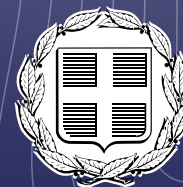


# NUMISMATIC PROGRAMME

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**€10 SILVER COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«GREEK CULTURE — PHILOSOPHERS — DIOGENES»**



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**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €10  
Diameter: 40 mm  
Weight: 34.10 gr  
Edge: plain  
Material: silver 92.5% (Ag)  
Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €52.42 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Launch of sales: 03/04/2017



€10 SILVER COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«GREEK CULTURE — LYRIC POETS — SAPPHO»



**SAPPHO (C. 630-570 BC)**

Sappho of Lesbos was one of the greatest lyric poets in ancient Greece and one of the first in the Western world to consistently express personal emotions. She composed her poems in the Aeolian dialect and sang them to the accompaniment of a lyre. Her works, which survive mostly in fragments, cover a broad thematic range: poems celebrating nature and love, *hymeneals* and *epithalamia* (marriage songs), odes and invocations of gods. Her superb lyric imagery, vivid rendering of female sensitivity and bold eroticism have, for centuries, stirred widespread interest, if not controversy. Sappho won high acclaim in ancient times and was even hailed as the “tenth Muse”. To this day, she remains one of the most influential ancient poets.

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«GREEK CULTURE — LYRIC POETS — SAPPHO»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €10  
Diameter: 40 mm  
Weight: 34.10 gr  
Edge: plain  
Material: silver 92.5% (Ag)  
Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum issue: 2,000 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €52.42 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Launch of sales: 01/06/2017



**€6 MINI SILVER COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT»**



**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE  
TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT**

By decision of the United Nations, 2017 has been proclaimed “International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development” in recognition of the important role of sustainable tourism as a positive instrument towards the eradication of poverty, the protection of the environment and the improvement of quality of life, and of its contribution to the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental). Tourism has close linkages to other sectors and can contribute to decent job creation. The sector’s importance is reflected by the fact that tourism is included as targets under three of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations. International tourism, in particular, can generate trade opportunities, foster better understanding among peoples and bring about a greater appreciation of the rich heritage and the inherent values of different cultures, thereby contributing to the strengthening of peace in the world.

**€6 MINI SILVER COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €6  
Diameter: 28.50 mm  
Weight: 10 gr  
Edge: plain  
Material: silver 92.5% (Ag)  
Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €32.26 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: M. Antonatou  
Launch of sales: 16/11/2017

**BLISTER SET DEDICATED TO: «GREEK TOURISM — CRETE»  
CONTAINING ALL EIGHT DENOMINATIONS OF 2017 GREEK EURO COINS**



**CRETE**

Crete is the largest island of Greece. Its topography is dominated by soaring mountains, namely the Lefka Ori ("White Mountains"), the Psiloritis massif (Mt Ida), Mt Dicte and others, alternating with fertile plains and stunning gorges. The Cretan and Libyan Seas, respectively to the North and South, have carved out sheltered harbours, rock-strewn coastlines and sandy beaches. Crete was the cradle of Minoan civilisation and, according to mythology, the birthplace of Zeus. Strategically situated at the juncture of three continents, the island came under the rule of several conquerors (Romans, Arabs, Venetians and, last, Ottomans), before finally uniting with Greece in 1913. Crete's tumultuous history has forged the indomitable Cretan spirit, while centuries of fruitful cultural exchanges have left their mark on countless monuments, as well as on folk and scholarly traditions that admirably fuse East and West. The proverbial Cretan hospitality, exquisite local produce, mild climate, and beauty and diversity of the natural landscape all make Crete one of Greece's top tourist destinations.

## BLISTER SET DEDICATED TO: «GREEK TOURISM — CRETE» CONTAINING ALL EIGHT DENOMINATIONS OF 2017 GREEK EURO COINS



### Technical specifications:

Packaging: blister set  
Maximum issue: 15,000 sets  
Minting quality: brilliant uncirculated  
Price: €13.01 plus V.A.T.  
Packaging designed by: A. Michelioudaki  
Launch of sales: 15/05/2017



**BLISTER WITH €5 COLLECTOR COIN COMMEMORATING  
«175 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF NIKOLAOS GYSIS»**



**NIKOLAOS GYSIS (1842-1901)**

Nikolaos Gysis, one of the finest modern Greek painters, was born on the island of Tinos but grew up in Athens, where he attended classes at the Athens School of Fine Arts. In 1865, he received a scholarship to study at the renowned Munich Academy of Fine Arts, where he mastered a flawless technique and the tenets of academic realism. He spent most of his life in Munich, where he became full professor at the Academy, returning to Greece only occasionally. His journey to Asia Minor with fellow artist Nikephoros Lytras enriched his palette and shifted his focus to Greek genre themes. The output of his later years became more poetic and idealistic, often inspired by Greek mythology and religious themes, with a discernible influence of symbolism.



**BLISTER WITH €5 COLLECTOR COIN COMMEMORATING  
«175 YEARS FROM THE BIRTH OF NIKOLAOS GYSIS»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €5  
Diameter: 30.50 mm  
Weight: 18.80 gr  
Edge: plain  
Material: alloy of copper, zinc, nickel  
Packaging: blister pack  
Maximum issue: 5,000 pieces  
Minting quality: circulation  
Price: €6.45 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Packaging designed by: A. Michelioudaki  
Launch of sales: 12/12/2017



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**€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PHILIPPI»**



**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PHILIPPI**

The ancient city of Philippi was named after Philip II of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great. The site, which includes an ancient theatre, three Christian basilicas and other monuments, was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2016.

**€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PHILIPPI»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €2  
Diameter: 25.75 mm  
Weight: 8.50 gr  
Thickness: 2.20 mm  
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering  
Ring material: copper nickel  
Inner material: nickel brass  
Minting quality: circulation  
Maximum issue of coins in blister packaging:  
4,500 pieces  
Price: €4.03 plus V.A.T.  
Launch of sales: 12/10/2017  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Packaging designed by: A. Michelioudaki

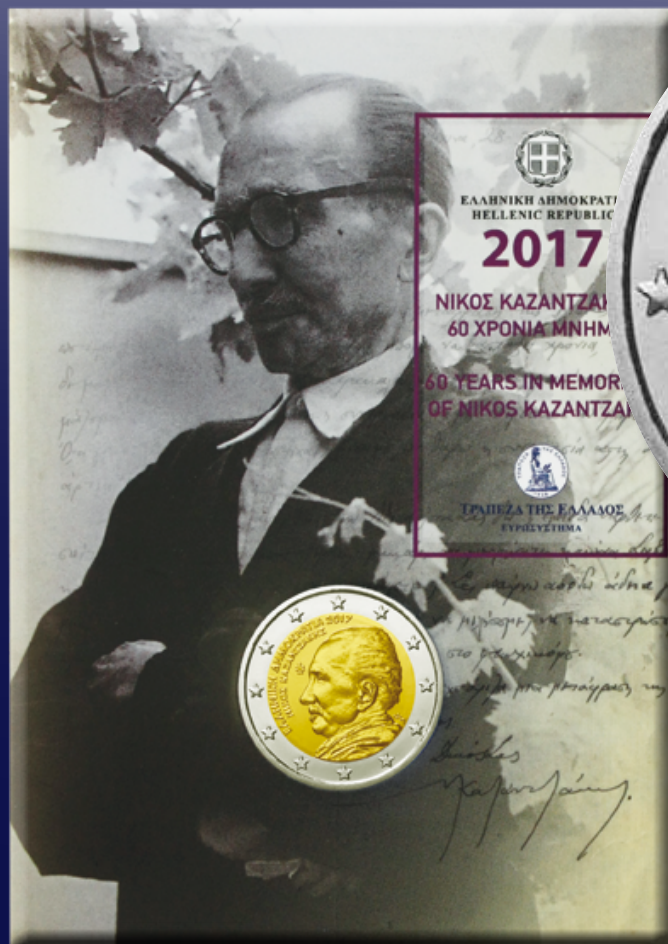
**€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PHILIPPI»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €2  
Diameter: 25.75 mm  
Weight: 8.50 gr  
Thickness: 2.20 mm  
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering  
Ring material: copper nickel  
Inner material: nickel brass  
Minting quality: circulation  
Maximum issue of coins in rolls: 744,000 pieces  
Price: €50  
Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«60 YEARS IN MEMORIAM OF NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS»



**NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS (1883-1957)**

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**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €2  
Diameter: 25.75 mm  
Weight: 8.50 gr  
Thickness: 2.20 mm  
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering  
Ring material: copper nickel  
Inner material: nickel brass  
Minting quality: circulation  
Maximum issue of coins in blister packaging:  
4,500 pieces  
Price: €4.03 plus V.A.T.  
Launch of sales: 10/07/2017  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Packaging designed by: A. Michelioudaki



Official Mint coin set

**ΝΙΚΟΣ ΚΑΖΑΝΤΖΑΚΗΣ:  
60 ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΜΝΗΜΗΣ**

Ο Νίκος Καζαντζάκης (1883-1957) είναι από τους σημαντικότερους Έλληνες συγγραφείς του 20ού αιώνα. Έγινε διεθνώς γνωστός κυρίως για τα μυθιστορήματά του, που χαρακτηρίζονται από μεταφυσικό όραμα και εμβληματικούς ήρωες και μεταφράστηκαν σε περισσότερες από 30 γλώσσες.

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**Τεχνικές προδιαγραφές και λοιπές πληροφορίες**

Ονομαστική αξία: €2  
Διάμετρος: 25,75 κιλστόμια  
Βάρος: 8,50 γραμμάρια  
Πάχος σκεπής: 2,20 κιλστόμια  
Μορφή σκεπής: λεπτή οδοντωτή/περιφερειακή γραφή  
Υλικό δακτυλίου: χαλκονικέλιο  
Υλικό πυρήνα: νικέλιο-αργετούχα  
Ποσότητα τύπωσης: κυκλοφορίας  
Μέγιστη ποσότητα τύπωσης: 4.500 τεμάχια  
Καλλιτεχνική σύμβολο: Γεώργιος Σταματοπούλος  
Καλλιτεχνική συσκευασία: Αρετή Μιχελιουδάκη  
Νομισματοκοπείο Τρόχα της Ελλάδας/Ε.Τ.Α.

**Technical specifications and other information**

Denomination: €2  
Diameter: 25.75 mm  
Weight: 8.50 gr  
Thickness: 2.20 mm  
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering  
Ring material: copper-nickel  
Inner material: nickel-brass  
Minting quality: circulation  
Maximum issue: 4,500 pieces  
Coin designed by: George Stamatopoulos  
Packaging designed by: Areti Michelioudaki  
Minted at: Bank of Greece/Printing Works Department

Οι φωτογραφίες είναι ευγενική προσφορά του Μουσείου Νίκου Καζαντζάκη.  
Photos courtesy of the Nikos Kazantzakis Museum.

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«60 YEARS IN MEMORIAM OF NIKOS KAZANTZAKIS»**



**Technical specifications:**

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Diameter: 25.75 mm  
Weight: 8.50 gr  
Thickness: 2.20 mm  
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering  
Ring material: copper nickel  
Inner material: nickel brass  
Minting quality: circulation  
Maximum issue of coins in rolls: 744,000 pieces  
Price: €50  
Launch of sales: TO BE ANNOUNCED  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos

**€200 GOLD COIN DEDICATED TO:  
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**€200 GOLD COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«GREEK CULTURE — PHILOSOPHERS — DIOGENES»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €200  
Diameter: 22.10 mm  
Weight: 7.98 gr  
Edge: milled  
Material: gold 916‰ (Au), silver 53‰ (Ag)  
Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum issue: 1,000 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €362.90 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Launch of sales: 26/04/2017



€100 MINI GOLD PLUS COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«GREEK MYTHOLOGY — THE OLYMPIAN GODS — ATHENA»



ATHENA

Athena, favourite daughter of Zeus, was the goddess of wisdom, war and the crafts. She sprang forth from Zeus's head, fully grown and fully armed, representing his wisdom and will. In ancient Greek art, she is portrayed wearing a helmet, often holding shield and spear. Worshipped throughout the Greek world, Athena was especially associated with Athens, of which she was the patroness. It was to *Athena Parthenos* (Athena the virgin) that the Parthenon was dedicated, with its chryselephantine (gold and ivory) statue of the goddess, crafted by Phidias, while the colossal *Athena Promachos* (Athena the front-line fighter), also by Phidias, watched over the city from the rock of the Acropolis. Her numerous epithets include: *Pallas*, *Polias* (of the city), *Archegetis* (leader), *Nike* (victory). The olive was her sacred tree, and the owl, represented on the Athenian drachma coins, was her symbol.

**€100 MINI GOLD PLUS COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«GREEK MYTHOLOGY — THE OLYMPIAN GODS — ATHENA»**



## Technical specifications:

- Denomination: €100
- Diameter: 17.50 mm
- Weight: 3.89 gr
- Edge: plain
- Material: gold 99.99% (Au)
- Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity
- Maximum issue: 1,200 pieces
- Minting quality: proof
- Price: €173.39 plus V.A.T.
- Coin designed by: M. Antonatou
- Launch of sales: 19/06/2017

## Technical specifications:

- Denomination: €100
- Diameter: 17.50 mm
- Weight: 3.89 gr
- Edge: plain
- Material: gold 99.99% (Au)
- Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity
- Maximum issue: 1,200 pieces
- Minting quality: proof
- Price: €173.39 plus V.A.T.
- Coin designed by: M. Antonatou
- Launch of sales: 19/06/2017



**€50 MINI GOLD COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«CULTURAL HERITAGE — MINOAN CIVILISATION»**



**MINOAN CIVILISATION**

The Minoan civilisation emerged on the island of Crete in the early 3rd millennium BC and reached its apogee in the 16th and 15th centuries BC. Named after Minos, the mythical king of Knossos, it was the most brilliant civilisation to evolve in the Bronze Age Aegean. The monumental palace of Knossos uncovered by Sir Arthur Evans at the turn of the 20th century and three other important palaces later unearthed at Phaestos, Malia and Zakros indicate a well-organised and affluent society strongly engaged in maritime trade throughout the Eastern Mediterranean. The sophistication of the Minoan culture is further evidenced by the development of scripts (first, Cretan hieroglyphic, then Linear A, both still undeciphered) and exquisite art (architecture, murals, pottery, figurines). The Minoan civilisation collapsed, for reasons that are still debated, in the 15th century BC, when Crete was taken over by the Mycenaeans.

**€50 MINI GOLD COIN DEDICATED TO:  
«CULTURAL HERITAGE — MINOAN CIVILISATION»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €50  
Diameter: 14 mm  
Weight: 1 gr  
Edge: plain  
Material: gold 99.99% (Au)  
Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum issue: 1,500 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €60.48 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: M. Antonatou  
Launch of sales: 18/09/2017



**€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN (PROOF) DEDICATED TO:  
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«ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OF PHILIPPI»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €2  
Diameter: 25.75 mm  
Weight: 8.50 gr  
Thickness: 2.20 mm  
Edge: fine milled/edge lettering  
Ring material: copper nickel  
Inner material: nickel brass  
Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum coin issue: 1,500 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €12.90 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Launch of sales: 12/10/2017



**€2 COMMEMORATIVE CIRCULATION COIN (PROOF) DEDICATED TO:  
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Maximum coin issue: 1,500 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €12.90 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Launch of sales: 10/07/2017



**€10 SILVER COIN, EUROPA STAR 2017 SERIES DEDICATED TO:  
«THE AGE OF IRON AND GLASS»**



**THE AGE OF IRON AND GLASS**

The Age of Iron and Glass in Greece coincides with the first decades of state-building after Greece's independence in 1830. An iconic literary figure of the time was Greece's national poet, Dionysios Solomos (1798-1857), whose work immortalised the Greek nation's struggle for liberty. The late 19th century was marked by the first major engineering projects in Greece, including, most prominently, the opening of the Corinth Canal, inaugurated in 1893, and the construction of the iron bridge spanning it and connecting the Peloponnese with the Greek mainland, both remarkable feats of engineering in their day. Another landmark event was the revival of the Olympic Games and the holding of the first modern Olympics in Athens in 1896, symbolised by the Bréal cup awarded to the Greek Spyros Louis, winner of the marathon race.

**€10 SILVER COIN, EUROPA STAR 2017 SERIES DEDICATED TO:  
«THE AGE OF IRON AND GLASS»**



**Technical specifications:**

Denomination: €10  
Diameter: 38.61 mm  
Weight: 31.10 gr  
Edge: plain  
Material: silver 92.5% (Ag)  
Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity  
Maximum issue: 5,000 pieces  
Minting quality: proof  
Price: €48.39 plus V.A.T.  
Coin designed by: G. Stamatopoulos  
Launch of sales: 16/03/2017



**PROOF COIN SET CONTAINING ALL EIGHT DENOMINATIONS  
OF 2017 GREEK EURO COINS IN A WOODEN BOX**

**Technical specifications:**

Maximum coin issue: 1,200 pieces

Minting quality: proof

Price: €68.55 plus V.A.T.

Packaging: wooden box with certificate of authenticity

Launch of sales: 16/11/2017



**This presentation will be periodically updated as the design and production of the numismatic products are finalised.**

For further information on Greece's Numismatic Programme, please visit the websites of the Ministry of Finance ([www.minfin.gr](http://www.minfin.gr)) and the Bank of Greece ([www.bankofgreece.gr](http://www.bankofgreece.gr)).

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