Status report of euro counterfeits

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Be attentive!

Check banknote security features!

Be careful, there are simple counterfeits, on which security elements are not imitated.

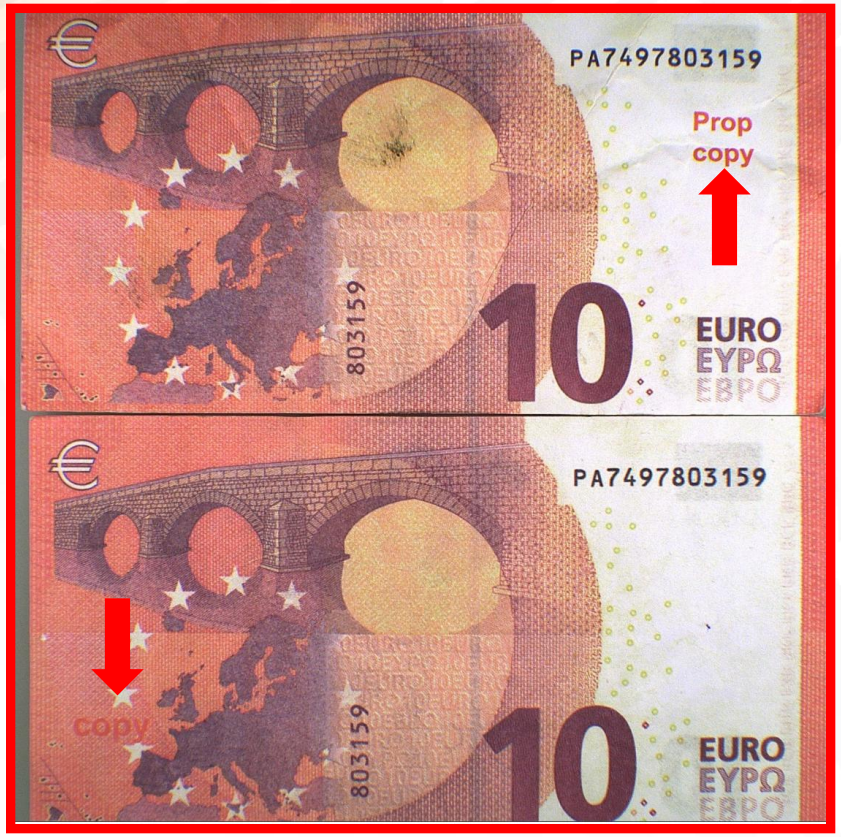




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“MovieMoney”, „copy“ and „prop copy“ counterfeits are still in circulation. They are presented by all denominations.







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Check security features!



Tilt the banknote





On the 2nd series genuine banknotes, the shiny number on the bottom of the left corner displays an effect of the light that moves up and down. The number also changes from emerald green to deep blue.

This security feature has been used on all 2nd series denominations from 5 to 200 euros.

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Be careful!

Hight quality counterfeit banknotes. The hologram and watermark are imitated and in transmitted light counterfeit banknote (upper) and genuine (lower) are difficult to differentate. It is essential to check other security features.









NB! Tilt the banknote. On genuine banknote the shiny number displays an effect of the light that moves up and down.

Counterfeit euro notes registered in Estonia 2011-2025

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
5	4		2	10	15	4	9	29	5	7	4	2	14	97	15
10		3	14	16	13	5	9	9	23	119	50	45	60	109	47
20	43	23	32	91	96	42	60	128	38	109	101	44	39	477	117
50	129	66	52	177	181	348	486	457	165	127	72	271	93	295	255
100	61	76	55	102	70	24	20	761	38	16	18	12	14	202	25
200	34	25	23	17	10	18	9	7	8	4	2	6	28	4	5
500	5	9	14	68	16	77	11	16	8	11	16	82	16	11	9
kokku	276	202	192	481	401	518	604	1407	285	393	263	462	264	1195	473

Counterfeit euro coins registered in Estonia 2011-2025

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0,5	1	4		2								2			
1	26	39	21	22	18	12	18	7	15	10	4	11	4	16	6
2	77	118	131	104	79	59	56	58	108	96	59	120	119	160	113
kokku	104	161	152	128	97	71	74	65	123	106	63	133	123	176	119

Counterfeit euro notes in 2026

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	ALL
5	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0			**8**
10	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	13			**24**
20	16	13	4	7	1	2	3	1	1	7			**55**
50	9	8	5	18	4	7	4	13	6	7			**81**
100	2	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	1			**11**
200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			**0**
500	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			**2**
all	**33**	**23**	**14**	**27**	**6**	**12**	**14**	**14**	**9**	**29**	**0**	**0**	**181**

Counterfeit euro coins in 2026

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	all
50 cents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			**0**
1 eur	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1			**7**
2 eur	9	8	9	8	1	13	6	8	7	3			**72**
all	**10**	**8**	**10**	**11**	**2**	**13**	**6**	**8**	**7**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**79**

Counterfeit coin with the altered design instead of „EURO“ is a „FURO“



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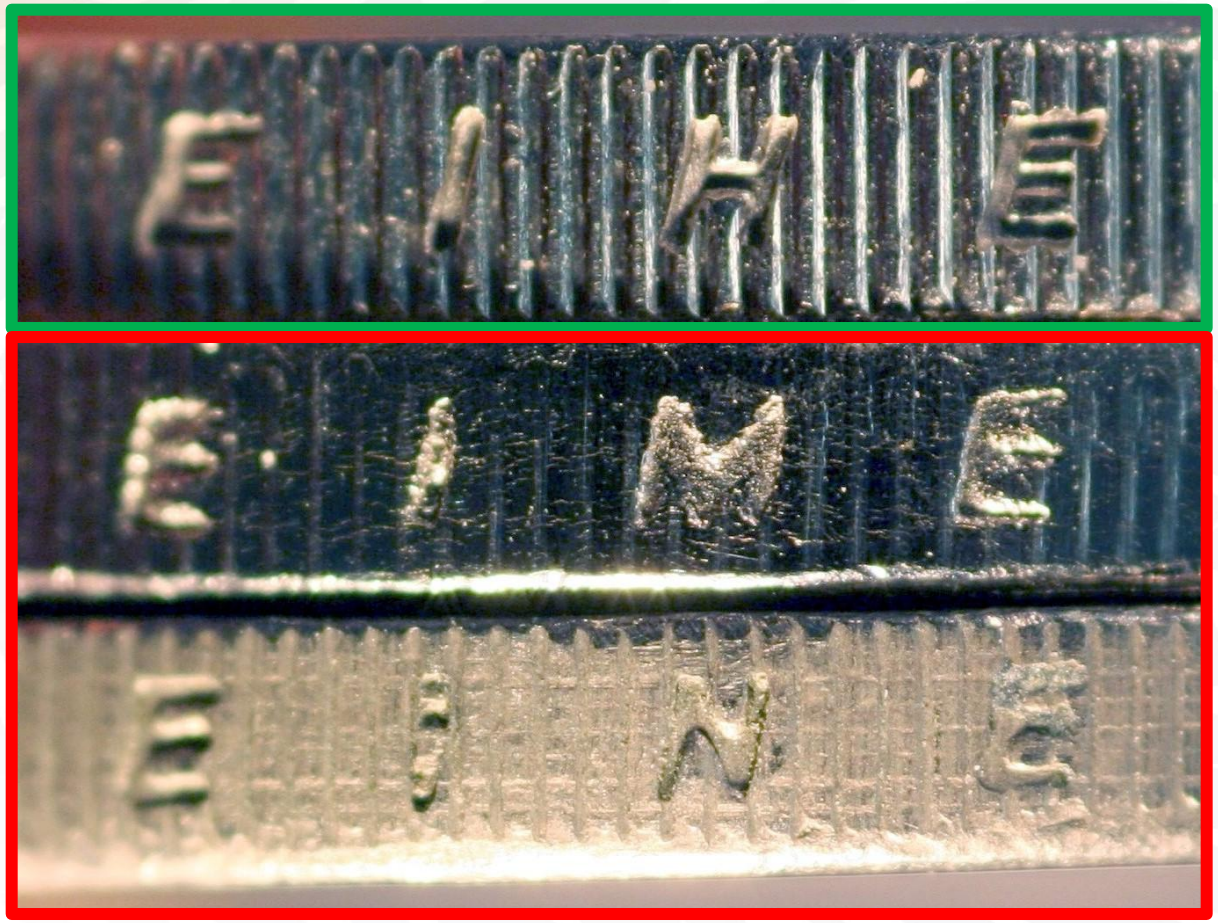


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Upper – edge of the 2-euro coin issued by Germany,
the bottom two – edges of 2-euro counterfeits with spelling mistakes

Damaged/worn coins

