

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. The Commission publishes all new euro coin designs with a view to informing all parties required to handle coins in the course of their work as well as the public at large ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, the 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 side features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Portugal

Subject of commemoration: 100th anniversary of Portugal becoming a republic

Description of the design:

The inner part of the coin depicts, in the centre, the Portuguese coat of arms and the 'República' effigy, two of the most representative symbols of the Portuguese Republic, surrounded by the legend 'República Portuguesa — 1910-2010', the mintmark 'INCM' and the name of the author 'JOSE CÂNDIDO'.

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

Volume of issuance: 2 035 000

Date of issue: September 2010

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1, for the national sides 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).