

BNR to put into circulation 20 lei banknote

As of 1 December 2021, the National Bank of Romania (BNR) will put into circulation a banknote with face value of lei 20., being the first legal tender banknote which features a female personality: Ecaterina Teodoroiu.

"This responds to the legitimate public interest, which has been largely supported by the society, and helps strengthen gender equality and the major role of female personalities in Romanian history and society," BNR informs in a press release sent to AGERPRES on Thursday.

The banknote with a face value of lei 20 is printed on polymer substrate, with a mix of flat and raised printing technique, 136 x 77 mm in size and with the predominant colour olive green.

The obverse of the banknote shows the following representative graphical elements: the portrait of Ecaterina Teodoroiu, her birth and death years (1894-1917), a floral element depicting a bouquet of crocuses (*Crocus flavus*). In the background, the central area features a badge of the Romanian Scouts. The obverse also includes: the face value in figures and letters, "20 LEI DOUAZECI" printed horizontally, the signatures of the Governor and the Chief Cashier, the coat of arms of Romania, the name of the issuing central bank "BANCA NATIONALA A ROMANIEI", a stylised depiction of the infantry insignia, the BNR logo in a medallion, and, on the right, vertically, the face value in letters "DOUAZECI LEI", the circulation date "1 December 2021", the face value in figures "20".

The reverse of the banknote features a graphic composition showing: a depiction of the winged figure of Victory on the Victory Medal, an image of the Marasesti Mausoleum and, behind the Mausoleum, a lily flower. The reverse also includes: the face value in letters and figures, the name of the issuing central bank "BANCA NATIONALA A ROMANIEI", the BNR logo printed at the top right and bottom left in a rectangle, the serial number printed in black ink with same-size fonts on the left side, vertically, and in red ink, with fonts of ascending height on the top right side, horizontally.

To protect against forgery, the banknote includes a series of security features, some for the public, others traceable only when using special equipment, intended for employees in the banking system.

The banknote with a face value of lei 20 will be put into circulation through the regional branches of the National Bank of Romania in Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Constanta, Craiova, Iasi and Timisoara, when making cash payments to credit institutions/the State Treasury.

Also, as of 1 December 2021, the BNR will put into circulation for numismatic purposes the polymer replica of the first lei 20 banknote issued by the National Bank of Romania in 1881.

Details on the polymer replica of the first lei 20 banknote issued by the National Bank of Romania in 1881 are presented in Circular No. 28 of 19 November 2021.

This numismatic issue has 30,000 banknotes.

The selling price of the polymer replica of the first lei 20 banknote issued by the National Bank of Romania in 1881 is lei 100.00, VAT excluded, including the presentation leaflet.

The polymer replica of the first lei 20 banknote issued by the National Bank of Romania in 1881 will be put into circulation, for numismatic purposes, through the regional branches of the National Bank of Romania in

Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Constanta, Craiova, Iasi and Timisoara. Information on how to purchase the replica of the first lei 20 banknote issued by the National Bank of Romania in 1881 will be found on the National Bank of Romania's website.