What is the sign for the euro?
The euro currency symbol is €, inspired by the letter ‘epsilon’ in the Greek alphabet. It also looks like an ‘E’, the first letter of ‘Europe’. The two parallel lines running through the € are a symbol of stability.

Where in the EU can I pay in euros?
The euro is used in 19 countries in the European Union: Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

Can I use euros outside the EU?
Yes, you can. Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and Vatican City all use the euro as their official currency. The euro is also used in Kosovo and Montenegro, even though it is not their official currency.

How many different banknotes are there?
The euro banknotes come in seven denominations (types): €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500. Designs of these banknotes are the same in all the countries in the euro area.

Do all euro coins look the same in all the countries?
One side of the coin is identical in all the euro area countries. However, each of those countries has its own design for the other side. Countries tend to choose a design of something which is typical of their culture, history or natural landscape. Can you guess the country of origin of each of the coins here on the right?

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(Answers: Cyprus, Ireland, Italy, France, Slovenia, Lithuania, Austria, Greece)

Use your coloured pencils and join up groups of coins to get:

€1, 75  €3,32  €0,81

€2,53  €1,91