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 Luxembourg

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 (¹). In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 (²), euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union 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: Luxembourg

Subject of commemoration: The 50th anniversary of the bridge 'Grand Duchess Charlotte'

Description of the design: The design shows the bridge 'Grand Duchess Charlotte' which is the main route connecting the city centre of Luxembourg to the urban quarter of Kirchberg, the site of the city's European Union institutions. The text 'Pont Grande-Duchesse Charlotte' (Bridge Grand Duchess Charlotte) and underneath the year '1966' are inscribed on the image of the bridge. At the top of the design are depicted the effigy of the Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg and at its left the year of issuance '2016'. At the bottom appears the name of the issuing country 'LUXEMBOURG'.

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

Number of coins to be issued: 1 000 000

Date of issue: February/March 2016

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

⁽²⁾ 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).