

**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 Portugal*

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 <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the Community 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:** Portugal

**Subject of commemoration:** the European Capital of Culture 2012, the city of Guimarães in the North of Portugal

**Description of the design:**

The coins depicts three of Guimarães most relevant symbols: King Afonso Henriques and his sword and a part of the city castle. On the left, the Portuguese Coat of Arms and the indication of the issuing country: Portugal. On the bottom right is the Guimarães 2012 event logo and the artist name: José de Guimarães.

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

**Number of coins to be issued:** 520 000

**Date of issue:** June 2012

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

<sup>(2)</sup> 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).