The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

The emergence of the single European currency

EURO CURRENCY SIGN — € , BANKING CODE: EUR.

The official currency of 19 countries of the "Eurozone" (Austria, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Finland, France, Estonia).

The Euro is the national currency of the other 9 States, 7 of which are in Europe.



EURO

Coins in denominations 2 €, 1 €, 0,50 €, 0,20 €, 0,10 €, 0,05 €, 0,02 € and 0.01 €. Many shops in the Eurozone prefer to align pictures so that they are multiples of 5 cents, for example, in Finland coins 1 and 2 cents were not needed; in Austria, on the contrary, the coin of 1 cent is very common.

All Euro banknotes have a common design for each denomination to both sides in all countries. Banknotes come in denominations of 500 €, 200 €, 100 €, 50 €, 20 €, 10 € and 5 €. Some banknote senior dignity, such as 500 € and 200 €, not available in some countries, but all are legal tender.



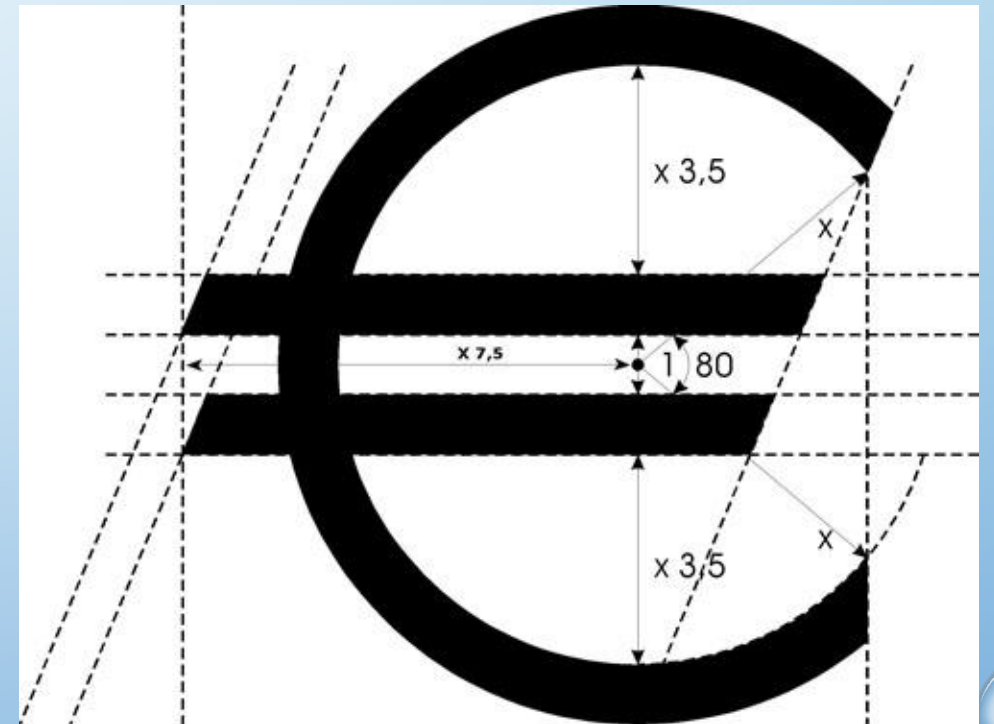
THE EURO SYMBOL (€)



Special graphic Euro sign (€) was designed after by the public opinion polls were chosen two versions of the ten proposals, and the European Commission then chose one of them as a final version. The author of the winning design, said to have been a team of four experts whose names were not officially named. The official version of the design of the Euro is disputed by Arthur Eisenmenger, in the past, leading graphic designer of the European community, who declares that he created this character as a generic symbol of Europe.

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The European Commission has also developed a Euro logo with exact proportions and foreground flowers and background. Although some font designers simply copied precisely the logo of the Euro as the Euro sign in these fonts, most have developed their own versions, which are often based on the letter C in the respective font so that currency symbol had the same width as Arabic numerals.



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT EURO



On the front of Euro banknotes depict gates and Windows, and on the back bridges. It's not photos of real objects, but simply schematic illustrations in different architectural styles. Each note is devoted to a particular style, for example, 20 Euro Gothic, and 100 Euro Baroque and Rococo. However, in 2011 when the construction of a residential complex in the Dutch city of Spijkenisse architect Robin Stam has recreated all seven bridges from the bills, using colored concrete.

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The authenticity of Euro banknotes can be verified by its serial number consisting of letters and eleven digits. Need to replace a letter for its serial number in the Latin alphabet, lay this number with the rest, then add the digits of the result until you get one digit. If this digit is 8, then the banknote is genuine. Another way of checking is in such the folding numbers but without letters. The result of one of the letters and digits must conform to a specific country, as the Euro is printed in different countries. For example, for Germany it is X2.

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