

## COMMEMORATIVE COINS

**2004**



**Feature:** Fifth decade of the World Food Program

**Description:** In the center is the globe, titled to the right and bearing the inscription 'WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME'. An ear of wheat, an ear of maize and an ear of rice, the three grains representing the world's basic sources of nourishment, emerge from behind the globe. To the right of the globe is an 'I' superimposed on an 'R', denoting 'Repubblica Italiana', below which there appears a smaller combination of the letters U and P, the initials of the engraver, Uliana Pernazza. To the upper left of the globe is the mint mark 'R' and under the globe is the year – '2004'. The 12 stars of the European Union are positioned around the outer circle.

**Issuing date:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2004

**2005**



**Feature:** 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the signing of the European Constitution

**Description:** The center of the coin features Europa and the bull, with Europa holding a pen and the text of the European Constitution. To the upper left of the image is the mintmark 'R'. The initials of engraver Maria Carmela Colaneri, 'MCC', appear on the lower left edge of the coin's central part. The year of mintage is shown in the top right of the image above the head of the bull. Positioned just off-center at the bottom of the image is the monogram of the Italian Republic, 'RI'. The words 'COSTITUZIONE EUROPEA' form a semicircle along the outer ring of the coin beneath the central image, while twelve stars are depicted on the remainder of the outer ring.

**Issuing date:** October 2005

**2006**



**Feature:** XX Olympic Winter Games - Turin 2006

**Description:** An image of a skier, a dynamic, curvilinear figure, is in the center of the coin. Above him are the words 'GIOCHI INVERNALI' and to his left the location of the Winter Games is arched by the word 'TORINO' and an image of Turin's landmark Mole Antonelliana building. The monogram of the Italian Republic 'RI' and the mintmark 'R' are also to the skier's left. The year of issue, 2006, and the initials of the designer 'MCC' (Maria Carmela Colaneri) are shown to his right. The 12 stars of the European Union encircle the design.

**Issuing date:** January-February 2006

**2007**



**Feature:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Treaty of Rome

**Description:** The coin shows the Treaty document signed by the six founding countries on a background evocating the paving (designed by Michelangelo) of the Piazza del Campidoglio in Rome, where the signing took place on 25 March 1957. 'Treaty of Rome 50 years', 'EUROPE' and the name of the issuing country appear in the respective languages of the euro area or in Latin. Thus, the legend differs from country to country, but the image is the same. The Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community and ultimately led to the introduction of the euro in 1999 and the euro banknotes and coins in 2002. The anniversary was celebrated on 25 March 2007. The euro area countries have marked the occasion by jointly issuing this commemorative coin. Its design was selected following a competition organized by the European mints.

**Issuing date:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007

**2008**



**Feature:** 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

**Description:** The coin depicts a man and a woman with an olive branch, an ear of corn, a cogwheel and some barbed wire – symbols of the right to peace, food, work and freedom respectively. The monogram of the Italian Republic 'RI' is placed between the two figures, as is the year of issue '2008'. At the bottom of the image are the links of a chain forming the number '60' and the inscription 'DIRITTI UMANI' (human rights). The initials 'MCC' of the artist Maria Carmela Colaneri and the mint mark 'R' are shown on the right. The outer ring of the coin depicts the 12 stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** April 2008

**2009**



**Feature:** 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Economic and Monetary Union

**Description:** The coin shows a stick figure which merges into the € symbol. It seeks to convey the idea of the single currency and, by extension, Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) being the latest step in Europe's long history of trade and economic integration. The coin is issued by each euro area country and shows the name of the country as well as the legend 'EMU 1999-2009' in the respective language(s). The design was chosen out of a shortlist of five by members of the public across the European Union voting online. It was created by George Stamatopoulos, a sculptor from the Minting department at the Bank of Greece.

**Issuing date:** January 2009

**2009**



**Feature:** 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Louis Braille's birth

**Description:** The coin depicts a hand reading an open book by touch. The index finger points at a vertical inscription 'LOUIS BRAILLE 1809-2009' and two birds in flight above the hand symbolize freedom of knowledge. The monogram of the Italian Republic, 'RI', is at the top right, while the mint mark 'R' is at the bottom right. Braille's name is written under the book in the alphabet that he invented. At the very bottom are the initials 'MCC' of the artist Maria Carmela Colaneri. The 12 stars of the European Union are shown on the outer ring.

**Issuing date:** September/October 2009

**2010**



**Feature:** 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Count of Cavour's birth

**Description:** The coin commemorates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Camillo Benso, Count of Cavour (1810-1861), a key figure in Italian unification and early Italian liberalism, and the founder of the political newspaper "Il Risorgimento". It features a portrait of Cavour based on a painting by Francesco Hayez from 1864.

**Issuing date:** March 2010

2011



**Feature:** 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unification of Italy

**Description:** The inner part of the coin shows, in the center, three Italian flags fluttering in the wind, to mark three past periods of 50 years each – the periods ending in 1911, 1961 and 2011 respectively – in illustration of a perfect link between generations: this is the logo of the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy. Written in a semi-circle along the upper outer edge around the three flags is the inscription “150° DELL’UNITÀ D’ITALIA” (150th anniversary of the unification of Italy), with the letters “RI” superimposed on one another off-center to the right in indication of the issuing country, the Republic of Italy. Beneath the three flags stand the dates “1861 - 2011”. Centered below the dates is the mintmark “R”, with the letters “ELF INC.”, the initials of the artist Ettore Lorenzo Frapiccini and the first three letters of the Italian name of his profession (incisore) along the bottom edge to the right. The 12 stars of the European Union are depicted on the coin’s outer ring.

**Issuing date:** March 2011

2012



**Feature:** 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Euro coin (2002 - 2012)

**Description:** at the centre of the coin there is a representation of the Euro symbol. Framing the symbol there are elements that depict its importance in various fields: the tower of the ECB representing the financial world; wind power plants representing energy; factories representing the industrial world; houses and people representing the countries acceding to the Euro; the ship representing the trade sector. At the top, arched, the word "REPUBBLICA ITALIANA", below, arched, the dates "2002" and "2012"; on the right "R"; all around the coin the 12 stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012

**2012**



**Feature:** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Giovanni Pascoli's death (1912 – 2012)

**Description:** In the foreground, the bust of the poet from Romagna, Giovanni Pascoli, a representative figure of the Italian literature of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. On the right the year of issue "2012" and the monogram of the Italian Republic "RI"; on the left the year of the death "1912"; the mintmark "R" and the initials of the author Maria Carmela Colaneri "MCC", arc – shaped inscription "G. PASCOLI". Around, on the outer ring, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

**2013**



**Feature:** 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Giuseppe Verdi's birth

**Description:** In the foreground, the three-quarter bust of Giuseppe Verdi. On the left, the monogram of the Italian Republic "RI" and the year of the composer's birth "1813"; on the right, the mintmark "R" and the year of issue "2013"; below, the words "G.VERDI" and "MCC", an acronym of the author Maria Carmela Colaneri. On the outer ring are positioned the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013



**2013**



**Feature:** 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Giovanni Boccaccio's birth (1313-2013)

**Description:** on the front of the coin the head of Giovanni Boccaccio, great humanist and man of letters whose works had a significant influence on the Italian and European culture. The three quarter profile is taken from a fresco by Andrea del Castagno (1450). At the bottom, in a circle, the inscription "BOCCACCIO 1313-2013"; on the right, the mintmark "R", below "RI" (the monogram of the Italian Republic) and "M" (the initial of the surname of the author Roberto Mauri). On the outer ring, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**2014**



**Feature:** 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Carabinieri

**Description:** on the front of the coin, a reinterpretation of the sculpture "Carabinieri patrol in the storm", made by Antonio Berti in 1973. It is the symbol of the mission of the Carabinieri and represents the effort to realize the winning of the justice, bringing certainty and serenity against the wind of the resistances on the path. At the bottom, in a circle, the inscription "CARABINIERI". On the left, the year of the foundation of the Force "1814". On the right, the monogram of the Italian Republic "RI" and the year of emission "2014". Below "LDS", the initials of author's name Luciana De Simoni. Above, the letter "R" (Monogram of the Mint of Rome). On the outer ring, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**2014**



**Feature:** 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Galileo Galilei

**Description:** on the front of the coin, the head of Galileo Galilei, physicist, philosopher, astronomer and mathematician, considered the father of modern science; the image is taken from the painting by Justus Sustermans of 1636 (Florence, Uffizi Gallery). At the top there is the inscription, in a semicircle, “GALILEO GALILEI”. On the right, the letter 'R' (Monogram of the Mint of Rome), an astronomical telescope exposed in the Museum of the History of Science in Florence and the letters 'CM' (the initials of author's name Claudia Momoni). On the left the letters "RI" (monogram of the Italian Republic). In exergue, the dates 1564 – 2014 are indicated. On the outer ring, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014

**2015**



**Feature:** EXPO Milano 2015

**Description:** The design depicts a composition symbolizing the fertility of Earth: on a semicircle indicating the terrestrial sphere, a seed fed by the water waits to sprout; above the Earth, a vine, an olive twig and an ear grow from a tree trunk; around, the inscription ‘NUTRIRE IL PIANETA’; on the left the initials of the designer Maria Grazia Urbani, ‘MGU’; on the right, the monogram of Italian Republic ‘RI’ and ‘R’, identifying the Mint of Rome; in the middle, the logo of EXPO MILANO 2015. The coin’s outer ring bears the 12 stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015



**2015**



**Feature:** 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Dante Alighieri 1265-2015

**Description:** The design shows Dante with an open book in his left hand and the Purgatory mountain at the back: detail from the illustration of the Divine Comedy painted by Domenico di Michelino (1417-1491) in the Dome of S. Maria del Fiore in Florence; in the center, the monogram of the Italian Republic 'RI'; on the right the inscription 'R', identifying the Mint of Rome; below the inscription 'SP', initials of Silvia Petrassi and the dates '1265 2015', i.e. the year of the anniversary and that one of the coin's issue respectively; arch shaped, the inscription 'DANTE ALIGHIERI'. The coin's outer ring bears the 12 stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

**2016**



**Feature:** 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Donatello's death (1466-2016)

**Description:** The coin depicts the head of the David by Donatello (detail of the bronze sculpture on display at the National Museum of the Bargello in Florence). To the left, the monogram of the Italian Republic "RI" and underneath, in two lines, the years "1466" and "2016" are stamped. Further, on the right, the initials "C.M." of author's name Claudia Momoni are shown; below, the arch-shaped inscription "DONATELLO" is positioned. The outer ring is adorned with the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** March 2016

**2016**



**Feature:** 2.200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tito Maccio Plauto's death (184 b.C.- 2016)

**Description:** The coin shows two theater masks that represent the young girl and the slave of the New Comedy; they are taken from a mosaic of the second century a.C. kept in the Capitoline Museums. At the top the building plan of a Roman theater is placed around, with the centered monogram of the Italian Republic "RI". On the left, the mint mark "R" is shown, while on the right the initials "LDS", of the author's name Luciana De Simoni are engraved. In exergue the years "184 b.C" and "2016" as well as the inscription "PLAUTO" are shown. The outer ring shows the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** March 2016

**2017**



**Feature:** 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of St.Mark's Basilica in Venice

**Description:** Facade of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice; in exergue, "1617" and "2017", the year of completion of the Basilica and that of the coin's issue respectively, flank the monogram of Italian Republic "RI"; below, the inscription "SAN MARCO"; on the right "LDS", initials of the designer Luciana De Simoni; above, "VENEZIA" and the letter "R" identifying the Mint of Rome; around, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 22 March 2017

2017



**Feature:** bimillenary of the death of Titus Livius

**Description:** bust of the Roman historian Titus Livius, from a work by Lorenzo Larese Moretti; on the left, “RI”, monogram of Italian Republic and “C.M.”, initials of the designer Claudia Momoni; on the right, “17” and “2017”, the year of Titus Livius’ death and that of the coin’s issue respectively, and the letter “R” identifying the Mint of Rome; around a dot-decorated frame and the inscription “TITO . LIVIO”, around, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> june 2017

2018



**Feature:** 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the Italian Constitution

**Description:** above, the inscription “COSTITUZIONE” and the monogram “RI”, acronym of Italian Republic; in exergue, the inscription “CON SICURA COSCIENZA” (“with clear conscience”), “R” identifying the Mint of Rome and the dates “1948 . 2018”, i.e. the year of the entry into force of the Italian Constitution and that of the coin’s issue respectively; all around, the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> january 2018

2018



**Feature:** 60 th anniversary of the foundation of the Ministry of health

**Description:** allegory of health with symbol elements of the Ministry's activities; Environment, Research, Food and Medicine; on the left, the monogram "RI", acronym of Italian Republic; above, "R" identifying the Mint of Rome; at the base of feminine figure, initials of the designer Silvia Petrassi; around the inscription "MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE", the years "1958 – 2018" and the twelve stars of the European Union.

**Issuing date:** 4<sup>th</sup> may 2018