Copyright of €2 commemorative coins

To whom it may concern

Numerous and enthusiastic collectors of €2 commemorative coins face problems when trying to get visual information about these popular issues, although the encyclopedia Wikipedia contains excellent articles about Euro coins. For instance, the one about €2 commemorative coins in the German version, http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/2-Euro-Gedenkm%C3%BCnzen , as an exception, presents pictures of all available coins from 2004 up to now.
They are considered being "*Amtliches Werk*" http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amtliches_Werk , similar to *public domain,* and therefore publishable - also the non-German coins of other Euro countries, due to the "*Schutzlandprinzip*" http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schutzlandprinzip or "***Lex loci protectionis***" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lex_loci_protectionis .

On the other hand, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E2%82%AC2_commemorative_coins , the English version, momentarily contains only five reproductions of the current 147 coins.
The reason is: The central data base of English Wikipedia,
"***Wikimedia Commons***", http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Commons ,
considers pictures of national sides of €2 commemorative coins as copyright violation *per se*, as long as not being proved otherwise.

The webpage http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Currency
documents licensing requirements of many (but not all) Euro countries.
The countries not.mentioned in the list have not yet released valuable information.
Apparently, some Euro countries might not hold the copyright of their coin's national sides.
Even the law of a non-Euro country is said to prevent the publication of a €2 commemorative coin's picture (Swiss law, concerning the Italian 2006 coin of the Olympic Games at Torino).

Depicted subjects might be national symbols. For *Wikimedia Commons* the design of the coin itself must not be copyrighted. Otherwise, approval for publication must be obtained.
Greece, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands and Slovakia are explicitly marked "*Not OK*" in the mentioned list, as far as reproduction of their coins is concerned.
Up to now only the publications of €2 commemorative coins of Estonia and Finland are accepted, as their National Banks obtain the copyright of the coins' designs and allow their reproduction.

It seems to be necessary to draw the attention of the responsible European boards and the European Central Bank to the problem of €2 commemorative coins' copyright to put an end to the disturbing insecurity (apart from the above mentioned legal situation in Germany).

€2 commemorative coins, whose designs have to be approved by the European Commission, are intended for circulation in all Eurozone countries and the connected microstates and have legal tender status.

Therefore I would suggest that you consider the following request:

The €2 commemorative coins should be put on a par with regular Euro coins, whose national sides are free to be published, copyrighted by the European Central Bank.