

## 2 lipa

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**Metal composition:** alloy (aluminium and magnesium)

**Diameter:** 19 mm

**Weight:** 0.92 g

**Motif on the obverse:** the centre of the coin features the denomination numeral and currency name "2 LIPA" against the background showing a stylised blooming linden branch. The inscription "REPUBLIKA HRVATSKA" is displayed in the upper semi-circle along the edge of the coin. Positioned centrally along the lower edge is the coat of arms of the Republic of Croatia, bordered on its left and right sides by the Croatian wattle.

### LINDEN TREE

The linden tree (lipa) is a sacred Slavic tree whose symbolism has been preserved in legends, stories and written history until present day. It is a honey bearing medicinal plant whose flowers are used in tea-making, one of the oldest known beverages for health and healing. The linden is an especially prized wood in carpentry and turnery. The linden is indigenous to Croatian forests and can be found in all parts of the country, a strong, tall tree that can live to an age of several hundred years.

**Motif on the reverse:** the centre of the coin features a stylised vine branch with a bunch of grapes. The inscription "VINOVA LOZA" (Lat. VITIS VINIFERA) is displayed above the image, circularly along the edge of the coin. The minting year is positioned centrally along the lower edge.

## **GRAPEVINE**

The grapevine is one of the oldest plants cultivated in this region, present since the time of the Roman Empire. Many indigenous varieties grow to this day, and many local historic records bear witness to the importance of viticulture and winemaking. Thanks to its climatic conditions, Croatia has all five wine-growing zones which makes it one of few countries that can grow a number of high-quality varieties of vines.

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