



GREGOR SIKOSEK

LEFT BACK / WING BACK

FORMER SLOVENIA INTERNATIONAL

[TRANSFERMARKT LINK](#)

FACTS

1994

YEAR

176

CM

67

KG

SLOVENIA

NATIONALITY

JUNE

2026

PRO CONTRACT

LEFT

STRONG FOOT

PROFILE

Sikošek is a fast, versatile and tactically intelligent, defensively reliable left-back, who can play multiple positions in different systems. He is known for his strong positioning, awareness, and discipline in one-on-one situations. He reads the game exceptionally well, makes smart decisions both on and off the ball.

Gregor maintains a high work rate throughout matches, tracking back and supporting in both halves. Rarely flustered under pressure, capable of playing out from the back confidently. He loves to join in the attack, where he is very effective, especially in build-up phases and delivering accurate crosses from deep or the byline. His work ethic is one of his defining traits; known for his consistency in training and commitment on the pitch.

Career path and Development

Gregor Sikošek began his professional football journey in **NK Krško**, playing a pivotal role in helping the club earn promotion to the Slovenian first tier. He went on to represent **FC Koper**, before moving abroad to **Brøndby IF** in Denmark. While adapting to a new league and style of play, Gregor also had a loan spell at **Silkeborg IF**, further broadening his experience in Scandinavian football.

After returning to Slovenia with **NK Domžale**, his performances matured, combining solid defensive attributes with improved attacking output. In 2021, he joined **NK Maribor**, one of Slovenia's most prestigious clubs. There, he became a key part of their defensive line, contributing to their **Slovenian 1st division title win in the 2021–22 season**. In early 2025, Gregor made a move to **HNK Gorica** in the Croatian First League, marking a new chapter in his professional journey.

Challenges and Comeback!

At the height of his career, Sikošek established himself as a **standard starter for the Slovenian national team**, earning **11 international caps** and playing in important fixtures, including qualifiers and Nations League matches. His tactical reliability and maturity made him a trusted option for national team coaches.

However, a **knee injury suffered in early 2023** halted his momentum. The rehabilitation period was both physically and mentally challenging, temporarily removing him from club contention and the national team radar during the build-up to **EURO 2024**.

Despite the setback, **Sikošek has made a full recovery** and has returned to form with HNK Gorica. His performances reflect not only his regained fitness but also a renewed hunger to compete at the highest level. His **professionalism, resilience, and constant drive for improvement** have positioned him well for a potential return to the Slovenian national setup.

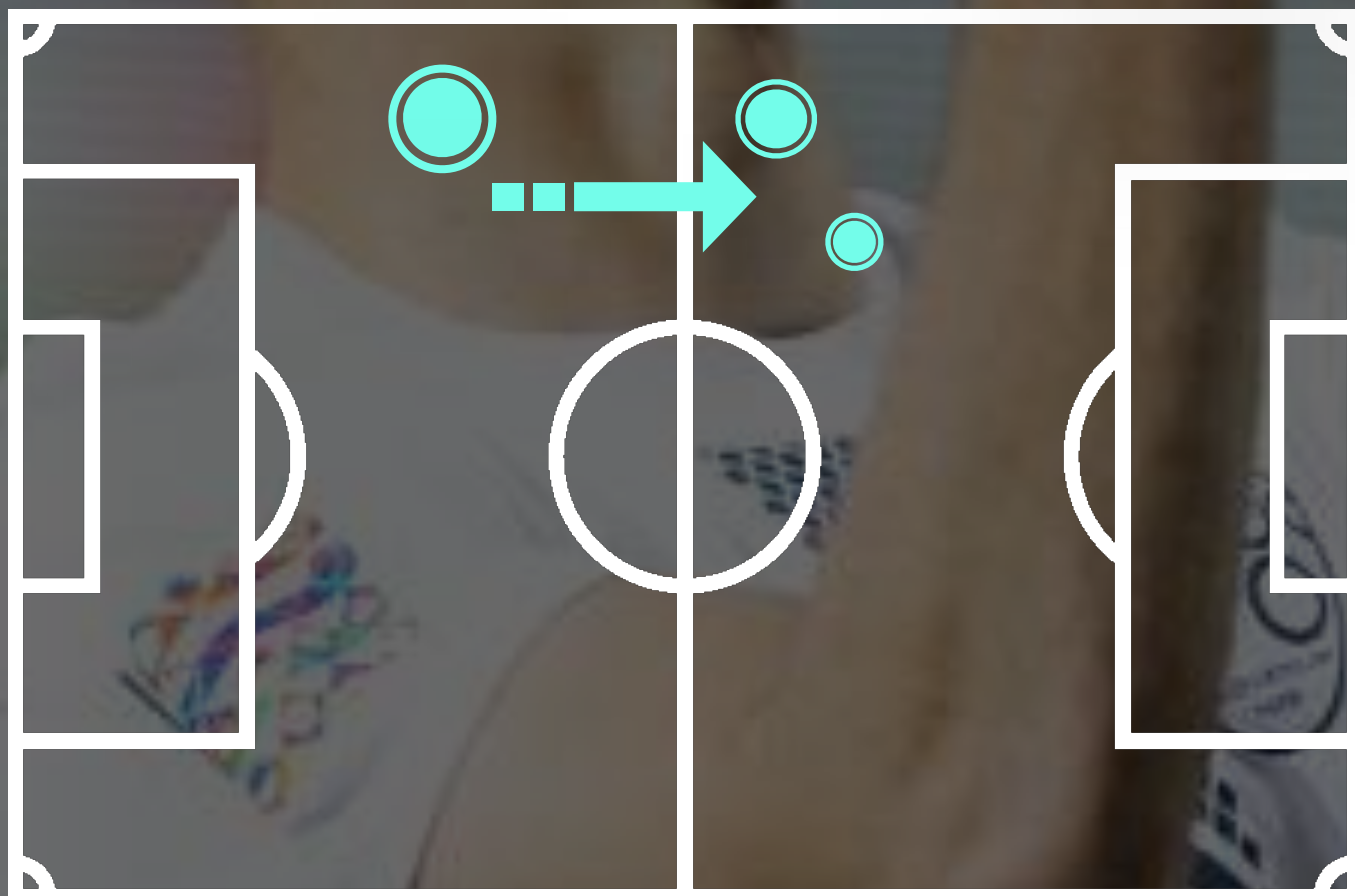
Looking Ahead

At 31, Sikošek continues to show the kind of dedication and consistency that has defined his career. With regular minutes and strong displays in Croatia's top flight, he remains a **valuable and experienced option for Slovenia**. A call-up to the national team remains firmly within reach, especially given his leadership qualities, tactical sharpness, and renewed physical condition.

CLUBS



POSITIONS



SLOVENIA NATIONAL TEAM

Debut at age 22, 11 caps, 766 minutes on the pitch

Gregor Sikošek has been a dedicated contributor to the Slovenia national football team, primarily occupying the left-back position. His international career commenced on **14 November 2016**, when he debuted at the age of 22. Since then, Gregor has earned **11 caps** for the senior national team, accumulating a total of **766 minutes** on the pitch. His last recorded appearance occurring on **20 November 2022**.

Throughout his tenure with the national team, Gregor has been recognized for his defensive reliability and tactical awareness. His experience at the club level, including stints with NK Maribor and HNK Gorica, has contributed to his adaptability and understanding of the game at the international level.

Due to a knee injury sustained in 2023, Gregor has not been part of the national team setup during the EURO 2024 qualifiers and the EURO. However, having fully recovered, his consistent performances at the club level continue to position him as a strong candidate for future call-ups to the Slovenian national team.



Croatia vs Slovenia (1:1)
Friendly match
26 March 2022, UAE
Modrić and Sikošek



Slovenia vs Norway (2:1)
UEFA Nations League
24 September 2022, Ljubljana





Slovenia vs Sweden (0:2)
UEFA Nations League
02 June 2022, Ljubljana

Sweden vs Slovenia (1:1)
UEFA Nations League
27 September 2022, Stockholm



Slovenia vs Serbia (2:2)
UEFA Nations League
06 December 2022, Ljubljana



Slovenia vs Norway (2:1)
UEFA Nations League
24 September 2022, Ljubljana
Sikošek and Haaland

PLAYING STYLE & ATTRIBUTES

Sikošek is a **very fast, dynamic left-back** known for his technical quality, attacking instincts, and intelligence in build-up play along with his extraordinary speed. He plays a key role both defensively and offensively, functioning almost like a deep-lying playmaker on the flank. He excels in systems that emphasize **possession-based football and overlapping full-backs**, making him a vital outlet on the left side. Since joining **HNK Gorica**, he has thrived under **attacking based system**, where his role extends beyond full-back duties, often drifting inside as an **inverted wing-back** to support central play and create overloads.

Physical Attributes

- **Speed & Acceleration:** Gregor is most likely the fastest player in Slovenia. With top speed reaching over 35 km/h he can outrun all wingers and recover when needed.
- **Stamina & Work Rate:** Known for his endurance and constant movement. He maintains high intensity throughout matches, covering large areas of the pitch.
- **Strength:** Just slightly undersized (1.76 m), but compensates with smart positioning and timing in defensive duels.

Technical Attributes

- **Passing:** Outstanding passer with a wide range of delivery. Capable of sharp ground passes, long diagonals, and accurate cutbacks in the final third. Frequently contributes to goal-scoring chances.
- **Crossing:** One of his signature skills. His low-driven and whipped crosses are difficult for defenses to handle, and he's particularly dangerous when overlapping down the flank.
- **Shooting:** Has a strong, accurate left foot. Gregor can attempt inside runs with a ball with good finishes or long-range shots.
- **Dribbling:** Technically gifted with close control and quick feet. On top of his speed, he relies on intelligent movement and ball control to beat the opponents.

Mental & Tactical Attributes

- **Composure:** Cool under pressure and rarely panics in tight spaces. Always makes intelligent decisions.
- **Creativity:** His ability to find clever passes and unlock defenses sets him apart from standard left-backs.
- **Leadership:** A mature and vocal player on the field. He leads through consistency and tactical awareness.
- **Positioning:** Excellent sense of timing for when to push forward or stay back. He reads the game exceptionally well and adapts based on the state of play.
- **Versatility:** While naturally a left-back, Sikošek can operate as a wing-back or even in more advanced midfield zones due to his technical and tactical understanding. He is a key contributor in the early phases of possession, often helping to progress the ball from deep areas. He's comfortable receiving under pressure and launching attacks from wide or central positions.

CONCLUSION

Gregor Sikošek is a fast pacing 35km/h technically refined, tactically intelligent left-back who blends creativity with defensive responsibility. He thrives in possession-based systems where full-backs are expected to contribute to the attack.

With a lethal left foot, excellent crossing ability, and vision, he ranks among the most productive and intelligent full-backs in the region today.

He's especially valuable in teams that rely on **fluid, positional play in both systems 4-in-the-back or 3-in-the-back where he takes over more offensive role of a wing-back**

When it comes to his personality Gregor is a family man and a disciplined hard working seasoned professional, that still to this day does extra work load after trainings and pushes himself to either improve or regenerate his body for new challenges. His reliability and positive attitude has an immediate impact on the team. He speaks English very well.



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