

**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 Portugal*

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 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:** Portugal

**Subject of commemoration:** 500 years of the first circumnavigation organised and led by the Portuguese explorer and navigator Fernão De Magalhães

**Description of the design:** The Spanish expedition to the East Indies began in 1519 and ended in 1522, resulting in the first circumnavigation of the Earth.

The design depicts the effigy of Fernão De Magalhães. At the right side, in semicircle, is the inscription 'CIRCUM NAVEGAÇÃO' (circumnavigation) and underneath the inscription '1519 FERNÃO DE MAGALHÃES'. At the left side, in semicircle, is the year of issuance '2019' and the name of the issuing country 'PORTUGAL'.

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

**Estimated number of coins to be issued:** 750 000

**Date of issue:** Second half of 2019

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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).