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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 Portugal

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: Portugal

Subject of commemoration: Portugal's participation in the 33rd Olympic Games

Description of the design: The design shows a set of elements arranged in the shape of a heart, representing a collective hug; around the heart there are 15 circles in symbolic reference to the Olympic rings and to the continents they represent, the tip of the heart shape is surmounted by the coat of arms of Portugal; the centre of the 'hug' holds the logo of the Portuguese Olympic Committee, conveying the idea that the hearts of the Portuguese will collectively beat for the Portuguese Olympic team at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Below the heart shape, the caption 'Equipa Olímpica Portugal', and the year '2024'; on the left the mintmark 'Casa da Moeda'; and on the right the name of the designer.

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

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 520 000

Date of issue: July 2024

⁽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).