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 Belgium

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: Belgium

Subject of commemoration: International Missing Children's Day

Description of the design: The inner part of the coin displays in its centre the face of a child surrounded by the words 'MISSING-DISPARU-VERMIST', 'WWW.CHILDFOCUS.BE' and the trilingual indication of nationality 'BELGIQUE-BELGIE-BELGIEN' followed by the year 2016. The mark of the Brussels mint, a helmeted profile of the archangel Michael and the signature mark of the Master of the Mint appear to the left and right respectively of the face.

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

Number of coins to be issued: 1 020 000 coins

Date of issue: May 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).