

**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 Republic of San Marino*

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:** The Republic of San Marino

**Subject of commemoration:** the 750th anniversary of the birth of Dante Alighieri

**Description of the design:** The design by Annalisa Masini shows a portrait of Dante, taken from a fresco by Botticelli. At the right of the portrait, the inscription 'DANTE' on a vertical axis. At the right of the inner centre, the name of the issuing country 'SAN MARINO' in semi-circle. Between these two inscriptions, the mint mark 'R', the years '1265' and '2015' and the initials of the artist 'AM'. The lettering style used in identifying the nation and the coin's subject was inspired by lettering in the first copies of the *Divina Commedia* (Dante's *Divine Comedy*).

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

**Number of coins to be issued:** 104 000

**Date of issue:** 8 April 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).