# New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

## (2017/C 111/08)



*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Italy*

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**: Italy

**Subject of commemoration**: 400th Anniversary of the completion of the Basilica of San Marco in Venice

**Description of the design**: Façade of the Basilica of San Marco in Venice; in the exergue the dates '1617' and '2017', respectively year of the completion of the Basilica and year of the issue of the coin, beside the logo of the Italian Republic 'RI'; below the inscription 'SAN MARCO'; on the right 'LDS', initials of the author Luciana De Simoni; on the top the inscription 'VENEZIA', and the mintmark of the Mint of Rome 'R'.

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

**Number of coins to be issued**: 1,5 million

**Date of issue**: January 2017

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(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).