

FROM INDEPENDENCE TO EURO

This collection represents postal history from Slovenian Independence in 1991 to the introducing Euro currency in Slovenia in 2007.

The plebiscite on Dec. 23rd 1990 established Slovenia as independent state after six months. The first Slovenian stamp called "Parliament" were issued on June 26th 1991 and the next four stamps with new Slovenian blazon were issued on Dec. 26th 1991. The Brioni agreement of July 7th 1991 determined the suspension of all activities about independence for the next three months. This caused that the first Slovenian stamp was suspended until Oct. 7th 1991. Mainly it was taking into account, but some post offices, usually in countryside, allowed to use the stamp called "Parliament".

The first Slovenian stamp was issued still in Yugoslav currency dinar (in text as Din) but all the next Slovenian stamps were issued in Slovenian currency tolar (in text Sit). Change of the currency dinar into tolar was on Oct. 9th 1991 in proportion 1:1.

Yugoslav stamps and stationeries lost their postal availability on April 25th 1992 but because of ineffective postal control we could find them in use until the end of 1992. Some post offices that noticed the use of Yugoslav stamps cancelled them with a cross or with "T", but some postal consignment reached the addresser without paying any postage due. After April 25th 1992 we find only simple franking as the payment for registered letters had to be done at the post office. The worst was with the red strip postmarks and franking labels used at the authorised users and also at some state offices. These postal elements obtained some socialistic characteristics still in Dec. 1992! All this time unchangeable Yugoslav rubber-marks had been used.

From 1st March 1996 number 6 in Yugoslav postal code 61000 was removed and Slovenian postal code now consists of 4 numbers in postmark under the date, but after 17 years still we can find in some little post offices the old Yugoslav postmarks. These we can recognize as the postal code is situated a little to the right side. Slovenian postal code in linear postal names is ahead the name of the post office.

Slovenia became an EU member on 1st May 2004 and from 1st January 2007 we have Euro currency. The change was 239,64 Sit for 1,00 €.

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