NOTE
From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Submission by France for formal approval by the Council of draft designs for new national side of 1 and 2 euro regular coins

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1. Pursuant to Article 7(1) and Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 on denominations and technical specifications of euro coins intended for circulation¹ (hereafter 'the Council Regulation'), France submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft designs for:
   
   - new national side of 1 and 2 euro regular coins, intended to be first issued on 1 January 2022 (the draft designs are set out in the Annex to the present note);

2. In accordance with Article 10(4) of the Council Regulation, any Member State whose currency is the euro may, in a reasoned opinion addressed to the Council and to the Commission, raise an objection to the draft designs proposed by the issuing Member State if those draft designs are likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens.

3. In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considers that the draft designs do not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it shall submit a negative assessment to the Council.

4. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council 23 July 2021, the decision approving the designs shall be deemed to be adopted by the Council on the first day following the expiry of this time limit, pursuant to Article 10(6) of the Council Regulation.²

5. An Information Note to the Council acknowledging the end of this procedure and setting out the results will be issued by the General Secretariat of the Council.

Objet: Submission of draft designs for the national sides of euro coins

Dear all,


This request aims to renew for the first time since the introduction of the euro the French national sides for these denominations, in order to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the euro. It thus complies with the conditions set out in Article 7(1) of the above-mentioned Regulation (EC) No 729/2014, which stipulates that the designs used for the national sides of normal coins may only be changed once every fifteen years.

Furthermore, it should be noted that this request relates exclusively to the design and that the other technical characteristics of the regular both €1 and €2 coins remain unchanged.

The design chosen is in line with the current symbolism of the regular both €1 and €2 coins: the tree of life. The new designs represent a mixture of the two species that make up the emblem of the Republic: the oak, image of strength and solidarity, and the olive tree, symbol of peace.

The date of the first issue envisaged is January 1, 2022.

In order to preserve the impact in terms of communication, we request the EU institutions, in case of a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No. 1049/2001, not to disclose to the public the submitted draft national design and the related correspondence before the publication of the final design in the Official Journal of the European Union.

For the same purpose, we ask the institutions of the European Union to provide for the publication of the final design in the Official Journal at the end of December 2021.

Please find attached a copy of the design, which details the subject matter.

Pour le Directeur général du Trésor
La France a choisi de commémorer les 20 ans de l'introduction de la monnaie unique en renouvelant pour la première fois depuis 2002 la face de la pièce courante de 2 euros française.

**Face** : Ce dessin reprend le thème choisi en 2002 : l'arbre de vie. Plusieurs allégories républicaines sont représentées ; le chêne, signe de force et de solidité, l'olivier, symbole de paix et l'Hexagone, métaphore de la France et de l'unité nationale. Le dessin mentionne également la devise de la France (« Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité ») ainsi que le sigle de la république française (RF).

**Tirage** : selon la commande d'Etat

**EN**

*France chose to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the single currency by renewing, for the first time since 2002, the national face of the regular 2-euro coin.*

**Obverse** : This design takes up the theme chosen in 2002, which is the tree of life. Several republican allegories are represented; the oak tree, sign of strength and solidity, the olive tree, symbol of peace and the Hexagon, metaphor of France and national unity. The design also incorporates the motto of the French Republic ("Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité") as well as its abbreviation (RF).

**Mintage** : in compliance with the State Order
La France a choisi de commémorer les 20 ans de l'introduction de la monnaie unique, en renouvelant pour la première fois depuis 2002 la face de la pièce courante de 1 euro française.

Face : Ce dessin reprend le thème choisi en 2002 : l'arbre de vie. Plusieurs allégories républicaines sont représentées ; le chêne, signe de force et de solidité, l’olivier, symbole de paix et l’Hexagone, métaphore de la France et de l’unité nationale. Le dessin mentionne également la devise de la France (« Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité ») ainsi que le sigle de la république française (RF).

Mintage : selon la commande d'état

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France chose to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the introduction of the single currency, by renewing, for the first time since 2002, the national face of the regular 1-euro coin.

Obverse: This design takes up the theme chosen in 2002, which is the tree of life. Several republican allegories are represented; the oak tree, sign of strength and solidity, the olive tree, symbol of peace and the Hexagon, metaphor of France and national unity. The design also incorporates the motto of the French Republic ("Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité") as well as its abbreviation (RF).

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