

Obverse

The collector coin's obverse design depicts a book laid open and, just above it, a sun emitting rays of light. The sun image, part of the logo of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at Comenius University in Bratislava, is overarched by two semicircular lines, one below the other, whose ends are at each edge of the open book. The Slovak coat of arms is situated just above the lower edge. Between it and the book is the name of the issuing country 'SLOVENSKO' and the year of issuance '2019', one above the other. To the left of the coat of arms is the currency denomination, '10', and to the right is the currency name, 'EURO'. Inscribed in semicircle around most of the outer edge of the design is the University's Latin name 'UNIVERSITAS COMENIANA BRATISLAVENSIS'.

Reverse

The reverse design is centred on the main elements of the logos of the University's three original faculties: Philosophy, Medicine and Law. Spaced equidistantly along the edge of this composition are the words 'JURIDICA', 'PHILOSOPHICA' and 'MEDICA'. Inscribed in semicircle around most of the outer edge of the design are the words 'UNIVERSITA KOMENSKÉHO V BRATISLAVE' (Comenius University in Bratislava). Above the lower edge is the year of the University's establishment '1919'. To the left of that year is the mint mark of the Kremnica Mint (Mincovňa Kremnica), consisting of the letters 'MK' placed between two dies; to the right are the stylised letters 'PK' referring to the obverse designer, Patrik Kovačovský.

Coin details

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| Denomination: | €10 |
| Composition: | .900 silver / .100 copper |
| Weight: | 18 g |
| Diameter: | 34 mm |
| Edge lettering: | • IN UNUM VERTERE • IN UNUM VERTERE |
| Issuing volume: | limited to a maximum of 11,000 coins in either brilliant uncirculated or proof quality |
| Designer: | Patrik Kovačovský |
| Engraver: | Dalibor Schmidt |
| Producer: | Kremnica Mint (Slovakia) |



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100th anniversary of
**Comenius
University in
Bratislava**

SILVER COLLECTOR COIN

Universities were from their inception seen as the most significant showcases of the educational, scientific and cultural progress of the nation and state. In the 20th century in particular, universities in many countries became a kind of litmus test for adherence to the rules of democracy and at the same time its guarantors. Universities continue to be institutions in which a society's intellectual, scientific and professional potential should commingle with its moral potential.

academic and educational institution. The University's formal opening took place on 9 December in the Small Lecture Hall on Kapitulska street, which today is the Benedict XVI Lecture Hall of the University's Roman Catholic Faculty of Theology.

Comenius University is a modern research and educational institution, fully integrated into the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). It has 13 faculties which altogether teach more than 22,000 students and employ over 4,000 people. Comenius University offers courses encompassing a broad range of human knowledge, including medicine, human and social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, and theology. It is the largest and most extensive of Slovakia's traditional-style universities. Of the students who have passed through its doors, almost 250,000 have graduated. As for scientific re-

Established as the Czechoslovak state university in Bratislava under Act No 375/1919 of 27 June 1919 and named Comenius University from 11 November 1919, the institution was mandated to have four faculties: medicine, law, philosophy, and natural sciences. Against the backdrop of complicated



Anniversary cake being cut by the University's current Rector, Marek Števček



The University's first Rector, Kristián Hynek



The Rector's mace



The Rector's chain alongside a tube for an honorary doctorate diploma (Dr. h. c.)

In 1919, shortly after the end of the First World War, the first Slovak university-type institution – Comenius University in Bratislava – began operating in the newly formed Czechoslovak Republic. A major role in its establishment and initial operation was played by faculty staff from Charles University in Prague, who together with Slovak academics rose to the challenge of setting up Slovakia's leading

post-war conditions, only the Faculty of Medicine opened in 1919. It was joined two years later by the Faculties of Law and Philosophy, while the Faculty of Natural Sciences was not established until 1940, during the wartime Slovak Republic (1939–1945). After being renamed Slovak University in 1939, the University returned to its original name in 1954 and that is the name by which it is known today.

search, the other focus of its activities, Comenius University in conjunction with the Slovak Academy of Sciences constitutes the cornerstone of Slovakia's scientific research potential.