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## Characteristics of the different types of euro coins

Regular coins	Commemorative coins	Collector coins
Intended for circulation	Intended for circulation	<i>Not</i> intended for circulation
Legal tender in <i>all</i> euroarea Member States	Legal tender in <i>all</i> euroarea Member States	Legal tender <i>only</i> in the country of issue
Issued at face value	Issued at face value	Selling price equal to or above face value
Eight denominations (1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent, €1 and €2)	Single denomination (€2)	Face value different from coins intended for circulation
One side with a common design and one side with a national design	One side with a common design and one side with a national design	No common design
Design of the national side surrounded by twelve stars	Design of the national side surrounded by twelve stars	Designs should at least slightly differ from the national side design and should not be similar to the common side design
Technical specifications are harmonised by a Council Regulation	Technical specifications of the €2 coin	Technical specifications should significantly differ from those of the circulation coins for at least two of the following three characteristics: colour, diameter and weight