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THE NEW €50 BANKNOTE

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A trusted means of payment



Mario Draghi
President, European Central Bank

Since their introduction in 2002, euro banknotes have become a symbol of European integration and one of the world's most trusted means of payment. We aim to maintain that trust by using the latest technology to make the notes even more secure. They are used by 338 million people in 19 European countries.

A gradual introduction for the new series

The Europa series banknotes are being introduced over several years. The €5, €10 and €20 have already been issued and the €50 will start circulating on 4 April 2017. The new €100 and €200 are planned to be introduced around the end of 2018. The new series will not include a €500 banknote in view of concerns that the note could facilitate illicit activities.

The new €50, like the previously issued notes of the Europa series, will circulate alongside the banknotes of the first series, which remain legal tender. Euro banknotes will always retain their value and can be exchanged for an unlimited period of time at the national central banks of the Eurosystem.

Why new banknotes?

Banknote security features need to be improved from time to time to make the notes even more resistant to counterfeiting. All the banknotes in the Europa series are also being given a fresh look. This has now been done with the new €50, which includes a portrait window visible on both sides as well as other enhanced security features. As a result, it is even more secure and remains easy to check.

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Further information can be found at:
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THE FIRST SERIES



THE EUROPA SERIES



Easy to check

The Europa series, like the first series of euro banknotes, is easy to check using the “FEEL, LOOK and TILT” method.



1 FEEL

Feel of the paper – Feel the banknote. It is crisp and firm.

Raised print – Feel the short raised lines on the left and right edges of the banknote. The main image, the lettering and the large value numeral also feel thicker.



2 LOOK

Portrait watermark – Look at the banknote against the light. A portrait of Europa, the value and the main image become visible.

Portrait window in the hologram – Against the light, the window near the top of the hologram becomes transparent and reveals a portrait of Europa on both sides of the note.



3 TILT

Emerald number – This shiny number displays an effect of the light that moves up and down. The number also changes colour from emerald green to deep blue.

Hologram – The silvery stripe reveals the value, the main image and the € symbol.

Portrait window in the hologram – The window near the top of the hologram shows a portrait of Europa. When the banknote is tilted, the window also shows rainbow-coloured lines around the value numeral. On the back, rainbow-coloured value numerals appear in the window.

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