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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION
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 Lithuania*

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: Lithuania**Subject of commemoration:** Lithuanian tradition of straw gardens inscribed on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Description of the design: The design features a stylised straw garden consisting of geometric shapes of varying sizes, one tip of which is pointed upwards (to the sky) and the other downwards (to the underground). The design also bears the inscription "LIETUVA" (LITHUANIA), the year of issue (2024) and the mintmark of the Lithuanian Mint. Straw gardens are a Baltic cultural tradition that carries decorative and ceremonial significance and is related to well-being and spirituality. The national side of the coin is designed by Tomas Dragūnas.

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

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 500 000**Date of issue:** Fourth quarter of 2024

⁽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).