



THE NEW LEU

Everything Becomes Simpler

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Basic Ideas for the New Issue

- **The NBR envisaged both keeping the current denomination composition and tallying with the denomination composition of euro banknotes**
- **The NBR also considered the current ratio between the purchasing power of Romanians and that of Eurozone citizens:**
 - ▣ **one new leu (RON) comes in the form of a note**
 - ▣ **the banknote with the highest face value (RON 500) is worth about 140 euros**

Conversion Rates

Banknotes

- 1 new leu (RON) = ROL 10,000
- 5 new lei (RON) = ROL 50,000
- 10 new lei (RON) = ROL 100,000
- 50 new lei (RON) = ROL 500,000
- 100 new lei (RON) = ROL 1,000,000
- 500 new lei (RON)

Coins

- 1 new ban = ROL 100
- 5 new bani = ROL 500
- 10 new bani = ROL 1,000
- 50 new bani = ROL 5,000

NEW BANKNOTES

Design

- **Five new banknotes have design features similar to the old banknotes**
 - ❑ **the portraits of the same outstanding figures in Romania's cultural and scientific history have been maintained**
 - ❑ **the same background colours have been maintained**
- **Objective: to facilitate dual circulation of old and new banknotes**
- **The RON 500 note features the portrait of Romania's national poet Mihai Eminescu**

Size

- **The size of euro banknotes has been adopted**
- **ADVANTAGE**
 - ❑ **lower costs to adjust ATMs and processing equipment upon introduction of the euro**

Printing Substrate

➤ The polymer substrate has been maintained

➤ **ADVANTAGES**

- wear and tear resistant material
- relatively low costs per unit
- enhanced security against counterfeiting

Security Features

A. For the public

transparent window

iridescent stripe

watermark (portrait and NBR logo)

security thread

intaglio (raised) technique

micro-perforations

etc.

B. For bank employees and/or commercial sector employees (cashiers)

C. Known only by authorised persons in the central bank

RON 1

Perfect register



Watermark

Security thread

Transparent window

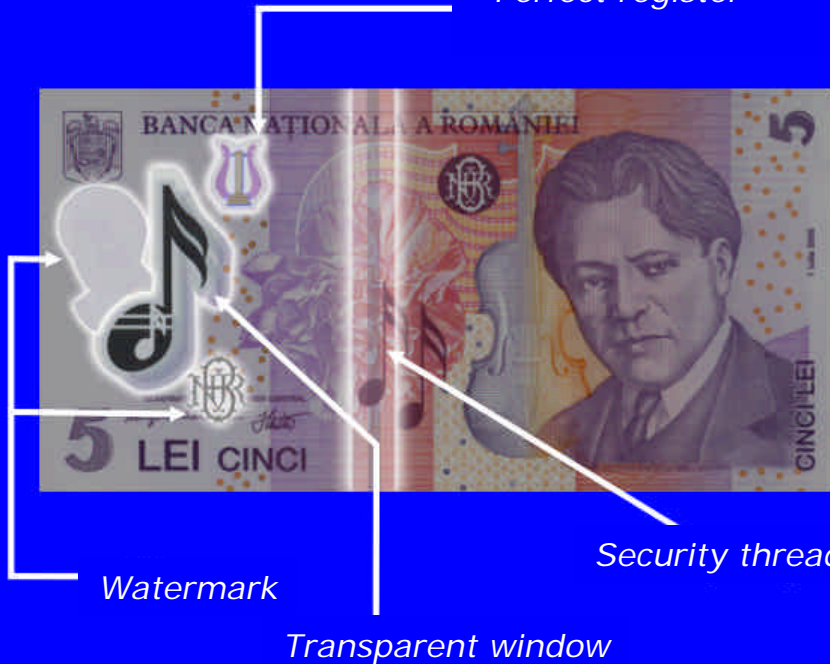
Iridescent stripe

RON 1 = ROL 10,000

**The RON 1 note has the same size as the EUR 5 note
(120x62 mm)**

RON 5

Perfect register



Watermark

Transparent window

Security thread



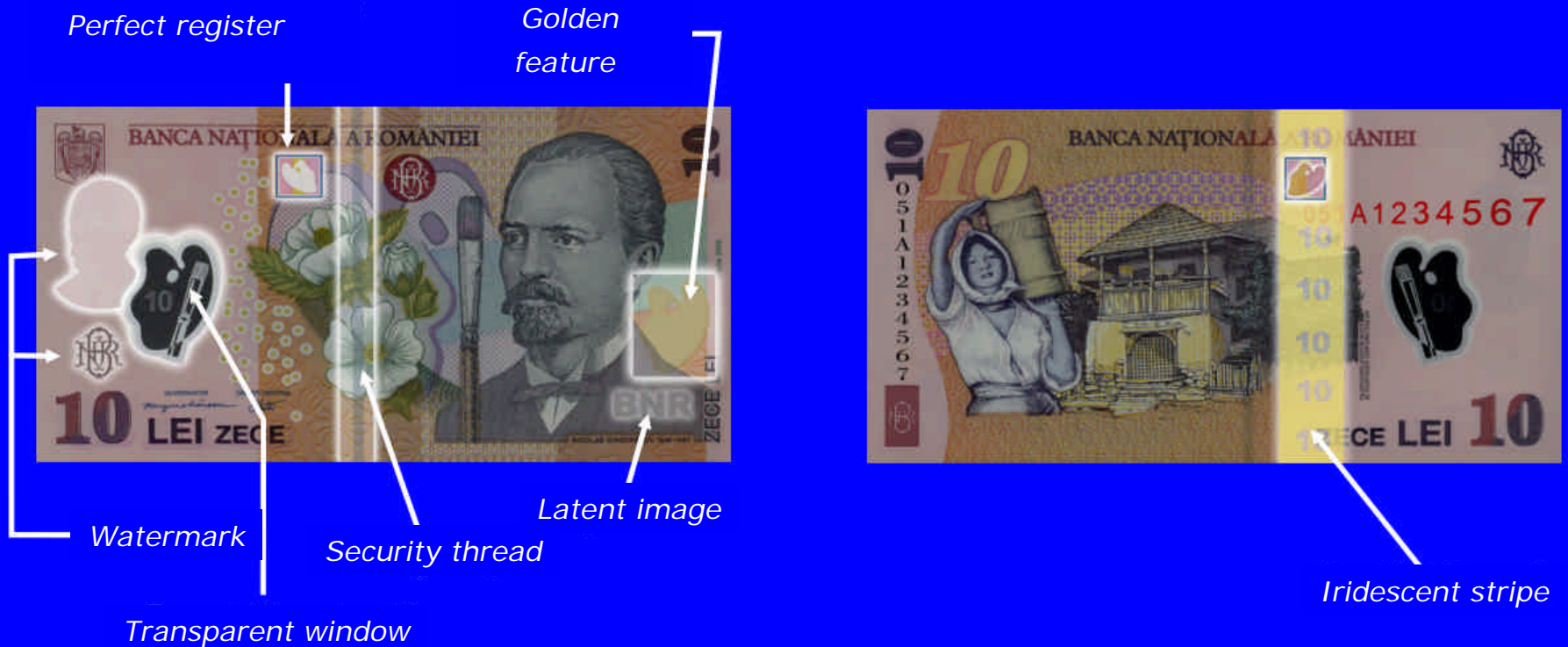
Iridescent stripe

RON 5 = ROL 50,000

**The RON 5 note has the same size as the EUR 10 note
(127x67 mm)**



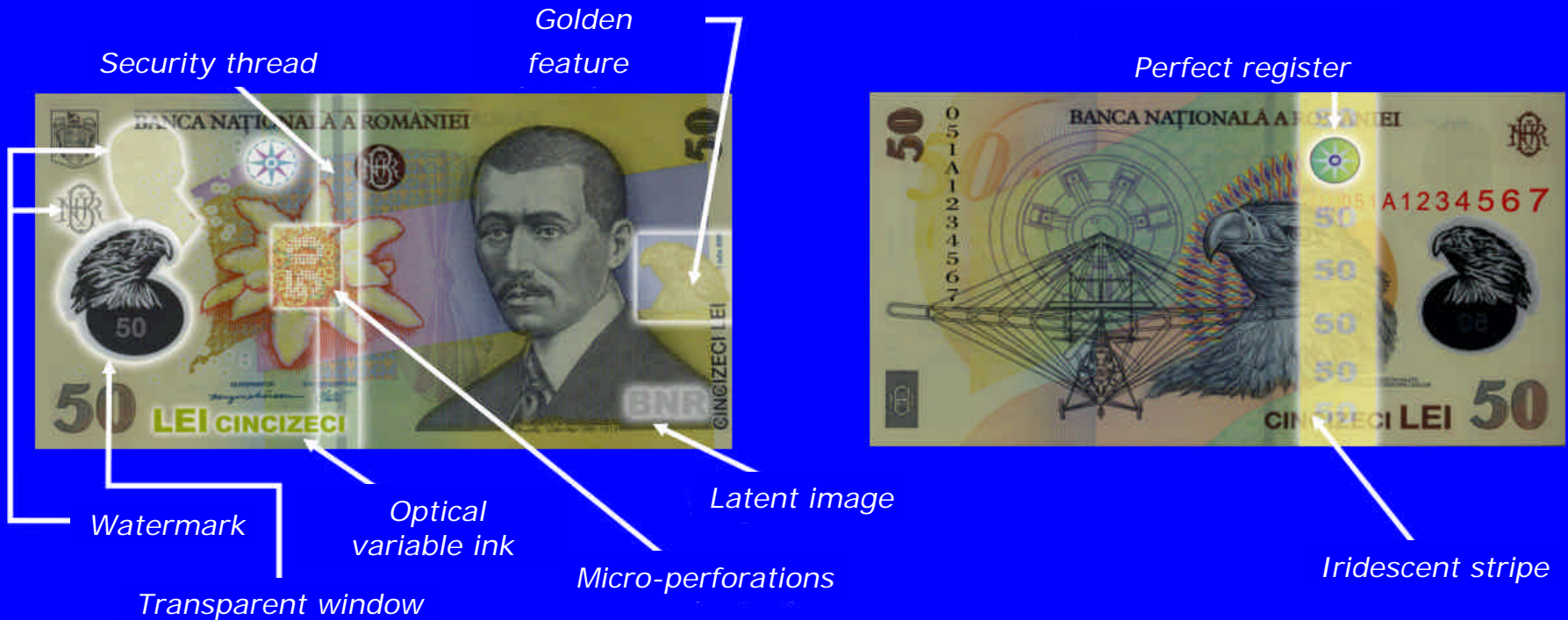
RON 10



RON 10 = ROL 100,000

**The RON 10 note has the same size as the EUR 20 note
(133x72 mm)**

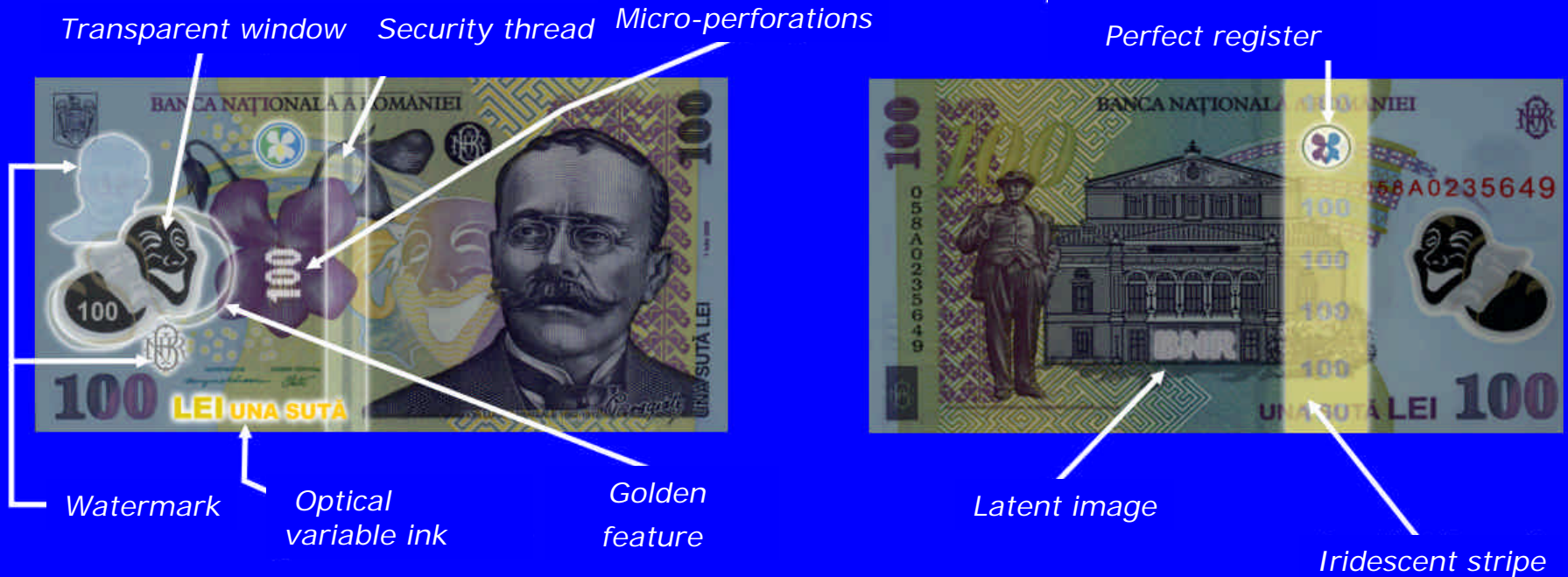
RON 50



RON 50 = ROL 500,000

**The RON 50 note has the same size as the EUR 50 note
(140x77 mm)**

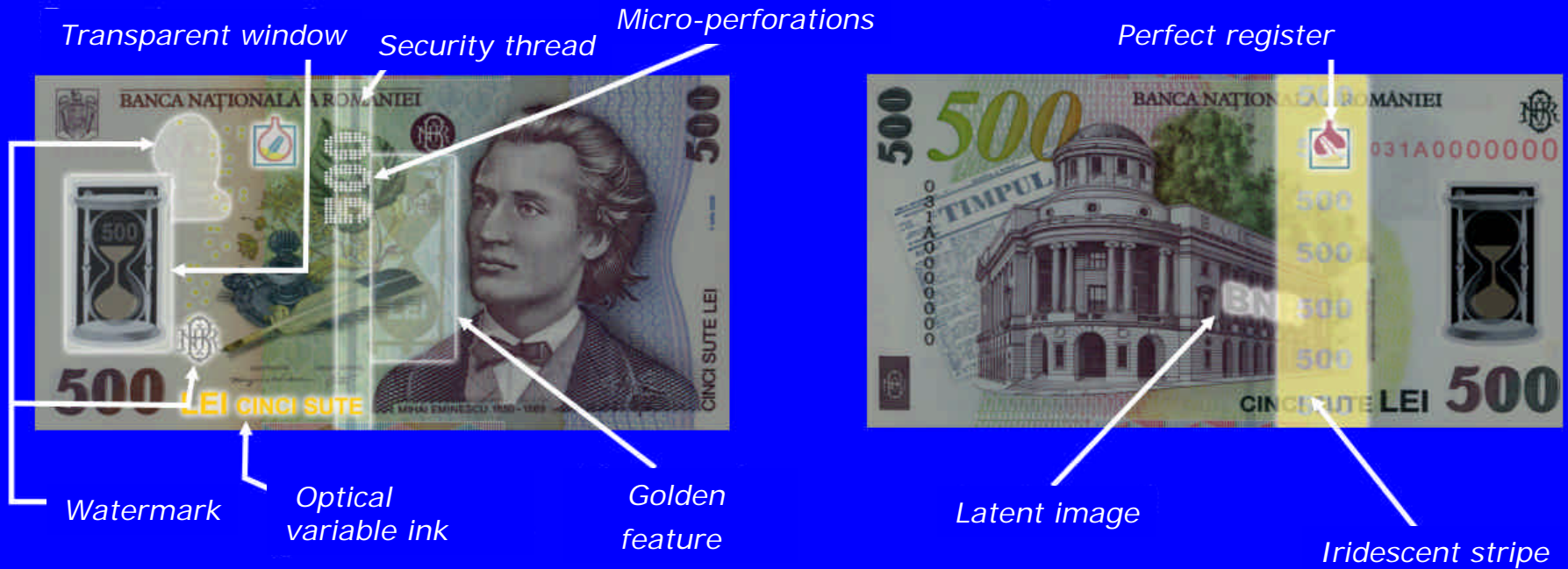
RON 100



RON 100 = ROL 1,000,000

**The RON 100 note has the same size as the EUR 100 note
(147x82 mm)**

RON 500



**The RON 500 note has the same size as the EUR 200 note
(153x82 mm)**

NEW COINS

Design and Size

- **Sizes and colours were chosen by taking into account the accomplishment of a unitary currency issue**
- **Clear differentiation of coins**
- **Sizes close (yet not identical) to those of euro coins – in order to avoid their being used to pay products and services via automated machines in the Eurozone**

Alloys

- The same as in the case of euro coins

ADVANTAGE

- highly wear resistant

Security Features

- **Alloy composition**
- **Edge and its underlying technique**

1 ban



1 new ban = ROL 100

diameter: 16.75 mm

colour: yellow

5 bani



5 new bani = ROL 500

diameter: 18.25 mm
colour: red

10 bani



10 new bani = ROL 1,000

**diameter: 20.50 mm
colour: white**

50 bani



50 new bani = ROL 5,000

diameter: 23.75 mm
colour: light yellow

Conversion
of old banknotes and coins
shall be done without any time limit
starting 1 January 2007

Public Information Campaign

- a new stage -

- **Country-wide distribution of leaflets and posters for the general public**
- **Prompt and accurate provision of information to the public via mass media (co-operation agreements signed by the NBR with newspapers and radio and TV stations)**
- **Leaflets printed in Braille for visually impaired**

One ban has worth !