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NOTE

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

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ONLY MARGINAL PERSONAL DATA HAVE BEEN REDACTED.**

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'), Lithuania submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft design for:
 - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2025, dedicated to defence (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 20 December 2024, 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.

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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**SUBMISSION OF THE DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL SIDE OF THE €2
COMMEMORATIVE COIN**

Dear all,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EU) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 and Regulation (EU) No 651/2012 of 4 July 2012, Lietuvos bankas hereby submits the design of the national side of the €2 commemorative coin dedicated to defence, which is intended to be issued in 2025.

The national side (the obverse) of the commemorative coin dedicated to defence features the contours of Lithuania. The state borders are surrounded by a stylised spine barrier, symbolising the concept of holistic and whole-of-society defence. The image of the hedgehog also represents the openness and fragility of free societies, which must be defended, to the utmost, against external threats. Lithuania is presented as a hedgehog that remains at the ready to defend itself always. The centre of the obverse bears the inscription "LIETUVA" (LITHUANIA), the year of issue (2025), and the mintmark of the Lithuanian Mint. The coin's outer ring bears the 12 stars of the EU flag.

The national side of the coin is designed by Tomas Dragūnas and Karolis Tumelis.

The edge of the coin will be the same as on all €2 circulation coins issued by Lietuvos bankas: LAISVĖ*VIENYBĖ*GEROVĖ*(FREEDOM*UNITY*WELL-BEING*).

The estimated mintage is 500,000 pcs, including 495,000 UNC-quality coins in rolls and 5,000 BU-quality coins in a numismatic package.

The foreseen date of issue is the first quarter of 2025.

In the event of a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we

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allow EU institutions 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 European Union.

Please find attached a copy of the coin design.

Yours sincerely,

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LITHUANIA



€2 COMMEMORATIVE COIN DEDICATED TO DEFENCE