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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Submission by Luxembourg for formal approval by the Council of draft designs for two 2 euro commemorative coins

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1. Pursuant to 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'), Luxembourg submits, through the General Secretariat of the Council, the draft designs for:

   - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2022, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the legal protection of the Luxembourg flag, and

   - a new 2 euro commemorative coin, intended to be issued in 2022, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the marriage of Hereditary Grand Duke Guillaume and Hereditary Grand Duchess Stéphanie (the draft designs are set out in the Annex to the present note).

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 proposed by the issuing Member State if that draft design is likely to create adverse reactions among its citizens. In accordance with

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

Article 10(5) of the Council Regulation, where the Commission considers that the draft design 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 14 October 2021, the decision approving the design 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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BANQUE CENTRALE DU LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg, October 6, 2021

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Re: submission of new draft national designs of Luxembourg euro coins

Dear Sirs,

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 Banque centrale du Luxembourg hereby submits two designs of the national side of the 2-euro commemorative coin intended to be issued in 2022.

The first coin will be dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the legal protection of the Luxembourg flag.

The national side of the coin depicts at the left hand the effigy of the Grand Duke Henri and at the right hand the Luxembourg tricolor flag. The year-date 1972 appears above the flag and the issuing year-date 2022 is depicted below. At the bottom center, the name of the issuing country "LËTZEBUERG" is represented. As the producing mint is not yet known, the mint marks might be adapted within the spaceholder.

The second coin will be dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the marriage of the Heir Grand Duke.

The national side of the coin depicts the effigies of the Heir Grand Duke Guillaume and the Heir Grand Duchess Stéphanie. Above the effigies, the respective names are depicted in semi-circular form. Two wedding rings appear at the left of the year-date 2022. At the bottom of the design, the word "LËTZEBUERG" designating the issuing country is depicted, as well as the wedding date "20. Oktober 2012". The monogram (letter "H" with a crown) is a representation of the Grand Duke Henri. As the producing mint is not yet known, the mint marks might be adapted within the spaceholder.

The edge lettering of both issues will be the same as on the regular 2-euro circulation coins issued by Luxembourg. The estimated mintage is 0,5 million coins for each issue. The date of issuance is estimated to be January 2022, respectively February 2022.

BANQUE CENTRALE DU LUXEMBOURG

We kindly request the EU institutions and the competent authorities of the Euro Area Member States not 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 design.

Appreciating your answer at your earliest convenience, we remain

Yours faithfully,

BANQUE CENTRALE DU LUXEMBOURG

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Head of Numismatics

Annex 1 :
- draft design


1972
2022
LËTZEBUERG


STÉPHANIE
GUILLAUME
2022
LËTZEBUERG
20. OKTOBER
2012