

## Commemorative coin “Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU”

### Basic information:

- Value: 2 euros (2 EUR, 2€)
- Weight: 8.50 gr.
- Diameter: 25.75 mm, thickness: 2.20 mm
- Composition: copper nickel outer ring; nickel brass, nickel and nickel brass three-layer inner ring
- Struck in 2015 by *Staatliche Münzen Baden-Württemberg* (Germany)
- Artists: common side by Luc Luycx, national side by Gunārs Lūsis (graphic design) and Jānis Strupulis (plaster model)

### Design:

- **National side:** An archetypal image of a grinding stone, the logo of the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, with the inscriptions LATVIJAS PREZIDENTŪRA ES PADOMĒ (Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU) and EU2015.LV above and beneath it respectively.
- **Common side:** A geographical image of Europe, the number "2" and the inscription EURO.
- **Edge:** The inscription DIEVS SVĒTĪ LATVIJU (God Bless Latvia) with words separated by stars; fine milled edge.

Latvia can do it! The most brilliant fulfilment of this encouraging and national self-awareness-raising motto is the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first half of 2015 when Latvia continues the work started by Italy and hands the baton over to Luxembourg. The epicentre of the main events taking place during Latvian Presidency, the nucleus of this trio, is the Castle of Light, the new home to the National Library of Latvia with a wonderful architectural character.

Position of Latvia in the spotlight of the world community provides a historical opportunity for the country to demonstrate its achievements in various areas and the ability to address complicated tasks in a responsible manner. The heaviness of a rotating grinding stone accumulates energy that has ensured the basis of existence for Latvians in the form of rye bread loaves, has given them strength to work, and has sparked off jubilation expressed in songs and dances for centuries.