

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 the Hellenic Republic

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: Hellenic Republic

Subject of commemoration: 400 years since the death of Domenikos Theotokopoulos (1614-2014)

Description of the design: The inner part of the coin shows a portrait of Domenikos Theotokopoulos. The background features a typical figure from his work, illustrative of his technique. On the left: the year 2014 and the characteristic signature of the artist ('Domenikos Theotokopoulos Epoieï'). On the right: the mint mark of the Greek State Mint. The entire design is encircled in an inscription reading in Greek 'DOMENIKOS THEOTOKOPOULOS 1541-1614' and the name of the issuing country 'HELLENIC REPUBLIC'.

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

Number of coins to be issued: up to 750 000

Date of issue: Autumn 2014

⁽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).