

**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 San Marino*

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 <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area 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 face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

**Issuing country:** San Marino

**Subject of commemoration:** 10 years of the euro

**Description of the design:**

The euro sign in the centre of the coin shows that the euro has become an element of particular importance in Europe as well all over the world as the euro evolved to a global player in the international monetary system in the last 10 years. The design elements around the euro symbol on the coin express the importance of the euro to the people, to the financial world (ECB tower), to trading (ships), to industry (factories), to the energy sector and to research and development (wind power stations). The initials 'AH' of the artist appear under the image of the ECB tower. The name of the issuing country 'SAN MARINO' appears at the top, the mintmark at the right-hand side, while the indication 2002-2012 appears at the bottom.

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

**Number of coins to be issued:** 130 000

**Date of issue:** May 2012

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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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).