



OBJECT ID	2014.1.49
OBJECT NAME	Coin
DATE CREATED	1913
MATERIAL	Copper
OBJECT ENTITIES	Constantine, (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bust</li> <li>coin</li> <li>copper</li> <li>king</li> <li>Money</li> <li>Profile</li> </ul>

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Greek bronze coin:

Obverse: "Constantine, King of Greece, 1913" in greek characters surrounding a profile bust of the king

Reverse: A profile bust of Constantine the Great, the King's namesake with his dates under it- 976-1025

#### ORIGIN

Constantine I was King of Greece from 1913 to 1917 and from 1920 to 1922. He was commander-in-chief of the Hellenic Army during the unsuccessful Greco-Turkish War of 1897 and led the Greek forces during the successful Balkan Wars of 1912–1913, in which Greece won Thessaloniki and doubled in area and population. He succeeded to the throne of Greece on 18 March 1913, following his father's assassination.

His disagreement with Eleftherios Venizelos over whether Greece should enter World War I led to the National Schism. Constantine forced Venizelos to resign twice, but in 1917 he left Greece, after threats of the Entente forces to bombard Athens; his second son, Alexander, became king. After Alexander's death, Venizelos' defeat in the 1920 legislative elections, and a plebiscite in favor of his return, Constantine was reinstated. He abdicated the throne for the second and last time in 1922, when Greece lost the Greco-Turkish War of 1919-1922, and was succeeded by his eldest son, George II. Constantine died in exile four months later, in Sicily.

#### CITATION

Coin, 1913, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/16/24.