



## Press release

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# New Swiss special gold coin "100 year anniversary of the last minting of the 10-franc Vreneli"

Swissmint is commemorating the last minting of this gold Vreneli with a face value of CHF 10 in 1922 with the gold coin "100 year anniversary of the last minting of the 10-franc Vreneli", which will be issued on 11 May 2022.

### "100 year anniversary of the last minting of the 10-franc Vreneli" 50-franc gold coin

The 10-franc gold Vreneli, featuring the bust of a woman looking to the left, with thick, plaited hair and an edelweiss wreath around her shoulders, was minted for the last time in 1922. It is the little sister of the legendary 20-franc gold Vreneli and was produced between 1911 and 1922 at the Federal Mint in Bern. However, the thin planchets used and the nature of the relief on the obverse meant that the reverse of the 10-franc Vreneli had to be redesigned. The upper part shows the Swiss cross in the middle of a halo, the denomination and the year in the centre of the coin. The lower part depicts branches with alpine rose and gentian blossoms. The mint mark "B" for Bern can be seen at the very bottom. The coin weighs 3.226g with a gold fineness of 900/1000 and has a diameter of 19mm. A total of 2.65 million coins were minted between 1911 and 1922.

By issuing the 50-franc gold coin 100 years later on, Swissmint is commemorating the last minting of the 10-franc gold Vreneli in 1922. The obverse bears the number 100, with both zeros superimposed, in reference to the last minting. Inside the second zero is an enlarged section of the bust of the woman on the original Vreneli, looking to the left. At the bottom of the coin, separated by a vertical line, are the dates 1911 and 1922 for the period during which the 10-franc gold Vreneli was issued. The reverse from the original minting was retained, with two minor adjustments. The face value is now CHF 50 and the year of minting is 2022.

The new special coin from Swissmint will be available from 11 May 2022 in a limited edition at [www.swissmintshop.ch](http://www.swissmintshop.ch) and from individual coin dealers and banks.

### **Quality description for coins**

Proof: highest minting quality, individual production, the coin die is used only around 500 times, coin planchets are polished and surface-treated in an elaborate process. Coins are individually packed in coin capsules, and sold in a presentation case complete with numbered certificate of authenticity.

### **The Federal Mint Swissmint**

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### **Note to the press**

This press release and pictures of our current special coin issue can be downloaded at the following links:

<https://www.swissmint.ch/swissmint/en/home/aktuell/mm.html>

<https://www.swissmint.ch/swissmint/en/home/aktuell/medienbilder.html>

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## Factsheet

### 100 year anniversary of the last minting of the 10-franc Vreneli: gold coin



Images shown enlarged

<i>Motif</i>	100 year anniversary of the last minting of the 10-franc Vreneli
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: gold 0.900 Weight: 11.29g Diameter: 25mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	50 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	11 May 2022
<i>Mintage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof in presentation case: <b>5,000 units</b> with numbered certificate of authenticity</li></ul>
<i>Recommended price</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof in presentation case: CHF 719</li></ul>
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at <a href="http://www.swissmintshop.ch">www.swissmintshop.ch</a> as well some coin dealers and banks
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint, CH-3003 Bern, <a href="http://www.swissmint.ch">www.swissmint.ch</a>