

Information on counterfeits withdrawn from circulation in 2025

In 2025, the Croatian National Bank recorded 3,633 counterfeit euro banknotes, which is a decline of 19.6% from 4,516 counterfeit euro banknotes recorded in 2024.

The nominal value of counterfeit euro banknotes in 2025 was EUR 239,230.00.

The following table shows data on counterfeit euro banknotes withdrawn and recorded in 2025, broken down by denomination and share.

1 January – 31 December 2025	5 €	10 €	20 €	50 €	100 €	200 €	500 €
Quantity (pcs)	36	253	801	1672	574	230	67
Share (%)	1.0	7.0	22.1	46.0	15.8	6.3	1.8

Also recorded from January to December 2025 were 37 counterfeit kuna banknotes, 42 counterfeit US dollar banknotes, 3 counterfeit Australian dollar banknotes and 1 counterfeit pound sterling banknote.

In the same period, 5,523 counterfeit euro coins were recorded, which is a decline of 20.9% from 6,984 counterfeit euro coins recorded in 2024.

The nominal value of counterfeit euro coins in 2025 stood at EUR 10,459.00.

The European Central Bank press release on Eurosystem counterfeits is available on the [European Central Bank website](#).

In order to educate individuals handling cash on a daily basis and the general public about cash, the Croatian National Bank carries out the National Training Programme on Euro Banknote and Coin Authentication. The training content and schedule are tailored to meet the needs of target groups and the training is conducted at several levels. The objective of the training is to acquire knowledge on the security features of euro banknotes and euro coins needed to successfully check their authenticity and prevent the receipt of counterfeit cash as authentic.

The euro training intended for the public and retailers is accessible free of charge, with no registration required, at the website [Euro edukacija](#).

Most counterfeit euro banknotes are quickly and easily identified by the [feel-look-tilt](#) method.

Below are presented the descriptions and images of genuine and counterfeit banknotes, with genuine banknotes framed in green and counterfeits in red. In the observed period, counterfeit 50 and 20 euro banknotes of the Europa series accounted for the largest share of counterfeit euro banknotes withdrawn from circulation. They are easy to detect by checking the following:

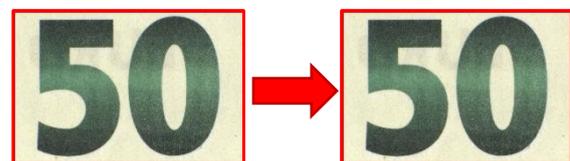
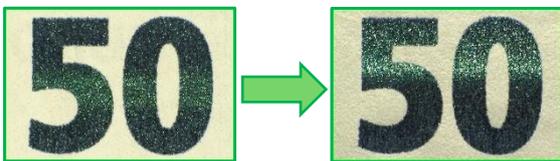
The obverse of the genuine 50 euro banknote features an emerald number 50 in the bottom-left corner. When the banknote is tilted, the number changes colour from emerald green to deep blue and displays an effect of the light that moves up and down the number. The imitated emerald number 50 on the counterfeit banknote does not change colour when the banknote is tilted.



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The same effect is visible on all genuine banknotes of the Europa series, including the 20 euro banknote, which displays the emerald number 20 in the bottom-left corner. The imitated emerald number 20 on the counterfeit banknote does not change colour when the banknote is tilted.



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When the genuine 20 euro banknote is seen against light, the watermark with a portrait of Europa and the value numeral 20 appears on the right side of the obverse. The security thread in the form of an uninterrupted black stripe with the clearly legible minitext displaying the euro symbol and the value numeral 20 is clearly visible on the right of the watermark. When the counterfeit banknote is seen against light, neither the watermark nor the security thread can be observed.



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If you suspect the authenticity of a banknote or coin, submit it to the nearest branch of a bank, the Financial Agency or HP-Hrvatska pošta d.d. or to the nearest police station.

Suspect banknotes and coins can be submitted to the Croatian National Bank for analysis, personally or by post, with the [Application for technical analysis](#), available at the Croatian National Bank website.