

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: 150th anniversary of the union of the Ionian Islands with Greece (1864-2014)

Description of the design: The inner part of the coin depicts a seven-pointed star inscribed in Greek with the words: '150 YEARS SINCE THE UNION OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS (ΕΠΤΑΝΗΣΑ) WITH GREECE 1864-2014', the name of the issuing country 'HELLENIC REPUBLIC' and the mint mark of the Greek State Mint. The spaces between the points of the star feature the symbols of the Ionian Islands. The entire design is encircled in a decorative stylised wave motif.

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).