

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

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National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Croatia

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Croatia

Subject of commemoration: The introduction of the euro as the official currency of Croatia on 1 January 2023

Description of the design: The design features the inscriptions of the issuing country 'HRVATSKA' (Croatia) and the year of issuance '2023.', depicted horizontally, as well as the words 'ČLANICA EUROPODRUČJA' (member of the euro area), which are inscribed along the outer edge of the coin's core. These inscriptions symbolically form a stylised symbol of the euro '€'. The other central motive of the coin is Croatia's distinctive and recognisable symbol, the Croatian checkerboard, which represents part of the coat of arms of the Republic of Croatia.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 250 000

Date of issue: September 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).