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- face value
- image of the Eagle established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland
- inscription: Rzeczpospolita Polska
- year of issue



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On 2 June 2015, Narodowy Bank Polski will be putting into circulation collector coins of the series “Monuments of Culture in Poland” – Relics of the palace and religious complex in Ostrów Lednicki, with the face value of 20 zł.

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Discover Poland

Bydgoszcz Canal



Collector coins

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Bydgoszcz Canal, constructed in the years 1773 – 1774, is an exceptional monument of hydrotechnical skill. It connected the basins of the Vistula and Oder Rivers through their tributaries – Noteć and Brda. The construction of the canal took only a year and a half. For this purpose, about 8,000 settlers were hired to perform the main works. At the turn of the 18th and 19th century, masonry locks were built, which can still be admired at the old Bydgoszcz Canal today.

The importance of the Bydgoszcz Canal significantly increased in the second half of the 19th century when the first vessels powered by steam came into use. Before World War I the reconstruction of the canal was started. The new section, commissioned in 1915, connected Brda – through “Okole” and “Czyżkówko” locks – with the old canal. This investment, due to the use of modern locks, enabled the biggest barges at that time to navigate along the canal.

From the end of the 19th century, the surroundings of the old canal became a popular meeting place for Bydgoszcz inhabitants and tourists. There were numerous restaurants, cafés and various attractions waiting for visitors. Military brass bands entertained the public on holidays.

After World War II the role of the Bydgoszcz Canal as a watercourse was undeniable. Unfortunately, its transport capacity decreased over time. At present, it is a part of the international E-70 watercourse; however, due to its outdated equipment, it is classified as a 2nd class watercourse and it awaits revitalisation which would allow it to recover its



former glory. In 2005 the canal was entered in the list of monuments of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Province and in 2014 – the Year of the Bydgoszcz Canal – efforts aimed at recognising it as a historic monument and entering it in the UNESCO list, were launched.

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On 22 May 2015, Narodowy Bank Polski is putting into circulation coins of the series “Discover Poland” – Bydgoszcz Canal, with the face value of 5 zł.

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Alloy: ring – cupronickel (MN 25)

Core: aluminium bronze (CuAl6Ni2)

Finish: standard

Diameter: 24.00 mm

Weight: 6.54 g

Edge: reeded irregularly; on the edge the inscription “NBP” repeated eight times, every second one inverted by 180 degrees, separated by stars.

Mintage: up to 1,200,000 pcs.

Coin designer: Dobrochna Surajewska

Issuer: NBP

The coins, commissioned by NBP, were struck by Mennica Polska S.A.