

EUROPA stamps are amongst the most collected and popular stamps in the world. They are specially issued by European postal administrations/enterprises under the aegis of PostEurop in which Europe is its central theme. EUROPA stamps represent cooperation amongst postal operators and promote philately. They exist to build awareness of the common roots, culture and history of Europe and its common goals.

### *Key dates for EUROPA Stamp*

- **1956: The first EUROPA stamp was issued by the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunication Administration (CEPT)**
- **1974: The designs freely reflect a common theme**
- **1993: PostEurop takes over the EUROPA stamps aegis**
- **2000: First Best EUROPA stamp competition**



- **2007: The competition was open to the public via the website of PostEurop**
- **2011: A new EUROPA logo was issued**
- **2016: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EUROPA stamps**

EUROPA stamps have been issued annually since 1956 and are a tangible symbol of Europe's desire for closer integration and cooperation. Since 1993, PostEurop is responsible for issuing EUROPA stamps. Over the years, EUROPA stamp has gained more interest within the Postal community as well as with philatelists and reflects the engagement from the members in diligently participating in the competition.

In order to promote EUROPA issues among philatelists, PostEurop created in 2002 an annual competition of the "Best EUROPA stamp" and since 2007; the winner is elected through an open and public voting procedure on the PostEurop website.

By January 2011, the EUROPA logo, preceded by a symbolic reminder of the mailbox, applies, and for the first time, a Jury Prize Competition is designed by seven philatelic experts to complement the online competition.

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### *Did you know that?*

*The world's oldest known wooden wheel was discovered in Slovenia! Dating back over 5,000 years?*

### *Did you know that?*

*More than 38,000 votes were received in 2022 during the online EUROPA competition "Myths & Stories".*

*In 2023 there was no online EUROPA competition due to the PEACE - the highest value of humanity joint motif.*

*2026 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of EUROPA Stamps.*

*The theme for the 2026 EUROPA stamp is "70th anniversary of EUROPA stamp. United in..."*

**View and Vote for Your Favourite EUROPA Stamp Today**



We invite you to view all the beautiful entries and vote for your favourite stamp on [www.europastamps.eu/europa2025](http://www.europastamps.eu/europa2025). The online competition will end on 9 September 2025 and the winning stamps will be announced at the PostEurop General Assembly to be held on October 2025 in Tirana, Albania.

#### **More about EUROPA Stamps**

Since 1956, EUROPA stamps have been a symbol of Europe's desire for closer integration and cooperation. These special stamps are issued by the European postal administrations/enterprises and bear the EUROPA logo, a PostEurop registered trademark. Since 1993, PostEurop has been the responsible organisation for issuing EUROPA stamps and each year, philately experts within the Stamps and Philately working group organise the competition amongst other philately initiatives.

See more information on [www.posteurop.org/europa](http://www.posteurop.org/europa)

#### **About PostEurop**

PostEurop represents 55 postal operators in 53 countries and territories around Europe and handles 60 billion items each year. The industry employs 2 million people, manages 258 million delivery points and accounts for 1% of the GDP.

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