

The idea of making a "joint stamp emission" came up in 1952. The uniform motive for this emission had to symbolise the community of interest and objectives.

Six countries, the same six countries who signed the Treaty of Rome on the 25th of March 1957 (Belgium, France, West-Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands) were also the first countries to issue Europa stamps.

On the 15th of September 1956 the first Europa stamps issue was born (6 countries, 13 stamps). The common design was made by the French artist, Daniel Gonzague, it was a tower formed by the 6 letters of the latin word for Europe: Europa.

15.09.1956 **Belgium** - 2 stamps (2 Fr & 4 Fr)
15.09.1956 **France** - 2 stamps (15 Fr & 30 Fr)
15.09.1956 **Germany** - 2 stamps (10 Pf & 40 Pf)
15.09.1956 **Italy** - 2 stamps (25 L & 60 L.)
15.09.1956 **Luxemburg** - 3 stamps (2 Fr, 3 Fr & 4 Fr)
15.09.1956 **the Netherlands** - 2 stamps (10 c. & 25 c.)

15 September 1956 - Belgium

2 Fr. & 4 Fr.



29 × 40 mm



Luxe sheet

The stamps have been issued in sheets of 30 stamps.

15 September 1956 - France

15 Fr. & 30 Fr.



24 × 40 mm



26 × 40 mm



Colour test print

The stamps are issued in sheets of 50 stamps.

15 September 1956 - Germany

10 pf. & 40 pf.



25 × 43 mm

15 September 1956 - Italy

25 L. & 60 L.



24 × 40 mm

15 September 1956 - Luxemburg

2 Fr, 3 Fr & 4 Fr



26 × 40 mm

15 September 1956 – the Netherlands

10 c. & 25 c.



25 × 36 mm

In 1957, almost on the same day as in 1956, the 16th of September, a second issue was made and Switzerland took part on this issue as well as Saarland (German territory under the control of the Allies). That year a common design was not made but the general theme was Peace and Welfare. (8 countries, 17 stamps).

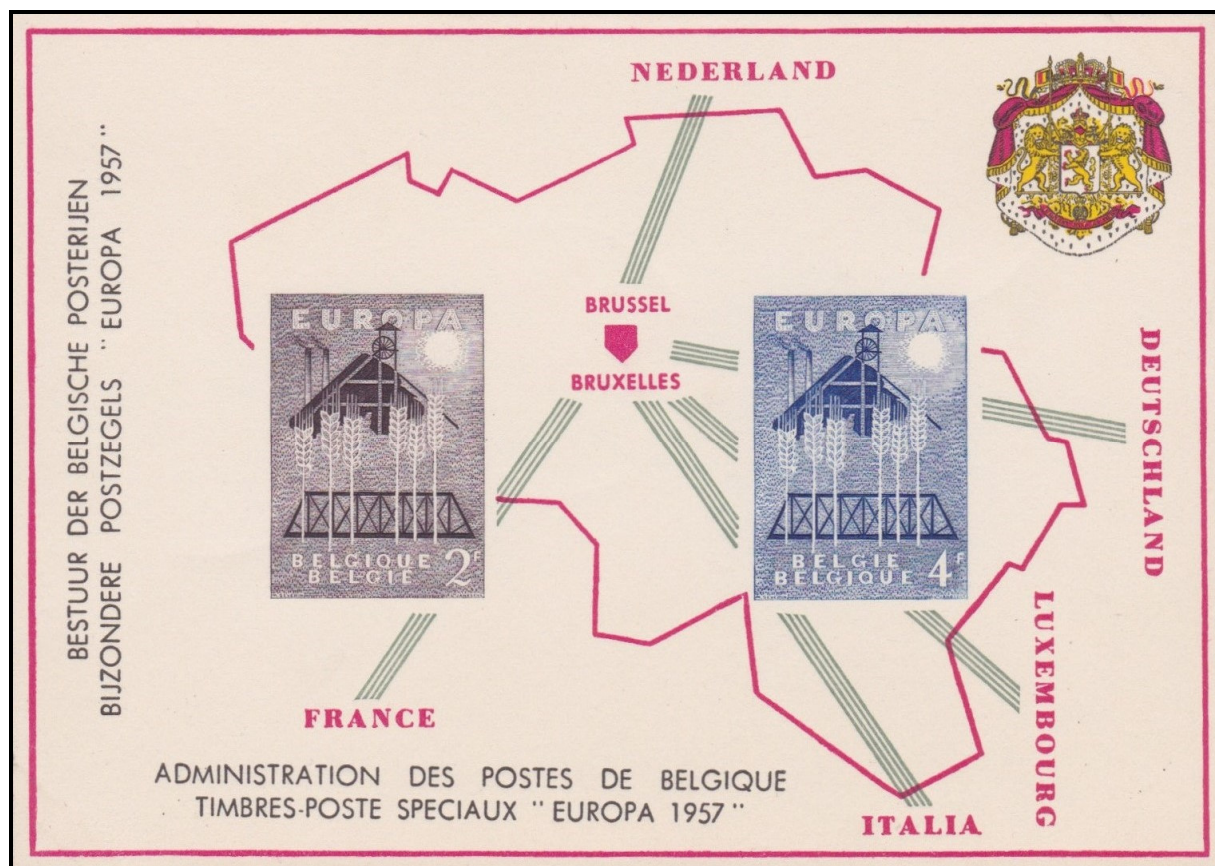
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 16.09.1957 **France** - 2 stamps (20 Fr & 35 Fr)
 16.09.1957 **Germany** - 2 stamps (10 Pf & 40 Pf)
 16.09.1957 **Germany - Saarland** - 2 stamps (20 Fr & 35 Fr)
 16.09.1957 **Italy** - 2 stamps (25 L & 60 L.)
 16.09.1957 **Luxemburg** - 3 stamps (2 Fr, 3 Fr & 4 Fr)
 16.09.1957 **the Netherlands** - 2 stamps (10 c. & 30 c.)
 17.07.1957 **Switzerland** - 2 stamps (25 c. & 40 c.)

16 September 1957 - Belgium

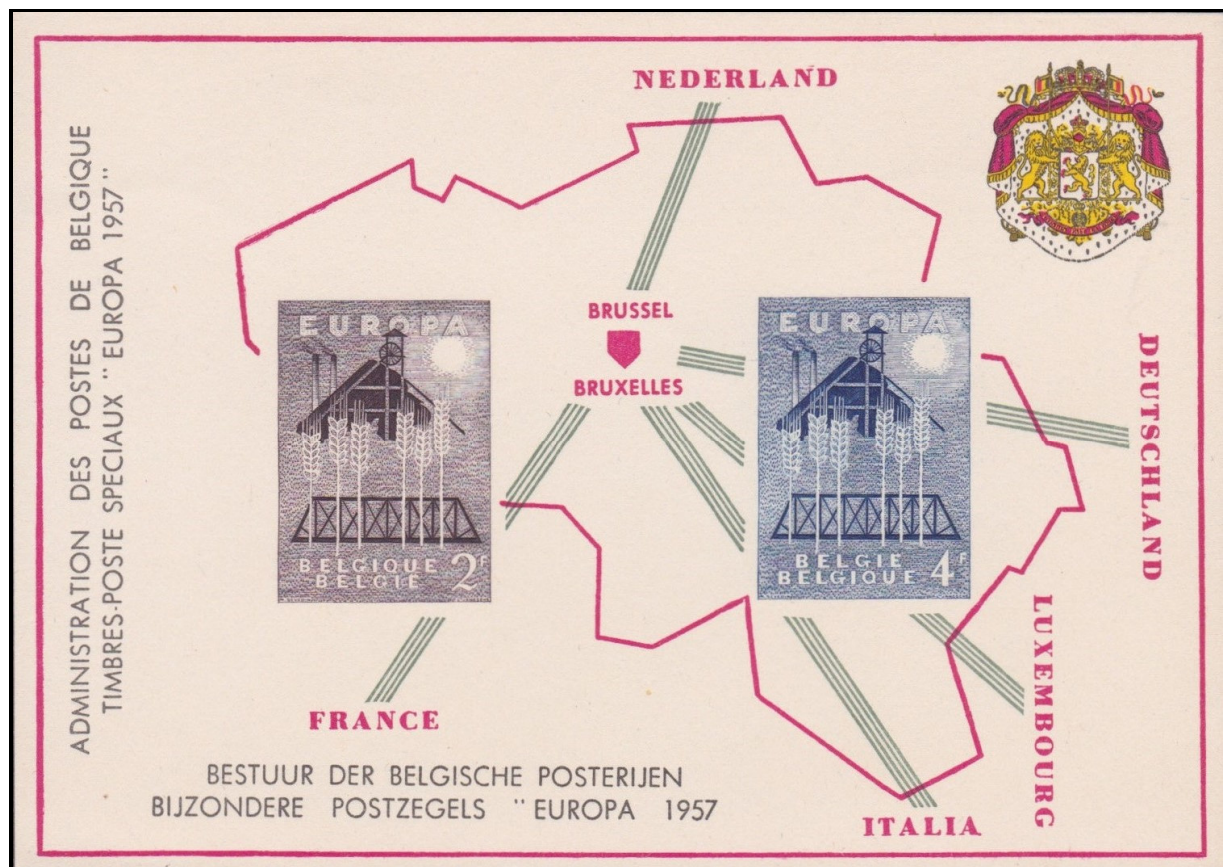
2 Fr & 4 Fr



28 × 39 mm



Luxe sheet, priority French



Luxe sheet, priority Dutch

The stamps have been issued in sheets of 50 stamps.





16 September 1957 - France
20 Fr & 35 Fr



25×40 mm



Print of the final project by the designer/sculpture Albert Decaris

16 September 1957 - Germany

10 Pf & 40 Pf – Tree



Grooved gum



Smooth gum
33 × 28 mm



16 September 1957 – Germany Saarland

20 Fr & 35 Fr (French Francs) – Tree



33 × 28 mm

16 September 1957 - Italy

25 L. & 60 L



24 × 40 mm

16 September 1957 - Luxemburg

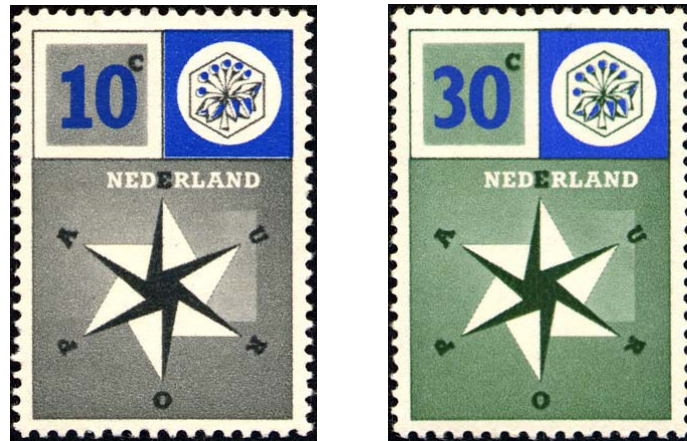
2 Fr, 3 Fr & 4 Fr



24 × 32 mm

16 September 1957 – the Netherlands

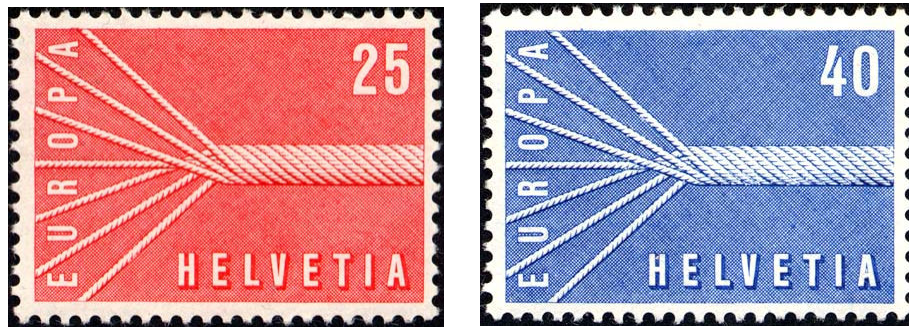
10 c. & 30c.



25 × 36 mm

15 July 1957 - Switzerland

25 c. & 40 c. – rope symbolizing European unity



36 × 26 mm

On the 13th September 1958 the third issue selected again a common design, a dove flying above the letter E of Europe, designed by the Dutch artist, André Van der Vossen. Turkey replaced Switzerland that year.(8 countries, 17 stamps).

13.09.1958 **Belgium** - 2 stamps (2.50 Fr & 5 Fr)

13.09.1958 **France** - 2 stamps (20 Fr & 35 Fr)

13.09.1958 **Germany** - 2 stamps (10 Pf & 40 Pf)

13.09.1958 **Germany - Saarland** - 2 stamps (12 Fr & 30 Fr)

13.09.1958 **Italy** - 2 stamps (25 L & 60 L.)

13.09.1958 **Luxemburg** - 3 stamps (2.50 Fr, 3.50 Fr & 5 Fr)

13.09.1958 **the Netherlands** - 2 stamps (10 c. & 30 c.)

10.10.1958 **Turkey** - 2 stamps (25 k. & 40 k.)

13 September 1958 - Belgium

2.50 Fr. & 5 Fr. – Dove flying above the letter E

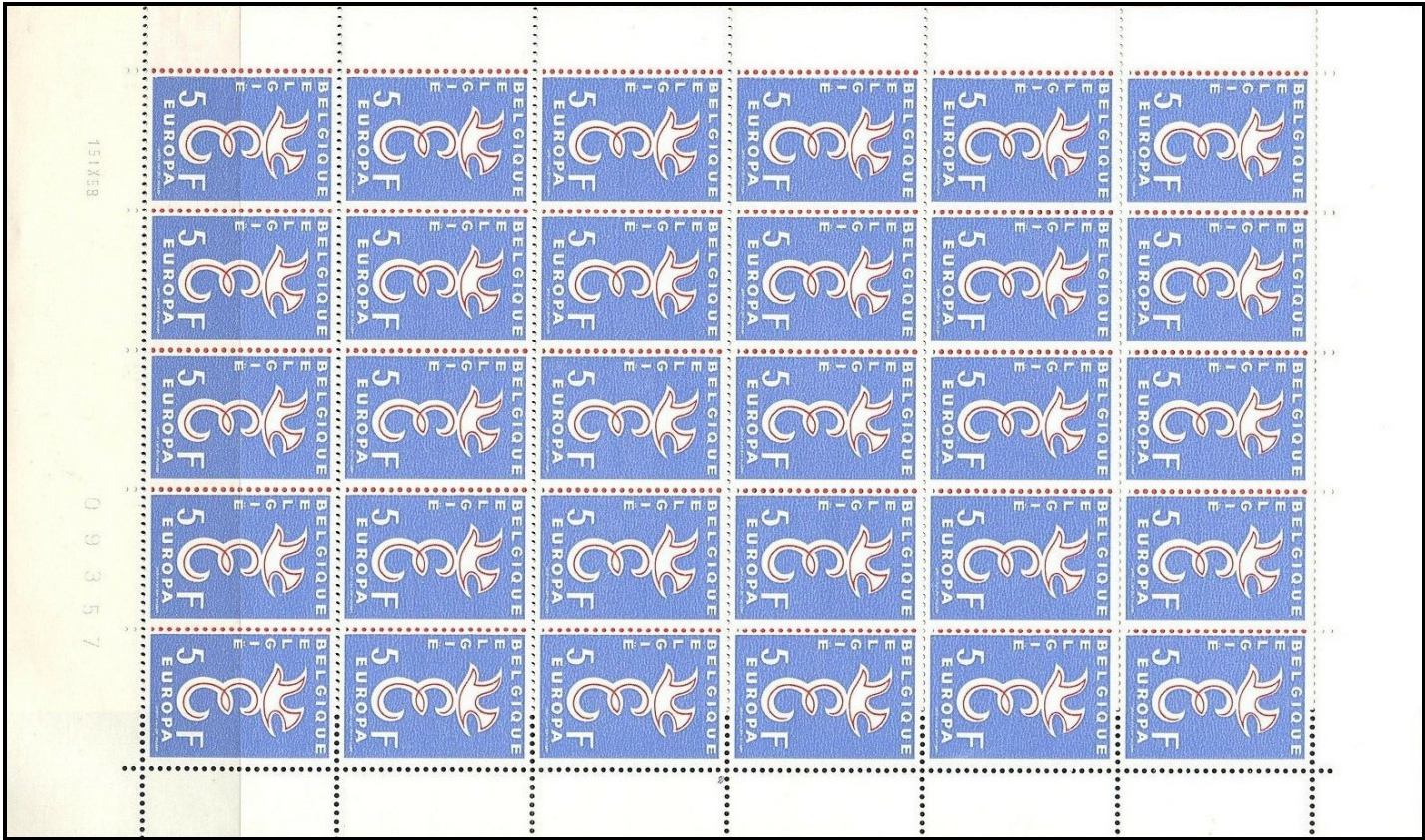
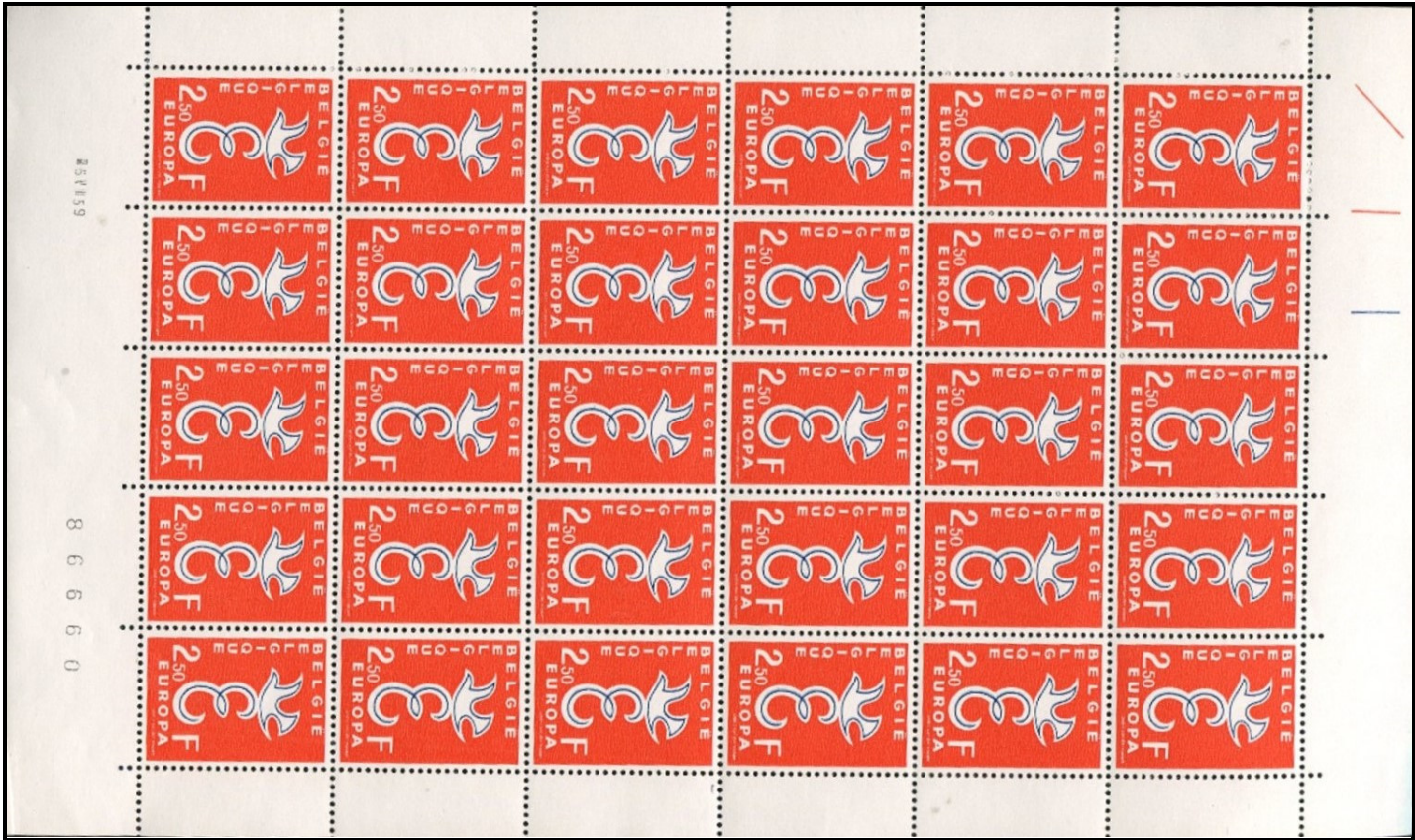


28 × 39 mm



Luxe sheet

The stamps have been issued in sheets of 50 stamps.



13 September 1958 – France

20 Fr. & 35 Fr. – Dove flying above the letter E



25×40 mm

13 September 1958 - Germany

10 Pf & 40 Pf - – Dove flying above the letter E



28 × 33 mm

13 September 1958 – Germany - Saarland

12 Fr. & 30 Fr. - Dove flying above the letter E



28 × 33 mm

13 September 1958 - Italy

25 L. & 60 L. – Dove flying above the letter E



24 × 40 mm

13 September 1958 - Luxembourg

2.50 Fr., 3.50 Fr. & 5 Fr. – Dove flying above the letter E



24 × 38 mm

13 September 1958 – the Netherlands

12 c. & 30 c. - Dove flying above the letter E



25 × 36 mm

10 October 1958 - Turkey

25k. & 40k.



25×40 mm

During the summer of 1959 in Montreux (Switzerland), a conference of 23 European postal administrations took place and the "Conférence des Postes et Télécommunications (CEPT)" was born. (note: today we still call the Europa stamps also Europa CEPT stamps).
On the 19th September 1959 it was the 4th issue. Switzerland and Austria were associate to the 6 first countries in that issue. The common design was a key-ring designed by the German artist, Walter Brudi. (8 countries ; 15 stamps).

09.03.1959 **Austria** - 1 stamp (2.40 sh.)
19.09.1959 **Belgium** - 2 stamps (2.50 Fr & 5 Fr)
13.09.1959 **France** - 2 stamps (20 Fr & 50 Fr)
19.09.1959 **Germany** - 2 stamps (10 Pf & 40 Pf)
19.09.1959 **Italy** - 2 stamps (25 L & 60 L.)
19.09.1959 **Luxemburg** - 2 stamp (2.50 Fr & 5 Fr)
19.09.1959 **the Netherlands** - 2 stamps (12 c. & 30 c.)
22.06.1959 **Switzerland** - 2 stamps (30 c. & 50 c.)

9 March 1959 - Austria

2.40 Sh. – Building with an E shape

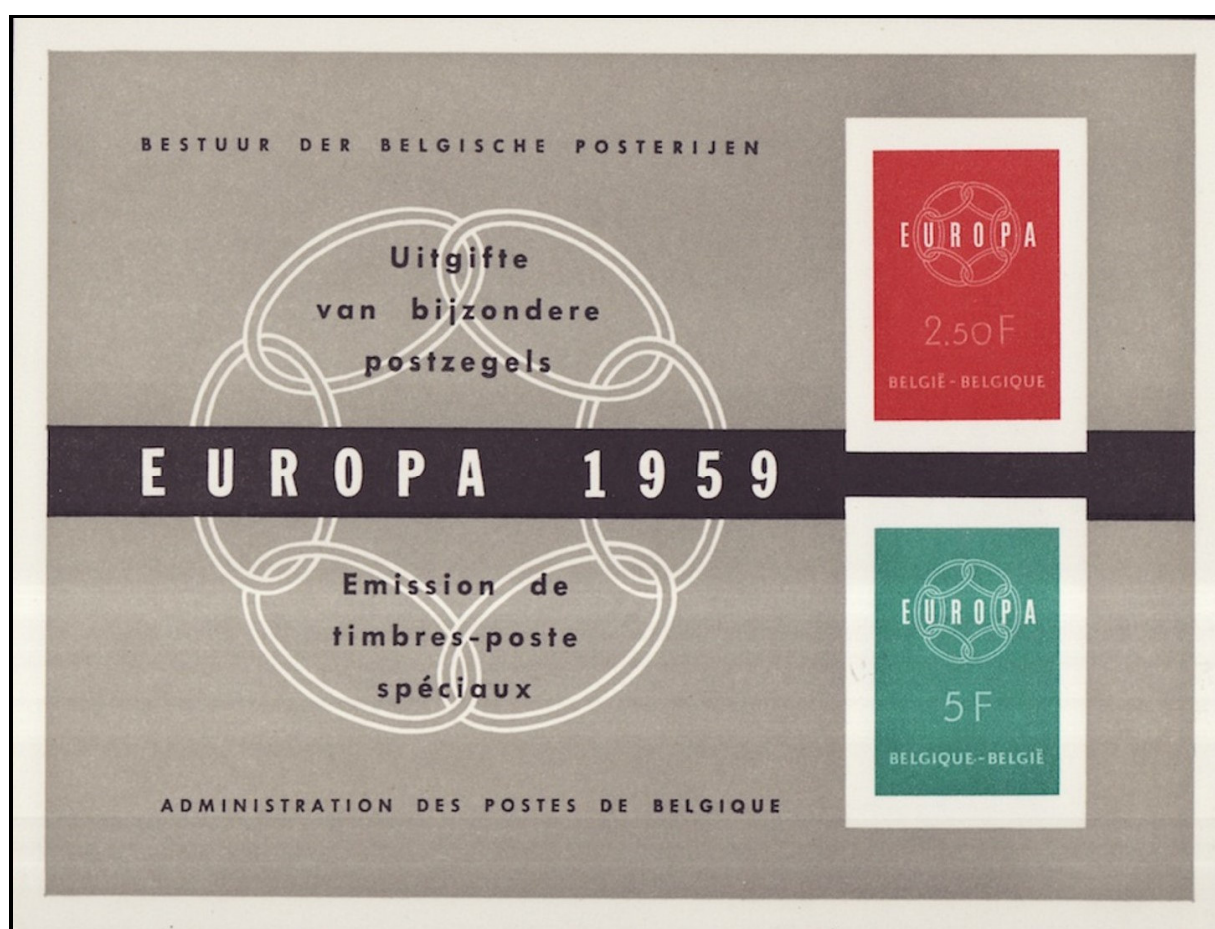


30×40 mm

19 September 1959 - Belgium
2.50 Fr. & 5 Fr. – Chain

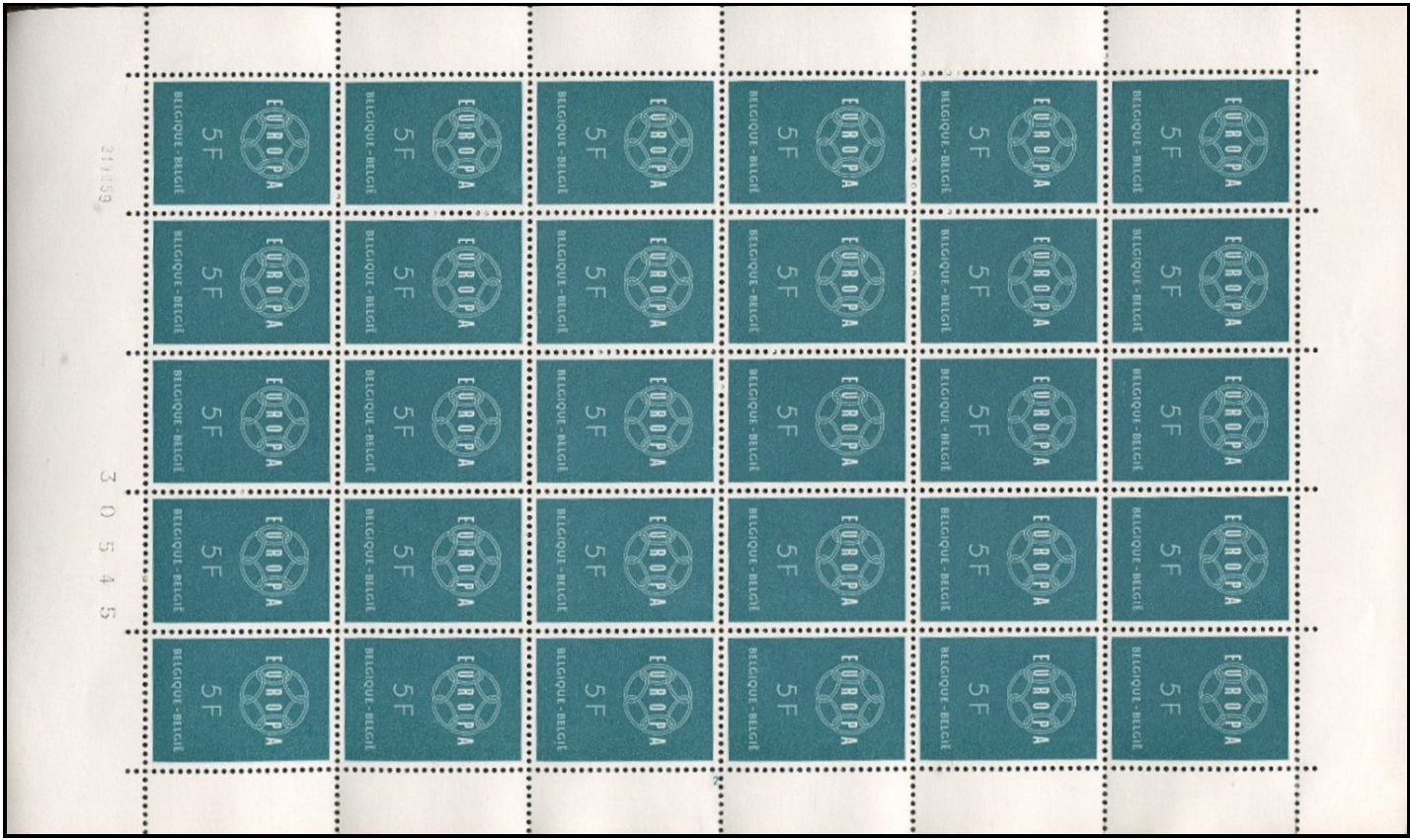


28 × 39 mm



Luxe sheet

The stamps are issued in sheets of 50 stamps.



19 September 1959 - France

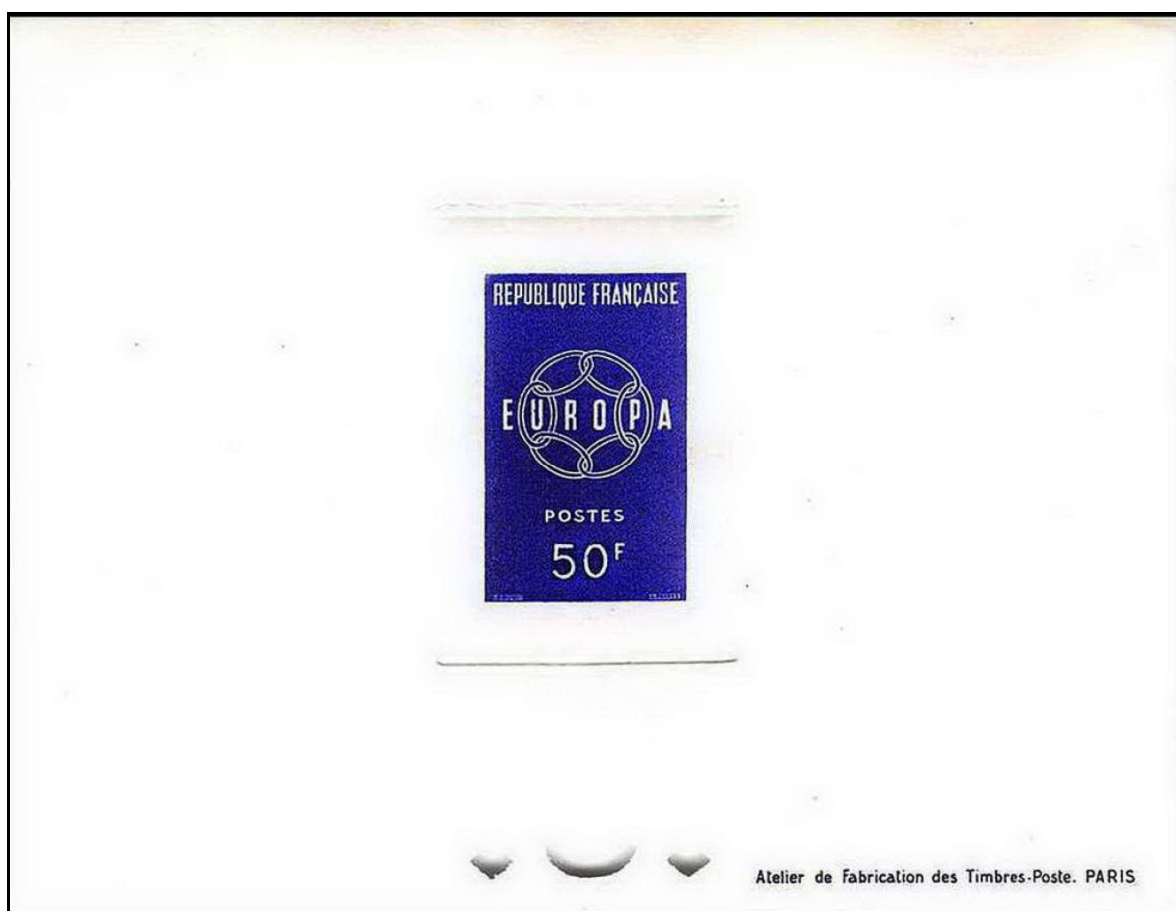
25 Fr. & 50 Fr. – Chain



25×40 mm



Engraver's test print, signed André Frères



Luxe sheets

19 September 1959 - Germany

10 Pf & 40 Pf – Chain



28 × 33 mm

19 September 1959 - Italy

25 L. & 60 L. – Chain



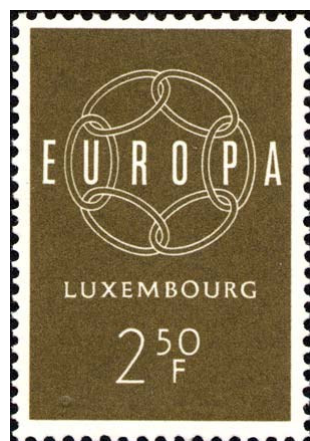
25×30 mm

The stamps are issued in sheets of 60 stamps.



19 September 1959 - Luxembourg

2,50 Fr. & 5 Fr. – Chain



25 × 36 mm

19 September 1959 – the Netherlands

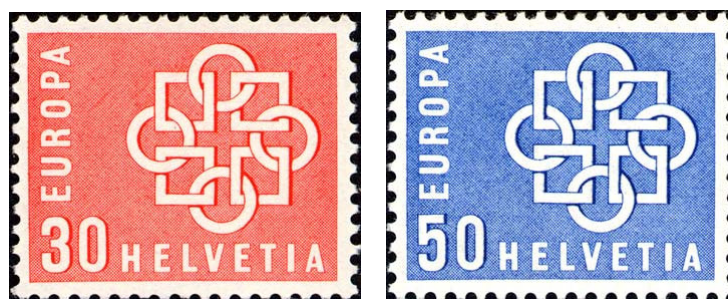
12 c. & 30 c. – Chain



25 × 36 mm

22 June 1959 - Switzerland

30 c. & 50 c. – Chain



29 × 25 mm