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EU accession



2004

Type	Gold Proof
Denomination	Lm25
Diameter	19.3mm
Gross Weight	3.994g
Finesse	0.916
Designer	Obv: Noel Galea Bason / rev: Marc Spiteri
Mint	Royal Mint, UK
Mintage	6,000

The Central Bank of Malta issued a gold proof coin on the occasion of Malta's Accession to the European Union on 1 May 2004.

The coin was designed by Marc Spiteri, who is the winner of a National Competition launched by the Bank for the selection of the theme. The Maltese artist Noel Galea Bason modelled the emblem of Malta, shown on the obverse of the coin.

The chosen design represents Malta's Accession to the European Union through the fusion of the respective flags within the circle formed by the twelve stars of the Union.

Europa Programme 2007 with the theme 'European Realisation' - Grand Master Jean de La Valette



2007

Type	Gold Proof
Denomination	Lm25
Diameter	21mm
Gross Weight	6.5g
Finesse	0.92
Designer	Noel Galea Bason
Mint	Royal Dutch Mint
Mintage	2,500

In 2007 the Central Bank of Malta issued the last silver and gold numismatic coin denominated in Maltese lira as part of the Europa Programme 2007 'European Realisation' commemorating Grand Master Jean de La Valette.

The obverse of the coins shows the emblem of Malta with the year of issue 2007. The reverse depicts Grand Master La Valette with the dates of his birth and death (1494 - 1568). The 'Europa Star' which is the official logo of this programme, is also depicted on the reverse.

Europa Programme 2008 with the theme of 'Cultural Heritage' - Auberge de Castille



2008

Type	Gold Proof
Denomination	€50
Diameter	21mm
Gross Weight	6.5g
Finesse	0.916
Designer	Royal Dutch Mint
Mint	Malta Mint
Mintage	3,000

In 2008 the Central Bank of Malta issued a silver and a gold numismatic coin as part of the Europa Programme 2008 'Cultural Heritage'. The obverse of the coins shows the emblem of Malta with the year of issue 2008. The reverse side depicts the porch of the Auberge de Castille.

When the Order of St John of Jerusalem transferred its headquarters from Birgu to the new city of Valletta after the Great Siege of 1565, it was quite natural that, after the completion of the city's fortifications, the Order should see to the building of auberges or inns for the knights who belonged to each of its eight Langues. One of these inns was the Auberge de Castille, Leon and Portugal.

The design of the original building, which dates to 1574, was entrusted to Girolamo Cassar, the renowned Maltese architect then in the service of the Order. The chosen site was particularly conspicuous, situated on the highest part of the Valletta land-front with a commanding view of an extensive part of the island.

Subsequently, the Portuguese Grand Master Emanuel Pinto de Fonseca, who was fascinated by grandeur and had in fact included a closed crown in his coat of arms, considered the original building as unbecoming of the importance of his Langue and decided that it should be enlarged and embellished. According to the most recent research, the project was entrusted to the architect Andrea Belli and was completed in 1744.

The result of Pinto's concept can be admired in the present symmetrical façade of the building, a fine example of baroque architecture and undoubtedly the most magnificent of the auberges. Particularly impressive is its portal, flanked by four columns and surmounted by a rich and varied trophy of arms and banners and topped with the bust of Grand Master Pinto. At present the Auberge de Castille, as it is popularly known, houses the Office of the Prime Minister.

Europa Programme 2009 with the theme of 'Cultural Heritage' - Castellania



2009

Type	Gold Proof
Denomination	€50
Diameter	21mm
Gross Weight	6.5g
Finesse	0.916
Designer	Royal Dutch Mint
Mint	Royal Dutch Mint
Mintage	3,000

In 2009, the Central Bank of Malta issued a silver and a gold numismatic coin as part of the Europa Programme 2009 'Cultural Heritage'. The obverse of the coins shows the emblem of Malta with the year of issue 2009. The reverse depicts the Castellania, which is one of the most architecturally striking buildings in Merchants Street in Valletta. This building used to serve as the Law Courts during the time of the Portuguese Grand Masters. Since 1895 this building has housed the Medical and Public Health Head Office and today houses the Parliamentary Secretariat for Health in the Ministry for Social Policy. The 'Europa Star', which is the official logo of the programme, is also shown on the reverse side of the coins.