

**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 Malta*

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 <sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>, 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:** Malta

**Subject of commemoration:** First flight from Malta

**Description of the design:** The coin commemorates an important milestone in Maltese aviation history — the 100 years since the first flight from Malta. It was on 13 February 1915 that Captain Kilmer took off from the Grand Harbour on a seaplane that was carried by HMS Ark Royal. The plane landed in the harbour after a 55-minute flight. The coin depicts Captain Kilmer's seaplane with Senglea Point, a prominent feature in the Grand Harbour, in the background. At the top the inscription 'FIRST FLIGHT FROM MALTA' in semi-circle. At the right the years '1915-2015'. At the bottom left the inscription '100TH ANNIVERSARY' and at the bottom the initials of the designer 'NGB' (Noel Galea Bason).

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

**Number of coins to be issued:** 300 000

**Date of issue:** March 2015

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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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).