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 Estonia

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: Estonia

Subject of commemoration: Finno-Ugric peoples

Description of the design: The national side of the coin depicts a design based on the cave drawings of Lake Äänisjärv. The symbols for the hunter, the elk, the water bird and the sun form the symbolic circle of life for the Finno-Ugric peoples. The central figure is a water bird, as they are represented in the art and folklore of all Finno-Ugric peoples. On the top right, in semi-circle, are the name of the country ‘EESTI’ followed by the year ‘2021’. At the bottom left is the inscription ‘FENNO-UGRIA’.

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

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 1 000 000

Date of issue: September 2021

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