

# Status report of euro counterfeits



## WARNING!

Counterfeit B-series banknotes. The hologram and watermark are imitated and in transmitted light counterfeit banknote (upper) and genuine (lower) are similar. It is very important to check other security features.

Tilt the banknote. The shiny number on genuine banknote displays an effect of the light that moves up and down.





A 50 Euro banknote is shown with a red arrow pointing to the serial number MB6666888880. The banknote features the Euro symbol, a map of Europe, and the number 50. The text 'EURO PRPQ EBPQ' is visible at the bottom right. The background is a textured, golden-yellow color.



## WARNING!

50 euro counterfeits dominate in Estonia. Some of them are with very deceptive holograms. That is why it is important to check several security features. Watermark, security thread and colour changing number may be also imitated.



See-through element may be visibly shifted





**WARNING!**



**Counterfeit**

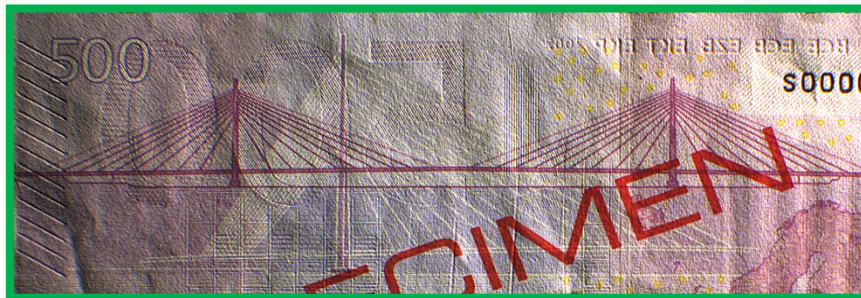
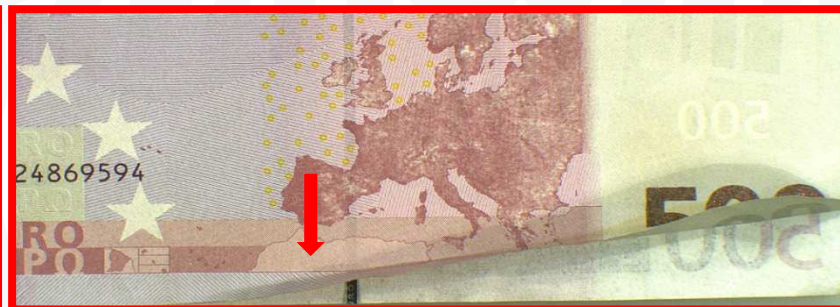
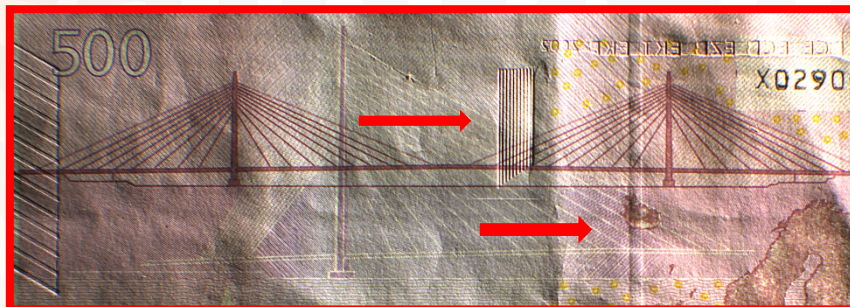
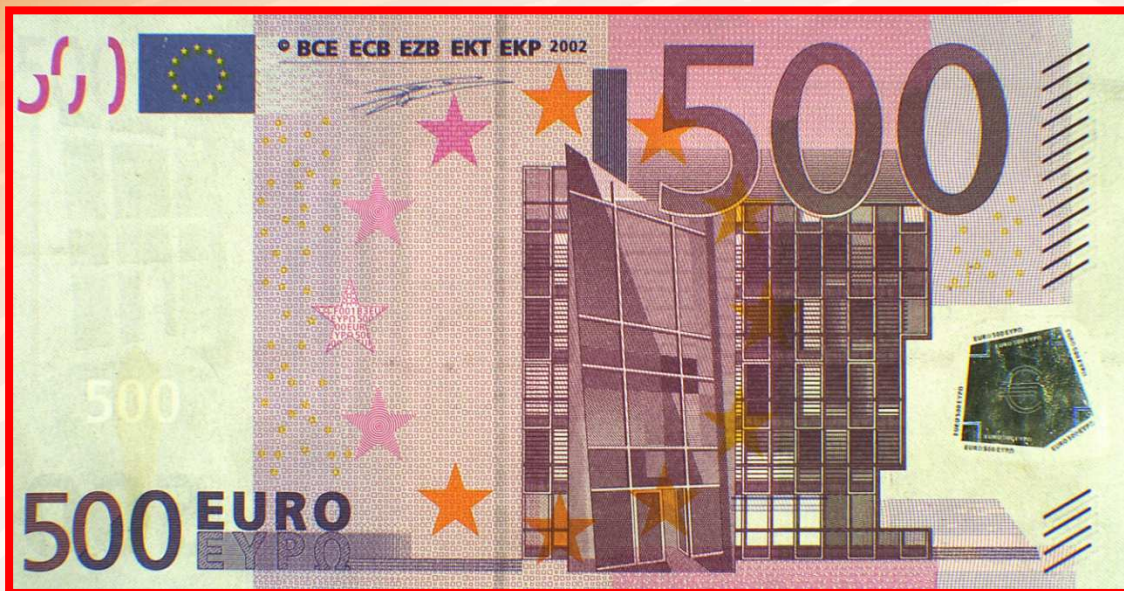
**Specimen**

A change of colour has slightly been achieved

**Counterfeit**







High quality 500 euro counterfeits



# Counterfeit euro notes registered in Estonia 2011-2019

|              | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>5</b>     | 4    |      | 2    | 10   | 15   | 4    | 9    | 29   | 5    |
| <b>10</b>    |      | 3    | 14   | 16   | 13   | 5    | 9    | 9    | 23   |
| <b>20</b>    | 43   | 23   | 32   | 91   | 96   | 42   | 60   | 128  | 38   |
| <b>50</b>    | 129  | 66   | 52   | 177  | 181  | 348  | 486  | 457  | 165  |
| <b>100</b>   | 61   | 76   | 55   | 102  | 70   | 24   | 20   | 761  | 38   |
| <b>200</b>   | 34   | 25   | 23   | 17   | 10   | 18   | 9    | 7    | 8    |
| <b>500</b>   | 5    | 9    | 14   | 68   | 16   | 77   | 11   | 16   | 8    |
| <b>total</b> | 276  | 202  | 192  | 481  | 401  | 518  | 604  | 1407 | 285  |





# Counterfeit euro coins registered in Estonia 2011-2019

|              | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>0,5</b>   | 1    | 4    |      | 2    |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>1</b>     | 26   | 39   | 21   | 22   | 18   | 12   | 18   | 7    | 15   |
| <b>2</b>     | 77   | 118  | 131  | 104  | 79   | 59   | 56   | 58   | 108  |
| <b>total</b> | 104  | 161  | 152  | 128  | 97   | 71   | 74   | 65   | 123  |
|              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |





# Counterfeit euro notes in 2020

|     | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | ALL |
|-----|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-----|
| 5   |         |          |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 0   |
| 10  | 8       | 6        |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 14  |
| 20  | 22      | 7        |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 29  |
| 50  | 38      | 14       |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 52  |
| 100 |         | 2        |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 2   |
| 200 |         |          |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 0   |
| 500 | 3       | 2        |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 5   |
| all | 71      | 31       | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0      | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0        | 102 |



# Counterfeit euro coins in 2020

|          | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | all |
|----------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-----|
| 50 cents |         |          |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 0   |
| 1 eur    | 1       | 3        |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 4   |
| 2 eur    | 14      | 17       |       |       |     |      |      |        |           |         |          |          | 31  |
| all      | 15      | 20       | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 0    | 0      | 0         | 0       | 0        | 0        | 35  |



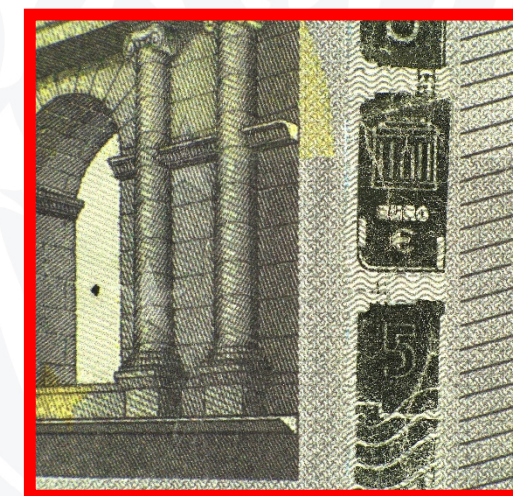
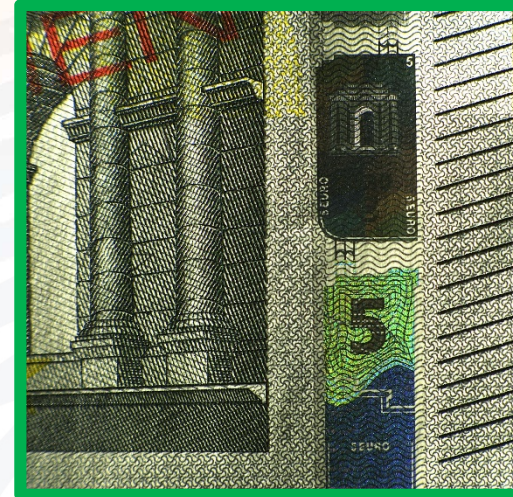




Tilt the banknote. On genuine banknote the shiny number in the bottom left corner displays an effect of the light that moves up and down. The number also changes from emerald green to deep blue depending on your viewing angle.





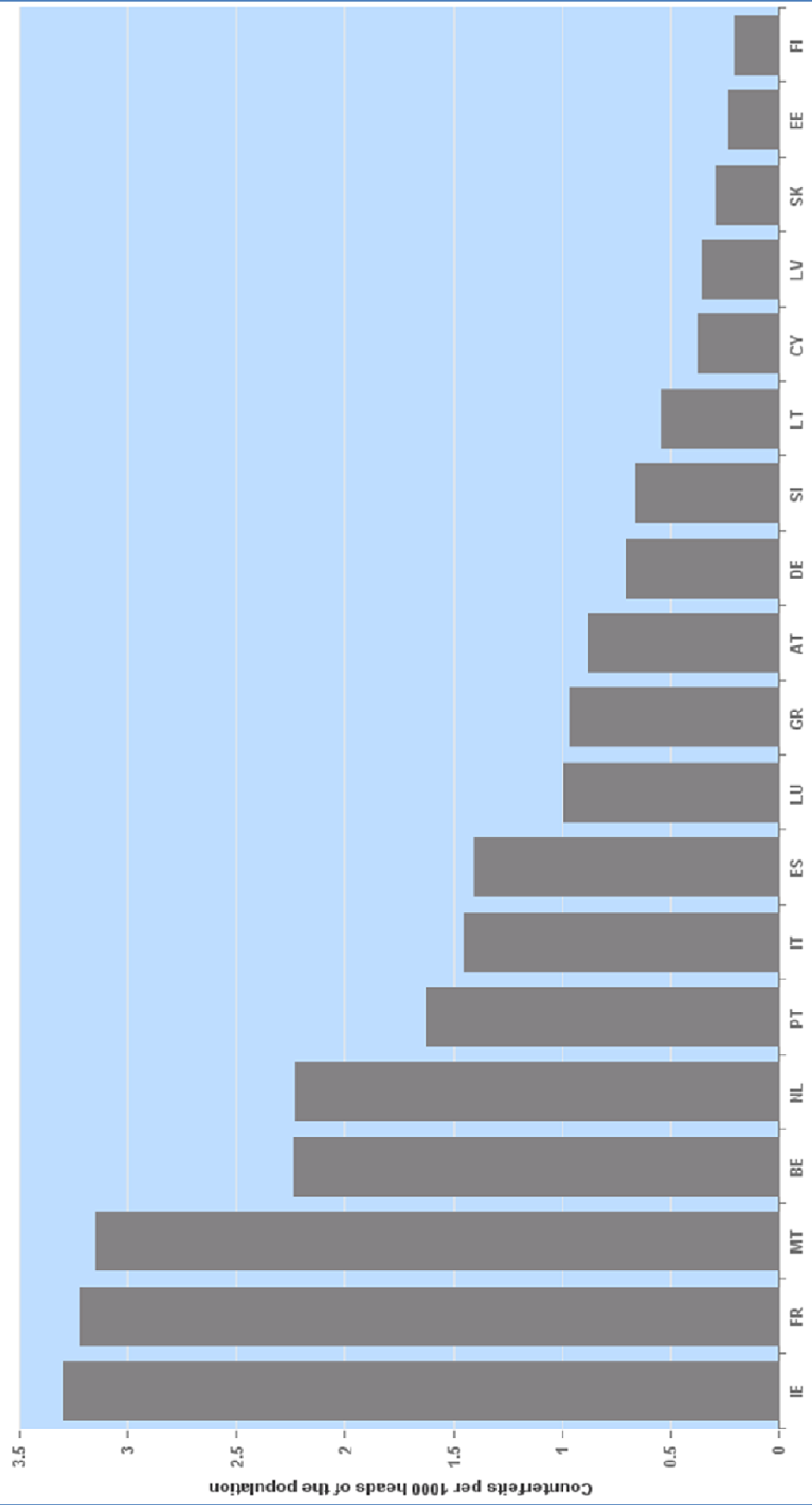


New B-series specimen and counterfeit





Euro area counterfeiting by population, rolling year to end-January 2020





**Genuine**

**Counterfeit, the surface of the  
outer circle irregular**



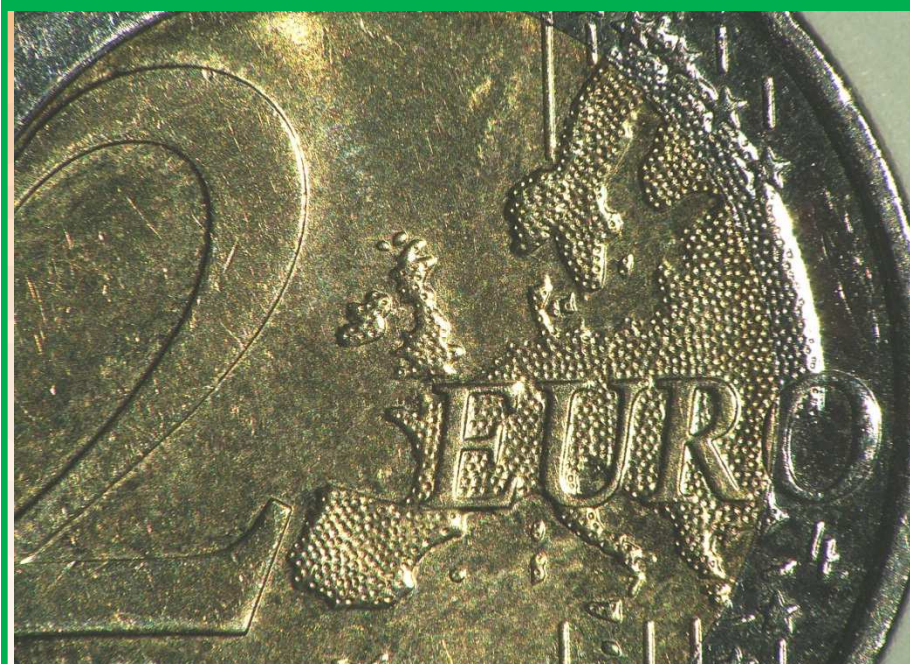


**Genuine**



**Counterfeit**





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Counterfeit





**Genuine**



**Counterfeit**







**Genuine 2-euros coin edge (Germany) – lower**  
**Counterfeit 2 variants upper**



# Genuine damaged euro coins

