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### **In 2021 only 17 counterfeit banknotes per million genuine euro banknotes in circulation were detected in Spain**

A total of 56,389 counterfeit euro banknotes were identified in Spain in 2021, which is 17 counterfeit banknotes per million genuine euro banknotes in circulation. This is 5.7% less than in 2020 and confirms the downward trend observed since 2015 (with the sole exception of 2019), on data published today for the first time by the Banco de España on [its website](#).

The statistics show that the number of counterfeit euro banknotes detected in Spain has gradually fallen, from 88,200 in 2015 to 56,389 in 2021. In accordance with the data compiled by the European Central Bank, this is line with the pattern seen beyond our borders.

By denomination, the €20 banknote was the most counterfeited banknote in Spain last year, accounting for 38% of the total detected, followed by the €50 banknote (31%). The counterfeit banknotes identified in Spain in 2021 had a total value of €2.15 million.

In the case of coins, slightly fewer than eight counterfeit euro coins per million genuine euro coins in circulation were detected in Spain in 2021, almost all of which were €2 coins (94.6%). This is slightly less, on European Commission data, than the total number of counterfeit coins detected worldwide (fewer than ten counterfeit euro coins per million genuine euro coins in circulation). [See our website for more information on euro counterfeiting data.](#)

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