



sepac 2013

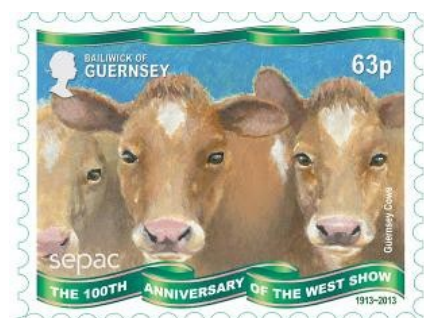
GUERNSEY and **GIBRALTAR** have unveiled their **sepac** designs, each of which is a part of a set of 6 stamps.

The Gibraltar stamp, issue date 20 September, is part of a beautiful souvenir sheet, which is a continuation of an annual series featuring Endangered Animals. This sheet is number 3 (aka "III") in that series.

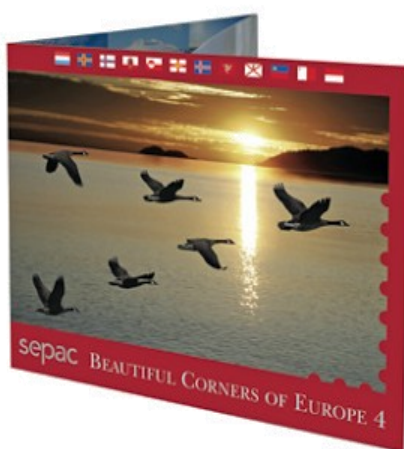


This trend was started by the 'mother country' of Great Britain with their Europa stamps.

At press time the only image available of the Guernsey series of stamps, issue date 24 September, is the **sepac** issue, shown below courtesy of our friend at the Europa.blogspot.



The Grand Duchy of **LUXEMBOURG** has also announced its stamp, featuring the European Wildcat. Issue date is 24 September.



A special folder, "**Beautiful Corners of Europe 4**" has been prepared to hold the 12 **sepac** stamps that will have been issued this year. Look for it at dealers tables at upcoming stamp shows.

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continues with the first installment of Europa 1957 7-11

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Auction #126 Insert

The ESU website wins an award!
See Editor's Page for details.

The Tally is now as complete as we know of. Holdouts are the usual suspects—Albania and Georgia.



Cinderella Corner — Dana Roper

ESU member Bill Armstrong sent me an email with a pointer to the Zazzle website, and asked whether the stamps shown were a Europa collectible. The link he included in his email was

www.zazzle.com/europa+stamps and one of the stamps pictured there is shown below. Looks nice, but is it Europa?



To answer his question properly, a little background is needed. Zazzle is one of two Internet services of which I am aware that allow you to create your own postage stamps. The other is Stamps.com.

The latter is just what its name implies—a site for postage stamps only that is the internet version of the postage meter. It allows you to upload photos to make your own personalized stamps (I used it to create pictures of our granddaughter on her first birthday) and is sponsored by the USPS.

Zazzle, on the other hand, encourages creation of many different items. When I last checked the site, it was offering personalized flip-flops for the beach (I'm writing this in late July). Wikipedia describes Zazzle as follows:

"Zazzle is an online retailer that allows users to upload images and create their own merchandise (clothing, posters, etc.), or to *buy merchandise created by other users, as well as use images from participating companies* (emphasis mine).

"Zazzle's proprietary technology enables individuals, professional artists, and major brands, including Disney and Hallmark, to create and offer billions of unique products for customers worldwide.

"Users are allowed to open their own shop for free and set the profit they wish to make on each item (Royalty)."

To sum up, Zazzle can be a truly commercial enterprise, open to anyone for personal use, or as an enabler for someone who wants to set up an online business. The designs shown are available for ordering from the website. The catch, as with Stamps.com, is that they must be ordered in quantity.



European Flag Stamp, designed by "Funkyworm", as was the first stamp shown in this article



"Europa and the Bull" by Virginia Frances Sterrett, an example of an online retailer.

So, back to Bill's question: are these Europa? My take would be that they are not, since any design can be created — and is — for purely commercial purposes. I would certainly be wary of any dealer offering such an item as philatelic.

(I have occasionally gotten an email — always forwarded multiple times — by someone who is in high dudgeon over some outlandish stamp being prepared by the USPS. Almost always, it is a Zazzle creation that may never have seen the light of day.)

That said, it might be fun to include an example in one's collection if something like this were to come your way. Which got me to thinking (always a dangerous thing in itself):

What if our club were to create a "stamp" for our own use? It turns out that it is very easy to use Zazzle's online toolset to create a fairly respectable stamp. Below is an example of something I was able to put together in just a few minutes.



Unfortunately, Zazzle can't accommodate any value, so we would still have to augment this with normal US postage on our EN mailings. It also is not cheap (currently \$21.15 for a sheet of 20 of the stamps shown). So I ask the members, is it worth doing, or just a waste of money? ■

New Issues

LITHUANIA 1v

Lithuanian Presidency of the EU

Issue date 15 June 2013

**BULGARIA** 1v

SOS Children's Villages

Issue date 30 May 2013



SOS Children's Villages (*Kinderdorf*) was founded in 1949 by Hermann Gmeiner in Imst, Austria. The organization's work focuses on abandoned, destitute and orphaned children requiring family-based child care. This, and efforts such as Father Pire's **Heart of Europe** initiative, played a key role in helping postwar Europe regain its charitable and moral footing.

So successful was the concept that by 1960 the organization went international, after national associations had been established in France, Germany and Italy in addition to the original Austrian association. Over a hundred national associations across the world have since been established.

Stamps have appeared from countries around the world; those for European countries are often collected as part of historical Europa.

— information from various sources, including Wikipedia

SLOVENIA 1v printed in sheets of 6 with 3 labels

European Basketball Championships (EuroBasket) 2013

Issue date 24 June 2013



EuroBasket has become a major sporting event in Europe, perhaps second only to football (soccer). EuroBasket 2013 will be held in Slovenia between 4 and 22 September.

The logo for this year's event is described on the Pošta Slovenije website as a "feeling molecule" called "basketine". The molecule is comprised of three atoms— experience, excitement, and Europe.

The official site for the event can be found at

www.eurobasket2013.org.

SPAIN**ROMANIA**

"Mountain Fauna" animals endemic to their respective areas

Joint Issue with same designs

Issue date 19 October 2012



Iberian Ibex
(*Capra Pyrenaica*)

Carpathian
Red Deer
(*Cervus elaphus*)

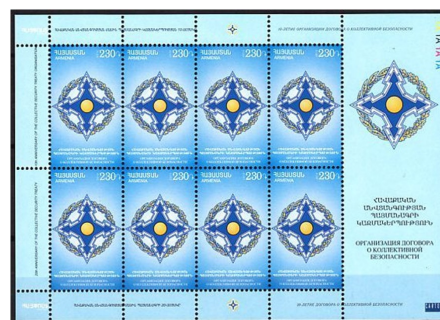
KAZAKHSTAN 1v

Issue date 25 October 2012

ARMENIA 1v

Issue date 17 Dec 2012

Collective
Security Treaty
Organization



OK, this may be a stretch. From Wikipedia comes the following:

On 7 October 2002, the Presidents of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan signed a charter in Tashkent founding the CSTO, an intergovernmental military alliance. The CSTO grew out of the framework of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The Republic of Serbia and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have recently been accorded observer status.

On a political note, some members (notably Ukraine and Uzbekistan) have withdrawn from the CSTO, influenced in some measure by the expansion of Russian influence over the group (on 21 December 2011 Russia won the right to veto the establishment of new foreign military bases in the member states of the CSTO).

So, these issues might be considered a logical extension of previous issues for the Warsaw Pact. Or not.

New Issues

AZERBAIJAN

HUNGARY

ss of 2 values each

Diplomatic Relations

Joint Issue

Issue date 15 June 2013



SERBIA 2v

European Conservation

A continuing series of 2 values each year with the ECY emblem

Issue date 13 May 2013



The voting ends on 31 August. Visit posteurop.org/europa2013 for info..

ESU In the News

Sharp-eyed readers will have noted that in the last EN (#416-14), at the bottom of Don Smith's new issue listing with Scott catalog numbers, was a mention that the June issue of Linn's Special Edition contained an article on Europa stamps ("Europa Stamps Have Shared a Common Theme Since 1956") that concluded with a pointer to the ESU.

Alex Cwiekalo — our intrepid Hand-book Editor — took up his pen (or was it his mouse?) and directed a nice response that was subsequently published in the next edition. The complete text, which appeared in the magazine's Readers' Opinions column, is posted below. The original article is copyrighted; members are encouraged to read the June issue and see the Editor's Column on page 3.

READERS' OPINIONS

COLLECTING EUROPA

Thank you for Michael Baadke's column "Europa stamps have shared a common theme since 1956" in the June Linn's Special Edition.

I began collecting the annual Europa issues in 1968 and have a complete set from 1956 to the present. Over the years my main source of information for Europa stamps was the Trends of Stamp Values listing Linn's used to publish.



Greenland Scott 620 was issued May 7, 2012, for the Europa theme of "Visit." The small insignia identifying this stamp as a Europa issue is at lower right.

Until I joined the Europa Study Unit in 2009, I never realized how wide and varied the topical collection options are with a Europa theme, especially in view of the 1990s and the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of Germany, the break up of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and so on.

For anyone who is just beginning to collect stamps, has any interest in Europa or what it is, or is looking for new topical areas to explore, the Europa Study Unit website is the place to go.

The public site is filled with links to some of the most informative sites across Europe. The Members Only pages have a link to the archive of Europa News issues and is full of references and checklists, which are kept current, for not only the annual Europa issues but for other topical areas such as Council of Europe, Nordic, EFTA, BENELUX, Sepac and more.

Alex Cwiekalo
London, Ohio

Additional information about the Europa Study Unit and its journal, Europa News, is available on the website at www.europastudyunit.org. For membership options, scroll down and click the "Join Now" link for details.

Information is also available from Europa Study Unit Executive Secretary Tonny Van Loij, 3002 S. Xanthia St., Denver, CO 80231.

Reader Forum — Spartacist Games vs. Spartakiade

Member Johanna Bruno recently sent me the following (excerpted) email concerning our “Europa Sport” listings:

Say, Dana, what is the difference between Spartacist Games and Spartakiada? On your list I found the DDR 1958 (Scott# 401-3) with the Spartacist Games but I also found a 1956 Russia Spartacist Games (Scott#1793). Are they all European Games? Russia has 1956 Spartakiada (Scott#1840-53); do these count? I can't figure it out! Thanks, Jopie



DDR Scott# 401-3

Scott says “Spartacist”; this set is listed as *Spartakiad* in other sources



Russia Scott# 1793, Michel# 1801
Spartacist Games

I confessed in my reply back that I was mostly responsible for simply transcribing an existing list, which was brought up to date but did not include much additional research. My reply continued:

“Jopie, based on your query I did a very quick check and now I am also confused.

First, the auction sites **bidstart**, **delcampe** and **eBay** all list stamps for Spartacist games that are not on our list.

I looked at the Wikipedia article on *Spartakiads* and the dates don't seem to line up with the stamps, so it appears at first glance that the two are different.”

In true editor fashion, I then turned her question around and asked her if she would be willing to do some further research. She kindly took me up on it, and this was her reply:

Dana, the way I see it now: *Spartakiade* are sports for the Communist countries originally; Czechoslovakia then turned it into a very large gathering of athletes; last one was held in 1985, I believe. The Spartacists Games are the championship games for the Balkan countries. -- there are Spartacists for kids, soldiers, etc. I for one will thus not collect the *Spartakiade* stamps as communism is not very European in most people's minds! Regards, Jopie.

“Well, Jopie, here's another fine mess you've gotten me into!”

Seriously though, our listing will need a review. We have listed two Spartacist Games (Romania Scott# 1287 and Bulgaria Scott# 1512-14) from Balkan countries, but we also list the aforementioned set from DDR, plus sets from Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

The Romanian stamp is definitely for the Balkan Games, but to up the confusion ante just a bit, it is an overprint on an earlier stamp marking a Youth Spartacists Meet.

The Bulgarian stamps are up for grabs—they are listed in Scott as Spartacist Games and in Michel as *Spartakiade* so my instincts say they are not Balkan Games but communist Olympics. I'll correct our online list accordingly.

On the general subject of Spartacist Games vs. *Spartakiade*, the more I looked at Wikipedia and other resources, the more confused I got. Can any of our readers add more information on this subject? ■



Romania Scott# 1287 Michel # 1793,
overprinted on an earlier
Youth Spartacist stamp



Bulgaria Scott# 1512-1514, Michel#
1640-41,1638

The first two stamps are for the 3rd Spartacist Games in 1966; the last is for the Bulgarian Youth Federation (which Scott includes with the set)

The 1957 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (Part 1)



Belgium



France



Italy



Netherlands



Luxembourg



Germany & Saarland

The Luster monographs continue this issue with the 1957 Europa stamps. The series presented here has been edited from Steve's original manuscript. As before with the 1956 series, Steve's complete manuscript will be made available on the web upon completion of these excerpts.



Switzerland

I previously wrote a book about the 1956 Europa stamps. They were the first Europa stamps with a common design. They were issued under the auspices of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). The theme for the 1956 common design stamps was the "Reconstruction of Europe."

Many Europa collectors were drawn to the theme due to the common designs used on the stamps of the then 6 issuing countries. However in 1957 the ECSC decided to let each member country issue "Europa" stamps on a common theme rather than use a common design. The theme selected was, according to the D'Urso Catalogue, "United Europe: Peace and Prosperity."

Following the 1957 common theme stamps, the ECSC and, beginning in 1960 under the auspices of the Conference of European Post and Telecommunications Ministers (CEPT), common design stamps were issued for years to come.

This monograph examines the 1957 Europa stamps in some detail. It draws heavily upon the D'Urso Europa Catalogue. Each country is treated in alphabetical order.

The Europa stamps (from all six of the ECSC member nations) were issued on 16 September 1957. Two other countries, not members of the ECSC at the time, also issued Europa stamps. They were the Saar and Switzerland. This monograph covers them as well.

I want to acknowledge with grateful appreciation, Donald W. Smith (ESU member #62) who provided me with a number of items illustrated in this monograph. Other illustrations come from my own collection while still others came from various sites on the Internet.

The 1957 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont'd)

BELGIUM

Belgium issued two Europa stamps with the same design in 1957. They were denominated 2 F and 4 F. The 2 F stamp was printed in a brown-violet ink and the 4 F stamp was printed in ultramarine ink.

The stamps were designed by M. Severin and engraved by L. Janssens. Both stamps depict wheat stalks representing food and buildings representing industry. The bright sun suggests a coming era of peacefulness. The stamps were recess printed by the Atelier du Timbre, Malines, on un-watermarked paper, perforated 11½ x 11½, in sheets of 30 stamps. 6,436,000 of the 2 F stamp and 2,708,000 of the 4 F stamp were printed.

The D'Urso Catalogue assigned the number 14 to the 2 Fr stamp and the number 15 to the 4 Fr stamp.

In addition to the complete set of 2 stamps, the D'Urso Catalogue lists blocks of 4 stamps, the stamps in imperforate condition and a deluxe proof in black (not illustrated). Two other items of note are miniature sheets on un-gummed carton paper with the complete set of stamps in their issued colors. These sheets were authorized by the Belgian Postal Administration but they lacked postal validity. The sheets are distinguished by their French-Flemish inscriptions on the D'Urso-numbered 14/15C sheets and Flemish-French inscriptions on the 14/15D sheets.

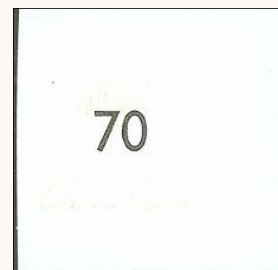
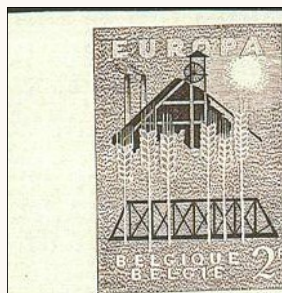
First day covers were also produced for this issue. They are known with the following four cancels: Bruxelles-Brussel 1; Bruxelles Musée de l'Armée - Brussel Leger Museum; Seraing Journée Philatélique de Wallonie and Kortrijk Plilatelistiche Weerk Echo Philatélique.



Complete set of Belgium's 1957 Europa stamps, D'Urso 14/15.

Here are examples of left sheet margin copies of the Belgian 1957 Europa imperforate stamps in their issued colors and printed from the original dies. Belgium printed control numbers, in black, on the back of many of its imperforate stamps.

Left sheet margin examples of imperforate Belgian 1957 Europa stamp set D'Urso 14/15A.



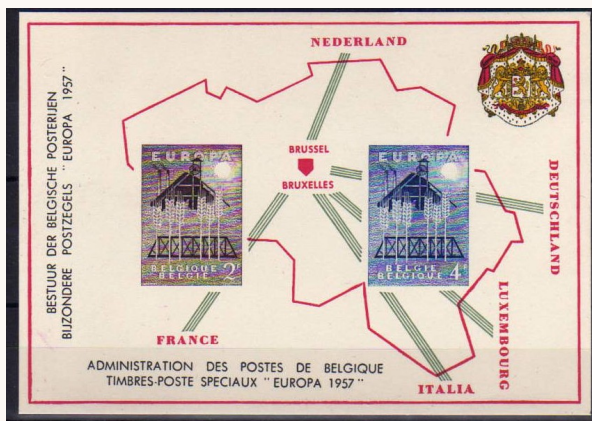
The 1957 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont'd)



Lower left corner block of four of the 4 F stamp, left, D'Urso 15, and right sheet margin examples of the four plate numbers used on, shown here on the 2 F stamp (right).

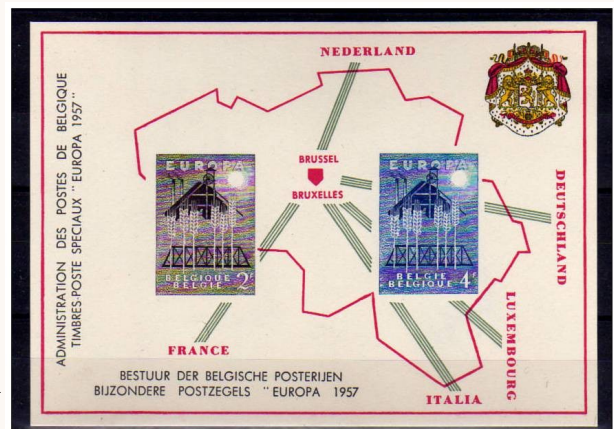


Shown below are two of the miniature sheets authorized by the Belgian Postal Administration. The central design on the cards shows a partial map of Europe outlining the six member countries of the ECSC with Brussels, Belgium in the center. I do not know the purpose for issuing these cards; however, a similar card was issued in 1956. Its purpose was to raise funds for the restoration of Bealieu Castle, the ancestral home of the Thurn & Taxis family that founded the first European post.



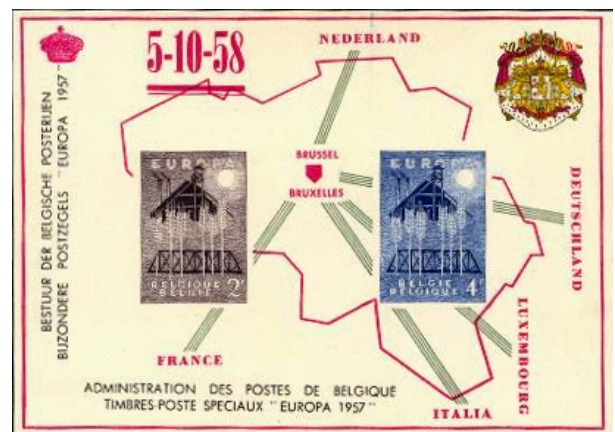
French-Flemish inscription, D'Urso 14/15C.

Flemish-French inscription, D'Urso 14/15D.



The French-Flemish version of this sheet exists with the overprint shown below: "5-10-58". The March-April 1984 edition of Europa News (EN#241-7) provides the story:

From the Philatelic Magazine of October 31, 1958: 'We have received two interesting communications. The first from the National Committee of the Leopold I Monument at La Fanna informing us that a miniature sheet combining the two Belgium 1957 Europa stamps of 1957 is available from them. This has been overprinted '5-10-58', the date of the inauguration of the Leopold Monument. The committee states that a limited quantity of this sheet (face value 6 francs) is available at 300 francs a copy. The second communication is from the Belgium Administration des Postes, which states that it wishes to put collectors on their guard against this 'purely private' issue. The surcharge on the sheet has not been authorized officially.'



The 1957 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont'd)

Now let's look at first day covers. Each cover bears a different cancel of the four listed in the D'Urso Catalogue.



special cancel "Bruxelles - Brussel 1,"
D'Urso 14/15E/1.



special cancel "Musee de l'Armee Leger Museum,"
D'Urso 14/15E/2.



special cancel "Seraing de Wallonie,"
D'Urso 14/15E/3.



special cancel "Philatelische Week Echo Philatelique,"
D'Urso 14/15/4.

Don Smith was kind enough to provide a photocopy of this cover which was canceled in Eupen, Belgium on 16 September 1957. That makes it a first day cover from an unofficial city.



First day cover with cancel from Eupen, Belgium, Unlisted in the D'Urso Catalogue.

The 1957 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont'd)

The D'Urso Catalogue lists a maximum card for the 1957 Belgian Europa stamps:



Maximum card franked with both values of Belgium's 1957 Europa set. The stamps bear a first day cancel from the "Musée de l'Armée Leger Museum." The card shares a cachet like the cover on the preceding page.

The maximum card below is also franked with both values of Belgium's 1957 Europa set. The cachet depicts the pavilion of the European Community at the Brussels Exposition. A special, but not first day cancel was applied to the stamps. Dated 9 May 1958, the cancel depicts an outline map of the six ECSC countries. The city name "Brussels" and abbreviations for then European Coal & Steel Community in French and Flemish, can be found between the two circles in the cancel. This cancel is listed in the D'Urso Catalogue as number B11 with a rarity factor of 5.

Maximum card prepared as a European theme, depicting the European Community pavilion at the Brussels Exposition, Unlisted in D'Urso.



This concludes the first installment of Steve's monograph on the 1957 stamps. Next month we will resume with an examination of the stamps from France.

Note: Your present editor long ago took a special liking to the "Dove with Wheat" cachet shown above, and I've used it in various places on our website and in my own albums.

I believe that it's simple design expresses the notion of Peace and Prosperity better than any of the issued stamps. Just my opinion of course. ■

The Miscellaneous Box — Caroline Scannel

What is it?



Illustrated here is a postal bulletin type announcement of a new stamp issue. Issued by the Turkish Post Office in Ankara, the capital of Turkey (no, it is NOT Istanbul), the top 'stamps' are actually color illustrations with a line across the bottom left to negate any postal value.

Under these illustrations are the stamps themselves, so that the middle can hold a cancel. This must have been one of the trial pieces because the cancel is not very well done. The wording contains something of Turkish Philatelic Club or Federation. The cancel at the bottom of the page is the cancel used on first day covers produced by the Turkish Government.

The stamps were issued 28 April 1975 and are part of the Paintings/Pictorial Art theme for that year. The low value illustrates the painting by Cemal Tollu "Orange Gathering in Hatay". The high value shows "Turkish Tribesmen" by Turgut Zaim. These stamps were for sale until 27 October 1975, a short 6 month period.

All details of the issue are in Turkish, French and English on the reverse of this page, which make it an interesting acquisition – from my favorite source: the Dealer Dollar Box. ■

MALAWI / EU Partnership

On 18 January 2011 the Republic of **MALAWI**, Africa, issued a souvenir sheet (shown to the right) and two single stamps from that sheet publicizing development cooperation with the EU. The EU is Malawi's largest world-trading partner for exports, and the second largest for imports. That said, Malawi represents only 0.01 per cent of total EU trade.

Since 2000, EU-Malawi development cooperation has been centered on a common objective of reducing poverty, consistent with the goals of achieving economic and social development, and gradual integration of the African-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) countries into the world economy.

— from the Malawi Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the EU EEAS Delegation to the Republic of Malawi



Europa Briefs

Let the Auctions Begin:

In Europa News #28-4 (December 5, 1961) is an item which states that some stamps were donated to the ESU and would be listed for members to bid. Such bids were to be sent to a Mr. Donald W Smith of Johnstown PA. From such a small beginning was a great tradition born. This issue features auction number 126 in a continuing series, and Mr. Smith has our gratitude for 52 years of exciting auctions of Europa material.

And still more Cinderella action:

ESU member Elizabeth Graham has been kind enough to share pictures of some of her collection with us in the past. She wrote to me recently (actually it was last winter) that she was looking at the Cinderella portion of her collection, and she sent me a list of her possessions.

Some of these have appeared in Don's auctions., and they are just the thing for turning what might be a rather pedestrian collection into a very interesting one. I plan to share some of her list in future issues.

ALBANIA 1v

Issue date 22 March 2012



Issued over a year ago, but an interesting item—celebrating 20 years of democracy in Albania—certainly a significant milestone toward becoming a member of the EU.

UKRAINE limited edition souvenir sheets for **Euro 2012**, the soccer event hosted by Poland and Ukraine last year:

These items were speculative, issued in limited quantities and sold for a high price. I've mentioned my rule of thumb in the past, which is simply "if it costs too much, don't buy it." Patience may be rewarded. They are still expensive, but I just saw these sheets being offered by the Ukraine Post for just over half what they originally were. Maybe things really do happen for those who wait?



153.6 rph = \$18.88



183.9 rph = \$22.60



The Michel CEPT 2013 41st edition is out. It includes Europa, Norden, NATO, Council of Europe, and now also the 50 years anniversary stamps.

MONTENEGRO 2v

Games of the Small States of Europe

Issue date 9 June 2011

This one belongs in your Europa Sports collection for sure.



In EN# 407-4 we opened the door to the possibility of collecting stamps for the RCC (Regional Commonwealth Communications) issues. Here are two recent issues on this subject:

KAZAKHSTAN 2v

Regional Costumes 2013

Issue date 23 January 2013



MOLDOVA 1v

RCC publicity

Issue date

28 February 2013

Another RCC issue appears on page 16.





NEW ISSUES WITH SCOTT CATALOG NUMBERS

- Don Smith

From Linn's July & August Special Editions

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



COUNTRY	Scott#	Date of Issue	Description	*
Albania	2932d	29-Nov-12	NATO emblem, part of booklet pane	2b
Albania	2933b	4-Dec-12	NATO emblem, part of se-tenant pr	2b
Andorra (French)	710	8-Nov-13	Henry IV, joint issue with France ref EN#413-2	3b
Andorra (Spanish)	389	23-Apr-13	Europa 2013	1
Armenia	828	27-Dec-12	Europa 2012 (828a: s/s of 4 + 2 labels)	1
Armenia	926	17-Dec-12	CIS—CSTO ref EN#417-4 (this issue)	3b
Austria	2420	21-Jan-13	Europe: Unity in Diversity ref EN# 416-8	1a
Austria	2431	6-Apr-13	Underground Post Office, joint issue with Slovenia	1
Austria	2441	6-May-13	Europa 2013	1
Azerbaijan	1011-3	25-Feb-13	Europa 2013 (1013 a s/s; 1012a booklet pane of 8)	1
Azerbaijan	1020	24-Apr-13	Folk dancers, joint issue with Belarus ref EN# 415-15	3b
Belgium	2622	11-Feb-13	Europa 2013, se-tenant pair a-b in s/s	1
Bosnia Herzegovina	695	1-Oct-12	Tenth Anniversary of the Euro	2a
Bulgaria	4622	12-Dec-12	Diplomatic relations with Kazakhstan ref EN#415-6	3b
Cook Islands	1416c	22-Aug-12	Flag of the European Union, on s/s of 12 ref EN#413-16	2a
Cyprus	1190-1	2-May-13	Europa 2013 (1191a, booklet pane of 4 each)	1
Czech Republic	3561	13-Feb-13	von Suttner ref EN# 416-9	4a
Estonia	729	2-May-13	Europa 2013	1
Estonia	730	2-May-13	Estcube-1 Satellite, European Space Agency ref EN# 416-7	2a
Faroe Islands	594	25-Feb-13	Sepac 2013	1c
Faroe Islands	600	4-Mar-13	Soren Kierkegaard, joint issue with Denmark	3b
Faroe Islands	601-2	29-Apr-13	Europa 2013	1
Georgia	483-4	15-Apr-13	Europa 2013 (484 sheet of 12: 483, 484a-k + label)	1
Greenland	639-42	14-Jan-13	Europa 2013 (541-2, self-adhesive)	1
Ireland	1996-7	2-May-13	Europa 2013	1
Kazakhstan	680	25 Oct-12	CIS—CSTO ref EN#417-4 (this issue)	3b
Kazakhstan	694-5	23-Jan-13	RCC ref EN#417-13 (this issue)	3b
Kyrgyzstan	418	20-Oct-12	RCC ref EN#417-13 for similar issue	3b
Lithuania	985-6	25-Oct-12	Railroad Bridges, joint issue w/Latvia, Estonia ref EN# 413-2	3b
Moldova	777	28-Feb-2013	RCC	3b
Monaco	2720	10-May-13	Europa 2013	1
Monaco	2727	5-Jun-13	Sepac 2013	1c
San Marino	1878	13-Feb-13	Nordic Ski Championships, souvenir sheet of 3 EN# 415-7	3c
Serbia	626-7	9-May-13	Europa 2013	1
Serbia	628-9	13-May-13	European Nature Protection	3a
Spain	3894	8-Jan-13	Boundary stones between Spain/France ref EN# 415-4	3b
Sweden	2697	9-Nov-12	Royal Swedish Opera, joint issue with France ref EN# 413-2	3b
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Editor's Page

The ESU website was recently en-
tered in the 2013 APS Chapter and
Affiliates Web Site competition,
and was awarded a Silver-Bronze
medal.



As it turns out, that is the very
same level of award that was given
to the Europa News by the NAPEX
judges back in 2012. The EN under-
went some changes as a result of
the judges' critiques, and I will see
what I can do to incorporate some
of these judges' comments to the
website (such as improving the
navigation scheme).

That last may take a bit more do-
ing, since I am an HTML hacker (in
the original, not evil, sense of the
word). At some point I will proba-
bly have to invest in an authoring
program, but for now I'll keep
tweaking the HTML source code
that was handed down from Chuck
Hall.

When I joined IBM in 1966 as a
programmer I was comfortable
with "assembler" code and I find
that I still am, regardless of the
computer or language. That's not
necessarily a good thing; some
might say it's akin to turning down
a new Ford Mustang when my old
Model A works just fine.

On the plus side, our site keeps
getting looked at by people from
around the world. Last year I in-
stalled a flag counter at the bottom
of our home page (see below), and
as of early August we had been
visited by folks from 85 different
countries (including almost all
European countries). Not too
shabby. A few have even become
members!!

What might help in that regard is
getting more links back to us from
other web sites. Our friend *eu-
roswiss* has kindly done that on his
Europa Blogspot ([europa-
stamps.blogspot.com/](http://europa-stamps.blogspot.com/)). If you
know of other philatelic websites
that would benefit from a link to
us, please tell them, or tell me and
I'll get on it. And again, thanks to all
of you for your support to our Unit.

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85 flags collected

FLAG counter

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