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DUES NOTICE.....LAST CHANCE!!!

New Issues
Europa 2020
Ancient Postal Routes

LIECHTENSTEIN 2v + ss of 2 sets (shown)

Issue date 2 March 2020



If you look for old postal routes in Liechtenstein, you will inevitably come across the **Lindau messenger**. This was a transport service operated until 1826, which regularly operated between the then trading centers of Lindau on Lake Constance and the Italian metropolis of Milan and carried goods, money and letters. It is assumed that at the end of the 15th century the Lindau messenger was traveling somewhat regularly on the difficult route, which reached its peak on the Splügen Pass at 2113 meters above sea level.

One of his five stages led the messenger on his way south from Feldkirch through today's Liechtenstein, which he left again at the Luzienstig in Balzers towards Chur.

— from Philatelie Liechtenstein

Editor's Note: the Lindau Postal Route was commemorated in 2014 by a joint issue between Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

For more information, see EN #430-8.

AUSTRIA 1v

Issue date 8 May 2020

Thurn & Taxis



The Thurn and Taxis family, then called Tassis, began providing mail courier services for the Italian city-states in the 13th Century. By the 16th Century, they had a monopoly on postal services, operating a network of postal routes in Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, Hungary, and the Low Countries. At the peak of their operations, they employed some 20,000 messengers to deliver mail and newspapers.

The family was also well known, as owners of breweries and the builders of countless castles. Today, they are still one of the wealthiest families in Europe.

The family's important postal activities, for which they are most noted, began with Franz von Taxis, who served as postmaster to the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I from 1489 and to Philip I of Spain from 1504. Franz von Taxis secured the right to carry both government and private mail throughout the Holy Roman Empire and in Spain.

In 1615, the family was named the hereditary Imperial Postmasters General for the Holy Roman Empire, and in 1695, they were raised to princely status by the Holy Roman Emperor, Leopold I.

— from Stamp-Collecting-World.com

Editor's Note: ESU VP and Treasurer Tonny Van Loij has assembled an award-winning exhibit on the subject of Thurn & Taxis.

Last call for dues.

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Otherwise, this will be your last issue!

New Issues
Europa 2020
Ancient Postal Routes

RUSSIA 1v

Issue date 15 January 2020

The Kholmogory postroad was known as early as in the end of the 15th century, but only a section of it to Vologda was in use. The first offers to establish a postal service in Arkhangelsk were made to Tsar Alexey Mikhailovich in the middle of the 17th century.

At that time, the postroad followed nearly the same path as the present-day Moscow Arkhangelsk highway: through the trading quarter of the Trinity Monastery, Pereslavl-Zalessky, Rostov the Great, Yaroslavl, Danilov, Vologda, Velsk, Shenkursk, and Kholmogory. The oldest Russian regular postal service between Arkhangelsk and Moscow was launched under the rule of Peter the Great in 1693.

— from JSC Marka (Russia Post)

**ICELAND 2v**

Issue date 7 May 2020



The leftmost stamp simply says an “ancient postal route”, obviously circumscribing the island. The rightmost stamp says that this fragment in the upper peninsula is the first organized postal route. No other information at press time.

New Issues
Norden 2020
Local Mammals

ICELAND 1v

Planned Issue date
 29 October 2020

European Mink

The European mink (*Mustela lutreola*), also known as the Russian mink and Eurasian mink, is a semiaquatic species native to Europe. Despite having a similar name, build and behavior, the European mink is not closely related to the American mink, being much closer to the European polecat and Siberian weasel. It primarily feeds on voles, frogs, fish, crustaceans and insects.

The European mink is listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as *Critically Endangered* due to an ongoing reduction in numbers, having been calculated as declining more than 50% over the past three generations and expected to decline at a rate exceeding 80% over the next three generations.

During the 20th century, mink numbers declined all throughout their range, the reasons for which having been hypothesized to be due to a combination of factors, including climate change, competition with (as well as diseases spread by) the introduced American mink, habitat destruction, declines in crayfish numbers and hybridization with the European polecat.

— from Wikipedia

On the Greenland Post website, in the section on upcoming issues, it says

“For the last time, stamps are published in the joint Nordic 'Norden' series. POST Greenland's two stamps in the series were created by creative multi-artist Miki Jacobsen. The theme of the release is: Mammals.”

‘For the Last Time’ ??

New Issues

Sepac 2020

Art from the State Collection

ICELAND 1v

Issue date
29 October 2020

The Art of Jon Stefansson



Jón Stefánsson (1881–1962) was Iceland's first modern landscape artists and one of the founders of modern art in Iceland. Together with Henrik Sørensen and Gösta Sandels they went to Paris to study under Matisse. The National Gallery of Iceland has a large collection of Jón Stefánsson's work.

The painting that is the subject of this stamp was done in 1937, and depicts the Skjaldbreiður, an Icelandic lava shield formed in one huge and protracted eruption roughly 9,000 years ago. — from Wikipedia

JERSEY 1v from a set of 8v

Issue date
12 February 2020

The Art of Claude Cahun



Claude Cahun, born Lucie Renee Mathilde Schwob, was a French surrealist photographer, sculptor and writer. Best known for her androgynous self-portraits, she is famous for creating some of the most startlingly original and enigmatic photographic images of the twentieth century, which focus on the themes of identity, gender and the subconscious mind.

This stamp issue features eight of Cahun's photographs, showcasing her work over the decades. —from Jersey Post

**Sepac 2019
Winners Announced**



For a second time, Åland takes the honors as most beautiful SEPAC stamp. Åland wins with 382 votes.

According to the contest page on the official Sepac website, Monaco is second with 340 votes, and Faroe Is. is third with 290 votes.



All probably belong in the top three, but I don't think I would have put them in that order. But, that's what makes the world go around, isn't it? It's really a popularity contest, not a beauty pageant. ■



NEW ISSUES
with **SCOTT** catalog numbers
From Linns' January & February Special Editions
— Don Smith



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

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>SCOTT #</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>*</u>
Aland	420	9-May-19	Europa 2019	1
Aland	421	9-May-19	Sepac 2019 EN 449-6	1c
Andorra (French)	815	9-Nov-19	Admission to CE 25th Anniv. EN 455-7	2a
Armenia	1192	9-Aug-19	Eurasian Economic Union EN 454-9	5b
Azerbaijan	1226	31-May-19	Polish Architecture EN 455-8	3b
Azerbaijan	1235-7	27-Sep-19	Europa 2019 (1236a bklt pane 4 each 1235-6, 1237 ss)	1
Belarus	1139-40	9-May-19	Europa 2019 (1140a ss 2 each)	1
Belarus	1148	9-Aug-19	Eurasian Economic Union, in sheets of 5 + label	5b
Belarus	1157	1-Nov-19	Diplomatic Relations w/Georgia, 25th Anniv. EN 455-7	3b
Bosnia (Muslim)	813	7-Feb-19	European Youth Olympics, ss of 2: a-b EN 452-13	3c
Bosnia (Muslim)	818	17-May-19	Tree of Life, joint issue w/Bosnia (Croat) 392, Bosnia (Serb) 616 EN 456-6	3b
Egypt	2207	8-Jul-19	EuroMed 2019, strip of 3 #2207a-c EN 453-5	1d
Finland	1585	8-May-19	Europa 2019, 2 self-adhesive vert pr #1585a-b	1
Georgia	560-1	25-Aug-19	Europa 2019 (561a ss both values)	1
Georgia	562	25-Aug-19	CE Anniversaries. ss of 2: a-b EN 454-9	2a
Jersey	2244	11-Jun-19	Sepac 2019 EN 452-9	1c
Isle of Man	2005f	12-Feb-19	Europa 2019 (#2005 is a blk of 10 that includes #2005f)	1
Isle of Man	2037	1-Jul-19	Sepac 2019 EN454-4	1c
Moldova	1050	9-Oct-19	CE 70th Anniversary EN455-7	2a
Serbia	868-9	20-Aug-19	European Nature Protection (in sheets of 8+label) EN 456-9	3a
Serbia	871	27-Aug-19	Diplomatic relations w/Turkey	3b
Serbia	874	27-Sep-19	Joy of Europe (in sheets of 8+labels) EN 456-8	3a

New Issues World IBD Day

BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA *Joint Issue* **Croat—Muslim—Serb**

Issue date 19 May 2019

IBD, which stands for inflammatory bowel disease (including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis) are two serious, chronic digestive diseases that affect five million people worldwide. There is no cure and no known cause. The color purple and the "Tree of Life" are symbols of the fight against the disease.



New Issues

European Anniversaries and Events

LIECHTENSTEIN 1v

Issue date
2 March 2020

25th Anniversary
of Liechtenstein's
Membership in
the EEA



A predominantly pastel-colored, graphically designed “braid” symbolizes the 25-year membership of the Principality of Liechtenstein in the European Economic Area (EEA) on a new special stamp. The designer Hans Peter Gassner has put nine colors of the pattern in the foreground by means of partial UV coating: These can be used to form all flags of all EEA member states.

The EEA brings together the 28 members of the European Union and the three EEA / European Free Trade Association (EFTA) states Liechtenstein, Iceland and Norway into a single market. Their citizens have the right to exercise the four fundamental freedoms: the free movement of goods, the movement of people, the movement of services, and the movement of capital. The EEA Agreement also prohibits any discrimination on grounds of nationality.

The vote on Liechtenstein's accession to the EEA in December 1992 can be described as one of the most important in the country's recent history. With a stake of 87 percent, 55.8 percent voted for EEA membership, even though the Swiss neighbors had refused such an accession to their country a week earlier.

— from *Philatelie Liechtenstein*

The FIP World Stamp Exhibition for 2019 was held in Wuhan, China. Why does that name ring a bell? Oh, wait. Uh,oh!!

GEORGIA 1v

Issue date 2020

70th Anniversary of NATO
(in 2019)



CROATIA 1v

Issue date 2 January 2020

Chairmanship of the Council
of the European Union



From Croatia Post:

“On January 1, 2020, Croatia assumes for the first time the Presidency of the Council of the European Union within the framework of the three Presiding States, with Romania and Finland in addition to Croatia. The six-month presidency of this key EU legislative institution is both a great challenge and a unique opportunity to promote Croatia within the European Union.

“The Presidency is certainly a challenge in the context of 2020, when the European Commission and the European Parliament are in the new convocation and Brexit is increasingly stimulating debate on the future of the Union.

However, if 2013 was the year in which Croatia confirmed its place in the European family, then history will remember 2020 as one in which Croatia has shown that it can be at the helm of the European legislative process and that it can contribute to the well-being and better future of all EU citizens.”

New Issues

European Anniversaries and Events

KOSOVO 4v + ss (shown) showing the same 4v
Issue date 11 June 2019
20th Anniversary of Liberty



The stamps honor US President Bill Clinton, UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, US Secretary of State Madeline Albright, and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe Wesley Clark. Kosovo notes that “these four individuals are meritorious for their support of the Kosovo Liberation Army and the decision to bomb Yugoslavia to end Serbian ethnic cleansing of the Kosovan people.

“NATO troops triumphantly entered the territory of Kosovo on 12 June 1999. The people of Kosovo will remain eternally grateful to these personalities and NATO member states. Thank you.”

— from *Kosovo Post*

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To this day, neither Serbia or its ally Russia recognize Kosovo as a sovereign state. Kosovo declared its independence on 17 February 2008.

As of 13 November 2019, 98 out of 193 (51%) United Nations (UN) member states, 22 out of 27 (81%) European Union (EU) member states, 25 out of 29 (86%) NATO member states, and 34 out of 57 (60%) Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states have recognized Kosovo.

In 2013, Serbia began to normalize relations with the government of Kosovo in accordance with the Brussels Agreement, but the process stalled in November 2018 after Kosovo imposed a 100 percent tax on importing Serbian goods.

— from *Wikipedia*

Another historical issue....

ITALY 1v

Issue date
26 October 2019

Giovanni Gorla 25th anniversary of the Disappearance



The description sounded ominous, but when I checked various sources they all agreed that Mr. Gorla died suddenly of lung cancer. He was elected to the European Parliament in 1989. He resigned in 1991 to become Italian minister of agriculture. He remained in that position until 1992 when he became finance minister. A year later he became embroiled in a corruption scandal. He was acquitted of one charge and abruptly died before the trial concluded.

— from *Wikipedia and the Independent*

New Issues
European Anniversaries and Events

CROATIA 2v
IRELAND 2v + ss

Issue date 23 January 2020

**Rijeka and Galway -
 European Capitals of Culture**

Joint Issue



Rijeka is known for the openness of its inhabitants, and bears the strongest legacy of Europe's turbulent history - in the last hundred years Rijeka has developed under as many as seven different countries.

Located on the west coast of Ireland, Galway is located on the Wild Atlantic Road and is known for its cosmopolitan atmosphere, the extraordinary kindness of its residents and the status of Ireland's cultural center.

— from Croatia Post

ICELAND 1v

Issue date 9 May 2020

**50 Years of Membership in
 the European Free Trade
 Association (EFTA)**



Joy of Europe

MONTENEGRO 1v

*Issue date
 4 October 2019*



SERBIA 1v

*Issue date
 27 September 2019*



The ms of 8 comes with an assortment of labels.

Auction manager Don Smith has assembled another great auction for us. Member Joe Running, who reads the fine print, opined that the mayonnaise jar which holds the bids should be glass and not plastic, to ensure that no gaseous damage occur to the bids. I can only say that, while I personally have not seen it, I believe the jar was a gift from the late Carnac (the Magnificent) who would probably have been very fastidious about such things. Don assures me that the bids are safe, and that's good enough for me!

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New Issues

European Sports

HUNGARY 1v

Issue date
10 January 2020

34th LEN European Water Polo Championships



The European Water Polo Championship is a sport competition for national water polo teams, currently held bi-annually and organized by the *Ligue Européenne de Natation* (LEN), the governing European aquatics federation. There are both men's and women's competitions.

This is the fifth occasion that Hungary has hosted the adult European water polo championships, which was staged between 12 and 26 January 2020 in the world-class centre for swimming and water sports, the Duna Aréna in Budapest.

The first European championship was held in 1926 and, to avoid clashing with the summer Olympics, the second was held in 1927 and the third in 1931. The continental encounters became more and more successful every time the event was held. In water polo the first women's European championship was staged in Oslo in 1985. This branch of sport broke away from swimming in 1997, when the first independent water polo championship was organised in Europe.

Currently the competition is held every two years, in the summer midway through the Olympic cycle and at the beginning of the year in years when the Olympics are staged.

In 2020, Host country Hungary took the gold medal, Spain took silver and Montenegro the bronze.

— from Magyar Posta and Wikipedia

SERBIA 2v

Issue date 6 December 2019

European Volleyball Champions



Serbian volleyball national teams managed to repeat their success achieved in 2011 again in 2019 and win gold medals on the XXXI EC, played in Ankara and Paris. Serbian women volleyball seniors and men volleyball seniors have won their third European champion's titles this year. Women senior volleyball players also won their titles in 2011 and 2017, whereas men senior volleyball players won their titles in 2001 and 2011. Before Serbia, double European champions were only the Soviet Union (USSR) and Czechoslovakia (CSFR), with Russia being the only country to have achieved the same success as Serbia

— from Serbia Post

European Cooperation

SERBIA 2v

Issue date 20 August 2019

Nature Protection



Both stamps have the European Conservation Year (ECY) logo

New Issues

European Cooperation

GIBRALTAR 4v

ROMANIA 2v

Issue date 12 November 2019

Nature Reserves



The set of two stamps from each country features an aerial view of Gibraltar's Upper Rock Nature Reserve and a view of Romania's Retezat National Park.

The Gibraltar Nature Reserve of Upper Rock is a protected nature reserve that covers over 40% of Gibraltar's land area. It was established as the Upper Rock Nature Reserve in 1993 under the International Union for Conservation of Nature and is known for its semi-wild population of Barbary macaques and important resting point for migrating birds.

The Retezat National Park is a protected area located in the Retezat Mountains in Hunedoara county, Romania. It contains more than 20 peaks over 2,000 meters in altitude as well as 1,000 plant species. Located in the western part of the Southern Carpathians, occupying a surface of 38,138 hectares, this national park protects one of the last remaining pristine forests in Europe. Retezat National Park is home to 55 species of mammals, overall 23% of all European terrestrial mammals, including the iconic brown bears, wolves and lynx.

— from Gibraltar Post

GERMANY 1v regular and self-adhesive

Issue date

2 January 2020

250th Birthday of
Ludwig van Beethoven



Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 "Ode to Joy" was adopted as the "Anthem of Europe" by the Council of Europe in 1972 and subsequently by the European Union.



The gummed version is also available as a "Philately Block" (shown above). According to Deutsche Post, the stamp can be removed from the block to use for regular postage. The price for the block is the same as for the single stamp.

Since Beethoven was German, this issue seems most appropriate. However, any number of countries can be expected to issue Beethoven stamps. So, where to draw the line? E.g., Jersey issued a set of 6 stamps, shown below. We'll watch to see what other European countries choose to do. Meanwhile, *caveat emptor*.



BREXIT — So Where Are We Now?

From the BBC comes this update:

“The UK formally left the EU on 31 January, but there is still a lot to talk about and months of negotiation to come. While the UK has agreed to the terms of its EU departure, details will need to be worked out during the transition period (aka implementation period) which began immediately after Brexit day and is due to end on 31 December 2020. During this period the UK effectively remains in the EU's customs union and single market and continues to obey EU rules. However, it is no longer part of the political institutions, such as the European Parliament.”

We do now have European philatelic recognition of this event

AUSTRIA 1v

Issue date
31 January 2020



Brexit

From Austria Post:

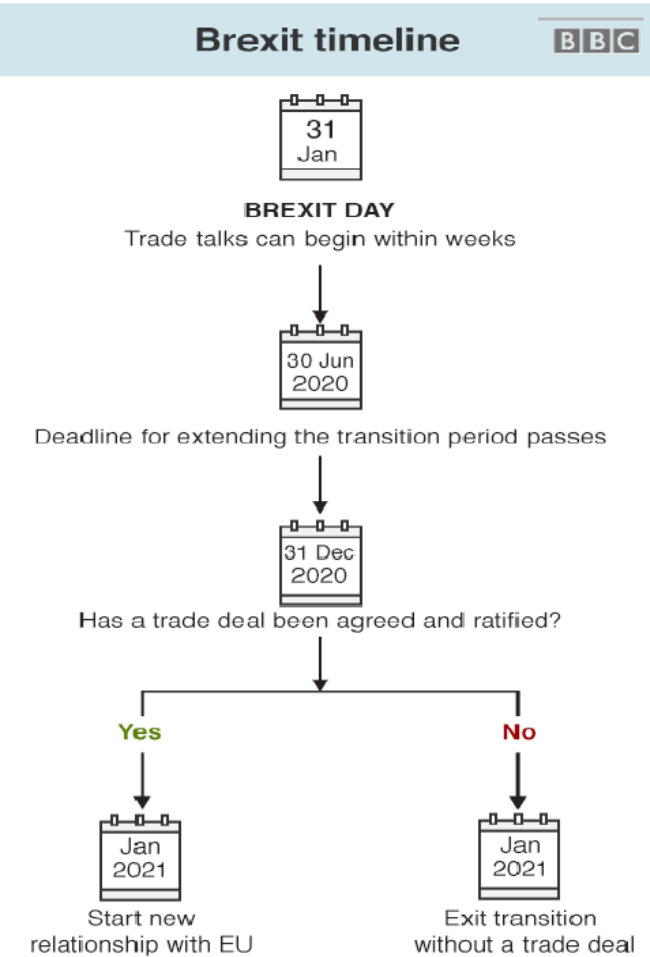
“Brexit has been a concern of the EU at all levels since 2016, because for the first time a state has asked to leave the EU. Austrian Post is now dedicating a special stamp to the British's actual exit - the "Brexit". The special stamp that Austrian Post is now issuing is as special and unique as the history of Brexit. Starting from the announced exit date March 29, 2019, a special stamp was printed with this date. To emphasize the special position visually, the area of the United Kingdom was provided with a light blue transparent varnish. The EU states, on the other hand, were printed in dark blue using the normal offset process, the non-EU members are shown in white. Finally, March 29, 2019 became January 31, 2020 - and the original stamp was updated using the overprint process.”

The BBC continues:

The first priority will be to negotiate a trade deal with the EU. The UK wants as much access as possible for its goods and services to the EU. But the government has made clear that the UK must leave the customs union and single market and end the overall jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice.

It's not just a trade deal that needs to be sorted out. The UK must agree how it is going to co-operate with the EU on security and law enforcement. The UK is set to leave the European Arrest Warrant scheme and will have to agree to a replacement. It must also agree to deals in a number of other areas where co-operation is needed.

So, we are still very much in flux. It should be an interesting year. ■



Article
Eurostar and Thalys Join Forces



The above is a recent headline on the Eurostar website. The announcement reads:

“As you may be aware, the shareholders of Eurostar have today announced their ambition to bring together Eurostar and Thalys, the French-Belgian high speed rail operator, to create one unified European high speed rail company.

This is an exciting development for our customers as it will enable us to offer you a more extensive network, increased connectivity and frequency of service and a fleet operating on renewable energy.

By joining forces with Thalys we will be able to expand our reach and at the same time provide a powerful response to the increasingly serious climate change challenge and the growing demand for sustainable travel.

With best wishes,
 Mike Cooper, CEO

So, the Eurostar is a UK-French joint development, and Thalys is French-Belgian. Their merger offers still more evidence of true European cooperation at the economic level, which is what visionaries like Robert Schuman felt was necessary to carry the day. ■



Right on cue, we have a couple of new “cinderella” issues, the first of which shows, among others, the Thalys and Eurostar trains. It is my hope to ride the Eurostar this summer when my brother and I plan to pay a visit to my cousin in Maidenhead, a London suburb.

He suggested that we conclude our visit with a ride under the Chunnel to Paris. We enthusiastically agreed! Wish we could ride home on the Concorde. ■

TOGO 2ss

TG-19518a,b

Issue date
 25 November 2019

Concorde



GUINEA 2ss

GU-19514a,b

Issue date 11 December 2019

European Speed Trains



The stamp on the upper left shows the Queen Mum on the Concorde. On 2 November 1977, Queen Elizabeth II travelled for the first time aboard Concorde. Her Majesty then flew from the Sir Grantley Adams International Airport, Barbados, to London Heathrow, England. That occasion was also the first visit by a Concorde aircraft to Barbados. — from Wikipedia

Thalys is in the lower left; Eurostar is in the lower right.



Eurostar is the bottom train in the selvage.

Feature
Fun with PowerPoint

Where would I be without PowerPoint and Wikipedia? Below is my approach to mounting France's "Capitals of Europe" series. I start with Lighthouse all-blank pages and let PowerPoint do the rest.

EUROPA

FRANCE

2002

Launching a new annual series:
 Capitals of Europe

Rome (Roma)
 is the capital of Italy and the country's largest and most populous city, with over 2.7 million residents. Rome's history as a city spans over two and a half thousand years, as one of the founding cities of Western Civilization and the center of the ancient Roman Empire. Rome is the third-most-visited tourist destination in the EU and its historic center is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster, Part 6

The Luster monographs resume this issue with part 6: the 1959 Europa stamps from Luxembourg.

LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg issued two Europa stamps with the same design in 1959. They were denominated 2.50 F and 5 F. The 2.50 F stamp was printed in olive-brown and the 5 F stamp was printed in dark blue.

The stamps were designed by Walter Brudi. Both stamps depict the common design. The stamps were offset printed on watermarked paper, perforated 12¾ x 14 by Joh. Enschedé en Zonen, Haarlem, in sheets of 50 stamps. 1,007,500 sets were printed.

The D’Urso Catalogue assigned the number 58 to the 2.50 F stamp and the number 59 to the 5 F stamp.

In addition to the complete set of 2 stamps, the D’Urso Catalogue lists blocks of 4 stamps.

D’Urso lists a number of varieties for the stamps. For the 2.50 F stamp, there is a re-touch to the left of the number “2” (58A); a small circle to the left of the letter “A” in the word “Europa” (58B); and, damage to the number “0” in the number “50” (58C).

For the 5 F value, there is a small white dot under the letter “A” in the word “Europa” (59A); a small circle to the left of the word “Luxembourg” (59B); a small circle to the right of the value letter “F” (59C) and a small circle to the left of the number “5” in the number “50” (59D).

First day covers were also produced for this issue. The official first day cancel is listed with the following cancel: “Luxembourg Europa” (58/59E). A maximum card with the “Luxembourg Europa” cancel is also listed in D’Urso (58/59F).



**“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont’d)**

It is not easy to understand why some special items of Luxembourg’s 1959 Europa stamps have reached the philatelic market. I have seen one artist’s color die proof and one compound proof. I have not been lucky enough to own one. What I have seen are trial color proofs of the 2.50 F value from Luxembourg:

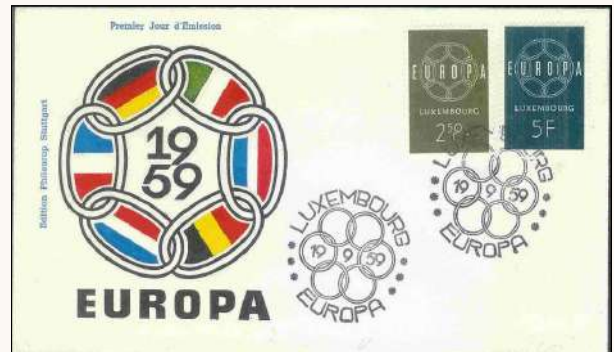


This is a partially severed sheet of 50 of Luxembourg’s 1959 5f stamp:



“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont’d)

Below are some cacheted first day covers of Luxembourg’s 1959 Europa stamps. All of these covers have the official “Luxembourg Europa” first day cancel from Luxembourg City.



“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont’d)

This is the only maximum card I have seen for Luxembourg. It is franked with the 5 F (high) value of that country’s 1959 Europa set.



Here are two commercial (addressed), first day covers. The one on the left was sent to Geneva, Switzerland. The one on the right is also franked with the complete set of Luxembourg’s 1959 Europa stamps. Additionally, there are two other stamps franking the envelope. The total amount of the franking is 10 F 50c. That amount pays for a registered letter sent from Luxembourg to Holland.



**“The Luster Chronicles”
The 1959 EUROPA Stamps — a Monograph by Steve Luster (cont’d)**

These cacheted non-first day covers are franked with a Luxembourg 1959 Europa stamp. Both covers commemorate “Europa Day” 1959.




This concludes Part 6. The next installment will continue with the stamps of the Netherlands. ■

Don't forget, all early monographs are now available for download to your own computer,. Each is a pdf file that is easily printed. The “Luster Chronicles” are posted to the web as they conclude in the EN, so the years 1956 thru 1958 are now out there on the cloud. On the Member page, click on the **Monographs** button.


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The ESU Monograph Series was initiated as a collection of reprints of previous EN articles, and as such was originally called the Reprint Series. These were not true reprints, however, as they were considerably expanded versions of the original, and often included many additional illustrations. Consequently, they were renamed monographs, the definition of which is "a treatise on a particular subject; a highly detailed and thoroughly documented study or paper written about a limited area of a subject or field of inquiry" (*definition courtesy of Dictionary.com*)

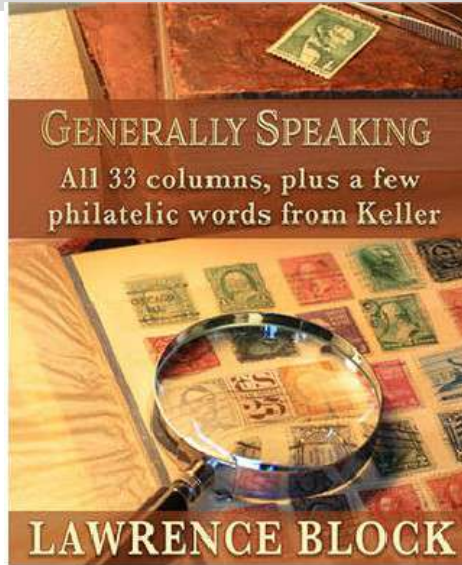
- **Monograph #1 - The Citizens of Europe** Click [here](#) to view the pdf file by Stephen Luster 2nd ed., 1988. An examination of European Unity and consolidation through the people who contributed to the concept. This includes not just "Eurocrats" but early proponents of unity. 27 b&w pages with illustrations.





Article
Generally Speaking

No sooner had the last EN gone to press than this new book showed up in my email. Director Caroline Scannel remembered one of the NYC Mega-Events where she was having a conversation that Robert Block, sitting at a nearby booth, must have overheard, as she found herself reading almost the same conversation later in one of his Hit Man books.



A wistful and introspective killer for hire, Keller rekindled a boyhood passion for stamps at the end of Hit Man, the first of a series of books about him. Like Block, Keller collects the whole world through philately's first century. (How's that for coincidence?)

And the nature of his profession gives Keller more discretionary income than Block—and a lot more money to spend on stamps. Published here for the first time is the full run of columns from Linn's, along with six se-

lections from the Keller saga chosen for their philatelic perspective.

Linn's press release said the following:

For almost three years, novelist and short-story writer Lawrence Block's monthly column, "Generally Speaking," was one of the most popular features in Linn's Stamp News.

A general collector of pre-1940 issues, Block had the entire world of stamps as his subject, and he turned in 33 columns before he decided it was time to stop. But Keller, the author's fictional character, never lost his enthusiasm for philately.

The book is available on Amazon, and it is indeed an enjoyable read. Block has a talent for creating unusual protagonists. Another of his characters, Bernie Rhodenbarr, is a lovable burglar who helps a crusty policeman solve crimes. I got Steve Luster hooked on Bernie. Not exactly Europa, just fun reading for stamp collectors! ■

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