

New national sides of euro circulation coins

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On 9 July 2013 the Council of the European Union decided that the Republic of Latvia fulfils the necessary conditions for the adoption of the euro on 1 January 2014 ⁽¹⁾.

From 1 January 2014 the Republic of Latvia will therefore issue euro coins, subject to the approval by the ECB of the volume of the issue (cf. Article 128(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

Euro circulation coins have legal tender status throughout the euro area. The Commission publishes all new euro coin designs ⁽²⁾ with a view to informing all parties required to handle coins in the course of their work as well as the public at large.



Issuing country: Republic of Latvia

Date of issue: January 2014

Description of the designs:

The 1-, 2- and 5-euro cent coins show the small coat of arms of the Republic of Latvia. At the bottom, the country of issuance 'LATVIJA'. On the left, the year '2014'.

The 10-, 20- and 50-euro cent coins depict the large coat of arms of the Republic of Latvia. On the bottom, the year '2014' and the country of issuance 'LATVIJA'.

The 1- and 2-euro coins show a portrait of a Latvian folk-maid, originally depicted on the reverse of the 5-lats silver coin in 1929. On the left, in semi-circle, the word 'LATVIJAS' and the year '2014' and on the right, in semi-circle, the word 'REPUBLIKA'.

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

The edge-lettering of the 2-euro coin is the first line of the State anthem — 'DIEVS SVĒTĪ LATVIJU' ('GOD BLESS LATVIA').

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision of 9 July 2013 on the adoption by Latvia of the euro on 1 January 2014 (OJ L 195, 18.7.2013, p. 24).

⁽²⁾ 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.