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NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Submission by Portugal for formal approval by the Council of draft designs for two 2 euro commemorative coins

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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'), Portugal submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft designs for:
 - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2026, to commemorate the centenary of the presence of Rotary action in Portugal (the draft design is set out in the Annex to the present note);
 - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2026, dedicated to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, acknowledging its decisive role in promoting Arts, Charity, Science and Education in the year marking the 70th anniversary of its establishment (the draft design is set out in the Annex to the present note).

¹ OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

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 (or designs) proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is (or 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 design (or designs) does 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 by 15 January 2026, the decision approving the two 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.

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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SUBJECT: New national sides - Portuguese 2 Euro commemorative coins 2026

Dear Sirs,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 and the European Parliament and Council Regulation (EU) No. 651/2012 of 4 July 2012, the *Portuguese Mint* hereby submits the design of the national side of the two 2-euro commemorative coins intended to be issued in 2026.

The first coin will be dedicated to the centenary of the presence of Rotary action in Portugal, with the designation: "100 Years of Rotarians in Portugal".

The national side of this coin depicts, at the center, a stylized representation of seven human figures surrounding a sphere marked by parallel latitudinal lines suggesting the planet Earth, upon which, at the upper right, two hands are superimposed, and at the lower left the inscriptions "Rotary", "Portugal" and the year of issue; at the upper right, partially emerging from behind the sphere, a cogwheel appears, the symbol of the international Rotary network.

The edge lettering of the coin will be the same as on the regular 2-euro circulation coins issued by Portugal.



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The estimated mintage is 500,000 units, to be distributed at face value. Additionally, 7,500 units will be issued in Brilliant Uncirculated finish and 7,500 units in Proof finish, both intended for collection purposes.

The date of issuance is estimated to be March/April 2026.

The second coin will be dedicated to the “Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, acknowledging its decisive role in promoting Arts, Charity, Science and Education in the year marking the 70th anniversary of its establishment.

The national side of this coin depicts a four-horse chariot, the emblem adopted by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation from its inception to the present day, symbolizing the institution’s four main areas of activity. Above the figure shall appear the dates “1956-2026”. The upper half of the rim shall be filled with the inscription “Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian” [Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation], and immediately below, on a second line, the inscriptions “Arte” [Arts], “Beneficência” [Charity], “Ciência” [Science] and “Educação” [Education]; on the lower left of the rim, the identification of the designer; at the centre, the inscription “Portugal” followed by a stylised representation of the national coat of arms; and on the lower right of the rim, the indication of the mint.

The edge lettering of the coin will be the same as on the regular 2-euro circulation coins issued by Portugal.

The estimated mintage is 100,000 units, to be distributed at face value. Additionally, 11,000 units will be issued in Brilliant Uncirculated finish; 8,000 units in Proof finish; and 5,000 units will be issued in Reversed Proof finish. All three special finishes are intended for collection purposes.

The date of issuance is estimated to be September 2026

In the event of a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001, we hereby allow the 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 EU.



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Please find attached a copy of the design of each coin.

Kind regards,

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