



## CENTRAL BANK OF CYPRUS

EUROSYSTEM

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **ISSUE OF A SILVER COLLECTOR COIN WITH THEME “LEDA AND THE SWAN”**

The Central Bank of Cyprus (CBC) announces the issue of a silver collector coin with a nominal value of €5 in proof condition and mint year 2020.

#### **A. DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE**

This coin depicts Leda and the swan, an outstanding mosaic dating to the 2nd century A.D., which decorated the floor of a Roman house found at Palaipafos. Specifically, the coin depicts the moment when Leda, the beautiful mythical queen of Sparta, had a first encounter with god Zeus who had transformed himself into a swan in order to approach her. The mosaic is exhibited at the Museum of Kouklia in Pafos district. The coin has been designed by George Stamatopoulos and was minted by the Greek Mint.



The issue is limited to 2.000 coins. The selling price of each coin, including VAT, has been set at €42.

#### **B. FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE COIN**

##### **Design:**

**Obverse:** The emblem of the Central Bank of Cyprus, the words “ΚΥΠΡΟΣ”, “CYPRUS” and “KIBRIS” and the year “2020”.

**Reverse:** A composition depicting, in mosaic style, Leda standing next to the swan. The coin’s nominal value of €5 is also depicted.

**Shape:** Round

**Diameter:** 38,61 millimeters

**Weight:** 28,28 grammes

**Edge:** Plain

**Alloy:** Silver (92,5%) and copper (7,5%)

## C. SALES

Two consecutive time periods are set regarding the sale of the coin, thereafter referred to as «Phase A'» and «Phase B'».

### **Phase A' (Selling period from 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 until 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020)**

#### **1. Professional coin dealers and non-profitable numismatic companies**

The CBC will accept applications from **9<sup>th</sup> November until 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. The CBC will respond to each application within five working days from the date of receipt of the application, reserving the right to reject any application, either in whole or in part, without any explanation.

Applicants should complete and submit to the CBC the attached application form, which is also available at the CBC's website [www.centralbank.cy](http://www.centralbank.cy).

A discount of 10% will be offered on the total quantity of the initial purchase for quantities of at least 20 coins, as well as on any subsequent purchases of any quantity in Phase A' and/or Phase B' by the same customer. The discount will be calculated on the selling price of the coins excluding VAT.

Applications should be sent:

- by e-mail: [numismatic.orders@centralbank.cy](mailto:numismatic.orders@centralbank.cy)  
or
- by fax: +357 22714930  
or
- by post: Central Bank of Cyprus  
P.O.Box 25529  
CY-1395 Nicosia  
Cyprus

#### **2. Public and collectors of numismatic items**

Sales to the public and collectors of numismatic items will commence on **11<sup>th</sup> November 2020** and will continue until **6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**. They will be effected by the CBC over the counter and through its "e-shop" on a "first come first served" basis. Each customer will be allowed to purchase up to five coins over the counter and up to five coins per transaction through the "e-shop".

##### **i. Sales over the counter**

Sales over the counter at the CBC will be effected only in cash.

##### **ii. Sales through the e-shop**

Online sales through the CBC "e-shop" at <https://www.eshop.centralbank.cy> may only be made by Visa or Mastercard.

**Phase B' (Selling period from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 until stocks last)**

Upon conclusion of Phase A' and provided there is still availability of coins for sale, Phase B' commences, with all restrictions applying in Phase A' being withdrawn. Therefore, from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 onwards, all interested parties can visit/contact the CBC, which will satisfy applications on a "first come first served" basis while stocks last.

**D. FURTHER INFORMATION/CLARIFICATIONS**

For further information and/or clarifications you may contact the CBC:

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