



#### EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

EUROSYSTEM

# €-day I 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. national sides The vary from country to country. Despite these differences, you can use any euro coin anywhere in the euro area.



The  $\notin 2$  and the  $\notin 1$ coins show a crossshaped 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  $\[mathcal{\in}\]2$  and the  $\[mathcal{\in}\]1$  coins show the eightpointed 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 I cent coins feature the altar at the prehistoric temple of Mnajdra.









































## The euro banknotes

The euro banknotes are identical throughout the euro area.









133 x 72 mm



20 EURO

100EURO







147 x 82 mm

140 x 77 mm









160 x 82 mm

153 x 82 mm

#### 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.





#### HOLOGRAM

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



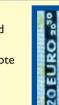
### WATERMARK

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:

**V** 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

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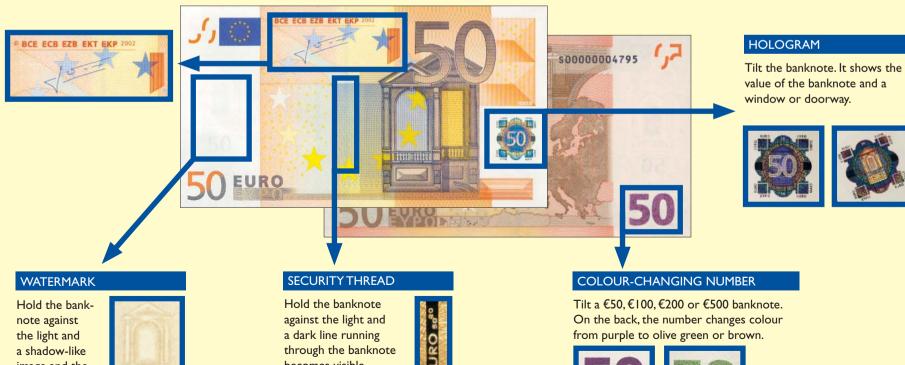


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