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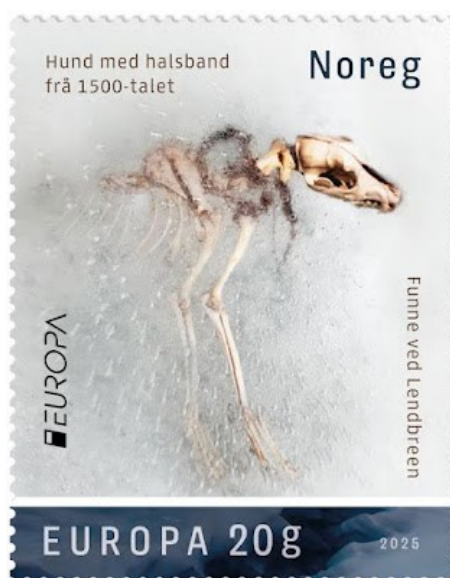
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Europa Philately in all of its aspects:  
CEPT/PostEurop, EU Agencies, European Cooperation, NATO, Norden, *sepac*, EuroMed

## The Winner is ...



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## Feature Colnect — Collector's Database

Our Handbook Editor sent me a recommendation to check out a website called Colnect. Says Alex, “There are literally hundreds of stamp themes available – and you can break them down by country or year. It’s really neat and has been very helpful for the Sepac and Euromed checklists.” He is very right.

The title is a Wordbash of “Collector’s Network”, and is located here: [www.colnect.com](http://www.colnect.com).

You’ll note right away that this is not just for stamp collectors but for anyone who has a collecting interest. This includes bottle caps, comic books, lapel pins, food labels, cigar bands, you name it.

Getting back to stamps, the topic is broken down further into all sorts of possible sub-topics. Besides Year, Country, Theme, and so on, there are Designer, Gums, Color, Perforation, Watermark, and many more. I suspect that underneath all this lurks a robust Relational Database.

The screenshot shows the Colnect website homepage. The navigation bar includes categories like Stamps, Catalog, Collectors, My Lists, and Forums. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- News:**
  - Happy New Year, Collectors!** (Jan 1, 2026): Another year became a part of history and a new year has come. Traditionally we invite you to recall good things and achievements of Colnect during the past year. [Read more >](#)
  - Wiki articles for currencies completed** (Dec 28, 2025): We've completed all the Wiki articles about currencies, which are item properties in a range of Colnect catalogs, so clicking the W icon near a currency name will now show you some info about it. [Read more >](#)
  - 222,222 Philatelic Products** (Dec 23, 2025): On Colnect various philatelic items such as FDCs, postal stationery, envelopes, postmarks and many more are found in the philatelic product catalog. It rapidly grows and already contains over 222,222 items. Join the celebration of this achievement. [Read more >](#)
- Stamps:** 1,584,319 Stamps, 62,917 Collectors, 1,943,680 Sale listings
- Coins:** 204,624 Coins, 45,998 Collectors, 22,614 Sale listings
- Music Records:** 13,401,017 Music Records, 761 Collectors, 828 Sale listings
- Banknotes:** 167,333 Banknotes, 26,688 Collectors, 7,469 Sale listings
- Comics:** 49,039 Comics, 339 Collectors, 172 Sale listings
- Video Games:** 185,095 Video Games, 691 Collectors, 15 Sale listings
- Sports Cards:** 2,214,893 Sports Cards, 416 Collectors, 148 Sale listings
- Admission Tickets:** 23,006 Admission Tickets, 1,028 Collectors, 133 Sale listings
- Bank Cards:** 80,774 Bank Cards, 3,383 Collectors, 663 Sale listings
- Beer Coasters:** 210,429 Beer Coasters, 2,476 Collectors, 105 Sale listings

The opening screen has a pop-up that says “Welcome to Colnect” and behind it is the rather enticing screen shown above.

It’s an impressive undertaking. If you are only slightly comfortable working on the computer, you should have hours of fun investigating the enormous amount of information contained therein. ■

**New Issues**  
**EuroMed 2025**  
**Resources of the Mediterranean**

As usual, the best resource for tracking down new issues is StampWorld ([stampworld.com/en/](http://stampworld.com/en/))—the online catalog of worldwide stamps. Now I have an additional resource: Colnect (see page 480-3),

**FRANCE 1v**

*Issue date 15 July 2025*



**CYPRUS 1v**

*Issue date 9 July 2025*

**Windfarms**



**GREECE 2v se-tenant**

*Issue date 7 July 2025*

**Sponges**

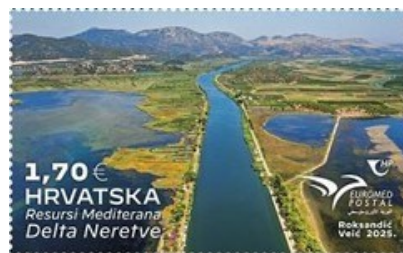


“How high would sea level be if all those sponges weren’t in there?” - Steven Wright

**CROATIA 1v**

*Issue date 14 July 2025*

**The Neretva Delta**



**MALTA 1v**

*Issue date 9 July 2025*

**Globigerina Limestone**



**PORTUGAL 2v**

*Issue date 10 July 2025*



Harvesting Carob

Salt Making

**MONTENEGRO 1v**

*Issue date 15 July 2025*

**Ulcinj Saltworks**

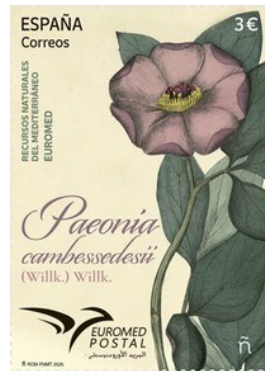


New Issues  
**EuroMed 2025**  
 Resources of the Mediterranean

**SPAIN** 1v

Issue date 8 July 2025

***Paeonia cambessedesii***



**SLOVENIA** 1v

Issue date  
 13 July 2025

***Karst Landscape***



**TURKEY** ss

Issue date 7 July 2025

***Akdeniz Beach***



**BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA** 1v

Issue date 10 July 2025

***Madrone (Arbutus unedo)***



**MOROCCO** 1v

Issue date  
 10 July 2025

***Cape Three Forks***



**EGYPT** ss

Issue date July 2025



**TUNISIA** 2v

Issue date 7 July 2025

***Jaliita and Zimbira Nature Reserves***



Stamps issued for EuroMed all carry the EuroMed logo:



**New Issues**  
**European Cooperation**

**POLAND** ss

*Issue date 9 May 2024*

**20th Anniversary of the Accession of Poland to the EU**



**UKRAINE** 1v

*Issue date 10 April 2023*

**Eurovision 2022  
Winners -  
Kalush Orchestra**



**POLAND** 1v

*Issue date 12 March 2024*

**25th Anniversary of  
Poland's Admission to  
NATO**



**POLAND** 1v

*Issue date 12 December 2024*

**Polish Presidency  
of the Council of  
the European Union**

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**MALTA** 1v

*Issue date 25 June 2025*

**Presidency of  
Malta—Council  
of Europe**



**BULGARIA** 1v

*Issue date 9 December 2024*

**20th Anniversary of  
NATO Membership**



**AUSTRIA** 1v

*Issue date 19 September 2025*

**30th Anniversary of  
Austria in the EU**



**SWITZERLAND** 1v

*Issue date 6 March 2025*

**Eurovision  
Song Contest**

