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£ 0.585274



EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

€-day | January 2008: Cyprus and Malta join the euro area

The euro coins

The euro coins have a 'European' side and a 'national' side. The European sides show either the EU before its enlargement in May 2004 or a geographical image of Europe. The national sides vary from country to country. Despite these differences, you can use any euro coin anywhere in the euro area.



The €2 and the €1 coins show a cross-shaped idol dating back to the Chalcolithic Period (3000 BC). The 50 cent, the 20 cent and the 10 cent coins depict the Kyrenia ship (4th century BC). The 5 cent, the 2 cent and the 1 cent coins show a moufflon.

The €2 and the €1 coins show the eight-pointed Maltese Cross. The 50 cent, the 20 cent and the 10 cent coins depict the Emblem of Malta. The 5 cent, the 2 cent and the 1 cent coins feature the altar at the prehistoric temple of Mnajdra.

The euro banknotes

The euro banknotes are identical throughout the euro area.



FEEL OF THE PAPER

It should be crisp and firm. Run your finger across it and you will feel that the ink is thicker in some parts.



WATERMARK

Hold the banknote against the light and a shadow-like image and the value numeral become visible.



SECURITY THREAD

Hold the banknote against the light and a dark line running through the banknote becomes visible.



SECURITY FEATURES

Various security features will help you recognise a genuine euro banknote. Just check if:

- ✓ the banknote paper is crisp and firm. It feels thicker in some parts
- ✓ the main motif reappears in the watermark and the hologram on the €50, €100, €200 and €500 banknotes
- ✓ the value of the banknote appears in the watermark, the security thread, the hologram and in the colour-changing number

HOLOGRAM

Tilt the banknote. It shows the value of the banknote and the euro symbol (€).



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COLOUR-CHANGING NUMBER

Tilt a €50, €100, €200 or €500 banknote. On the back, the number changes colour from purple to olive green or brown.



HOLOGRAM

Tilt the banknote. It shows the value of the banknote and a window or doorway.





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