

1. 2.

Peace is the only way
EUROPA 2023 - Peace - the greatest value of humanity



The issue contains two stamps. The winning motive for the collaborative design by Linda Bos and Runa Egilsdottir (A Designers Collective) is a new sign representing peace based on the European, centuries-old visual motive of the knot, a symbol of endless unity, friendship and love. The second stamp is the work of Marin Musa, showing a white dove carrying an olive branch. It symbolizes peace as the greatest value of humanity. The sky in the body of the dove symbolizes that we are all one under the sky. The olive branch in its beak represents fulfilment and hope after dark times. The dove carries a message of harmony and indicates that wars and conflicts are never the solution.

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WNS no.: XJ001.23

75th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death

Indian politician and leader Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869 - 1948), known as Mahatma, meaning „great soul" in Sanskrit, fought for India's independence by non-violent means. Gandhi's teachings, messages of nonviolence and hunger strikes became an inspiration for nonviolent movements in other parts of the world. Mahatma Gandhi was shot dead by Hindu traditionalist Nathuram Godse on January 30, 1948 for believing he was offending Indian tradition and religion.

1. 3.

Peace is the only way Myths and Flora 2023 - Goddess Athena and Olive

Despite the beautiful court on the island of Euboea, the sea god Poseidon was not satisfied. He wanted to rule the city whose protector was Athena, the wisest daughter of Zeus. He suggested that they face each other in a duel, but she suggested a peaceful competition. The winner will be the one who gives the most useful gift to the citizens of Athens. Poseidon hit the ground with his trident and a spring was created in that place. But the water was salty and undrinkable. Athena stuck her spear into the bare gorge and a plant sprouted from that place, which immediately turned green - an olive tree. The winner was decided by a divine council that gave priority to Athena and since then the olive has become a symbol of peace.



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First day: 22/05/2023
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
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Usage: I. rate R + AR, domestic traffic

Medjugorje 2021.

Our Lady always calls for peace as the greatest good, and peace can only be achieved through faith, conversion, prayer and fasting. She also included the six Međugorje visionaries in the plan to save humanity. Each of them has a special task and intention for which they pray. According to their testimony, the events and secrets of Međugorje relate to the future of the Church, humanity, Međugorje and the visionaries.



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2. 1.

Tolerance - respecting diversity

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Franciscan church of St Peter and Paul



Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity



Croatian Post Mostar has issued four commemorative stamps in celebrating World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. The universal declaration on cultural diversity was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO, with the aim to help countries in their own boundaries, to preserve and promote cultural diversity, create preconditions for cultural and civilisational worldwide.

The motifs are the Franciscan church of St Peter and Paul in Mostar, Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity in Mostar, Mostar Synagogue and the Karađoz-bay's mosque in Mostar that are not only beautiful sacral objects but also special architectural solutions that enrich the city on the Neretva river.

Karađoz-bay's mosque



The Synagogue



Type: Commemorative


First day: 21/05/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 4 x 1,10 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ009.22, XJ010.22, XJ011.22, XJ012.22

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3. 1.

Christmas and New Year - holidays of peace, love and togetherness

Christmas and New Year 2021



Christmas is a holiday by which Christians around the world celebrate the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. His birth was fore-

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First day: 01/12/2021

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

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WNS no.: XJ028.21, XJ029.21, XJ030.21, XJ031.21

prophets in the Old Testament, those whom God chose to be messengers and interpreters of His words. Jesus' mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit so that the Son of God would be born of a woman and become a man for the salvation of the whole world. By divine nature he is the Son of God, and by human nature the Son of Mary. He grew up in a family surrounded by the love of his mother Mary and his earthly father Joseph.

Christmas and New Year 2022



Type: Commemorative

First day: 01/12/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2 x 1,10 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ025.22, XJ026.22, XJ027.22, XJ028.22



Christmas and New Year 2023

First day: 01/12/2023

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Value: 2 x 1,10 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ020.23, XJ021.23, XJ022.23, XJ023.23



In the Gospel of Matthew, an event is described when, following the Star of Bethlehem, three wise men or kings from the East came to worship Jesus.

They are most commonly depicted and represented as men of various life stages (young, mature, and elderly) and different races or skin colours. It is not known where they came from or what their names were, but since the 8th century, the names Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar have become commonly associated with them. The gifts they brought to the child Jesus also have their symbolism: myrtle was given as a gift to him as a man, incense as a gift to him as God, and gold as a gift to him as a King.



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4. 1.

Upbringing and education - the ability to recognize true values

Ethnological treasure 2023



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First day: 10/09/2023
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 0,20 BAM
Usage: addition
WNS no.: XJ013.23

World Theatre
Day - Mostar Pup-
pet Theatre

The Croatian Post Mostar, through its stamp releases on the topic of ethnological treasures, preserves the material, social, and spiritual heritage of the Croatian people. Every society has its customs related to significant moments in life, and one such event is the birth of a child. The motif of the „Ethnological Treasure 2023” edition is a cradle, a handcrafted wooden crib for a young child.

The human need to tell stories gave life to theatre in ancient Greece. The World Theatre Day was founded in 1961 at the suggestion of the International Theatre Institute and is celebrated every year on 27 March.

A puppet theatre is a special kind of theatre which includes the human manipulation of puppets to tell a story. One such theatre - the Mostar Puppet Theatre has been telling fairytale stories to children for 70 years, introducing them to the world of theatre culture in a way they can understand.

Type: Commemorative
First day: 27/03/2022
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 0,90 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic to 1. 10. 2022.

Franciscans and education in Bosnia and Herzegovina



Type: Commemorative
First day: 15/08/2023
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 2 x 1,10 BAM
Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic
WNS no.: XJ011.23, XJ012.23

The first public school in Bosnia and Herzegovina was founded in Tolisa near Orašje in 1823. It was founded by Brother Ilija Starčević. In the first year, about eighty students were enrolled in the school. The Franciscans have been present in Tolisa since the Middle Ages, and the Tolis monastery dates to the second half of the 19th century, when the Franciscans in that part of Bosnia decided to build a monastery on Raščica.



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Archaeological treasure 2022 -
Vitko's stećak



Vitko's stećak in the shape of a ridge, with an ornamental three-leafed vine woven around it, dates to the 14th or 15th century. The stećak bears the inscription written in Bosnian Cyrillic script or Bosančica and three figural ornaments: a male figure, circular dance (kolo) and deer hunt.

Type: Definitive

First day: 12/05/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 1,10 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ013.22

World Day of Philosophy - Fra Juraj Dragišić -
Incunabule

The Franciscan Juraj Dragišić was a humanist, philosopher, theologian, provincial and (arch) bishop. Born around 1445 in Srebrenica, died 1520 as Archbishop in Barletta, Italy. He enjoyed such a reputation that he became a member of the Platonic Academy. As Bishop of Nazareth in Barletta, he attended the Fifth Lateran Council, where he proposed the reform of the Julian calendar.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 17/11/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 1,30 BAM

Usage: II. rate, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ024.22



World Book and Copyright Day



Every year on 23 April, the World Book and Copyright Day is marked with the aim of promoting reading, publishing and intellectual property protection. This year it also celebrates the 625th anniversary of the birth of Johannes Gutenberg. His invention of the printing press caused a cultural revolution in Europe as it replaced the writing of books by hand.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 23/04/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2,90 BAM

Usage: II. rate R-a, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.

WNS no.: XJ008.22

4. 3.

Upbringing and education - the ability to recognize true values

International Literacy Day 2021 - St. Vinko and Sisters of Charity



Type: Commemorative

First day: 08/09/2021

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 0,90 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.

WNS no.: XJ016.21

International Literacy Day was established by UNESCO in 1967 with the aim of promoting the importance of literacy and learning. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Sisters of Charity made an immeasurable contribution to education and thus left an indelible mark on our nation. From Zagreb, at the invitation of the bishop Fr. Paškal Vuičić, on November 14, 1871, the Sisters of Mercy of St. Vinko Paulski to serve the needy. After the Second World War, all their property was confiscated illegally. Also, in the last war, the sisters experienced a difficult fate. They were expelled from their monasteries and almost all their monasteries were destroyed. Religious teacher, catechist and organist S. Cecilija Grgić was killed and burned in Banja Luka together with the parish priest, the Reverend Filip Lukend. Today, the Sisters of Mercy in Bosnia and Herzegovina have 12 monasteries and are active in educational, health and social-charitable activities.

Ethnological treasure 2022 - 150 years of the Croatian Culture and Artists Association

„Sv. Ante-Cim“



Džoka is a part of men's and women's costume, a short sleeveless cloak made of finer fabric, as a component of the costume of the local people of earlier times, especially the people of western Herzegovina. Original specimens of this garment are rare and belong to the ethnological treasure of Herzegovina

The picture shows the „chest part“ of this waistcoat, in the photo of the old Association of Saint Anthony of Padua, founded in 1872 in the Franciscan monastery in Mostar. At the time, the Association was the sponsor of numerous social, cultural and educational events in Herzegovina.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 09/10/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

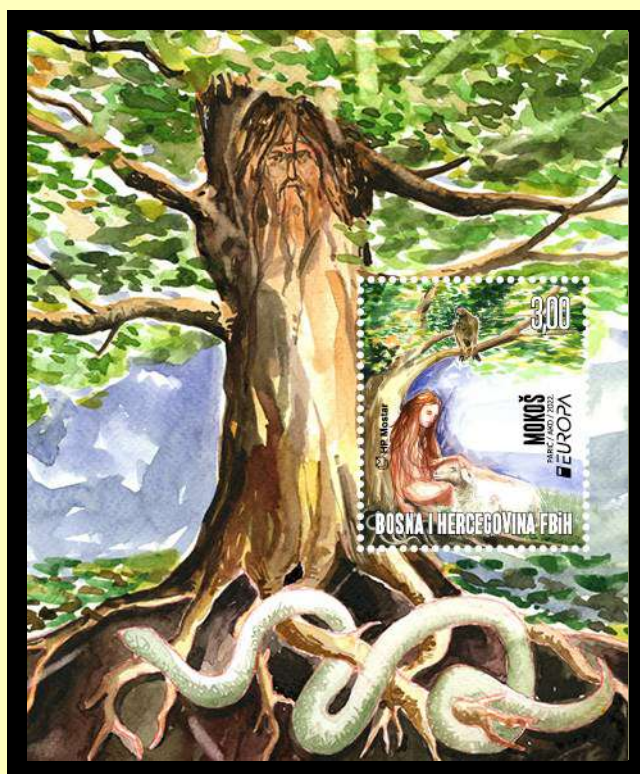
Value: 1,10 BAM

Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic

5. 1.

History is the teacher of life

EUROPE 2022 - Stories and myths - Perun and Mokoš



The most significant myth of Slavic mythology is the fight between Perun and Veles who steals the Sun - Mokoš and takes it to the underworld.

Type: Commemorative
First day: 05/04/2022
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2 x 3,00 BAM
Usage: VI. rate, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.
WNS no.: XJ003.22, XJ003.22



Myths and flora 2022 - Goddess Morana

The goddess of revenge and death Morana, daughter of the supreme god Perun, represents the goddess of nature. In the beginning, she is a young girl and a bride who then becomes an avenger, and finally, with the arrival of winter, she turns into Death itself.

Type: Commemorative
First day: 22/05/2022
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 5,00 BAM
Usage: addition
WNS no.: XJ014.22

5. 2.

350th anniversary of the deaths of Petar Zrinski and Fran Krsto Frankopan



Croatian nobles, military leaders and poets Ban Fran Krsto Frankopan and Duke Petar Zrinski were executed in Vienna Neustadt on 30 April 1671, after a failed conspiracy by the Croatian and Hungarian nobility, dissatisfied with the policy of the Vienna court. The Zrinski family has its origins in the Šubić family, one of the 12 old Croatian medieval tribes, and along with the Frankopan family it belongs to the most important and most famous Croatian noble families. Mladen I. and Mladen II. Šubić Bribirski were Bosnian bans, and Jelena Šubić was the mother of the Bosnian king Tvrtko I.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 30/04/2021

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2 x 1,80 BAM

Usage: I. rate, international traffic

WNS no.: XJ009.22, XJ010.22

Numismatics 2021 - Golden coin of King Tvrtko I &

Numismatics 2021 - Money of Stjepan II. Kotromanić



Type: Commemorative

First day: 31/10/2021

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2 x 2,90 BAM

Usage: II. rate R-a, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.

WNS no.: XJ020.21, XJ020.21

Type: Definitive

First day: 12/05/2023

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 3,30 BAM

Usage: I. rate R-a, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ007.23



6. 1.

Coexistence of the plant and animal world

World Wetlands Day - Livanjsko field

World Wetlands Day is celebrated on February 2 to alert the public to the need for their protection and preservation. Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on September 24, 2001 and currently has three habitats that have met the criteria: Livanjsko Polje, Hutovo Blato Nature Park and the Bardača site.

Livanjsko polje covers 46,000 hectares and is one of the largest in the world. It is a combination of wetlands, important bird habitats, peatlands and meadows where endemic and rare species live.

Type: Commemorative
First day: 02/02/2021
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 0,90 BAM
Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic
traffic until 1. 10.2022.
WNS no.: XJ002.21



Type: Commemorative
First day: 04/10/2022
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 4,40 BAM
Usage: V. stopa R-a, unutarnji promet
WNS no.: XJ016.22

World Animal Day was proclaimed in 1931 at the Congress of Ecologists in Florence and is celebrated on October 4th, the feast of the patron saint of animals, Francis of Assisi. The Japanese Akita (Akita Inu) comes from the Japanese province of the same name. The original name of the breed was Akita Matagi and the dogs were used for bear hunting. From 1600 to 1868 it was used for dog fighting and as a heavy weapon carrier for samurai. At a certain period of Japanese history, it could only be owned by nobles.



6. 2.

Coexistence of the plant and animal world

Fauna 2022 - Honey bee

The honeybee (lat. *Apis*) is an insect from the genus Hymenoptera, cladus Anthophila. They are divided into African, Oriental, and European subspecies. Many historical sources talk about bees. The ancient Egyptians believed that bees were born from the tears of the God of sun Ra, while the ancient Greeks believed that bees looked after Zeus and fed him honey when he was young.

Type: Commemorative
First day: 01/11/2022
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 4 x 1,80 BAM
Usage: I. rate, international traffic
WNS no.: XJ018.22, XJ019.22,
XJ020.22, XJ021.22



Flora 2023 - Edelweiss and Alpine Bartsia

Type: Commemorative
First day: 01/11/2023
Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive
Value: 2 x 4,40 BAM
Usage: V. rate R-a, domestic traffic
WNS no.: XJ018.23, XJ019.23

Edelweiss (*Leontopodium alpinum*) belongs to the Asteraceae family. It is a rare plant, protected throughout Europe, and is a symbol of mountain regions. **Alpine Bartsia** (*Bartsia alpina*) is a perennial herbaceous plant belonging to the broomrape family (Orobanchaceae). The fruit, in the form of a hairy quiver, is approximately 1 cm in length. It grows in grassy habitats ranging from meadows to clearings.



6. 3.

Coexistence of the plant and animal world

Fauna 2023 - Bats

Bats are a crucial part of the ecosystem. Based on the number of recorded species, Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the richest countries in Europe when it comes to these mammals. The Blasius Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus blasii*) is the rarest horseshoe bat in Europe. In this part of the Dinarides, its only known mainland colony is located near Mostar. The Lesser Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*) is the smallest bat species in Europe and is highly endangered. The Common noctule (*Nyctalus noctula*) is a large bat with broad, rounded ears that migrates from Central Europe to the Mediterranean. The Mediterranean long-eared bat (*Plecotus kolombatovici*) is associated with the Adriatic region.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 01/11/2023

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 4 x 4,40 BAM

Usage: V. rate R-a, domestic traffic

WNS no.: XJ014.23, XJ015.23, XJ016.23, XJ017.23



Fauna 2021. - The beech marten and the pine marten, The weasel and The European polecat



The family of martens (Mustelidae) includes a large number of species. Among others, there are beech martens and pine martens, weasels and European polecats. They are bloodthirsty and voracious, but also useful because they destroy harmful small rodents.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 01/11/2021

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 4 x 2,70 BAM

Usage: I. rate R-a, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.

WNS no.: XJ024.21, XJ025.21, XJ026.21, XJ027.21

6. 4.

Coexistence of the plant and animal world



EUROPE 2021 - Big grouse (Male)

Croatian Post Mostar chose a male and a female great black grouse (*Tetrao urogallus*), a species that is considered an endangered species of game. Black grouse belong to the genus of forest birds from the order of chicken (*Galliformes*), living in dense mountain forests and feeding on various fruits and berries, leaves, buds, grass, and in winter with the needles of coniferous trees.

Type: Commemorative

First day: 05/04/2021

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2 x 3,00 BAM

Usage: VI. rate, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.

WNS no.: XJ004.21, XJ005.21

Flora 2021 - Lady's Slipper orchid and Fly Orchid

Orchids are considered one of the most beautiful species of flowers, and about 1,000 genera with 15,000 to 30,000 species are known. The Lady's Slipper and the Fly Orchid are among the endangered plant species in BiH. The Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*) is one of the rarest and most beautiful orchids in Europe. It is named after the flowers, which are shaped like a small slipper. The Fly Orchid (*Ophrys insectifera*) is a unique-looking orchid. It grows on grasslands on limestone grounds, in oak forests and in hedges along rural roads, paths and routes.



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First day: 01/11/2022

Paper: White, 102 g, adhesive

Value: 2 x 2,70 BAM

Usage: I. rate R-a, domestic traffic until 1. 10. 2022.

WNS no.: [XJ022.21](#), XJ032.21

7. 1.

Sports in the service of peace

International Day of Sports for Development and Peace 2023 - Chess

Type: Commemorative
First day: 06/04/2023
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Value: 2 x 1,30 BAM
Usage: II. Rate, domestic traffic
WNS no.: XJ003.23, XJ004.23



The International Day of Sports for Development and Peace is traditionally marked by the Croatian Post Mostar with the issue of postage stamps. In 2023, the theme is chess, one of the oldest and most widespread board games. The chess board is square in shape and divided into 64 squares that are alternately coloured light and dark. In the starting position there are 16 white and 16 black pieces (one king and one queen each, 2 rooks, bishops and knights and 8 pawns each).



International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2021 - Swimming

Various swimming techniques have been used since ancient times; the skill of swimming was known to the ancient Assyrians and Egyptians. In Greece, swimming was part of general education, and the Romans considered it a military skill. The first written work on swimming, in Latin, dates from 1538. From then until the end of the 18th century, many works on swimming and its importance in physical education followed. Among other things, swimming strengthens the vascular system, increases lung capacity, has a positive effect on joints, develops fitness and endurance.

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Usage: I. rate up to 20 g, domestic traffic



7. 2.

Sports in the service of peace

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2022 - Golf

The motive for issuing stamps printed for the International Day for Sport for Development and Peace is golf, one of the oldest sports in the world. The homeland of golf is Scotland where it developed in the 14th century. Along with football and basketball, it is the most popular sport in the world and in 2016, it became an Olympic sport.



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WNS no.: XJ005.22, XJ006.22

