

New national sides of euro circulation coins

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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 as well as the public at large.

The French national sides of the regular 1-euro and 2-euro coins are renewed for the first time since the introduction of the euro, in order to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the euro. It thus complies with the conditions set out in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) No 729/2014, which stipulates that changes to the designs used for the national sides of regular coins may only be made once every 15 years.

The French national sides of the other denominations remain unchanged.



1 Euro



2 Euro

Issuing country: France

Date of issue: 1 January 2022

Description of the designs: The new design is in line with the symbolism that already existed on the regular 1-euro and 2-euro coins: the tree of life. The new design represents a mixture of the two species that make up the emblem of the Republic: the oak, image of strength and solidity, and the olive tree, symbol of peace.

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

The edge-lettering of the 2-euro coin is: 2 **, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p.1, OJ C 254, 20.10.2006, p.6 and OJ C 248, 23.10.2007, p. 8 for a reference to the other euro coins.