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LTL 3.45280



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Discover the euro banknotes and coins



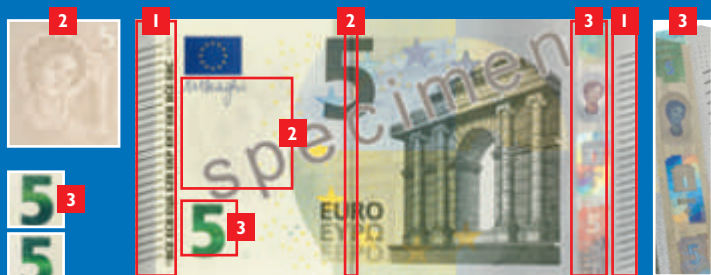
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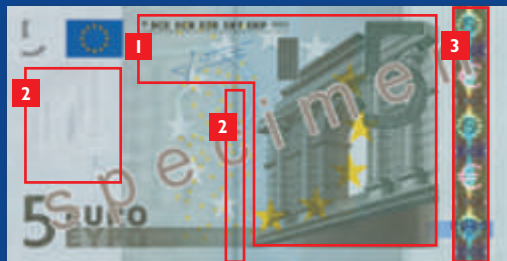


New €5 – 120 x 62 mm

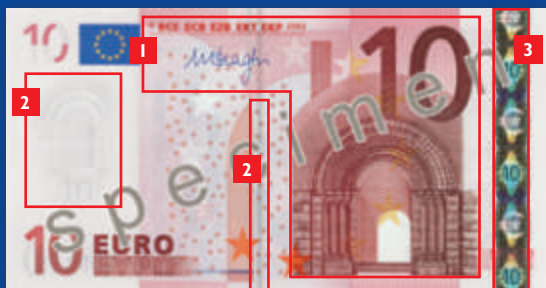


New €10 – 127 x 67 mm

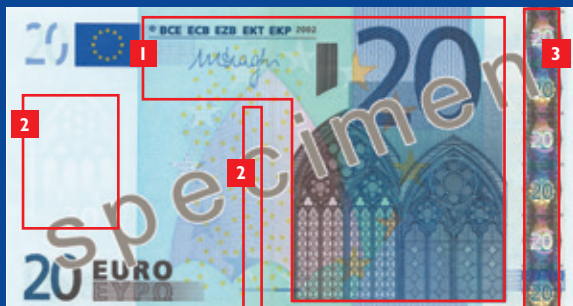
THE FIRST SERIES



€5 – 120 x 62 mm



€10 – 127 x 67 mm



€20 – 133 x 72 mm



€50 – 140 x 77 mm



€100 – 147 x 82 mm



€200 – 153 x 82 mm



€500 – 160 x 82 mm

THE EURO BANKNOTES

There are seven euro banknotes: €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500. Upgraded €5 and €10 banknotes from the “Europa series” are circulating alongside the €5 and €10 banknotes from the first series and will gradually replace them. An upgraded €20 will appear in the second half of 2015 and will be followed by the other denominations in the coming years.

All euro banknotes are easy to check using the feel-look-tilt method:



1 FEEL

The paper is crisp and firm.

Raised print – the main image, the lettering and the large value numeral feel thicker. Both the new €5 and €10 also have short raised lines on the left and right edges.



2 LOOK

Watermark – against the light the value and a window become visible. The watermark in the new €5 and €10 includes a portrait of Europa.

Security thread – against the light a dark line becomes visible.



3 TILT

Front of the banknote:

Emerald number – on the new €5 and €10 an effect of the light moves up and down the number. The number also changes colour from emerald green to deep blue.

Hologram – on the first series €5, €10 and €20 the value and a € symbol appear. The hologram on the new €5 and €10 includes a portrait of Europa.

On the €50, €100, €200 and €500 the value and a window or doorway appear.

Back of the banknote:

Glossy stripe – it shows the value and the € symbol.

Colour-changing number – the number on the back of the €50, €100, €200 and €500 changes colour from purple to olive green or brown.

THE EURO COINS



€2



€1



50 cent



20 cent



10 cent



5 cent



2 cent



1 cent



The euro coins range from 1 cent to €2.

Each has a “European” side and a “national” side.

The European side

On this side a map of Europe is shown.

The national side

The national side varies from country to country.

Despite these differences, you can use euro coins anywhere in the euro area.

Lithuanian euro coins

Lithuania’s euro coins feature an image of the coat of arms – Vytis. Vytis has appeared on Lithuanian coins since the 14th century. The edge of the Lithuanian €2 coin bears the inscription: LAISVĖ, VIENYBĖ, GEROVĖ (Freedom, Unity, Well-Being). Lithuania’s euro coins can be used throughout the euro area.

LITHUANIA ADOPTS THE EURO

Lithuania is adopting the euro on 1 January 2015, joining 18 other countries who share the single currency. It will be a historic day for the country and for the European Union. The exchange rate has been fixed at EUR 1 = LTL 3.45280.

Until 15 January 2015 you will be able to pay in both litas and euro, but thereafter only the euro will be the legally accepted form of payment in Lithuania.

Please note that you will only be able to exchange litas for euro free of charge at banks, post offices, some credit unions and Lietuvos bankas. Do not accept offers to exchange litas for euro on your doorstep or on the street. Stay alert.

Commercial banks will exchange litas banknotes and coins free of charge until 30 June 2015. Thereafter, until the end of 2015, a limited number of branches of commercial banks will only exchange litas banknotes free of charge.

Branches of Lithuania's post office (Lietuvos paštas) and some credit unions will exchange litas banknotes and coins for euro free of charge until 1 March 2015 inclusive.

Lietuvos bankas, which has offices in Vilnius and Kaunas, will exchange unlimited amounts of litas banknotes and coins for an indefinite period.

The simplest way of exchanging litas is to put it into an account with a bank or a credit union before the changeover. It will then be automatically converted into euro free of charge on 1 January 2015. Please remember that euro banknotes and coins will become the sole legal tender on 16 January 2015.

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