

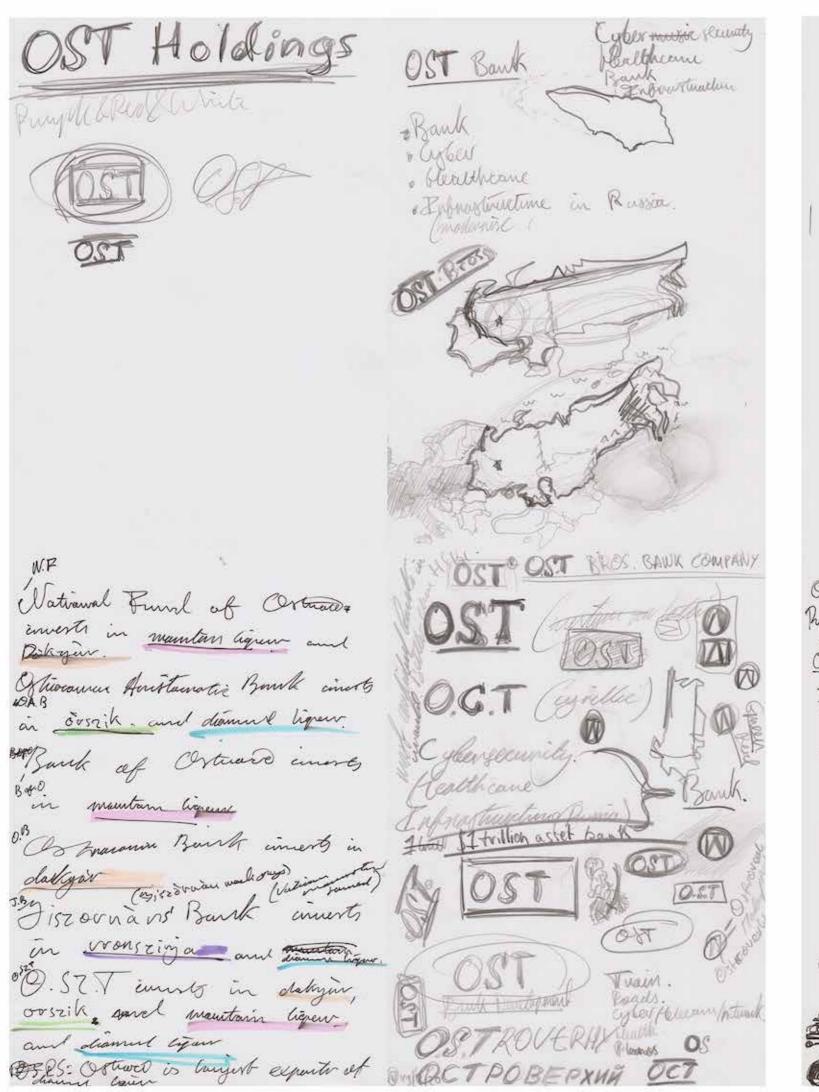
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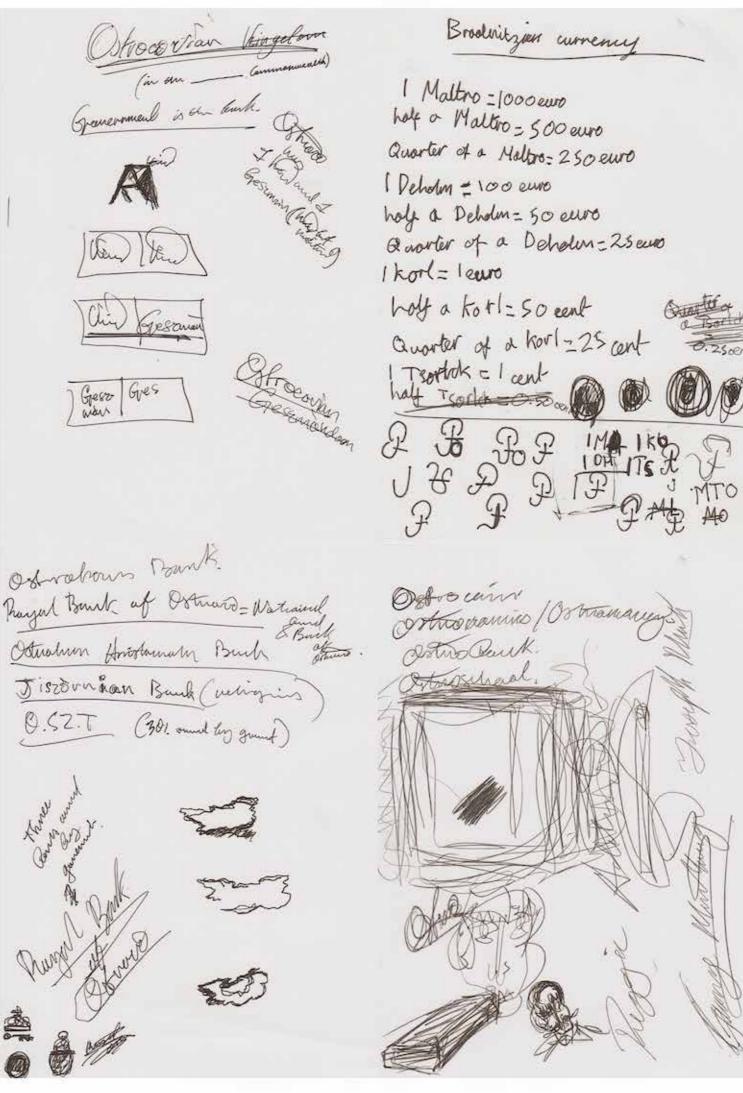
Ostroco Currencies

Ostrokian banks have a much smaller influence in the culture of the Kingdom that it does in our world. Most of the banks are little, private-owned local ones, yet there are still a few major banks, nearly all owned by the King, his deputies, the royal family and the state. There is the Drudczikovian Bank, which is specialised in the currency of Vonszrich – unique Ostrokian sea shells – and is the major currency used amongst the Druids, monks and Religious body of Ostroco: in fact, the bank itself is own by the Druids, henceforth the name Drudczikovian.

There are also the O.SZ.T – or O.S.T – which is a bank halfowned by the government and is the largest private-owned bank in the country. There is the Bank of Ostroco, which is owned by the King and company and hugely invests in the Oszrik – the back up of the economy that makes the dokyar into a coin, and is a mixture of gold, silver and an Ostrokian mineral called Brocszik, which is the equivalent of gold in the country in value as it is highly praised. It is of a moon-like, calm, silvery, glistening material which the Dwarves make weapons and jewelry out of it.











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Ostroco's Currencies, Banks and Stock Market

The Ostrocovian currency is the Dokyar (1 Dokyar worth 20 pounds Sterling), which is made up of 32 Szepte. The currency is based almost entirely on coins, bank notes are only used in banks and business deals, coming in 500, 250 and 100 Dokyar notes. The Ostrocovian money is very different from our world. First of all, it is nothing like a currency that exists – meaning that there is no paper to represent money and that the system is backed up by an element, such as gold or rare minerals. This being said, I can now explain Ostroco's money:

It is made up of several moneys, that is to say, there is still the oldest type of money in Ostroco being used – unique sea shells of Ostroco's own maritime flora called Vonszrich – though it is only used by the Religious Body of Ostroco, druids, priests, monasteries and all people and organizations regarding Ostroco's religion. There is a national bank of Ostroco uniquely dedicated to this type of money – called the Drudczikovian Bank – which is regarded by most Ostrokians as very traditional and old-fashioned.

Secondly, there is the Oszrik – the money that is in use in Ostroco and is in a sense the back up, or the pillar if you prefer, that holds the economy of Ostroco. It is made up of rare minerals mainly consisting of gold, silver and an Ostrocovian mineral called Brokcszik, that is similar in material as gold, although this one is of a silvery, almost diamond-like colour that shines like the moon. It is a calm, silvery element. This mineral is largely used to forge all kinds of extravaganza such as rings, crowns and much more. It has its own bank – the Bank of Ostroco – which is largely trusted by the people of the country.

After that, there is the diamond liqueur, the rarests and most valuable money to be found in Ostroco. The name itself is a hint – this money is an extremely rare liquid that is found only in the deepest, most dangerous, most unexplored caves made of stalagmite-like structure that are situated deep down, down, down at the heart of the mountain. Once one reaches there – it is mostly dwarves who take up the courage to venture in those strange regions of the Underworld – one will find a source where a gush of trickling liquid rushes down from the walls and rocks unto the cave to form a little pond, and from hence it goes in an underground river. This liquid, most notably the diamond liqueur, shines palely and thus illuminates the caves. A legend tells that if one drinks this pond one will find youth again and will experience being extremely strong of a Herculean nature. Though it is worth saying that the pond and the source of the diamond liqueur has been only attained by a few dozen or so people – I do not say men, as Ostroco is made up of spirits such as nymphs, bizarre animals, Sub-Gods and creatures such as centaurs, goblins and dwarfs. Most of the liqueur that is found by miners is mixed with mountain water that is situated closer to the surface of the pond, and so if one drinks it one will not find this force and youth, but instead will find death, as the slightest touch of water makes the Brokcszik liquid poisonous.

But, back to the point: Pure Diamond Liqueur is extremely rare, and so most of the liquid that circulates around Ostroco and its environs are mixed and used for money and decoration only. The Ostrocovian Mineral Bank is uniquely based on this rarity, and one can say that it is rather like a national bank dedicated to the Ostrocovian equivalent of Petrol – though Ostroco uses the Diamond Liqueur not for pumping it out of the earth for machines, but for medicine of natural healing through a special treatment where there are druids sacrificing all kind of things and there are spas and saunas and cold water treatment by going up in the mountains and bathing in freezing water.

Then, there is the Dokyar (which is made up of Szeptes) the money that is the most used by Ostroco. It is based entirely on coins that are forged with coins made up of either bronze, silver, gold or Broczik, or a mix of those. It is used for most tradings and the Ostrocovian Bank (a National Bank) hugely invests in it, whilst the National Fund of Ostroco is the producer of those coins.

Last but not least, there is the Ostrocovian Aristocratic Bank that is dedicated to the Noblemen of the country, with Oszrik being their main money that they use. It is important to note that there is also the O.SZ.T – or O.S.T, if you prefer it romanized – which is a bank owned by one of the most powerful and influential noblemen – politician and trader at that too – of the country. The O.S.T is semi-owned by the Government and finally it is worth to note that the O.S.T is the bank used most by people in their everyday life, after the Ostrocovian Bank.

In Conclusion, we now know that Ostroco is a country which uses a lot of different types of money in their everyday trading, though one has to note that Ostroco's economy is quite different from the Capitalist system, but that is a whole other discussion.