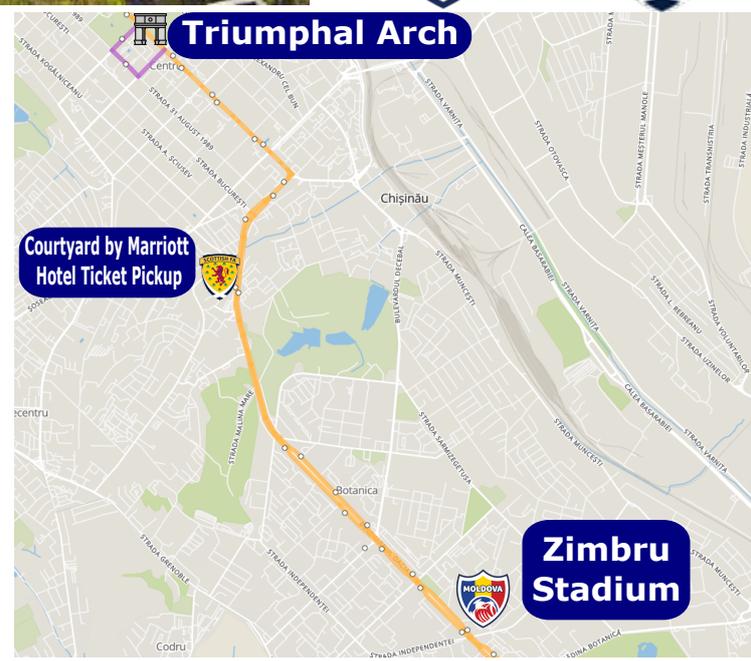
The final match of the qualification campaign is home to runaway group winners Denmark on Monday, extra points in this match could be important as Scotland still have a chance of a seeded place in the play offs. First though the play off place needs to be secured and with the Danes in great form Scotland will want to have that done and dusted with a win in Chişinău.

Scotland Record vs Moldova

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Bst	Wst	Lst
Home	2	2	0	0	3	0	2-0	1-0	1-0
Away	1	0	1	0	1	1	1-1	1-1	1-1
Total	3	2	1	0	4	1	2-0	1-1	1-0



Zimbru Stadium is the home of FC Zimbru and the Moldovan national side about 6km south east of the city centre of Chişinău in the Botanica area. It was opened in 2006 to replace the aging Stadionul Republican, Scotland were one of the last international teams to play there on their last visit. It has a capacity of 10,400 and Scotland have been allocated just 294 official tickets for this match, this has been reduced for Covid restrictions.



Scotland supporters are expected to be in section 19 or 20 in Tribuna D on the east side of the stadium. You may be asked to provide proof of vaccination to enter the stadium, take a printed copy of your certificate.

Ticket pickup is at the Courtyard by Marriott, Strada Arborilor 21/A, Chişinău 2025

TrolleyBus 22 and 30 go from the City Centre near the Triumphal Arch to the Str. Independenței stop on Dacia Blvd, this will take 30 minutes, but it will be far easier to take a taxi.

The Draft Arena bar (Dacia Blvd 35) near the stadium has been recommended.





The 88th consecutive donation from the Sunshine Appeal is to Plaiul Soarelui, who are a group of families with children who have Down syndrome and they are renting a farm just outside Chisinau for therapy with the kids. Currently there are 4 families with kids/young adults staying at the farm.

The presentation will take place on Friday 12th (match day) in the lobby bar of the

Jazz Hotel, Str. Vlaicu Pîrcălab 72, Chişinău

We'd love to see as many as possible of our supporters there #EverywhereWeGo



With a very much reduced Scotland support the TA Select FC do not have a game lined up in Moldova.

If you would like more information or to get involved in the games they organise then check out their Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/taselectfc



TACC are donating £3000 to LA VIA Community Centre in Moldova, which is run by a Scotsman called Graeme Innes. The centre works in partnership with a school in Chisinau through a special program of extracurricular activities for approximately 60 socially-vulnerable children that includes art, music and play therapy. Our money will be used to repair the fence around their football pitch, improve their playground equipment, supply 'Hampers of Hope' to offer 30 families a needed Christmas food package, and paying for heating of homes for 5 of the most vulnerable/poorest families during winter.

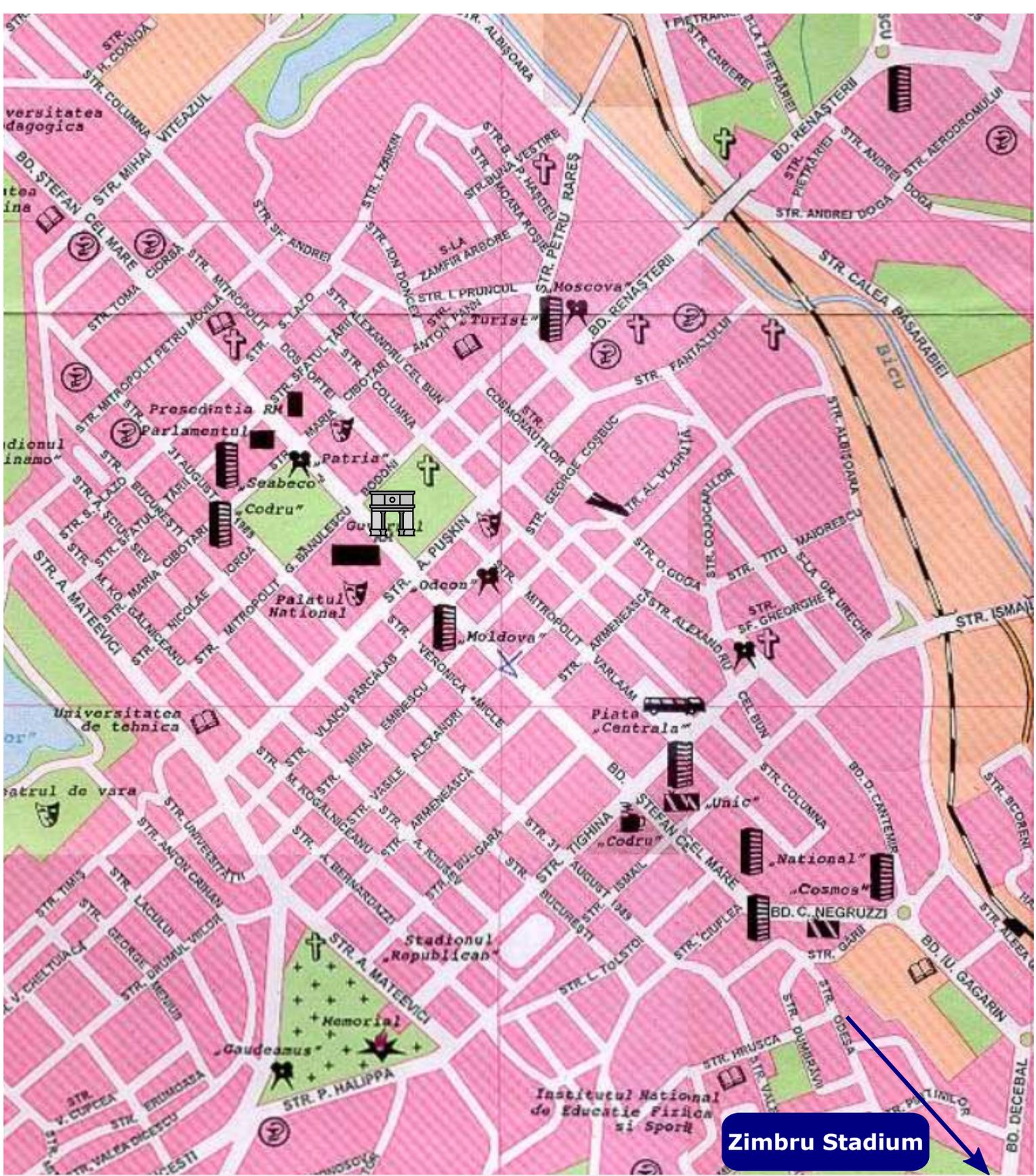
TACC will present a cheque to Graeme at the LA VIA Community Centre on Friday 12th at 1.45pm local time. The kids from the centre have a football match at 2pm.

The address of the centre is LA VIA Community Centre, Strada Independentei 12/1, Chisinau, Moldova.



Tartan Army in Moldova

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Chișinău (pronounced "Keeshy-now") is the capital city of Moldova bang in the middle on the river Bâc. Founded in 1436 as a Monastery it has grown to approximately 700,000 inhabitants in many ways with all the traits of a post-Soviet city, but an abundance of

parks and green spaces make it more attractive than you might expect. Central or Cathedral Park is the very centre of the city with the Nativity Cathedral at its heart. At the southwest side the Triumphant Arch it is a memorial to the victory of the Russian Empire



over the Ottomans and across the boulevard from the arch is the Government House. The Stefan Cel Mare Monument to Stephen III of Moldovia who in the 15th century achieved European fame by resisting the Turkish advances is the gateway to the beautiful park of the same name. Carry on along the wide Stefan Cel Mare boulevard takes you past the Moldovan National Opera Ballet, the impressive Presidential Palace and the parliament building. The Moldovans were particularly persecuted under Stalin with over 46,000 deported to Kazakhstan and only allowed to return after his death, the Monumentul deportațiilor was constructed to commemorate this outside the central train station. An unusual building worth a look is the Moldovan State circus, closed in 2004 for restoration it's future is unclear

restaurants where you can sample typical local food at cheap prices, or with other European or international cuisine. The area south of the park Stephen the Great is another area where you'll find clubs and bars.

Taproom 27 - A Hoppy Place - up to 20 Moldovanmade beers on tap and many more in the bottle.

Barbar is a classy and stylish bar with an inviting summer terrace that morphs into a top club at weekends.

Beraria Chișinău - Just across the street from Catedrala Nasterii Domnului is another decent option with a wide variety of food

Draft Arena is another hipstar craft beer pub that is not far from the stadium.

Carpe Diem Wine Shop & Bar - Moldova is also well known for wine making and this is the top option in Chișinău

Bars in Chișinău

The Chișinău nightlife is concentrated mainly in its historical centre. The area in fact is full of bars and night clubs, including many



Hello	"Salut." (<i>sah-LOOT</i>)
A beer/two beers, please.	O bere / două beri, vă rog. (<i>oh BEH-reh / DOH-uh BEHR, vuh ROHG</i>)
How are you?	"Ce mai faci?" (<i>cheh my FAHTCH</i>)
Fine, thank you	"Mulțumesc, bine." (<i>mool-tzu-MESK BEE-neh</i>).
What is your name?	"Cum vă numiți? (<i>coom vuh noo-MEETZ</i>)
My name is _____	"Numele meu e _____." (<i>NOO-meh-leh MEH-oo yeh _____</i> .)
Nice to meet you	"Încântat" (<i>oohn-koohn-taht</i>) or "Îmi pare bine" (<i>OOHM pah-reh BEE-neh</i>)
Please	"Vă rog" (<i>vuh ROHG</i> ; usually follows the request.)
Thank you	"Mulțumesc" (<i>mool-tzoo-MESK</i>). "Mersi" is also popularly used.
You're welcome	"Cu plăcere" (<i>koo pluh-CHAIR-eh</i>)
Yes	"Da" (<i>DAH</i>)
No	"Nu" (<i>NOO</i>)
Excuse me. (getting attention)	"Pardon" (<i>pahr-DOHN</i>) or "Vă rog" (<i>vuh ROHG</i>)
Do you serve alcohol?	Serviți alcool? (<i>ser-VEETZ al-KOHL</i>)
I'm sorry	"Îmi pare rău" (<i>oohm pah-reh RUH-OH</i>)
Goodbye	"La revedere" (<i>ah reh-veh-DEH-reh</i>)
I can't speak Romanian [well]	"Nu vorbesc [bine] românește." (<i>NOO vor-BESC [BEE-nay] Roh-moohn-ESH-teh</i>)
Do you speak English?	"Vorbiți engleză?" (<i>vor-BEETZ eng-LEH-zuh</i>)
Help!	"Ajutor!" (<i>ah-zhoo-TOR</i>)
Good day	"Bună ziua" (<i>BOO-nuh zee-wah</i>)
Good evening	"Bună seara" (<i>BOO-nuh syah-ruh</i>)
Good night(to sleep)	"Noapte bună" (<i>NWAHP-teh BOO-nuh</i>)
I don't understand	"Nu înțeleg" (<i>NOO oohn-tzeh-LEG</i>)
Where is the toilet?	"Unde e toaleta?" (<i>OON-deh yeh twah-LEH-tah</i>)
I'm lost	"M-am rătăcit" (<i>mahm ruh-tuh-CHEET</i>)
How do I get to the British consulate?	Cum ajung la consulatul britanic? (<i>COOM ah-ZHOONG lah COHN-soo-LAH-tool bree-</i>
Police!	"Poliția!" (<i>po-LEE-tzee-ah!</i>)
It's an emergency.	"E o urgență" (<i>YEH oh oor-JEHN-tzuh</i>)
I lost my bag	"Mi-am pierdut valiza" (<i>nee-AHM pee-ehr-DOOT vah-LEE-zah</i>)
I lost my wallet	"Mi-am pierdut portmoneul/portofelul." (<i>nee-AHM pee-ehr-DOOT POHRT-mohn-eh-ool/</i>
I'm sick	"Sunt bolnav." (<i>SOONT boh-NAHV</i>)
I need a doctor	"Am nevoie de un doctor" (<i>AHM neh-VOY-eh deh dohk-TOHR</i>)
I need your help.	"Am nevoie de ajutorul dumneavoastra" (<i>AHM neh-VOY-eh deh ah-ZHOO-tohr-ool door</i>
Scotland	Scoția (Sco-tea-aah)
Moldova	Moldova

The official language of Moldova is Romanian, Russian and Ukrainian are also widely spoken. English is not that common although in Chișinău the younger generation may recognise some English. Take the card from hotels and have some familiar phrases handy. Outside the capital no one will speak English.

Common signs

OPEN	Deschis
CLOSED	Închis
ENTRANCE	Intrare
EXIT	Ieșire
PUSH	Apăsăți
PULL	Trage
TOILET	Toaletă
GENTLEMEN	Bărbați
LADIES	Femei
No Admittance	Intrarea interzisă



Average Temperature in Chişinău in October is 5°

Currency Moldovan Leu (MDL)

Time zone EET (GMT +2)

Power plugs and sockets are of type C and F

Covid Entry Requirements to Moldova

If double vaccinated more than 14 days before arrival you will require proof of vaccination status. It isn't clear if the app will be accepted so best to also have a paper copy of vaccination status. You can download or request a copy of your vaccination status online (https://vacs.nhs.scot/csp?id=csm_login) or by phoning the COVID Status Helpline on 0808 196 8565.

Unvaccinated or 2nd dose less than 14 days before arrival you will need to take a text before travelling, check out more details on the government website

Coming home to Scotland:

If double vaccinated more than 14 days before arrival:

Complete the passenger locator form (cannot be done earlier than 48 hours before arrival)

<https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>

You also must book and pay for a private day 2 test. A Lateral Flow (also known as an Antigen test) is now sufficient (previously had to be a PCR test). There are dozens of providers available. A full list of accepted companies can be found here - <https://www.find-travel-test-provider.service.gov.uk/providers>

When you book your test you will get a confirmation number that you need to be able to complete the passenger locator form.

It is likely your airline will ask to see the passenger locator form and vaccination status before you get on the plane back to Scotland.

People returning to other counties will have different entry requirements. Also be wary of any specific rules if transiting through another country especially if you intend to go outside the airport.

Moldova is not a member of the European Union but a visa is not required if you stay for less than 90 days. The EHIC or GHIC scheme are not applicable in Moldova. The standard of medical care in Moldova is below that available in the UK and English is not widely spoken. All COVID-19 testing and treatment is carried out in public health facilities. Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.



For Emergency services in Moldova call 112
The British Embassy in Chişinău
18 Nicolae Lorga Street, Chişinău 2012.

If you're in Moldova and you need urgent help (for example, you've been attacked, arrested or someone has died), call (+373) 22 225 902.

You may not always be able to pay by card (particularly outside of Chisinau). When paying by card, ensure that you maintain sight of it at all times. The most widely accepted foreign currencies are the US Dollar and the Euro. It's not always easy to exchange Sterling for local currency.

Avoid taking photos of military and government facilities (including airports, power stations etc). You're likely to be detained for questioning or arrested if you're caught.

Taxis it is strongly recommended that you use the YandexGo app in Chişinău, it is the eastern european equivalent of Uber and many of us used it in Moscow. Set your payment method to cash.

Mobile Phone and Roaming Data

As Moldova is not in the EU agreement for mobile phone and data roaming does not apply, please check with your Service provider and ask for the most appropriate deal and be very wary of racking up large data roaming bills.

Thank you

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UEFA World Cup Qualifying Group F

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Denmark	8	8	0	0	27	0	27	24
2	Scotland	8	5	2	1	13	7	6	17
3	Israel	8	4	1	3	18	15	3	13
4	Austria	8	3	1	4	11	14	-3	10
5	Faroe Islands	8	1	1	6	4	17	-13	4
6	Moldova	8	0	1	7	4	24	-20	1

—	2-0	5-0	1-0	12-Nov	8-0
15-Nov	—	3-2	2-2	4-0	1-0
0-2	1-1	—	5-2	15-Nov	2-1
0-4	0-1	12-Nov	—	3-1	15-Nov
0-1	0-1	0-4	0-2	—	2-1
0-4	12-Nov	1-4	0-2	1-1	—

12th November (EET)

21:45	Austria	v	Israel	Klagenfurt
21:45	Denmark	v	Faroe Islands	Copenhagen
19:00	Moldova	v	Scotland	Chisinau

15th November (GMT)

19:45	Austria	v	Moldova	Klagenfurt
19:45	Israel	v	Faroe Islands	Netanya
19:45	Scotland	v	Denmark	Glasgow

UEFA World Cup Qualifying Second Round

To qualify for the 2nd Round (play offs) Scotland must first secure second place in Group F. The maximum points Israel can reach is 19 and Scotland have the advantage in the head-to-head tie breaker. This means if we can pick up 2 or more points from the last 2 games we cannot be caught regardless of the other results. If we pick up less than 2 points, then we need Israel to drop at least 2 points from their final 2 games away to Austria then home to the Faroes.

The 10 runners up from the Group Stages will be ranked by results in the group stages (excluding matches against the 6th team in the group). The best 6 teams (marked in green on right) will be seeded for the play off semi-final and will play at home.

There are too many combinations to detail in one page what we need to be seeded, www.thetartanscarf.com provides a more in-depth guide. We are ranked 3rd after MD8 but we've played a game extra. A very high-level summary assuming MD9 and MD10 go to form a win against Denmark will almost certainly achieve the seeding. A draw should mean we are seeded but it will be close and a loss will almost certainly mean we enter the play-offs unseeded.

The best 2 Nations League group winners will make up the 2 other unseeded teams. Likely to be Wales or Czech Republic (they are in the same section) and Austria unless France or Spain drop out of the top 2 of their group.

Semi Finals - 24th/25th March 2022

Finals - 28th/29th March 2022



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2nd Round Stage

Group Stage Ranking of 2nd Place Teams

Seed	Team	Group	Pld	Pts	GD
1	Portugal	A	6	16	12
2	Switzerland	C	6	14	9
3	Scotland	F	7	14	5
4	Spain	B	6	13	8
5	Poland	I	6	11	6
6	Croatia	H	6	11	6
7	Czech Republic	E	7	11	3
8	Norway	G	6	11	2
9	Romania	J	7	10	1
10	Ukraine	D	7	9	1

Nations League Group Winners

Rank	Team	Group	Pos	Pld	Pts
1	France	D	1	6	12
2	Spain	B	2	6	13
3	Italy	C	1	6	14
4	Belgium	E	1	6	16
17	Wales	E	3	6	11
18	Austria	F	4	8	10
19	Czech Republic	E	2	7	11
20	Hungary	I	4	8	11
33	Slovenia	H	4	8	10
34	Montenegro	G	4	8	11
35	Albania	I	3	8	15
36	Armenia	J	4	8	12
49	Gibraltar	G	6	8	0
50	Faroe Islands	F	5	8	4