The 2018 FIFA World Cup was the 21st FIFA World Cup, an international football tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of FIFA. It took place in Russia from 14 June to 15 July 2018, which was the first World Cup to be held in Eastern Europe and the 11th time that it had been held in Europe. At an estimated cost of over €1.4 billion, it was the most expensive World Cup so far. It was the first World Cup to be held in Eastern Europe (Eastern Europe being defined as the former Soviet Union). It was the third World Cup to be staged on a continent apart from South America and Europe. The tournament featured 32 national teams, the same number as the previous two World Cups. It was the first World Cup to feature 48 teams. This was also the first World Cup to be held in the summer in Russia, as all previous FIFA World Cups had been held in the winter. The 2018 FIFA World Cup was won by France, who defeated Croatia 4–2 in the final. It was France's second World Cup victory, having previously won in 1998. As a result, France became the third country to win both the FIFA World Cup and the UEFA European Championship in the same year, after Italy in 2006 and Spain in 2012.