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. Once every four years, it took place in Russia from 14 June to 15 July 2018. It 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 14.2 billion, it was the most expensive World Cup in history.