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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 a 2 euro commemorative coin

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 2021, dedicated to Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve (UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme) (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. 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 *OJL 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.*

3. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 20 January 2020, 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
4. 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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**RE: SUBMISSION OF THE DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL SIDE OF THE €2
COMMEMORATIVE COIN**

Dear all,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 and Council Regulation (EU) No 651/2012 of 4 July 2012, the Bank of Lithuania hereby submits the design of the national side of the €2 commemorative coin intended to be issued in 2021.

The €2 commemorative coin will be dedicated to Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve (UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme). The national side of the coin depicts the characteristic surroundings of Žuvintas Biosphere Reserve, which belongs to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme: remote islands of a unique bird lake and Lithuania's largest wetland as well as its distinctive animals.

In the foreground there is a great bittern reaching for a fire-bellied toad floating in the water. In rushes depicted on the right there is an aquatic warbler, above – a flock of common cranes and a mute swan, symbolising the establishment of the Reserve.

The composition is surrounded by inscriptions LIETUVA (LITHUANIA), ŽUVINTAS, UNESCO, the year of issue (2021) and the mintmark of the Lithuanian Mint. The coin's outer ring bears the 12 stars of the European Union flag.

The common side of the coin features a geographical image of Europe.

The coin is designed by Eglė Ratkutė and Ernestas Žemaitis (national side), and Luc Luycx (common side).

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

The estimated mintage is 0.5 million pcs, including 5,000 BU-quality coins in a numismatic package.

The estimated date of issuance is the second quarter of 2021.

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

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