

The second series of euro banknotes is called *Europa*, since it contains a portrait of Europa, the Greek mythology goddess.

The design of the Europa series continues the “ages and styles” theme of the first series, however with a fresh look and more intensive colours. It was designed by German banknote designer Reinhold Gerstetter. The changes make easy to differentiate new banknotes from those of the first series. Moreover, the banknotes of the Europa series have security features offering better protection against counterfeiting than those of the first series.

At the top of the silvery stripe a satellite hologram shows tiny € symbols that move around the number and become clearer under direct light. The silvery stripe also shows the portrait of Europa, the architectural motif and a large € symbol. The new 100 € and 200 € banknotes reveal improved emerald number. While the emerald number itself is present on all the other notes of the Europa series, this enhanced version also shows € symbols inside the numerals.

The new €100 and €200 notes are a different size to the old €100 and €200 notes. Both denominations are now the same height as the €50 banknote. However, their length remains unchanged – the longer the note, the higher the value. Since the €50, €100 and €200 banknotes are now the same height, they can be more easily handled and processed by machines.

In addition to the security features that can be seen with the naked eye, euro banknotes also contain machine-readable security features. On the new €100 and €200 banknotes these features have been enhanced, and new ones have been added to enable the notes to be processed and authenticated swiftly.

Details of the new Europa series 100€ banknote

Dimensions 147 x 77 mm



Portrait watermark



Portrait window



Emerald number with € mark



Reverse of new 100 € banknote



Details of the new Europa series 200€ banknote
Dimensions 153 x 77 mm



Satellite hologram

The satellite hologram – a feature unique to the €100 and €200 notes – is at the top of the silvery stripe. When you tilt the banknote, it shows tiny € symbols that move around the number. Those symbols become clearer under direct light.

Reverse of new 200 € banknote



For more information, visit the ECB website:

<https://www.ecb.europa.eu/euro/banknotes/denominations/html/index.en.html#es2-100>