

# Romania



## Romania (Group A)

Watford goalkeeper Costel Pantilimon has played 22 times for Romania since his debut in 2008. Watford goalkeeper Costel Pantilimon is the only Britain-based player to be included in Anghel Iordanescu's squad, while former Tottenham defender Vlad Chiriches has also been named.

**Goalkeepers:** Ciprian Tatarusanu (Fiorentina), Costel Pantilimon (Watford), Silviu Lung (Astra Giurgiu).

**Defenders:** Cristian Sapunaru (Pandurii Targu Jiu), Alexandru Matel (Dinamo Zagreb), Vlad Chiriches (Napoli), Valerica Gaman (Astra Giurgiu), Dragos Grigore (Al-Sailiya), Cosmin Moti (Ludogorets Razgrad), Razvan Rat (Rayo Vallecano), Steliano Filip (Dinamo Bucharest).

**Midfielders:** Mihai Pintilii (Steaua Bucharest), Ovidiu Hoban (Hapoel Be'er Sheva), Andrei Prepelita (Ludogorets Razgrad), Adrian Popa (Steaua Bucharest), Gabriel Torje (Osmanlispor), Alexandru Chipciu (Steaua Bucharest), Nicolae Stanciu (Steaua Bucharest), Lucian Sanmartean (Al Ittihad).

**Forwards:** Claudiu Keseru (Ludogorets Razgrad), Bogdan Stancu (Genclerbirligi), Florin Andone (Cordoba), Denis Alibec (Astra Giurgiu).



### Interesting percentages:

81.04% of the country's stable population identified as [Eastern Orthodox](#) in the 2011 census (see also: [History of Christianity in Romania](#)). Other Christian denominations include [Roman Catholicism](#) (4.33%), the [Romanian Greek-Catholic Church](#) (0.75%-3.3%), [Calvinism](#) (2.99%), [Pentecostal](#) denominations (1.80%). This amounts to approximately 92% of the population identifying as Christian. Romania also has a small but historically significant [Muslim](#) minority.

### Country's MOTTO

*Nihil Sine Deo (Latin: Nothing without God) and before that Toți în unu (Romanian: All in one)*

### **Daily Bible readings**

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### Saint of Romania:

Christian believers are celebrating Saint Andrew on Monday, November 30. In 1994, Saint Andrew was named the patron saint of Dobruja, in 1997 the patron saint of Romania, while in 2012, November 30 became a public holiday.

The name Andrei/ Andrew comes from the Greek "Andreas", which means "brave", "manlike".

The story of Saint Andrew in Romania tells that today's territory of Romania was Christianized by Saint Andrew, Peter's brother in the 1st century AD. These claims are backed by some historians and by several Christian artefacts discovered and dated to the third century BC.

The legend says that Saint Andrew arrived in Dobruja during a harsh winter, fighting wild beasts and the blizzard before reaching a cave. At the cave, Saint Andrew hit the ground with his walking stick and a spring came in to being, in the waters of which he baptized the locals and cured the ill, thus converting the whole area to Christianity.

The Saint Andrew Day is celebrated in Orthodox, Roman-Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican religions on the same day.

Read more- <http://www.romaniajournal.ro/romanians->

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St. Andrew  
(1st Century)

feast day: November 30

Novena Prayer to be recited 15 times per day from Nov 30-Dec 24

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of his Blessed Mother.

Amen.

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### British Values

Romania is struggling to gain 'democracy' which as part of our British Values we have and sometimes take for granted. The major issues in the upcoming presidential elections in Romania (02.11.2014) are European values, the rule of law, and the question of whether the still-young Romanian democracy is under threat from a "putinization" of Eastern Europe. Meanwhile, the country is in an economic and political crisis.

<http://www.dw.com/en/democracy-put-to-the-test-in-romania/a-18031443>



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*Lord, we place these people and situations before you and ask you to help. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

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