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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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