

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 Spain

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: Spain

Subject of commemoration: UNESCO: Garajonay National Park

Description of the design: The Garajonay National Park is situated in the middle of the island of La Gomera in the Canary Islands archipelago, was registered on the World Heritage Sites list for being an outstanding well-preserved example of laurisilva (Laurel forest), an exceptional ecosystem of the living remnant of the old rainforests and warm temperate forests that occupied much of Europe and North Africa during the Tertiary.

The coin depicts a view of the 'Roque de Agando' and a detail of the 'Laurisilva forest'. On the upper right hand and in capital letters are the word 'ESPAÑA' and the year of minting '2022'. At the top on the right hand side is the mint mark.

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: First quarter 2022

⁽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).