

All Polish collector coins feature:

- face value
- image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland
- inscription: Rzeczpospolita Polska
- year of issue



Issuing collector items is an occasion to commemorate important historic figures and anniversaries, as well as to develop the interest of the public in Polish culture, science and tradition.

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On 18 March 2021, Narodowy Bank Polski will be putting into circulation two silver coins of the series “The Great Polish Economists” – Ferdynand Zweig and Adam Krzyżanowski, each with a face value of 10 złoty.

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100th Anniversary of the March Constitution



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On 11 March 2021, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a silver coin “100th Anniversary of the March Constitution”, with a face value of 10 złoty.

On 17 March 1921, several minutes before 5 pm, the Marshal of the Sejm Wojciech Trąpczyński uttered the significant words: “I am asking those Members who support the constitutional law, as it was passed in the third reading, to stand up.” Next without counting the votes, he announced: “The overwhelming majority is in favour of the bill. The bill has been passed in the third reading.” Applause rang out around the room. Thus was passed the first modern basic law – a document determining the functioning of the reborn Republic of Poland.

The adoption of the constitution was the result of several years of activity, expert discussions and parliamentary debate. The work was initiated by the government of Prime Minister Jędrzej Moraczewski as early as 1918. In January 1919 the Constitutional Bureau attached to the President of the Council of Ministers was established and the so-called Questionnaire for the assessment of draft constitutions was appointed. This commission included not only politicians, but also specialists in constitutional law. From 19 February to 12 March 1919 the “Questionnaire” held 17 meetings. The Constitutional Committee operated in parallel in the Legislative Sejm and was chaired by Władysław Seyda, and subsequently by Maciej Rataj and Edward Dubanowicz.



It held 106 meetings. From 8 July 1920 to 17 March 1921, the pillars of political system of the Republic of Poland, e.g. the issue of the number of parliamentary chambers, were discussed at the plenary sessions of the Sejm.

The adoption of the constitution was not only the result of compromise between the parliamentary parties, but also confirmed the respect for the ideals of representative democracy, the rule of law and freedom of the individual. The Constitution introduced an egalitarian political system – a republic with a parliamentary-cabinet system of government; it conferred supreme power on the nation, which exercised it through organs corresponding to Montesquieu’s concept of the tripartite separation of powers.

Face value: 10 zł

Metal: Ag 925/1000

Finish: proof

Diameter: 32.00 mm

Weight: 14.14 g

Edge (side): plain

Mintage: up to 10,000 pcs



Designer: Grzegorz Pfeifer

Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.

The obverse of the coin issued on the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the March Constitution features the image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland against the background of a facsimile of the preamble of the Constitution (from the copy donated by the deputies of the Sejm to the Marshal of the Sejm Wojciech Trąpczyński and lost during World War II). The reverse features the image of an eagle taken from the medal designed by Feliks Łopieński commemorating the first anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, while the background is a fragment of the cover page of the Constitution.

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