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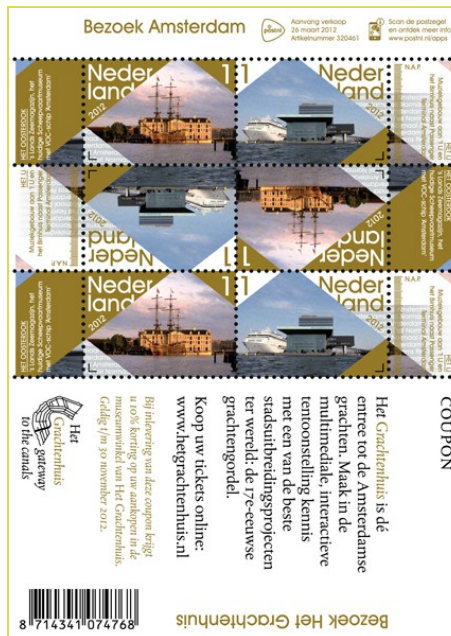
## Europa 2012: Visit ....



### NETHERLANDS 2v Issue date

26 March 2012

Two self-adhesive stamps out of a set of four, issued in a mini-sheet of 6 stamps (3 stamps of each) printed tete-beche.



Both pairs are described on the **postNL** website as being Europa issues, but only the pair on the right (denominated with the "European rate") bears the Europa mailbox icon.

- \* If you scan the stamps with a smartphone, you will hear a traditional Dutch song "Aan de Amsterdamse grachten" about the canals of Amsterdam. The lower part of the mini-sheet is a 10% discount coupon for the Canal House Museum shop in Amsterdam.
- \* I needed a little help translating the **postNL** web page into English, so I used the "bing" translator to help. This is how the Visit Amsterdam series is described: "PostEurop organises each year the design contest Europe Best Stamp Design Competition. For 2012 [this is] 'Visit'. The command reads to design postage stamps which Europeans are duped into a visit to another European country." That may not be exactly what PostEurop had in mind.

### AUSTRIA souvenir sheet 9 May 2012



### LUXEMBOURG 2v Issue date 15 May 2012



### IRELAND 2v Issue date 3 May 2012





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visit MALTA



VisitFinland



VisitBritain

**ITALY** 2v Issue date 9 May 2012



**SWITZERLAND**

1v  
Issue date 9 May 2012



**ISLE OF MAN** 1v Issue date 2 April 2012

Issued in a colorful sheetlet of 10 stamps showing Douglas Harbor



**MONACO** 2v

Issue date 9 May 2012



**GUERNSEY**

2v out of a set of 6

Issue date 1 May 2012

Showing views of the islands of Guernsey:

Alderney, Guernsey, Herm and Sark.

The set is available in a souvenir sheet of six stamps as shown at right.





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**HUNGARY** souvenir sheet of 2 each Issue date 9 May 2012



**ROMANIA** Issue date 6 April 2012  
2v, issued in the following formats:

- \*Single stamps, in mini-sheets of 8 stamps ea.
- \*2 souvenir sheets of 4 stamps (shown); 2 of each design in alternating pattern. The position of the stamps is different on the 2 sheets. (To date, Lighthouse has provided a space for just one version of the souvenir sheets)

Also assume some form of postal stationery



**BULGARIA** Issue date 4 April 2012

2v, issued in the following formats:

- \*Single stamps, in mini-sheets of 5 each+label
- \*Souvenir sheet (shown) of 2 stamps
- \*Booklet panes of 2 sheetlets: 4 stamps with 2 vignettes

Also assume some form of postal stationery



**LATVIA** 2v

Issue date 17 March 2012



**CZECH REPUBLIC** 1v

Issue date 2 May 2012

**LITHUANIA** 2v Issue date 28 April 2012





## The Miscellaneous Box — Elizabeth Graham

ESU member Elizabeth Graham sent a nice letter from the UK which is reproduced here. She writes:

Dear Dana,

I last wrote to you a few years ago when you first took over the editorship of Europa News, saying that you had a difficult task ahead, as Steve Luster had done the job for so long and so well. You have however succeeded in this and I congratulate you in editing an attractive and very informative magazine. You have indeed made it your own, which is not an easy thing to do - to follow an already successful enterprise.

The latest issue [EN#407 –ed.] was very interesting to me. Firstly, because I find Steve's monograph on the 1956 Europa stamps so detailed. My husband first started to collect *Europas* in 1956 when he travelled widely in Europe, and I, having taken over many years ago, have almost every issue from then to 1999, together with all the supplementary issues, but I have never put an exhibit together apart from the occasional local stamp Club. It shows the collector what can be done!

Secondly, because of the article by Caroline Scannell on the Eutin Congress of 1947. I knew I had something somewhere on this, so have spent many hours searching through my shelves and found an official card (heading is in actually in red) and an album page with several postmarks, so I have photocopied these for you. [shown in figures at right. –ed.] I hope you will find this interesting. Incidentally, my copy of D'Urso of 1971 lists this as an 8 not 9.

I have taken this opportunity to sort out all my postmarks according to D'Urso, with some surprising results. I seem to remember that your special topic is Cinderellas, so perhaps that should be my next task!

The weather here has helped me as it is the usual British one — very cold, damp and this week — snow, so I don't find "stamping" too onerous. I trust it is treating you a little better.

Kindest regards and all good wishes for future issues of EN.

*Editor's Note: I am told that Mrs. Graham has an awesome collection of Cinderella items ! ■*



Figure at top: Official card for the 1947 Europa Congress at Eutin  
Figure at bottom: Eutin Congress postmarks



## The 1956 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (Part 4)

The Luster monograph installment continues with a discussion of the Germany issue for 1956.

Again, note that there are gaps in the figure numbers. This is because this article is excerpted from an even more exhaustive monograph.

The complete monograph will be posted on the ESU website in the near future, where it can also be downloaded and printed.

Germany issued a set of two Europa stamps in 1956. Here are the technical details of those stamps. They were designed by Daniel Gonzague and engraved by Gerhard Schulz. Both stamps were printed on "DBP" watermarked paper; they are perforated 14 x 14; recess printed by the Bundesdruckerei, Berlin, in sheets of 50 stamps. 68,000,000 of the 10Pf stamp and 28,000,000 of the 40Pf stamp were issued. D'Urso assigned the numbers 5 and 6 to these stamps. A first day cover with a Bonn cancel and maximum cards are known.



Figure 62. German 1956 Europa stamps, as issued.

Sheets of German stamps bear a number, which is up-side-down when viewed with the stamps facing up. This number, I believe, counts the number of sheets printed. See figure 63. Each sheet of Germany's 1956 Europa stamps also bears in its lower right corner, a plate number. See figure 64. I do not know how many plate numbers were used.



Figure 63. Bottom margin, horizontal pairs of Germany's 1956 Europa stamps, showing print run numbers.<sup>12</sup>



Figure 64. Bottom right margin copy showing the printing plate number.<sup>12</sup>

A special cancel was used for first day covers. Note the letter "a" at the arrow. The Bonn first day cancel for Germany's 1956 Europa stamps is known with the letters "a, b, c & d."



Figure 65. Official first day cancel.



## The 1956 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont'd)

Shown at figure 66 are two first day covers. Both are similar in that they have the same cachet and the official Bonn cancel. However, they are slightly different in that the cancel in the upper cover bears the letter "a" while the cancel in the lower cover bears the letter "c."



Figure 66. Official first day covers with Bonn cancels.

As with France and Belgium, I have seen maximum cards of the Gonzague design, franked with German 1956 Europa stamps. This supports my theory that these cards were used in all six issuing countries. The D'Urso Catalogue lists the German maximum card as numbers 5/6B.

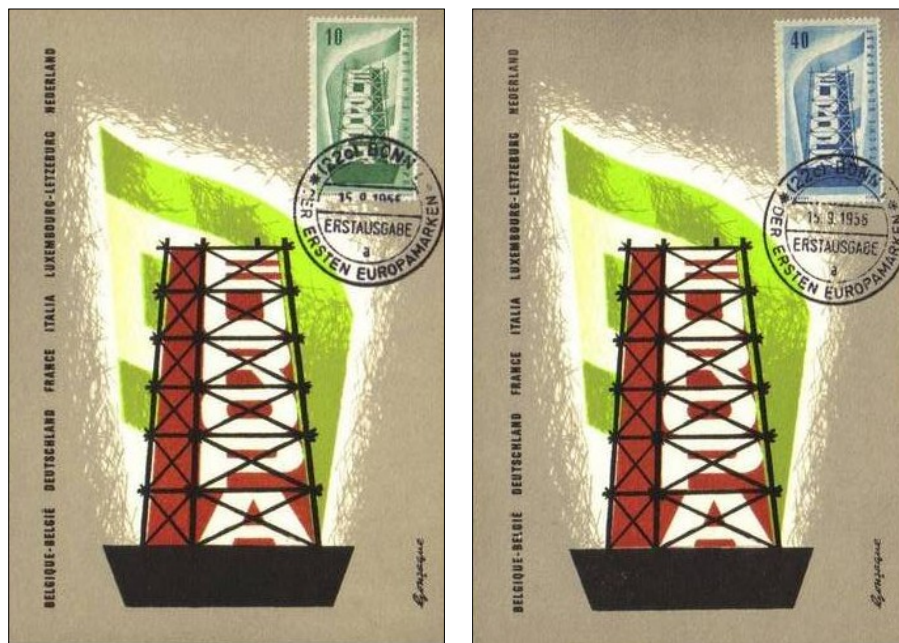


Figure 68. Maximum cards with Bonn cancels, both letter "a."

## The 1956 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont'd)

The original artwork and colors of Germany's 1956 Europa stamps were reproduced on the privately produced souvenir sheet at figure 69. The sheet was produced to bring attention to the first direct elections to the European Parliament. Those elections were held on 10 June 1979. The sheet also commemorates the 23rd anniversary of the release of the first "Europa" stamps on 15 September 1956. The sheet was produced for Sudwest '80' which was a ring II stamp exhibition held in Waldshut, Germany from 24-26 May 1980. The cancel on the right sheet is a reminder to vote in the upcoming European Parliamentary Elections.



Figure 69. Souvenir sheet prepared by a stamp club in Waldshut, Germany for use at the "Südwest '80" stamp show.

The two covers at figure 70 have a different cachet than the ones on the previous page. The cachet commemorates Germany's membership in the European Coal & Steel Community. The official Bonn cancel on the covers bears the letters "b" & "c."



At figure 71 is yet another first day cover with the official Bonn cancel. It carries check letter "b". Of particular interest is that the cachet design not only shows a map of Europe, but also the Legend of the Goddess Europa. In that legend, the God Zeus came to Europa disguised as a bull. He enticed Europa onto his back. He then plunged into the sea and swam to Crete. There, Europa was worshipped as a Goddess.

Figure 71. First day cover with official Bonn cancel bearing the letter "b."





## New Issues - Norden 2012 "Life at the Coast"

Alert reader Benny Svensson called to ask whether the last issue was an April Fool prank, since the Nordic issues on page 3 of EN#408 were the same as those on page 3 of EN#407. Uh oh. Actually, more like Groundhog Day, with a simple explanation: I messed up. I was holding that space for the last 4 Nordic issues, but as of press time they were not available. I just forgot that the pictures were of old material. I now have those missing pictures, and present them below. Also, see this EN's NC insert. Most issues are utilizing a "Rescue at Sea" theme. Issue date 21 March 2012 for all countries.

### SWEDEN



### NORWAY



### DENMARK



### GREENLAND



All souvenir sheets are available in a souvenir folder, shown at left.

**TOP OF THE WORLD OF STAMPS**  
Official Philatelic Portal of the Nordic Countries

A handy portal to all Nordic country websites is Top of the World of Stamps, at

<http://topoftheworld.nu/> shown above.





## Europa Primer: the ECSC — Tonny van Loij

The European Coal & Steel Community (ECSC; CECA in French, EG in German) was proposed on 9 May 1950, was established by the Treaty of Paris in 1951, and came into being in 1952. The signers of the Treaty were France, West Germany, Italy, and the BENELUX countries—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. The idea was proposed by former French foreign minister Robert Schuman and was the first organization to be based upon *supranationalism*; i.e., beyond the authority or jurisdiction of one national government. It was established to prevent future war and hostilities between France and Germany and would create a common market for coal and steel among the signatories, with a broader goal of economic expansion, growth of employment and a rising standard of living.

The Treaty was divided into four titles. The first dealt with the Coal and Steel Community, the second with the institutions of the Community, the third with the economic and social provisions, and the fourth with general provisions.

The ECSC Treaty is the origin of the institutions as we know them today. It established a High Authority, an Assembly, a Council of Ministers and a Court of Justice. The ECSC was funded by levies on coal and steel production and by contracting loans. The levies were intended to cover administrative expenditures, technical and economic research. To ensure that free competition was respected, the High Authority had to be informed of any action by Member States which was liable to endanger it. As far as movement of skilled workers was concerned, the Treaty provided for the removal by Member States of restrictions on employment based on nationality.



Luxembourg Scott 272-277 / Michel 478-483 issued 25 October 1951 to publicize the creation of the Coal & Steel Community.



Luxembourg Scott 315-317 / Michel 552-554 issued 10 August 1956 to publicize the 5th anniversary of the Coal & Steel Community. Each of these sets was included in the printed pages of most early EUROPA albums.



Souvenir cover with France Scott B485 / Michel 1918 picturing Robert Schuman, and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the “Schuman Plan,” as the ECSC treaty came to be known. The cachet cribs the artwork from the Luxembourg issue of 1956 (above).



Germany Scott 1209 / Michel 880 issued for the 25th anniversary of the ECSC (EG = Europäische Gemeinschaft [für Kohle und Stahl]).



## Europa Primer: the ECSC — cont'd

The overall achievements of the ECSC were very positive. The Community was able to deal with crises, enduring balanced development of the production and distribution of resources. Steel production increased fourfold as compared to 1950s and steel is now better, cheaper and cleaner. Coal production declined, as did the number of people employed in the sector, but it reached a high level of technological development, safety and environmental quality.

Fifty years after entering into force, the Treaty expired as planned on 23 July 2002. As with most successful treaties, it was amended on various occasions. Rather than go into what these all involved (many were protocol), I list them here for the record:

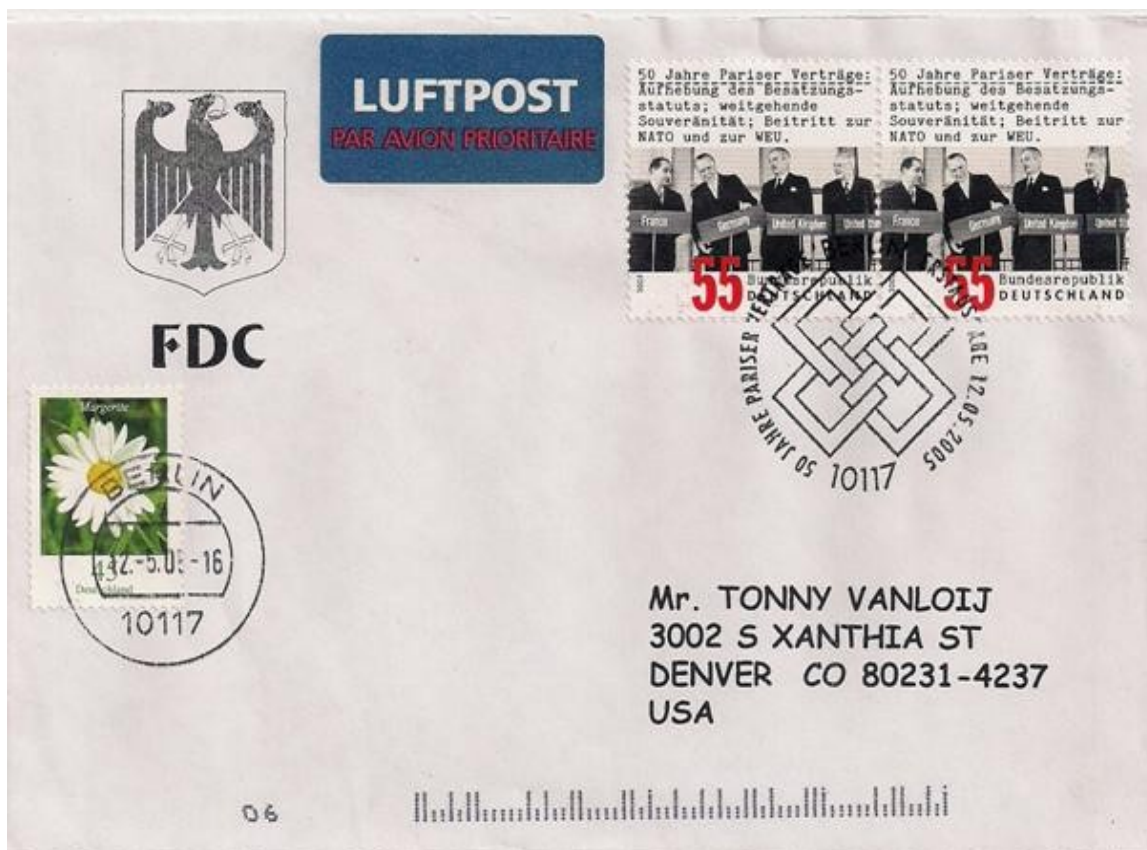
- Merger Treaty (Brussels 1965)
- Treaties amending certain financial provisions (1970 and 1975)
- Treaty on Greenland (1984)
- Treaty on European Union (TEU Maastricht, 1992)
- Single European Act (1986)
- Treaty of Amsterdam (1997)
- Treaty of Nice (2001)
- Various Treaties of Accession (1972, 1979, 1985 and 1994).

At the beginning of the 1990s, following extensive debate, its expiry was considered the best solution as opposed to renewing the Treaty or a compromise solution.

As you can see, these collecting opportunities are almost infinite. Just the fun of trying to find cancellations for all those special occasions (the Treaties) is an enormous but rewarding and fun experience. To those who are already collecting this material and to those who are inclined to give it a start, I will be glad to help whenever I can. ■



Luxembourg cover with special cancel for the 8th anniversary of the Coal and Steel Community. D'Urso B-10, Rogers 27.



Although West Germany was part of the ECSC, it was not yet a full member of all European alliances, most notably defense. The solution was reached in the "Paris Treaties" of 1954, in which Germany was admitted to NATO and the Western European Union. The treaty entered into force on 5 May 1955 (5.5.55). The FDC at left is the German issue of 2005 (Scott 2338 / Michel 2459) commemorating the 50th anniversary of this event.



## Editors Page

## ERRATA

Try as we might, a gremlin seems to creep into every issue. On page 15 of EN#408, the joint issue at the top of the second column should be ROMANIA-MOLDOVA (not Ukraine; I have no idea how that got there). Of course, the real beaut was the repetition on page 3. Finally, the Denmark souvenir sheet for Nordia 2012 sold for DKK 8.00, not \$8.00. The issue on the website has been corrected.

Speaking of Danish souvenir sheets (how's that for a segue?), Benny Svensson also sent me a copy of Journal 2.2012 of the Danish Post, which is full of information about the Europa, Nordic and Nordia issues. What immediately caught my eye was that the Europa issue includes a mini-sheet, which incorporates the larger photograph from which the stamp is taken (shown below). The photograph shows the famous clown Pierrot pedaling across the Queen Louise Bridge on his "Christiana bike" in the middle of rush hour with Harlequin sitting in the box at the front. I would expect that album makers will include this item in their supplements. ■

## NTSS

We hope you can make it to NTSS the end of June, to help us celebrate a truly momentous occasion: for the first time in recent memory, and perhaps for the first time ever, all the officers will be present. Yep, that's ALL the officers, "together again for the first time". It should be a lot of fun. We all will bring goodie boxes of Europa material, and non-officers will be given first dibs on anything they want to call their own. Also, what a great opportunity to tell your officers what's on your mind, make suggestions, share stories and your own EUROPA material. We'll be meeting Saturday 12:30-2pm, room to be announced. Be sure to check the NTSS website at <http://americantopicalassn.org/ntss.shtml>. ■

## NC Handbook Update

Don Smith has done a marvelous job listing the Northern Countries issues, including a compilation of related issues that pushes the envelope for research and completeness. The result of his efforts is attached to this issue as an update to the printed handbook. The list has also been posted, in color of course, on our website in the Members area. ■



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## EUROPA Briefs

From the [Joint Stamp Issues Society](#) comes additional information on last year's Europalia issue. In addition to what we reported previously, each country issued a colorful souvenir sheet, as shown below.



The latest Scott catalog update lists the stamp below to mark Ireland's Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Scott catalog #1951, Issue date 2 Feb 2012.



The souvenir sheet below, Scott #3315, was issued by Portugal on 25 May 2011 and shows the emblems of Portuguese soccer teams in the 2010-2011 Europa League Championship Match. According to Wikipedia, this was the first all-Portuguese final of a European competition and only the third time that two Portuguese teams faced each other in Europe. A nice item for your Europa Sports collection.



Finally, Scott has given its stamp of legitimacy to two souvenir sheets from the islands of St. Thomas and Principe celebrating 50 years of Europa stamps. The first is illustrated here, and was mentioned earlier in EN#400-7.

The second is a sheet of 1 stamp that includes colorful illustrations of various Europa issues. Scott lists them as numbers 1594 and 1595 respectively, both issued on 4 April 2006 (1 April might have been more fitting) and having a combined catalog value of \$27.50.

I had posited that these might be Cinderellas, especially since there are other similar items out there. Don Smith weighed in with his opinion: "They are wallpaper." ■

Another item is the following from Italy, Scott #3077, Issue date 7 July 2011. It shows the Holy Trinity Benedictine Abbey at Cava de' Tirreni.



Saint Benedict is generally considered to be the Patron Saint of Europe.





## Advocates of Europa: Alcide De Gasperi — Glenn Roehrig



San Marino issued the above pair of stamps in honor of Alcide De Gasperi on 11 October 2011. The stamps were issued in sheets of eight pairs, denominated at € 0,50 and € 2,64, with a descriptive strip on the right. According to the San Marino philatelic website, the two images of De Gasperi were taken from the De Gasperi Foundation archive and were placed against a colored background that recalls the Italian flag. Elements on the € 0,50 stamp commemorate the material, social, political and economic reconstruction of Italy. Elements on the € 2,64 stamp affirm a new Italy at an international level, which in the name of peace made a clear choice for freedom and democracy. The torch and the family and scales are taken from Italy's *Democratica* series of 1945.

While the San Marino stamps honor De Gasperi's contribution to Italy as its prime minister from 1945-1953, he is also notable as one of the founding fathers of the European Union, along with Robert Schuman of France and Konrad Adenauer of Germany (shown together on a pair of stamps from Italy in 1971 on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ECSC).

Common design shown at right).



From the beginning of European integration, the three met regularly. De Gasperi helped organize the Council of Europe and supported the Schuman Plan, which in 1951 led to the foundation of the European Coal and Steel Community, a forerunner in the process of European integration. He was named president of the community in 1951.

The following is taken from "The Citizens of Europe" by Stephen Luster, #1 in the ESU Monograph series:

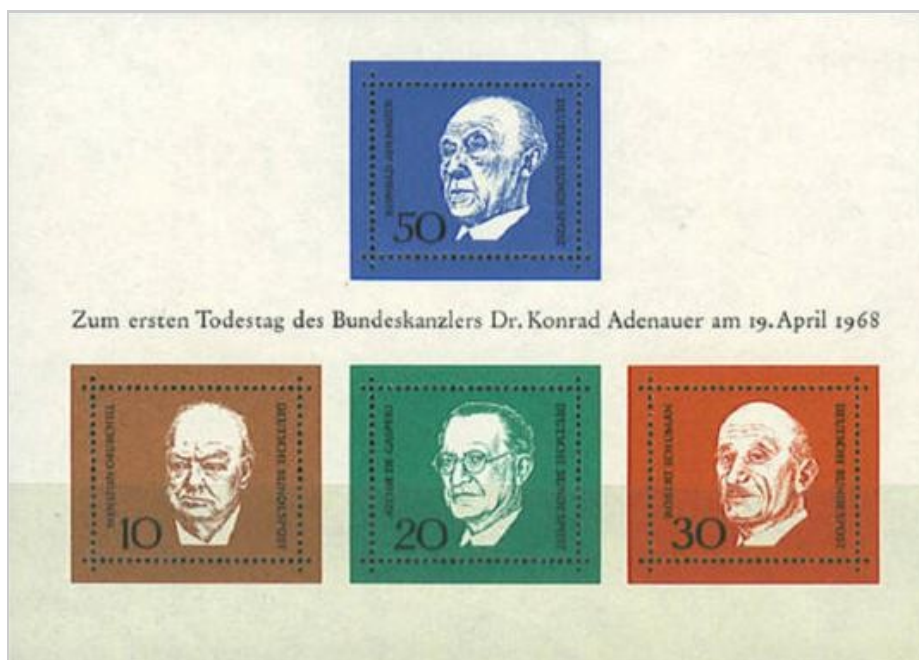
[Alcide De Gasperi] was destined to guide Italy as Adenauer did in Germany in the early post-war period. He, along with his contemporaries, became a potent force during the formation of the modern Europa concept.

He became a vocal supporter of the initiative to create a European Assembly and he was a principal speaker at the 1948 Congress of Europe. In 1949 he took Italy into the Council of Europe as a founding member.

De Gasperi's eight years as prime minister remains a landmark of political longevity for a leader in modern Italian politics. He was also honored by stamps of Italy in 1981 on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth (below left) and in 2005, a year after the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death (below right).



One other item of philatelic tribute: Germany's issue of 1968 (below) honoring Konrad Adenauer also included other "Eurocrats". Shown across the bottom of the sheet are Winston Churchill, De Gasperi, and Robert Schuman. ■



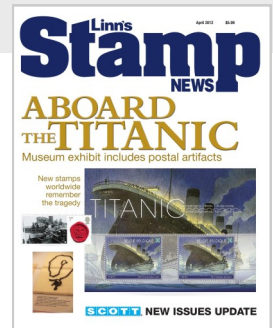


## NEW ISSUES WITH SCOTT CATALOG NUMBERS

- Don Smith



\* = position in proposed new HB outline (ref. ESU#404-12)

From Linn's **March** & **April** Special Editions

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>SCOTT #</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>*</u>
Aland	322-3	28-Sep-11	SEPAC	1c
<b>Azores</b>	<b>536-7</b>	<b>9-May-11</b>	<b>Europa 2011 (537 a s/s of 2)</b>	<b>1</b>
Denmark	1578	4-Jan-12	Queen Margrethe (joint w/Faroes, Greenland)	3b
	1579		As last, self-adhesive stamp <i>see</i> EN#408-15	
Denmark	1580	4-Jan-12	NORDIA, ss of 2 EN#408-4	1c
	1581-2		As last, self-adhesive set	
	1583-4		As last, booklets of 10 each	
France	4050-6	1-Jul-11	Marianne of Europe	3b
Gambia	3393b, d, h	11-Oct-11	Italy: Europa Cup winners	3c
Ireland	1951	2-Feb-12	Chair: OSCE	5a
Italy	3077	7-Jul-2011	Benedictine Abbey (St.Benedict) EN#409	4a
Italy	3090	27-Aug-11	European Field Archery Champs EN#405-2	3c
<b>Jersey</b>	<b>1566-7</b>	<b>10-Jan-12</b>	<b>Europa 2012</b>	<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan	642	14-Jun-11	Eurasian Economic Community EN#407-4	3b
Kazakhstan	647	22-Sep-11	RCC (joint with Armenia, Belgium, Kyrgyzstan, Russia)	3b
Korea (DPR)	5030	1-Aug-11	Diplomatic Relations with EU, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.	2a
Kyrgyzstan	386	1-Oct-11	RCC (joint with Armenia, Belgium, Kazakhstan, Russia)	3b
Libya	1748af	23-Aug-10	Anti NATO	2b
<b>Madeira</b>	<b>292-3</b>	<b>9-May-11</b>	<b>Europa 2011 (293 a souvenir sheet of 2)</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>3309-10</b>	<b>9-May-11</b>	<b>Europa 2011 (3310 a souvenir sheet of 2)</b>	<b>1</b>
Portugal	3311	16-May-11	Postal Union of Americas, Spain and Portugal	3b
Portugal	3315	25-May-11	Europa Soccer League EN#409	3c
Russia	7307	30-Sep-11	Eurasian Economic Community	3b
St.Thomas+Prince Is	1584	4-Apr-06	Concorde souvenir sheet of 4	3b
St.Thomas+Prince Is	1594	4-Apr-06	Europa 50 <sup>th</sup> anniv ss of 4 EN#409	1a
St.Thomas+Prince Is	1595	4-Apr-06	Europa 50 <sup>th</sup> anniv ss of 1 EN#409	1a

GAMBIA  
#3393KOREA (DPR)  
#5030



## Europa 2012: Visit Britain



The Great Britain 2012 Europa issue is one part of a 26-part series called "UK A-Z" issued by the Royal Post to promote tourism and national pride.

The series is available in a number of formats: UK A-L (part 1 of the series), UK M-Z (part 2 of the series), and a UK A-Z stamp sheet of all 26 stamps plus 4 labels (one in each corner). The Europa issue (Victoria and Albert Museum) is highlighted in the lower right.



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