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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Submission by Germany for formal approval by the Council of draft design for 2 euro commemorative coin

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1. Pursuant to 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'), Germany submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft design for:
 - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2024, dedicated to the German state (Land) of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania (the draft design is 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 design proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is 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 design does not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it shall submit a negative assessment to the Council.

¹ OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

4. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 5 December 2022, the decision approving the design 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.
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² The seven-day time limit and the date of adoption referred to in Article 10 of Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 are determined in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1182/71 of 3 June 1971 determining the rules applicable to periods, dates and time limits (OJ L 124, 8.6.1971, p. 1).

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BETREFF Submission of a new draft design of a German 2-euro commemorative coin for approval

ANLAGEN 1 draft design

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(bei Antwort bitte GZ und DOK angeben)

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Dear Sirs,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 and the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council No 651/2012 of 4 July 2012, we hereby submit the draft design of the national side of a new German 2-euro commemorative coin intended to be issued in January 2024.

The coin is dedicated to the German state (Land) of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. It is the second issuance in the second series of German 2-euro commemorative coins featuring the German states, or Länder. Each year, a coin pays tribute to one of the 16 Länder by depicting a significant building or landmark.

The order of the states is based on the rotating presidency of the Bundesrat, which is one of the five permanent constitutional bodies of the Federal Republic of Germany and represents the interests of the Länder.

The national side of the “Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania” coin shows the Königsstuhl, an iconic formation of chalk cliffs and beech forest located in Jasmund National Park on the island of Rügen. The cliffs are depicted from the perspective of the shoreline, thereby highlighting the monumentality of this unique natural landmark in a particularly effective manner. The beautifully detailed image provides scale through the combined rendering of sea, birdlife and humankind. The modern typography, in harmony with the flying seagull, is skilfully integrated into the relief.

The upper half of the coin’s inner circle features the inscription “MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN”, the year of issue “2024”, Germany’s issuing country code “D” and, at the upper right, the letter “X” as placeholder for the mint mark of the respective mint (“A”, “D”, “F”, “G” or “J”). The initials of the artist Michael Otto (from Rodenbach, Germany) are shown in the lower half of the inner circle.

The coin’s outer ring bears the 12 stars of the European flag.

The edge lettering will be the same as on the regular 2-euro circulation coins issued by Germany. The estimated volume of issuance amounts up to 30 million pieces.

We request the EU and the competent authorities of the Euro Area Member States not to disclose the submitted draft national design and the correspondence related thereto to the public prior to the publication of the final design in the Official Journal of the EU.

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Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

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„MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN“**

