

* Club domestic league appearances and goals as of 26 May 2024

Ante Ćorić (Croatian pronunciation: [ǎːnte t͡ɕ̌ɔːrit͡ɕ]^{[2][3]} born 14 April 1997) is a Croatian professional [footballer](#) who plays as an [attacking midfielder](#) for [Croatian Football League](#) club [Varaždin](#). He played for the [Croatia national team](#) and was capped four times between 2016 and 2017.



Club career

Early years

Ćorić started playing football at the age of 5 at [Hrvatski Dragovoljac](#). When he was 9 years old, he signed for the youth academy of [NK Zagreb](#).^[4] In 2009, he joined the youth academy of [Red Bull Salzburg](#), despite the interest from other clubs, including [Bayern Munich](#), [Chelsea](#), and [Barcelona](#).^[5] On joining the club, he commented, "I wanted to become a Red Bull Salzburg player because my team-mates here are better than players of the same age anywhere else. We train better and more often than others. And I was very impressed by how warmly I was welcomed."^[4] In 2013, after four years in Salzburg, he returned to Croatia and signed with [Dinamo Zagreb](#) for a fee of €900,000.^[6]

Dinamo Zagreb

On 16 April 2014, Ćorić made his senior debut against [RNK Split](#), coming in as a 69th-minute substitute for [Ivo Pinto](#).^[7] On 26 April, he made his first start in a 1–1 draw against [Lokomotiva Zagreb](#).^[8] On 10 May, he scored his first senior goal for Dinamo in a 1–2 loss to [NK Istra 1961](#).^[9] On 18 September, Ćorić came on as a 77th-minute substitute and scored the fifth goal in Dinamo's [2014–15 Europa League](#) opener against [Astra Giurgiu](#), a 5–1 win.^[10] With this goal, he became the youngest goalscorer in Europa League history, at the age of 17 years and 157 days.^[11] In 2015, the newspaper, *[Večernji list](#)*, awarded Ćorić the [Croatian Hope of the Year](#) award.^[12] In his nearly five seasons at the club, Ćorić made 143 appearances, winning four league titles, and two cup titles, and was named by the Italian newspaper, *[Gazzetta Dello Sport](#)*, as one of the "30 Best U20 Players in Europe" in 2017.^{[13][14][15]}

Roma

On 28 May 2018, Ćorić joined Italian club [Roma](#) for a reported fee of €6 million and signed a five-year contract on €1 million salary per year, after passing his medical.^{[16][17][18]}

Almería (loan)

On 27 August 2019, Ćorić joined Spanish club [Almería](#) in the [Segunda División](#) on loan for the [2019–20 season](#).^[19]

VVV-Venlo (loan)

On 3 October 2020, Ćorić moved to Dutch club [VVV-Venlo](#), on a loan deal until the end of the season.^[20] The deal included an option to buy.^[20]

Olimpija Ljubljana (loan)

On 16 February 2021, due to a lack of playing time Ćorić ended his loan with VVV-Venlo and joined Slovenian side [Olimpija Ljubljana](#) on a loan deal for the remainder of the [2020–21 Slovenian PrvaLiga](#) season.^[21]

Rudeš

On 13 January 2024, Ćorić returned to Croatia, signing a one-and-a-half-year contract with [HNL](#) club [Rudeš](#).^[22]

International career



Ćorić with the [Croatia U19 national team](#), during a match against [Austria](#)

Ćorić played with Croatia's youth teams, from 2012 to 2016, and made his senior international debut in a 1–0 win over Moldova on 27 May 2016, entering as a half-time substitute.^[23]

In May 2016, he was selected in [Croatia's 23-man final squad](#) for [UEFA Euro 2016](#).^[24]