

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 22 May 2025, Narodowy Bank Polski will be putting into circulation a commemorative coin of the series “Discover Poland” – “Tykocin”, with a face value of 5 złoty.

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45th Anniversary of the “Solidarity” Trade Union



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On 25 April 2025, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation a silver collector coin “45th Anniversary of the ‘Solidarity’ Trade Union”, with a face value of 10 zloty.

The year 2025 marks the 45th anniversary of the signing of the August Agreements and the establishment of the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”.

In August 1980 a wave of protests against the unjust authorities swept across the whole country. Over 700 workplaces and more than 700,000 courageous people went on strike in the whole of Poland. They were the ones who fought for better working conditions, dignity and the right to decide about their country 45 years ago.

The August-September agreements paved the way for the creation of free trade unions. Thanks to a relentless struggle, negotiations and finally the signing of the agreements, the monopoly of power was broken and independent workers’ representation was established for the first time in Poland since World War II. Many people had a part in these changes, created and supported the nascent “Solidarity”. Later, millions of workers got involved in the activities of the trade union as participants of the peaceful revolution which liberated Poland from the yoke of totalitarian rule.

The Gdańsk Agreement signed on 31 August 1980 following a two-week strike at the Lenin Shipyard was one of the four August-September agreements. An agreement with the authorities of the Polish People’s Republic had been signed earlier in Szczecin on 30 August, and later, agreements were signed on 3 September in Jastrzębie-Zdrój and on 11 September in Katowice Steelworks in Dąbrowa Górnicza.

The result of the agreements was the creation of the nationwide Independent Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”, which was officially registered on 10 November 1980. “Solidarity” made its mark on the history of Poland and the world, but still has much to do. The August demands remain a testament to all trade unionists to be implemented and a road map for future generations.

*Piotr Machnica
National Commission of the Independent
and Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”*



The wave of protests in 1980 led to the signing of the August Agreements and the creation of the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity” – the first trade union organisation independent of the communist authorities. On the 45th anniversary of this landmark event, Narodowy Bank Polski issued a coin which is an expression of gratitude and remembrance of that time – the beginning of great changes. This is also an important anniversary for me personally.

Independence has always been and always will be a supreme value for me.

*Prof. Adam Glapiński
Governor of Narodowy Bank Polski*

The obverse of the coin features the image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland, the logo of the Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”, and also the symbolic representation of Polish flags.

Face value: 10 zł

Metal: Ag 999/1000

Finish: proof, UV printing

Diameter: 32.00 mm

Weight: 14.14 g

Edge (side): plain

Mintage: up to 9,000 pcs



**Designer: Robert Kotowicz
Issuer: Narodowy Bank Polski**

The coins, commissioned by Narodowy Bank Polski, were struck by Mennica Polska SA

It has now become a tradition that the anniversary of the Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity” involves the issue of a collector coin by Narodowy Bank Polski. I am very pleased that the 45th anniversary of the signing of the August Agreements and the creation of “Solidarity” has also been commemorated in this way. In 2025 we want to underline how important the involvement of millions of Poles in the creation and development of “Solidarity” was for the fate of Poland and Europe. Thanks to NBP, an extraordinary coin comes on the numismatic market symbolising gratitude to them.

*Piotr Duda
President of the National Commission of the Independent
and Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”*

The reverse of the coin features the anniversary logo, slogan and hands making the symbolic victory sign, against the background of a symbolic crowd of protesters.