

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2240/05
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to the Council

Subject: Issuing of 1 and 2 euro banknotes

Many European citizens are still unhappy about the euro, and the absence of 1 and 2 euro banknotes has an impact on their perception of how much the equivalent coins are worth,

The absence of such banknotes also has an adverse effect on their perception of how much cents are worth.

The issuing and circulation of 1 and 2 euro banknotes could have a positive impact on inflation and keeping the cost of living under control, particularly in view of the forthcoming introduction of the single currency in the new Member States, which makes it all the more necessary and urgent to reach a decision on the issuing of such new banknotes.

Does the Council intend to recognise the need to go ahead with the issuing of 1 and 2 euro banknotes? If so, when?

If not, will it provide a detailed explanation, based on figures relating to the economic impact which the issuing of such banknotes would have and on an analysis of the likely benefits,