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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	21 May 2026
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Submission by Lituania 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 circulation[1] (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 the fourth quarter of 2026 dedicated to Kaunas (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 29 May, 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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SUBMISSION OF THE DESIGN OF THE NATIONAL SIDE OF THE €2 COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Dear colleagues,

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 Kaunas, which is intended to be issued in 2026.

The national side of the coin (obverse) features a panorama of the city. In the foreground of the composition, stands the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Vytautas the Great Church), with the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, the House of Perkūnas, and, in the centre, Kaunas Town Hall rising behind it. Nearby stand the towers of St. Francis Xavier (Jesuit) Church, while Kaunas Castle emerges in the background. The right side of the coin depicts symbols of the modernism of the temporary capital: the Kaunas Central Post Office and the Basilica of the Resurrection of Christ. The organic forms of nature on the left side of the coin provide a lively counterbalance to the strict urban shapes. The composition includes the inscriptions KAUNAS and LIETUVA, the mintmark of the Lithuanian Mint, the year 2026, the artist's initials. The coin's outer ring displays the 12 stars of the EU flag.

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

The edge of the coin will be the same as on the €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 fourth quarter of 2026.

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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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Coin dedicated to Kaunas

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