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Launch of the new 1000-krone banknote

The 1000-krone banknote is launched on 24 May 2011 as the fifth and last banknote in the new banknote series. The banknotes are designed by the artist Karin Birgitte Lund. The front page of the banknote depicts the high-level bridge The East Bridge of The Great Belt Bridge which was inaugurated in 1998. The East Bridge which links Zealand to the island Sprogø is 6,790 m long making it the world's third largest suspension bridge. At 254 m, the pylons are among the highest points in Denmark.

On the back of the 1000-krone banknote the Sun Chariot is depicted. It was found during ploughing in Trundholm Bog in western Zealand in September 1902. The Sun Chariot was made in the Early Bronze Age c. 1400 BC. The Sun Chariot is exhibited at the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen.

There are some 30 million 1000-krone banknotes in circulation compared to a total number of banknotes of 163 million. The 1000-krone banknote comprises more than half of the total value of notes in circulation of just over kr. 56 billion. In 2010 339 counterfeit 1000-krone banknotes were removed from circulation compared to a total number of 762 registered counterfeit banknotes.

The motivation for issuing the new Danish banknote series is to improve the security features. The new banknotes have a number of advanced security features, including a hologram and a window thread with a moving wave pattern. The security features are to make it even more difficult to counterfeit the banknotes.

The banknotes also have security features that are not visible to the naked eye. When placing the 1000-krone banknote under a microscope, it shows micro-lettering with hidden symbols and numbers, e.g. above the prehistoric find on the back of the banknote.

With the launch of the 1000-krone banknote in May 2011 the 2009 banknote series is complete. The 50-krone banknote was launched in August 2009 as the first new banknote. This banknote was followed by the launch of the 100-krone banknote in May 2010, the 200-krone banknote in October 2010 and the 500-krone banknote in February 2011.

Exchange of banknotes

The 1000-krone banknote from the 1997-series is still legal tender. All Danish banknotes issued since the substitution of money in 1945 can be exchanged at face value at Danmarks Nationalbank.

Via the Danish commercial and savings banks old banknotes return to Danmarks Nationalbank where they are counted and incinerated. Danmarks Nationalbank has asked the Danish commercial and savings banks to return all of their old 1000-krone banknotes in order to quickly put the new banknote series into circulation.

Read more about the new banknotes at nationalbanken.dk.

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