

New common sides of Euro circulation coins

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10 EURO CENT



20 EURO CENT



50 EURO CENT



1 EURO



2 EURO

As agreed by the informal Economic and Finance Ministers' Council of Verona in April 1996, the euro coins have a common side and a national side.

For the selection of the design of the first common sides, a competition was organised at European level, and on 16 June 1997 the Amsterdam European Council decided and made public the winning series. Photographs of the common sides, together with a brief factual description of the designs, were published in the Official Journal ⁽¹⁾.

On 7 June 2005 the Council decided that the common sides of the 10-, 20- and 50-cent coins and the 1- and 2-euro coins, which currently represent the European Union before it was enlarged from 15 to 25 Member States in 2004, should be modified so that all Member States of the European Union will in the future be represented. The common sides of the smallest denomination coins (1-, 2- and 5-cent) represent Europe in the world and are not affected by the enlargement of the European Union.

The new common sides will be applied as from 2007. The Member States adopting the euro from 2007 onwards will only issue euro coins with the new common sides. The Republic of Slovenia will be the first of the new Member States to do so. Current euro-area Member States may also start to apply the new common sides as from 2007 for new coin production, and will in any event switch to the new common side by 2008 at the latest.

Description of the designs:

10 EURO CENT — 20 EURO CENT — 50 EURO CENT

On the 10-cent, 20-cent and 50-cent coins, the numeral, representing the value of the coin, appears on the right-hand side of the common face. Horizontally, below the numeral, appear the words 'EURO CENT', the latter placed below the former. The word 'CENT' is written in bigger letters with a major capital 'C'. Six straight lines run vertically between the lower and upper left hand side of the face. 12 stars are superimposed on these lines, one just before the two ends of each line. Superimposed on the mid- and upper-section of these lines, the European continent is represented. The initials 'LL' of the engraver appear between the numeral and the edge on the right-hand side of the coin.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, pp. 1-30.

1 EURO — 2 EURO

On the 1-euro and the 2-euro coins, the numeral, representing the value of the coin, appears on the left-hand side of the common face. Six straight lines run vertically between the lower and upper right-hand side of the face. 12 stars are superimposed on these lines, one just before the two ends of each line. The European continent is represented on the right-hand side of the face. The right-hand part of the representation is superimposed on the mid-section of the lines. The word 'EURO' is superimposed horizontally across the middle of the right-hand side of the face. Under the 'O' of EURO, the initials 'LL' of the engraver appear near the right-hand edge of the coin.
