

New national side of euro circulation coins

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National side of the new 2-euro commemorative circulation coin issued by Finland

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: Finland.

Subject of commemoration: 90th anniversary of the declaration of independence.

Factual description of the design: The inner part of the coin shows nine people rowing a boat with long oars. The year mark 2007 and the year 1917 appear on the top and the bottom of the design respectively. The mintmark appears on the left hand side, and the indication of the country 'FI' on the right hand side. The outer ring of the coin depicts the twelve stars of the European flag.

Issuing volume: 2 million coins.

Approximate issuing date: December 2007.

Edge lettering: 'SUOMI FINLAND ★★★' where the ★ stands for a lion head.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 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).