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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Submission by Bulgaria for formal approval by the Council of draft designs for the national side of euro coins

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1. Pursuant to Article 7(1) and 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'), Bulgaria submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft designs for the national side of the circulation euro coins of 1 and 2 euro, and 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents, intended to be issued in 2024:

   – 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 cents – The Madara Horseman;

   – 1 euro – St. Ivan Rilski;

   – 2 euro – Paisy Hilendarski.

   The draft designs are set out in the Annex to the present note.

[1] OJ L 194, 2.7.2014, p. 1.

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 (or designs) proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is (or designs are) likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens. In accordance with Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considers that the draft design (or designs) does not respect the technical requirements set out by the Council Regulation, it shall submit a negative assessment to the Council.

3. If no reasoned opinion or negative assessment has been submitted to the Council by 31 January 2024, the decision approving the submitted designs 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]

4. 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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Dear Colleagues,

In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 729/2014 of 24 June 2014 and the Council Regulation (EU) No. 651/2012 of 4 July 2012, the Republic of Bulgaria hereby submits the designs of circulation coins of all denominations (2 and 1 euros and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents) intended to be issued in the year of adopting the euro.

The national sides of the coins depict:

1. A circle of 12 stars, as it is on the flag of the European Union;

2. Cyrillic writing of the word 'BULGARIA' („БЪЛГАРИЯ") as a designation of the issuing country;

3. Cyrillic writing of the word 'euro' („евро") on the 1 and 2 euro coins, 'stotinka' („стотинка") on the 1 euro cent coin and 'stotinkas' („стотинки") on the 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 euro cent coins;

4. Inscription of the year of introduction of the euro in Bulgaria „2025";

5. The main elements of current Bulgarian coins in circulation are reproduced, namely:

- The Madara Horseman – on 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 euro cent coins;
- St. Ivan Rilski – on 1 euro coin;
- Paisy Hilendarski – on 2 euro coin.

The edge lettering of the 2-euro coin is: 'GOD SAVE BULGARIA' („БОЖЕ ПАЗИ БЪЛГАРИЯ") written in Bulgarian on one half and the same inscription written upside down on the second half.

The date of issuance will be defined after the Council abrogates the derogation of the Republic of Bulgaria under Article 140 (2) TFEU.

In the event of a request for access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, we allow the EU institutions to disclose the submitted draft national designs and the

correspondence related thereto to the public prior to the publication of the final designs in the Official Journal of the EU.

Please find attached a copy of the designs and a description of the main elements of the coins design.

Kind regards,

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Andrey Gurov

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2 euro



25,75 mm

Text

The coins of Bulgaria have three designs with images of: the Madara Horseman, St. Ivan Rilski and Paisy Hilendarski. All coins feature the 12 stars of the European flag, the year of issue and an inscription in Cyrillic.

For the design of the national side of the Bulgarian euro coins, elements of the design of Bulgarian circulation coins have been reproduced.

2 €

The 2-euro coin depicts Paisy Hilendarski (1722-ca. 1773) – a Bulgarian enlightener and clergyman, author of the first national revival work of Bulgarian historiography – 'Slavo-Bulgarian History'. Indicated with an inscription in Cyrillic on the right is the country – 'БЪЛГАРИЯ' (Bulgaria). To the left of the portrait are the Cyrillic inscription 'ЕВРО' (Euro) and the year of issue '2025'.

Inscription along the edge of the € 2 coin: on one half 'БОЖЕ ПАЗИ БЪЛГАРИЯ' (GOD SAVE BULGARIA) is written and on the other half – the same inscription is written in reverse.

1 €

The 1-euro coin depicts St. Ivan Rilski (ca. 876-946) – a Bulgarian spiritual leader who lived as a hermit monk, founder of the Rila Monastery. Miracle worker and heavenly protector of the Bulgarian people. Indicated with an inscription in Cyrillic on the right is the country – 'БЪЛГАРИЯ' (Bulgaria). To the left of the portrait are the Cyrillic inscription 'ЕВРО' (Euro) and the year of issue '2025'.

50 cents

The 50-cent coin depicts the Madara horseman – a rock relief from the 8th century, included in the List of world cultural heritage. Indicated with a Cyrillic inscription above is the country – БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria), and underneath – 'СТОТИНКИ' (Stotinki) – the name of Bulgarian circulation coins. To the right is the year of issue '2025'.

20 cents

The 20-cent coin depicts the Madara horseman – a rock relief from the 8th century, included in the List of world cultural heritage. Indicated with a Cyrillic inscription above is the country – БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria), and underneath – 'СТОТИНКИ' (Stotinki) – the name of Bulgarian circulation coins. To the right is the year of issue '2025'.

10 cents

The 10-cent coin depicts the Madara horseman – a rock relief from the 8th century, included in the List of world cultural heritage. Indicated with a Cyrillic inscription above is the country – БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria), and underneath – 'СТОТИНКИ' (Stotinki) – the name of Bulgarian circulation coins. To the right is the year of issue '2025'.

5 cents

The 5-cent coin depicts the Madara horseman – a rock relief from the 8th century, included in the List of world cultural heritage. Indicated with a Cyrillic inscription above is the country – БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria), and underneath – 'СТОТИНКИ' (Stotinki) – the name of Bulgarian circulation coins. To the right is the year of issue '2025'.

2 cents

The 2-cent coin depicts the Madara horseman – a rock relief from the 8th century, included in the List of world cultural heritage. Indicated with a Cyrillic inscription above is the country – БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria), and underneath – 'СТОТИНКИ' (Stotinki) – the name of Bulgarian circulation coins. To the right is the year of issue '2025'.

1 cent

The 1-cent coin depicts the Madara horseman – a rock relief from the 8th century, included in the List of world cultural heritage. Indicated with a Cyrillic inscription above is the country – БЪЛГАРИЯ (Bulgaria), and underneath – 'СТОТИНКА' (Stotinka) – the name of Bulgarian circulation coins. To the right is the year of issue '2025'.



1 euro



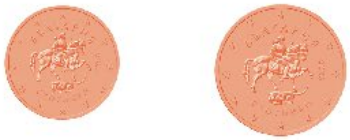
23,25 mm



10-cent coin	20-cent coin	50-cent coin
		
19,75 mm	22,25 mm	24,25 mm



2-cent coin **5-cent coin**



18,75 mm **21,25 mm**



1-cent coin



16,25 mm