

New national side of euro circulation coins

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National side of the new 2-euro commemorative circulation coin issued by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Euro circulation coins have legal tender status throughout the euro area. The Commission publishes all new euro coin designs ⁽¹⁾ with a view to informing all parties required to handle coins in the course of their work and the public at large. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 8 December 2003 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a Monetary Agreement with the Community providing for the issuance of euro circulation coins are allowed to issue certain quantities of commemorative euro circulation coins on condition that not more than one new coin design is issued per country per year and that only the 2 euro denomination is used. These coins have the technical features of normal euro circulation coins, but bear a commemorative design on the national side.

Issuing State: Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Subject of commemoration: The Grand-Ducal Palace.

Factual description of the design: The coin depicts on the right hand of its inner part the effigy of His Royal Highness, the Grand-Duke Henri, looking to the left and superimposed on the picture of the grand-ducal Palace on the left hand side of the inner part. The date 2007 is inscribed on the left side of the inner part, with the engraver's mark above and the mint mark below. The text 'LËTZEBUERG' appears under the design on the inner part of the coin.

The twelve stars of the European flag surround the design on the outer ring of the coin.

Issuing volume: 1,1 million coins

Approximate issuing date: February 2007

Edge lettering: 2 ★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, pp. 1 for a reference to all national sides that were issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 8 December 2003 on changes in the design of national sides of euro coins. See also Commission Recommendation of 29 September 2003 on a common practice for changes to the design of national obverse sides of euro circulation coins (OJ L 264, 15.10.2003, p. 38).