

## New national sides of euro circulation coins

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*National sides of the 2-euro commemorative circulation coins issued by the euro-area Member States to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome*

Euro circulation coins have legal tender status throughout the euro area. The Commission publishes all new euro coin designs <sup>(1)</sup> with a view to informing all parties required to handle coins in the course of their work as well as the public at large. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 8 December 2003 <sup>(2)</sup>, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a Monetary Agreement with the Community providing for the issuance of euro circulation coins are allowed to issue certain quantities of commemorative euro circulation coins on condition that not more than one new coin design is issued per country per year and that only the 2-euro denomination is used. However, in view of the symbolic importance of the commemorated event and in accordance with the Council conclusions of 17 October 2006 <sup>(3)</sup>, Member States are exceptionally allowed to issue the present commemorative coin in addition to another 2-euro commemorative coin that they may want to issue in 2007. Commemorative coins have the technical features of normal euro circulation coins, but bear a commemorative design on the national side.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, Eurogroup Ministers decided that euro-area Member States would strike a 2-euro commemorative coin using a common design on the national side. The selected design is the outcome of a joint preparation by the European Mints.

**Issuing States:** Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Finland.

**Subject of commemoration:** 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome.

**Factual description of the design:** The centre of the coin shows the Treaty signed by the six founding Member States on a background evoking the paving, designed by Michelangelo, of the Piazza del Campidoglio in Rome where the Treaty was signed on 25 March 1957. The translation of the word 'Europe' appears above the book. The translation of the words 'Treaty of Rome 50 years' is inscribed above the design. The year 2007 and the national name of the issuing country are inscribed under the design. The twelve stars of the European flag are depicted on the outer ring.

**Approximate issuing date:** 25 March 2007

<p><b>Belgium</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> PACTVM ROMANVM/QVINQVAGENARIVM/EUROPAE/BELGIQUE-BELGIE-BELGIEN</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mint master mark and the mintmark appear respectively on the left and the right hand sides of the year mark.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 5 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 ★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>
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<sup>(1)</sup> See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1-30 for a reference to all national sides that were issued in 2002.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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, 15.10.2003, p. 38-39).

<sup>(3)</sup> See conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 17 October 2006 on the issuance of a 2-euro commemorative coin on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Germany</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> RÖMISCHE VERTRÄGE/50 JAHRE/EUROPA/BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mintmark (A, D, F, G or J) appears at the right hand side of the year mark.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 30 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> EINIGKEIT UND RECHT UND FREIHEIT and the design of the federal eagle.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ireland</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> conradh na rómhe/50 bliain/an eoraip/éire</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> None</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 4,82 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 ★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greece</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> ΣΥΝΘΗΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΡΩΜΗΣ/50 ΧΡΟΝΙΑ/ΕΥΡΩΠΗ/ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mintmark appears at the right hand side of the design.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 4 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ ★</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spain</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> TRATADO DE ROMA/50 AÑOS/EUROPA/ESPAÑA</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mintmark appears at the lower right hand side of the design.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 8 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 ★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>France</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> TRAITÉ DE ROME/50 ANS/EUROPE/RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mintmark and the engraver's mark appear respectively on the left and the right hand sides of the year mark.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 9,4 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 ★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Italy</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> TRATTATI DI ROMA/50° ANNIVERSARIO/EUROPA/REPUBBLICA ITALIANA</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mintmark 'R' appears at the lower right hand side of the design.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 5 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 ★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Luxembourg</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> TRAITÉ DE ROME/50 ANS/EUROPE/LËTZEBUERG</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The effigy of His Royal Highness, the Grand-Duke Henri, is superimposed as a latent image on the left hand side of the design. The mintmark and the engraver's mark appear respectively on the left and the right hand sides of the year mark.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 2,1 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 ★★, repeated six times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Netherlands</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> VERDRAG VAN ROME/50 JAAR/EUROPA/KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mint master mark and the mintmark appear respectively on the left and the right hand sides of the year mark.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 6,333 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> GOD ★ ZIJ ★ MET ★ ONS ★</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Austria</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> VERTRAG VON ROM/50 JAHRE/EUROPA/REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> None</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 9 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> 2 EURO ★★★, repeated four times, alternately upright and inverted.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Portugal</b></p> 	<p><b>Legends:</b> TRATADO DE ROMA/50 ANOS/EUROPA/PORTUGAL</p> <p><b>Mintmark:</b> The mintmark appears at the right hand side of the design.</p> <p><b>Issuing volume:</b> 2 million</p> <p><b>Edge lettering:</b> Five coats of arms and seven castles equally spaced.</p>

**Slovenia**

**Legends:** RIMSKA POGODBA/50 LET/EVROPA/SLOVENIJA

**Mintmark:** None

**Issuing volume:** 0,4 million

**Edge lettering:** SLOVENIJA, followed by an engraved dot.

**Finland**

**Legends:** ROOMAN SOPIMUS 50 V/EUROOPPA/SUOMI FINLAND

**Mintmark:** The mintmark appears on the outer ring, on the left hand side of the coin.

**Issuing volume:** 1,4 million

**Edge lettering:** ROMFÖRDRAGET 50 ÅR EUROPA