



## Press release

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# New Swiss special coin "Solar energy"

**On 21 July 2022, the Federal Mint Swissmint will issue the new "Solar energy" silver coin, continuing the three-part "Energy of the future" series launched last year.**

### **"Solar energy" as a 20-franc silver coin with colour and fluorescent elements**

In addition to hydropower, the main sources of renewable energy in Switzerland are solar and wind power, although these two are only used to a very modest extent at present. The use of inexhaustible renewable energies should help to reduce dependence on oil, gas and nuclear technology, and, in the longer term, even help to phase out fossil energy supplies.

With its "Energy of the future" series, Swissmint wants to draw attention to the issues of climate change and renewable energies, which are important to us all, and is continuing the three-part series launched in 2021 with the "Solar energy" special coin.

The obverse of the 20-franc silver "Solar energy" coin is divided into two different halves. The upper half features a colourful abstraction of the rising sun with its rays. The lower half depicts various technical elements related to the extraction of effective energy from the sun as a raw material (including elements of how a solar cell works, technical drawings of components and data on solar energy use in Switzerland). Parallel to the lower edge, the words "SONNE" (sun) and "ENERGIE" (energy) are written in capital letters, followed by the terms "soleil" in French and "sole" in Italian. As with last year's "Hydropower" special coin, the fluorescent elements glow in the dark. The design was created by Swissmint engraver Benjamin Löbber.

The reverse has been redesigned by Swissmint engraver Remo Mascherini. With this new design, Swissmint wants to create a link to the obverse in the future and, depending on the topic, continue to tell the story of the obverse. The reverse features the words CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA, the year of minting 2022, the mint mark "B" and the value "20 FR". A technical drawing of the sun combined with solar cells is depicted in the centre of the reverse of the coin.

The redesigned reverse with text on the edge and an image in the centre can be used on all special coins in the future.

The "Solar energy" silver coin is available only in proof quality in a presentation case with a numbered certificate of authenticity, and is part of the three-part "Energy of the future" series. The series will be completed in 2023 with the "Wind energy" special coin.

The new special coin from Swissmint will be available from 21 July 2022 in a limited edition at [www.swissmintshop.ch](https://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**

The Federal Mint Swissmint produces the country's coins for use in everyday payment transactions. The Federal Mint also regularly issues special coins and coinage of a higher standard for the numismatic market. Special coins in bimetal, silver or gold bear an official, state-guaranteed, nominal value and are available in various minting qualities.

#### **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

### Solar energy silver coin

Energy of the future series



Colour

Fluorescent effect

Images shown enlarged

<i>Motif</i>	Solar energy
<i>Artist</i>	Benjamin Löbbert, Bern Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	21 July 2022
<i>Mintage</i>	• Proof in presentation case: <b>10,000 units</b>
<i>Recommended price</i>	• Proof: CHF 75
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at <a href="http://www.swissmintshop.ch">www.swissmintshop.ch</a> as well as 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>