



THE NEW €100 AND €200 BANKNOTES

ISSUANCE OF THE NEW €100 AND €200 BANKNOTES

The new series of banknotes has been introduced gradually across the euro area over the past few years, in ascending order. The unveiling of the €100 and €200 at the ECB on 17 September 2018 will complete the Europa series. The new banknotes are planned to enter circulation on 28 May 2019.



WHY WE NEED NEW BANKNOTES

The ECB and the Eurosystem have a duty to safeguard the integrity of euro banknotes and continue to improve banknote technology. The Europa series offers better protection against counterfeiting, making euro banknotes even more secure. The new €100 and €200 banknotes benefit from the same security features as the €50 banknote, such as a portrait in the watermark and in the hologram, plus new and upgraded ones that make them harder to counterfeit but still easy to check:

- **Satellite hologram:** this brand new feature can be found at the top of the silvery stripe. When you tilt the banknote, you can see small € symbols moving around the number. The € symbols become clearer under direct light.
- **Emerald number:** when you tilt the banknote, the shiny number in the bottom left corner displays an effect of the light that moves up and down, while the number changes colour from emerald green to deep blue. The new €100 and €200 banknotes also show € symbols inside the number.

In addition to the security features for the public, the new banknotes contain new and upgraded features for authentication by machines and devices.



EASY TO CHECK

FRONT

FEEL
Raised print

LOOK
Portrait watermark Portrait window

TILT
Emerald number Portrait hologram
Satellite hologram Portrait window



BACK

LOOK
Portrait window Portrait watermark

TILT
Portrait window



Security features of the €100 and €200 banknotes www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/banknotes/security/html/index.en.html
 More information on the €100 banknote www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/banknotes/denominations/html/index.en.html#es2-100
 More information on the €200 banknote www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/banknotes/denominations/html/index.en.html#es2-200



THE NEW €100 AND €200 BANKNOTES

THERE ARE MORE €100 BANKNOTES IN CIRCULATION THAN €10 BANKNOTES

The €100 and €200 banknotes are widely used, both as a means of payment and as a store of value. At the end of June 2018, there were 2.7 billion €100 banknotes in circulation (accounting for 13% of all euro banknotes in circulation) as against 2.5 billion €10 banknotes (accounting for about 12% of the total number). In terms of value, the €100 is the second most important denomination after the €50, covering almost a quarter (23%) of the value of all euro banknotes in circulation. In comparison, €200 banknotes account for 1% of the number of euro banknotes in circulation and 4% of the total value.

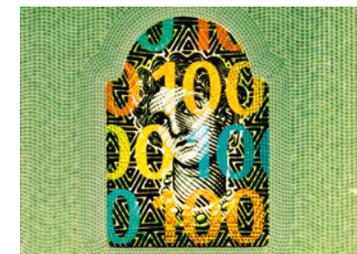
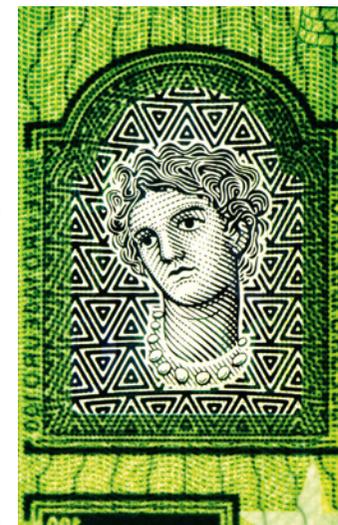
SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

When designing the Europa series, the ECB worked closely with visually impaired people to develop banknotes with features that can be helpful for people with poor vision. The new notes feature large value numerals in a bolder design with more contrasting shades to make the banknotes easier to identify by colour. There are also tactile marks near the edges of the banknotes that are different for each denomination.

TRUST IN EURO BANKNOTES

Euro banknotes continue to be a trusted, secure means of payment. The number of counterfeits remains very low (301,000 pieces removed from circulation during the first half of 2018) compared with the steadily rising number of genuine banknotes in circulation (over 21 billion). The ECB, together with the national central banks of the Eurosystem, will continue to ensure that euro banknotes remain a valuable and valued means of payment in the euro area and beyond. It is essential that everyone who uses euro banknotes can go on doing so with complete confidence. That is why the Europa series has been introduced.

Euro banknote counterfeiting remained low in first half of 2018
www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2018/html/ecb.pr180727.en.html





THE NEW €100 AND €200 BANKNOTES

WILL CASH BECOME OBSOLETE IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

Global trends indicate that the demand for cash continues to grow. Since the introduction of the euro in 2002, the number of banknotes in circulation in the euro area has tripled and now stands at 21 billion. The value of banknotes in circulation is currently growing by around 4% per year and has reached almost €1.2 trillion. For more information on banknotes circulation figures, visit our website.
www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/policy_and_exchange_rates/banknotes+coins/circulation/html/index.en.html

IS CASH STILL KING?

Cash is the widely preferred means of payment at points of sale such as shops, petrol stations and vending machines. In 2016, 79% of all transactions in the euro area were made with cash, while only 19% were made by card.¹ Cash transactions are even more popular at street and market vendors (90% of all transactions – 81% in terms of value) and in bars and restaurants (90% of all transactions – 76% in terms of value).

WHAT ARE THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF CASH?

- It is inclusive – people who have limited or no access to bank accounts can still make payments with cash.
- It allows people to have better control of their spending and personal debt levels.
- It is a private way to pay.
- It is a contingency measure in case electronic payment systems fail.
- It provides instant settlement of transactions the moment the cash changes hands.
- It ensures competition between various retail payment instruments and contributes to the competitive pricing of other retail payment instruments.
- It is the only payment instrument that gives the public direct access to trusted central bank money.

¹ Source: "The use of cash by households in the euro area":
www.ecb.europa.eu/pub/pdf/scpops/ecb.op201.en.pdf?3670de4c470a5361c8b3e250d656699



SPEECHES AND QUOTES ON CASH AND EURO BANKNOTES

Welcome address by Mario Draghi, President of the ECB, at an event marking the issuance of the new €50 banknote, Frankfurt am Main, 4 April 2017

“Though electronic payments are becoming more popular, cash is still our most important means of payment. [...] Over three-quarters of all payments at points of sale in the euro area are made in cash. In terms of transaction values, that’s slightly more than half. So even in this digital age, cash remains essential in our economy.”

www.ecb.europa.eu/press/key/date/2017/html/sp170404.en.html

Speech by Yves Mersch, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB, at the 4th Bargeldsymposium of the Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt am Main, 14 February 2018

“Cash allows privacy and thus safeguards fundamental rights. [...] Citizens can use cash to exercise their fundamental rights without the state or other third parties being able to immediately track any financial transactions involved.”

www.ecb.europa.eu/press/key/date/2018/html/ecb.sp180214.en.html

Contribution by Yves Mersch, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB for Project Syndicate, 28 April 2017

“Growth in overall demand for cash is outpacing nominal GDP growth. In the last five years, the average annual growth rate of euro banknotes was 4.9% by value and 6.2% by piece. This rise includes denominations that are predominantly used for transactions, rather than for savings. [...] The ECB will continue to provide banknotes. We will also facilitate the further development of an integrated, innovative, and competitive market for retail payment solutions in the eurozone.”

www.ecb.europa.eu/press/key/date/2017/html/ecb.sp170428.en.html

MATERIALS FOR THE MEDIA

- Press release
www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2018/html/ecb.pr180917.en.html
- Images of the new €100 and €200 banknotes and the security features
www.flickr.com/photos/eurocentralbank/sets/72157697753987952
- Images of the unveiling event
www.flickr.com/photos/eurocentralbank/albums/72157700197251994
- Images of Europa series of banknotes
www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/banknotes/images/html/index.en.html
- Unveiling film
www.youtube.com/user/ecbeuro
- Footage for TV stations about the printing process of the new €100 and €200 banknotes
www.ecb.europa.eu/press/tvservices/ondemand/html/index.en.html





EUROSYSTEM PRESS CONTACTS



European Central Bank
 Directorate General Communications
 Sonnemannstrasse 20
 60314 Frankfurt am Main
 Germany
 Tel.: +49 69 1344 7455
 Fax: +49 69 1344 7401
 info@ecb.europa.eu
 www.euro.ecb.europa.eu



Banc Ceannais na hÉireann
 Central Bank of Ireland
 Eurosystem

Cónán Ó Broin
 Media Relations Officer
 Media Relations | Communications Division
 North Wall Quay
 Dublin 1, D01 F7X3
 Ireland
 Tel: +353 1 224 6618
 Mobile: +353 86 411 5650
 conan.obroin@centralbank.ie
 www.centralbank.ie



Divisione Stampa e Relazioni esterne
 Via Nazionale 91
 00184 Roma
 Italia
 Tel.: +39 06 4792 3200
 stampabi@bancaditalia.it
 www.bancaditalia.it



Marc Konsbruck
 Communication Officer
 2, boulevard Royal
 L-2983 Luxembourg
 Tél.: + 352 4774 4265
 Télécopie: + 352 4774 4910
 info@bcl.lu
 www.bcl.lu



BANCO DE PORTUGAL
 EUROSYSTEM

Departamento de Comunicação e Museu
 Rua do Comércio, 148
 1100-150 Lisboa
 Portugal
 Tel.: +351 213 215 358
 Fax: +351 213 464 843
 press@bportugal.pt
 www.bportugal.pt



Geert Sciot
 Communication Manager
 Boulevard de Berlaimontlaan 14
 1000 Bruxelles / Brussel
 Belgique / België
 Mobile : +32 477 77 49 11
 pressoffice@nbb.be
 www.nbb.be



ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ
 EUROSYSTEM

Υπηρεσία Τύπου
 Ελ. Βενιζέλου 21
 102 50 Αθήνα
 Ελλάδα
 Τηλ: +30 210 320 3447
 Φαξ: +30 210 320 3922
 press@bankofgreece.gr
 www.bankofgreece.gr



ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΗ ΤΡΑΠΕΖΑ ΤΗΣ ΚΥΠΡΟΥ
 EUROSYSTEM

Γραφείο Τύπου
 Κεντρική Τράπεζα της Κύπρου
 Λεωφόρος Κένεντυ 80
 1076 Λευκωσία
 Κύπρος
 Τηλ: +357 22714465, +357 22714503
 Φαξ: +357 22378151
 pressoffice@centralbank.gov.cy
 www.centralbank.cy



BANK CENTRALI TA' MALTA
 CENTRAL BANK OF MALTA
 EUROSYSTEM

Rose Fenech
 Public Relations Coordinator
 Communications and International Relations Department
 Piazza Kastija
 Valletta VLT 1060
 Malta
 Tel: (+356) 2550 3105 / 3109
 Fax: (+356) 2550 2500
 publicrelations@centralbankmalta.org
 www.centralbankmalta.org



BANKA SLOVENIJE
 BANK OF SLOVENIA
 EUROSYSTEM

Odnosi z javnostmi
 Slovenska 35
 1505 Ljubljana
 Slovenija
 Tel.: +386 1 47 19 153, +386 1 47 19 777
 Faks: +386 1 47 19 724
 pr@bsi.si
 www.bsi.si



Zentralbereich Kommunikation
 Pressestelle
 Wilhelm-Epstein-Straße 14
 60431 Frankfurt am Main
 Deutschland
 Tel: + 49 69 9566 3511
 Fax: + 49 69 9566 3077
 presse@bundesbank.de
 www.bundesbank.de



Ricardo Fernández
 Jefe de la División de Relaciones
 con los Medios y Documentación
 Alcalá, 48
 E-28014 Madrid
 España
 Tel.: +34 91 338 5044
 Fax: +34 91 338 5203
 comunicacion@bde.es
 www.bde.es



Jānis Silkalns
 Preses sekretārs
 K. Valdemāra ielā 2A, Rīgā
 LV-1050
 Latvija
 Tel.: +371 6702 23594
 presesdienests@bank.lv
 www.bank.lv



Herman Lutke Schipholt
 Persvoorlichter
 Westeinde 1
 1017 ZN Amsterdam
 Nederland
 Tel.: +31 20 524 2712
 Mobiel: +31 6 5249 6900
 h.j.lutke.schipholt@dnb.nl
 www.dnb.nl



NÁRODNÁ BANKA SLOVENSKA
 EUROSYSTEM

Oddelenie komunikácie
 Imricha Karvaša 1
 813 25 Bratislava
 Slovenská republika
 Tel.: +421 2 5787 2147
 Fax: +421 2 5787 1128
 info@nbs.sk
 www.nbs.sk



Availike suhete allosakond
 Estonia pst 13
 15095 Tallinn
 Eesti
 Tel: +372 668 0965, +372 668 0745
 Faks: +372 668 0954
 presse@eestipank.ee
 www.eestipank.ee



Olivier Aubry
 Chef du service de la Communication externe et digitale
 007-1049
 9, rue du Colonel Driant
 75049 Paris CEDEX 01
 France
 Tél.: +33 1 42 92 39 00
 Télécopie : +33 1 42 92 39 41
 presse@banque-france.fr
 www.banque-france.fr



Viešųjų ryšių skyrius
 Gedimino pr. 6
 01103 Vilnius
 Lietuva
 Tel. +370 5 268 0072
 media@lb.lt
 www.lb.lt



Christian Gutlederer
 Pressesprecher
 Otto-Wagner-Platz 3
 1090 Wien
 Österreich
 Tel.: +43 1 404 20 6900
 Fax: +43 1 403 17 44
 christian.gutlederer@oenb.at
 www.oenb.at



Richard Brander
 Vanhempi tiedottaja / Senior informatör
 Snellmaninkatu / Snellmansplatsen
 PL 160 / PB 160
 00101 Helsinki / Helsingfors
 Suomi / Finland
 Puhelin / Telefon: +358 10 831 2206
 richard.brander@bof.fi
 www.suomenpankki.fi / www.finlandsbank.fi

