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New €100 and €200 banknotes start circulating today

- Banknotes with new and upgraded security features enter into circulation today
- A satellite hologram and an enhanced emerald number make the banknotes more resistant to counterfeiting
- €100 and €200 banknotes complete the Europa series

The new €100 and €200 banknotes, the last notes in the Europa series, start circulating today. The banknotes use new and innovative security features and are easy to check using the “feel, look and tilt” method.

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

The new €100 and €200 notes are now the same height as the €50 banknote, which makes them easier to handle and process by machines. They will also fit better in people’s wallets and last longer, as they will be subject to less wear and tear.

The €100 is the third most widely used euro banknote, after the €50 and the €20. The demand for €100 and €200 banknotes is increasing, at an annual rate of 7.6% for the €100 and 8.6% for the €200.

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The €100 and €200 banknotes of the first series, like all the other denominations, will remain legal tender. They will continue to circulate alongside the new notes and will be gradually withdrawn from circulation.

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Notes:

- [Fact sheet on the new €100 and €200](#)
- [List of validated banknote processing machines](#)

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