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MONEDAS EXTRANJERAS. Interesante y variado conjunto de 48 monedas de diferentes países europeos acuñadas entre los siglos XIX y XX. Variedad de módulos y materiales, incluyendo la plata, destacando 2 piezas de Rublo de Nicolas II y un par de sets modernos de acuñaciones privadas. Diferentes estados de conservación. A EXAMINAR.



**From Lira to Euro>**

On January 1st 2002 twelve countries in the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) and also The Vatican City introduced the new coins and bank notes that will replace their old separate currencies with just one - the European Currency Unit (ECU).

It proved to be the biggest logistical task in our History since World War II with each country introducing the new unfamiliar Euro but also trading with their own currency however the smoothness of it's implementation surprised everyone across the world as they watched what would happen with great interest.

Austria (Schilling), Belgium (Franc), Germany (Deutsche Mark), Spain (Peseta), Finland (Markka), France (Franc), Greece (Drachma), Ireland (Pound), Italy (Lira),



## The Evolution of British Coinage from Roman Coins to Euro ?

In Roman times - from AD 43 until the early fifth century - Britain was part of a vast Empire, which stretched from Spain to Syria and south from the Rhine to Sudan. Roman coins circulated in Britain as a pan-European currency, and many of these coins, mostly made of brass or bronze, were minted here.

When the Romans left, British coinage deteriorated, and for most of the Anglo Saxon and Norman periods - until the 12th century - only silver pennies circulated. The coinage portraits of famed kings such as Alfred The Great, Canute and William I ('The Conqueror') were crude representations. All coins were 'hammered' by hand.



Alfred The Great Penny  
Circa 880 AD

Gold coins did not circulate freely until the 14th century and until 1489 there had been no pound coin, but in this year a superb large gold sovereign or pound piece (showing the king enthroned) was produced.

Alongside this was the first appearance of the shilling or 'testoon' - a coin which survived for nearly 500 years. For the first time in centuries this Renaissance coin exhibited a realistic profile of the king, which was also featured on the groat (four pence) and halfgroat.



Henry VII Shilling  
Circa 1495 AD

Henry VIII, Edward VI and Mary continued the innovations of Henry VII. The silver crown arrived in 1551, and coinage portraits became more lifelike. The coins of Elizabeth I were notable for the large range of different denominations. Gold sovereigns, pounds, half pounds, ryals, crowns, halfcrowns, angels, half angels and quarter angels were minted alongside silver crowns, halfcrowns, shillings, sixpences, groats, threepences, halfgroats, pennies, halfpennies and even threefarthings!

*The obverse effigy of HM Queen Elizabeth II in the year of her Golden Jubilee has been sculpted by Donald R. Golder*



Kynance Rock, Cornwall, by W. Pasley  
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