



EUROPA STAR 2017 programme

Issuing Country:

Greece 

Name of the series:

Europa Star 2017 - Age of Iron & Glass

Name of the coin:

€10 Silver Proof

Design:

Obverse

Reverse



OBVERSE DESCRIPTION

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.

REVERSE DESCRIPTION

The common side of the coin features the national coat of arms at centre, against the background of a star. In semi-circle are the inscriptions 'ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ' ('HELLENIC REPUBLIC') and 'ΕΠΟΧΗ ΣΙΔΗΡΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΓΥΑΛΙΟΥ' ('AGE OF IRON AND GLASS'). To the left is a palmette (the official mintmark) and to the right the year of issuance '2017'.

Technical characteristics:

Metal: Silver
Fineness: 925‰
Weight: 31.10g
Diameter: 38.61mm

Thickness: 3.20 mm
Edge: Plain
Mintage: 5,000
Designer: George Stamatopoulos

Comments:

Packaging: coin box with certificate of authenticity.

Date of commercialisation of the coin:

16/3/2017