

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 Italy*

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: Italy

Subject of commemoration: 150th anniversary of the birth of Maria Montessori

Description of the design: A portrait of Maria Montessori in a geometric composition with some of didactic elements drawn from her educational system. In the right field, 'RI', acronym of the Italian Republic; on the left, 'R', identifying the Mint of Rome; on the right, 'LDS', initials of the designer Luciana De Simoni; at the top and bottom, the dates '1870' e '2020', the year of birth of the Italian pedagogue and that of coin's issue, respectively; around the portrait, the inscription 'MARIA MONTESSORI'.

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

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 3 000 000

Date of issue: June 2020

⁽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).