

Annex I

Specifications for the design competition for a 2-euro common commemorative coin celebrating 30 years of the European Union flag

Design requirements:

The design should symbolise 30 years of the European Union flag. It should visualise the European Flag as a symbol not only of the European Union but also of Europe's unity and identity in a wider sense. It should reflect the ideals of solidarity and harmony among the peoples of Europe.

In accordance with the rules on national sides the design cannot include the denomination, or any parts thereof, neither the name of the currency. This does not, however, exclude a symbol of the currency. The established rules for the design of national sides should obviously be respected. The compulsory elements of the coin are:

- on the outer ring: the 12 stars of the European flag completely surrounding the design;
- in the inner circle: the year 2015 (e.g. "2015" or "1985-2015") and the text "ISSUING COUNTRY" (that will be replaced by the name of each country in its language(s) on the coin to be issued).

The design should preferably not include any other text in order to avoid possible translation difficulties and to limit the difficulties for those countries having several national languages. However, if there is a text, it should be extremely short and in English. The design shall be drawn up in such a way that, where applicable a mint mark can be added in the inner circle of the coin. Furthermore, a design in the form of a map should preferably be avoided since it might be seen as repetitive to have a geographical representation on both sides of the coin. A short explanatory notice on the submitted design can be added on a separate file or sheet.

Mints are allowed to submit more than one project.

Projects can be sent either electronically or on A4 paper. The technical requirements of the electronic files are:

JPEG- format, 72 DPI and 300 DPI

10 cm diameter

white background, no shadows

RGB: grey can be chosen; yellow 254 / 210/ 62

CMYK: grey can be chosen; yellow 1 / 16 / 86 / 0

Gradient as needed

Copyright:

Every design shall be accompanied by a signed declaration of the designer that the Commission can use the submitted design for publication on the Commission's website set up for public voting; and should the submitted design be selected, the copyright of the design is transferred to the European Union, represented by the Commission.

The Commission will subsequently authorise all issuing Member States to make use of the selected design for the purpose of striking the coins.

At the end of the competition, the copyright of the winning design will be transferred by the winning designer.

Declaration attached.

Time-table:

Submission of design proposals	2-20 March 2015
Pre-selection of design proposals	23-27 March 2015
Selection of the final design by EU citizens	30 March – 09 May 2015
Start of minting	June 2015
First coins are put into circulation	as of 1 July 2015