Various security features will help you recognize a genuine euro banknote. Just check if:

- The banknote paper is crisp and firm. It feels thicker in some parts.
- The main motif reappears in the watermark and the hologram on the €50, €100, €200 and €500.
- The value of the banknote appears in the watermark, the security thread, the hologram and in the colour-changing number.

**THE SECURITY FEATURES OF THE EURO BANKNOTES**

**WATERMARK**
Hold the banknote against the light and a shadow-like image and the value numeral become visible.

**FEEL OF THE PAPER**
It should be crisp and firm. Run your finger across it and you will feel that the ink is thicker in some parts.

**SECURITY THREAD**
Hold the banknote against the light and a dark line running through the banknote becomes visible.

**HOLOGRAM**
Tilt the banknote. It shows the value of the banknote and a window or doorway.

**COLOUR-CHANGING NUMBER**
Tilt a €50, €100, €200 or €500 banknote. On the back, the number changes colour from purple to olive green or brown.

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