

NEW NATIONAL SIDE OF EURO CIRCULATION COINS

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National side of the new 2-euro commemorative circulation coin issued by Greece

Euro circulation coins have legal tender status throughout the euro area. With a view to informing the parties professionally handling coins and the public at large, the Commission publishes all new euro coin designs ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the relevant Council conclusions of 8 December 2003 ⁽²⁾, Member States are allowed to issue certain quantities of commemorative euro circulation coins under the condition that only one such coin is issued per Member State and per year and that the 2 EUR denomination is used. These coins correspond to the technical features of normal euro circulation coins, but bear a commemorative feature on the obverse national side.

1. **Member State:** Greece
2. **Commemorative feature:** Olympic Games in Athens 2004
3. **Factual description of the design:** The twelve stars of the European Union positioned around the outer circle surround the design of an ancient statue depicting a discobolus in his attempt to throw the discus. The base of the statue covers a small part of the coin's external ring (outer part). To the left is the logo of the Olympic Games 'ATHENS 2004' and the five Olympic circles, and to the right, one above the other, are the figure '2' and the word 'ΕΥΡΩ'. The yearmark is written in split form around the star positioned bottom centre, as follows: 20*04 and the mintmark is above the athlete's head to the left
4. **Issuing volume:** max. 50 million coins
5. **Approximate issuing date:** March 2004.

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373 of 28.12.2001, p. 1 for a reference to all national sides that have been issued up until now.

⁽²⁾ See conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 8 December 2003 on changes in the design of national sides of euro coins. See also Commission Recommendation of 29 September 2003 on a common practice for changes to the design of national obverse sides of euro circulation coins (OJ L 264 of 15.10.2003, p. 38).