DECISION (EU) 2021/2255 OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

of 7 December 2021

on the approval of the volume of coin issuance in 2022 (ECB/2021/54)

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 128(2) thereof,

Having regard to Decision (EU) 2015/2332 of the European Central Bank of 4 December 2015 on the procedural framework for the approval of the volume of euro coin issuance (ECB/2015/43) ([1]), and in particular Article 2(9) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The European Central Bank (ECB) has the exclusive right since 1 January 1999 to approve the volume of coins issued by the Member States whose currency is the euro (hereinafter 'euro area Member States').

(2) The 19 euro area Member States have submitted to the ECB their requests for the approval of the volume of coins to be issued in 2022, supplemented by explanatory notes on the forecasting methodology. Certain of these Member States have also provided additional information regarding circulation coins, where such information is available and considered important by the Member States concerned to substantiate their request.

(3) Since the right of euro area Member States to issue euro coins is subject to approval by the ECB of the volume of the issue, in accordance with Article 3 of Decision (EU) 2015/2332 (ECB/2015/43), the volumes approved by the ECB may not be exceeded by the euro area Member States without prior approval by the ECB.Pursuant to Article 2(9) of Decision (EU) 2015/2332 (ECB/2015/43), since no modification of the requested volume of coin issuance is required, the Executive Board is empowered to adopt this decision on the annual approval requests for the volume of coin issuance in 2022 submitted by euro area Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Decision, the definitions in Article 1 of Decision (EU) 2015/2332 (ECB/2015/43) apply.

Article 2

Approval of the volume of euro coins to be issued in 2022

The ECB hereby approves the volume of euro coins to be issued by euro area Member States in 2022 as set out in the following table:

	Volume of euro coins approved for issuance in 2022		
	Circulation coins	**Collector coins (not intended for circulation)**	**Volume of coin issuance**
	(EUR million)	(EUR million)	(EUR million)
Belgium	32,00	1,00	33,00
Germany	371,00	212,00	583,00

([1]) OJ L 328, 12.12.2015, p. 123.

Estonia	13,90	0,33	14,23
Ireland	23,30	0,50	23,80
Greece	101,70	0,62	102,32
Spain	159,80	30,00	189,80
France	199,00	50,00	249,00
Italy	166,26	2,74	169,00
Cyprus	10,40	0,01	10,41
Latvia	10,30	0,15	10,45
Lithuania	20,00	0,77	20,77
Luxembourg	11,50	0,40	11,90
Malta	7,40	0,40	7,80
Netherlands	49,70	0,30	50,00
Austria	66,00	166,01	232,01
Portugal	30,50	2,00	32,50
Slovenia	21,00	1,00	22,00
Slovakia	18,00	2,00	20,00
Finland	10,00	5,00	15,00
Total	1 321,76	475,23	1 796,99

Article 3

Taking effect

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its notification to the addressees.

Article 4

Addressees

This Decision is addressed to the Member States whose currency is the euro.

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 7 December 2021.

The President of the ECB
Christine LAGARDE