



A coin to celebrate the 12th anniversary of Foz Côa being classified as a World Heritage Site

On the day of celebrations of the 12th anniversary of Foz Côa being classified as a World Heritage Site, the INCM, in partnership with the Institute for the Management of Architectural and Archaeological Heritage (IGESPAR in Portuguese), released a commemorative coin dedicated to the Côa Valley archaeological site.

The ceremony was held at the Côa Museum in the presence of the Director of IGESPAR, Gonçalo Couceiro, the President of the Foz Côa Town Council, Gustavo de Sousa Duarte, the Director of the Côa Valley Archaeological Park, Alexandra Cerveira Lima, INCM Administrator, Isabel Pinto Correia, and the designer of the coin, António Marinho.

The €2.50 coin is the 12th in a series of 14 coins dedicated to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Portugal. Their aim is to contribute to reinforcing the Portuguese people's sense of belonging and to affirm their identity in the world.

According to the designer the obverse face of the coin shows an enlarged representation of part of the Rocha 1 set of carvings, located in Canada do Inferno. In the centre of this face is the national crest and the coin's face value. On the reverse face of the coin is a more complete reconstruction of the shapes traced on the obverse face. In the centre is the World Heritage symbol and the coin's identification, "Côa Valley Archaeological Site".

The circulation coins were minted in Cupronickel, with a limited issue of 120,000 examples. The coin with a special *proof* finishing was minted in silver, with a limited issue of 5000 examples, and comes packaged in a wooden case with a guarantee certificate.

The coin is on sale in INCM shops, in banks, at specialist shops and at www.incm.pt.

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