



## RESOURCE 3



Descriptions (from left to right, top row then bottom row)

- 'The €1 and €2 coins depict a cruciform idol from the Chalcolithic period (3000 BC). This characteristic example of the island's prehistoric art reflects Cyprus's place at the heart of civilisation and antiquity.'
- 'This coin depicts a scene from a mosaic in Sparta (third century AD), showing Europa being abducted by Zeus, who has taken the form of a bull. Europa is a figure from Greek mythology after whom Europe was named.'
- 'This coin bears a portrait of the pacifist Bertha von Suttner, a symbol of Austria's efforts over many decades to support peace.'
- 'The design for the national side of Estonia's coins features a geographical image of Estonia and the word "Eesti", which means "Estonia".'
- 'Spain's coins feature a design with the effigy of King Juan Carlos I.'
- The German coin features 'the traditional symbol of German sovereignty, the eagle.'

These are just a few examples of the national sides of the 2 euro coin. You can find images and explanations of all euro coins from all countries on the website of the European Central Bank.

Source: [Website of the European Central Bank](#)

Do you think the designs of the euro coins are a good illustration of the EU motto 'United in Diversity'? Why, or why not?