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WELCOME

"I have always considered that, in Europe, the future is intimately connected with the past. We have to understand Europe as it was and as it is now in order to open our eyes to how it could be tomorrow. We should never forget the great successes of the past, and should remember that nothing in Europe has ever been easy."

– Jean-Claude Juncker
President of the European Commission, 2014-2019

The history of the grand European integration project, with its achievements and setbacks, is told in the testimonials of those institutions and individuals who have worked tirelessly for a united Europe, of the peoples of Europe who have participated actively in this journey as European citizens, and finally, of external partners and critical observers who have influenced the contours of Europe as we know it today.

The Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU) guarantees the collection and preservation of Europe's shared archival memory. It preserves the original documents of the institutions, bodies and agencies of the European Union along with the papers of political leaders, European organisations, political parties and groups, and of numerous actors from European movements and associations.

In 1983 the European Union institutions decided to make their historical archives accessible to the public. One year later, with an agreement between the European Commission and the European University Institute (EUI), the Historical Archives of the European Union (then Communities) was established in Florence. Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2024, the HAEU has been hosted by the Italian state since the 1980s. Italy's strong support for the Archives was further demonstrated in 2012 when it provided a new prestigious seat for the HAEU at the renowned Villa Salviati.

This brochure informs scholars and citizens about the HAEU, its functions, its precious holdings and research opportunities, and invites people to get involved through learning, discussion and debate on recent European history.

Thousands of visitors, scholars, university students and school pupils make their way to the Archives at Villa Salviati every year, thus confirming the vibrant interest of research and the citizenry in the history and achievements of the common European project.

Dieter Schlenker
Director
Historical Archives of the European Union
European University Institute

THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Historical Archives of the European Union is the official repository for the historical documents of the institutions, bodies and agencies of the European Union. These documents are preserved and made available for research according to the thirty-year rule governing access to archival material.

The HAEU also collects and preserves the private papers of individuals, organisations, movements, associations, and political groups, and copies of documents on European integration shared by National Archives and Ministries of Foreign Affairs Archives.

As a research centre dedicated to archival preservation and the study of European integration, the HAEU aims to facilitate research on the history of the European Union, promote public interest in European integration, and enhance transparency in the functioning of EU institutions. Its holdings document the post-World War II efforts towards closer European cooperation which led to the establishment of the European Union.

The HAEU was established following the decision by the European Communities in 1983 to open their historical archives to the public. A subsequent agreement in 1984 between the European Commission and the European University Institute laid the groundwork for establishing the Archives in Florence, where it opened its doors in 1986. The Council Regulation (EU) 2015/496 of 17 March 2015 amended the decisions of 1983, reinforcing the Archives' role in preserving, promoting and providing access to the archives of EU institutions and agencies in a single location.

In 2012, the Archives moved to the prestigious Villa Salviati, made available by the Italian state following extensive renovations and the construction of a state-of-the-art archives facility providing 10,000 linear metres of shelving.

Located in the Florentine hills along via Bolognese, the Villa, also known as the Villa del Ponte alla Badia or Villa Borghese, was named after one of its most illustrious owners, Alamanno Salviati, who took possession of the estate in 1445. The current layout of the Villa dates from the beginning of the 16th century, and a limonaia, added in the 18th century, houses the Archives' reading room, conference room and offices.

The HAEU is part of the European University Institute, and the choice of Florence for the Archives was closely linked to the EUI's research mission to study European integration from legal, economic, political science and historical perspectives. The Institute was set up under the terms of a Convention signed by the founding members of the European Communities in 1972, and it opened its doors to doctoral researchers in 1976.

Today, the EUI offers international postgraduate programmes in Economics, History, Law, and Political and Social Sciences, as well as the multi-disciplinary Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies. Its Robert Schuman Centre carries out advanced research on the dynamics of European integration and Europe's role in the world. Finally, the innovative Florence School of Transnational Governance offers a master's degree programme, executive training, and numerous fellowships in the area of governance and policy-making beyond the state.

The EUI's intellectual climate, rich in seminars, conferences and events involving leading scholars and policy-makers from Europe and beyond, provides an ideal framework for research initiatives that valorise the important collections deposited at the Historical Archives.

INSTITUTIONAL HOLDINGS

"The purpose of the deposit of the historical archives of the institutions at the EUI is to provide access to these archives from a single location, to promote their consultation and to stimulate research into the history of European integration and the European institutions."

– Council Regulation (EU) 2015/496

According to its mandate, the Historical Archives preserves and makes accessible in a single location the archival holdings of EU institutions, bodies and agencies, according to the 30-year rule governing access to EU institutional documents.

Following the Council Regulation 2015/496 amending the original Archives Regulation 354/83, all EU institutions, bodies and agencies are obliged to deposit their archives at the HAEU. The only exemptions to this regulation are the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Central Bank, which may transfer files on a voluntary basis.

Since the very first file transfers from the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council back in 1986, the Archives has grown steadily by annual shipments to its current size of over 9000 linear metres of paper files, comprising approximately 7500 linear metres from EU institutions, and 2000 linear metres of private papers and collections. Nowadays, all paper files of EU institutions are digitised before being made available to the public.

INSTITUTIONAL HOLDINGS

- The European Parliament and its predecessors - the Ad hoc Assembly, the ECSC Common Assembly, and the European Parliamentary Assembly
- The Council of Ministers and its predecessors - the ECSC Special Council of Ministers, the Council of Ministers of the EEC and Euratom
- The European Commission and its predecessors - the ECSC High Authority, as well as the Commissions of the EEC and Euratom
- The Court of Justice of the European Union
- The Court of Auditors, including the Audit Board
- The Economic and Social Committee
- The Committee of the Regions
- The European Investment Bank
- The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- The European Environment Agency
- The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The European Parliament (EP) is the directly elected legislative body of the European Union, sharing legislative powers with the Council. The archival holdings of the European Parliament preserved at the HAEU cover the period from 1952 to 2004 and comprise approximately 206,000 paper files.

The archival plan follows the evolution of the Parliament, which, in 1952, was established as the consultative 'Common Assembly' of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). In 1957, this Assembly was restructured to become the European Parliamentary Assembly, which became known as the European Parliament from 1962 onwards.

The most important group of records concerns the work of the Assembly and the Parliament before and after direct elections. They contain reports and documents from parliamentary commissions and delegations, motions for resolutions, parliamentary questions, joint meetings of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament and minutes of plenary sittings.

Another group of documents produced by the Parliament's political bodies, such as the Bureau, the College of Quaestors and the private office of the Presidents (including Simone Veil, Piet Dankert, Pierre Pflimlin and Lord Henry Plumb), reflects the organisation of the Parliament's work and its legislative planning. Two smaller file groups document the work of the Common Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community from 1952 to 1958 and the preparatory work of the Ad-hoc Assembly on the Treaty for the European Political Community from 1952 to 2003. Furthermore, a fascinating though less-known group of files concerns the Parliament's initiatives in development cooperation from 1956 to 1980. A collection of the European Parliament's Official Acts (1953-2004) illustrates EU inter-institutional relations and includes agreements signed by the European Council and original directives and regulations. Another group comprises the press cuttings of the European Parliament from 1956 to 1992.

The EP's holdings constitute a crucial resource for understanding the legal process leading to the adoption of various acts at the European level and the role of the EP in EU legislation, from the initial proposals to their implementation in Member States.

THE COUNCIL

The Council of the European Union is one of the main legislative bodies of the European Union. Its holdings shed light on the work of the Council since its incarnation as the Special Council of Ministers of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1952, through the addition, under the 1957 Rome Treaties of the Councils of the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or EURATOM), and finally to the unified institution as it is known today, the Council of the European Union, created by the Merger Treaty of 1967.

The files contain minutes of meetings, decisions of the Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives of Member States (COREPER), as well as the working files of the Council and the General Secretariat. These archives refer to the Council's organisational structure, its strategies and policies, budget and finance, the work of the Control Commission, the Council's relations with other institutions and Member States, and all political fields treated by the Council sessions: economic cooperation, transport, agriculture, energy, nuclear power, social policies, common market and tariffs. A specific file series is dedicated to the Intergovernmental Committee under Paul-Henri Spaak, which prepared the negotiations of the 1957 Treaties of Rome. Other important fonds concern the draft treaty instituting a European Political Community (EPC) in 1952 and the negotiations for the first three enlargements of the Communities. The other two fonds concern the intergovernmental negotiations related to the African States and Madagascar (EAMA) 1958–1975, and the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of states (ACP) dating back to the 1975 Lomé Convention. Another important set of files concerns the work of the Intergovernmental Conference responsible for examining the draft revision of the EEC Treaty that concluded with the adoption of the Treaty of Maastricht. The Archives has alsos recently opened the files concerning the Single European Act (1985-1988) and documents from the European Councils (1975-1990)

These files provide important information on the inter-governmental and inter-institutional negotiations leading to the adoption of numerous legal acts and shed light on the decisive role of the Council, of COREPER and of the Council's various committees, in the decision-making processes at the Community level since the early years of European integration.

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Luxembourg, le 25 nov. 1952

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Monsieur le Président,

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint les documents destinés à servir de base de discussion sur le point 6 de l'ordre du jour, à la réunion du Conseil fixée au 2 décembre 1952:

" Délibération concernant les prélèvements (Articles 49 et 5o du Traité): consultation du Conseil par la Haute Autorité en vue de l'établissement de la décision générale fixant les conditions d'assiette et de perception."

En ce qui concerne le point 7 du même ordre du jour (Délibération concernant les dispositions relatives aux concentrations), la Haute Autorité a estimé souhaitable, dans une affaire aussi importante et aussi nouvelle en Europe, que la délibération au cours de cette réunion ait le caractère d'un premier échange de vues, sur la base duquel une consultation approfondie pourrait avoir lieu dans une autre réunion du Conseil. Le document que la Haute Autorité vous adressera pour servir de point de départ à la discussion n'aura qu'un caractère purement préliminiaire. L'échange de vues auquel il sera procédé sur cette base rendra plus aisée et plus fructueuse la consultation qui devra intervenir dans la réunion suivante du Conseil, que la Haute Autorité souhaite aussi proche que possible, étant donné les délais fixés par la Convention pour l'établissement des règlements prévus par l'article 66.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

JEAN MONNET

Monsieur le Président
du Conseil des Ministres
de la Communauté Européenne
du Charbon et de l'Acier

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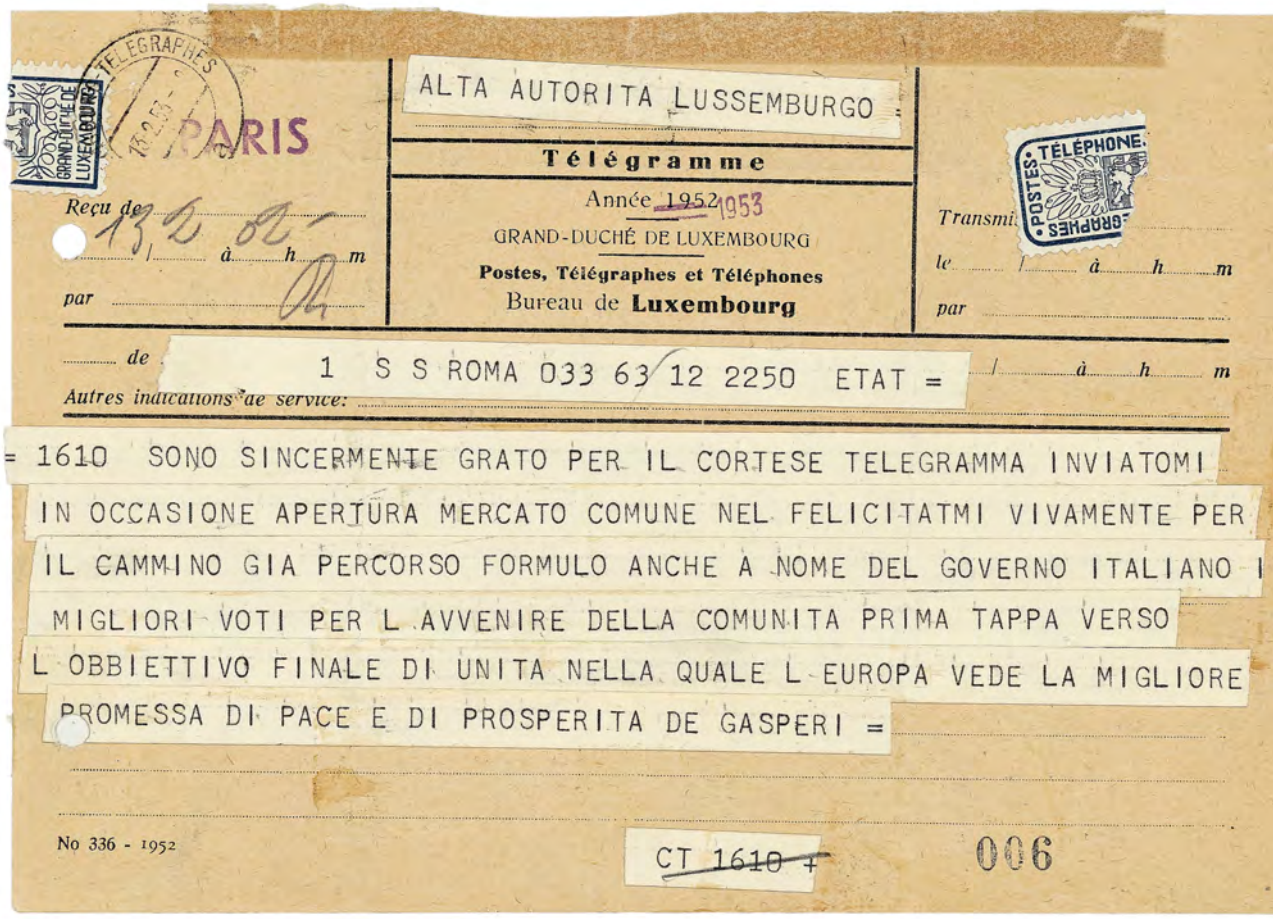

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The archival holdings of the European Commission at the HAEU go back to the Commission's origins in 1952, with the Luxembourg-based High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). For the years 1958 to 1992, the holdings include the archives of the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) Commissions, established alongside the ECSC High Authority by the 1957 Rome Treaties.

For the period after the Merger Treaty of 1967, the holdings include the archives of the single European Commission.

The holdings illustrate the activities of the High Authority, of the EEC and Euratom Commissions, and of the European Commission. The files comprise the minutes of the Commission meetings and the working files of the various Directorates-Generals. The working files contain notes, memoranda and correspondence on the workings of the Commission, its structure, strategies, policies, and relations with other institutions and Member States.

The files also document the work of the Commissions' Cabinets (including Roy Jenkins, Étienne Davignon and Gaston Thorn) and of the Commissions' Secretariat-General and Legal Services. Furthermore, the Commission's holdings comprise the files pertaining to the Community's common statistical office and its joint press and information service. Moreover, the files document the Community's enlargements and shed light on the Commission's external relations.

The European Commission's holdings constitute a key source of information to conduct research on European integration from a historical and institutional perspective and on the role of the European Commission in this process. Furthermore, the files allow for the study of the Commission's relations with Member States, third countries, international organisations and private bodies, including business organisations, trade associations and various non-governmental organisations.

THE COURT OF JUSTICE

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) is the judicial institution of the European Union.

Its origins go back to the Court of Justice of the European Coal and Steel Community, established 1952 in Luxembourg, and to the Court of Justice of the European Communities (CJEC) which took office in 1958. Following the contract signed in July 2014 between the CJEU and the European University Institute and governed by Council Regulation (EU) 2015/496 on the deposit of EU institutions' historical archives at the HAEU, the Court opened its historical archives to the public. Since 2015, archival transfers have been sent on a yearly basis.

The CJEU holdings include rulings, procedural dossiers, administrative documents and minutes of the Court's audiences. Among other highlights, the collection includes the procedural files and original rulings of the renowned *Van Gend en Loos* and *Costa v. Enel* cases, which respectively introduced direct effect and supremacy of EU law over Member States' national laws. These archives constitute a key source of information to analyse the historical processes leading to the adoption of various EU legal acts and to understand the role of the CJEU in the European Union's legislative procedures.

THE COURT OF AUDITORS

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) was established in 1975 in Luxembourg as an external body to audit the accounts of the European Union institutions. It became an EU Institution with the 1992 Maastricht Treaty. The archives of the European Court of Auditors preserved at the HAEU include the annual reports on the execution of the EU budget, special reports on budgetary questions, annual reports for each institution and agency of the EU, specific audit reports and, finally, statements of the Court regarding new or revised EU rules and regulation that have a financial impact. The holdings also comprise the ECA's working files, including reports and related correspondence. The ECA archives reflect the functions of the Court as auditing body of the European Union since its creation in 1975.

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CORTE DI GIUSTIZIA DELLE COMUNITÀ EUROPEE
CVRIA
COUR DE JUSTICE DES COMMUNAUTÉS EUROPÉENNES
HOF VAN JUSTITIE VAN DE EUROPESE GEMEENSCHAPPEN

ARREST VAN HET HOF

No. 11576

In de zaak 26/62,

betreffende een verzoek waarmede de Tariefcommissie - in hoogste instantie oordelend administratief rechterlijk college voor belastingzaken - zich op grond van artikel 177, lid 1 sub a en lid 3 van het Verdrag tot oprichting van de Europese Economische Gemeenschap tot het Hof van Justitie heeft gewend, teneinde in het voor haar aanhangige geding:

de naamloze vennootschap N.V. Algemene Transport- en Expeditie Onderneming van Gend & Loos, gevestigd te Utrecht,

vertegenwoordigd door Mr. H.G. Stibbe en Mr. L.F.D. ter Kuile, advocaten te Amsterdam,

ten deze domicilie kiezende bij het Consulaat-Generaal der Nederlanden te Luxemburg,

tegen

Nederlandse administratie der belastingen,

vertegenwoordigd door de Inspecteur der invoerrechten en accijnzen te Zaandam,

ten deze domicilie kiezende bij de Ambassade der Nederlanden te Luxemburg,

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) was established under the Treaties of Rome in 1957 as the consultative body for economic interest groups. It is composed of representatives of employers' organisations, trade unions and representatives of other interest groups. The archives of the EESC comprise documents pertaining to the Committee sessions and referring to all thematic areas discussed at the EESC. The documents also cover the work of the special sections for agriculture, transport, social policy, states and territories, economics, employment and services. The archives also contain working files of the Presidencies, the Bureau, and the Control Commission of the Committee. These files document the role of private bodies, including business organisations, trade associations and various non-governmental organisations in the European integration process.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) was created by the Maastrict Treaty in 1992 and established in 1994 as an advisory body. Its mission is to represent regions and cities in the member states of the European Union, and advise the Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the EU policies that have implications at that level. Its 329 members are politically elected office holders at local and regional levels. CoR made its first deposit to the HAEU in 2024. The fonds comprises Opinions of the CoR (1994-1995); Plenary sessions; Meetings of the CoR Bureau; Commissions meetings; Sub commissions meetings; Working group meetings and organisation; and Press releases. The CoR archives could be especially informative for research on how European cohesion and regional policies were implemented in the 1990s.

THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is the financial institution of the European Union. It was created by the Treaties of Rome to contribute to regional development and economic cohesion. The EIB documents preserved at the HAEU extend from 1956 until 2018, and include historical archives, publications, photographs and artefacts.

The first two subfonds respectively contain archival material on the creation and establishment of the Bank, as well as materials relating to its buildings and physical location. A third comprises documentary sources illustrating the Bank's contribution to European integration, its mission, priorities and activities, and its early projects and initiatives in the field of regional policy, most notably in Greece and the associated African and Malagasy States (EAMA). A fourth subfonds on EIB governance contains speeches and photographs from Sir Brian Unwin's presidency of the Bank (1993-1999), while other files in the series contain minutes from meetings of the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors extend from 1959 to 1991.

A fifth subfonds contains documents concerning the EIB's relations with Member States and sheds light on actions surrounding the first enlargement and accession to the Bank's statute. A sixth gathers archives relevant to relations with external banking and financial bodies.

The EIB's expanding financing activities between 1959 and 1971 comprise the seventh subfonds. This includes dossiers on over 130 projects located both in the member states but also in Greece and the EAMA countries. Along with the signed loan agreements and progress reports, many of these files include photographs and illustrative maps. An eighth subfonds collects documentation on "exceptional aid, donations and subsidies" granted between 1958 and 1980, an activity about which little is known. A final subfonds groups together the EIB's various publications and a limited collection of artefacts.

THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP) was established as a decentralised Agency in 1975 in response to the economic and social challenges facing Europe in the early 1970s. Originally established in Berlin, its headquarters were relocated to Thessaloniki in 1993.

The archives of CEDEFOP contain documents produced by the Bureau of the Management Board and by the Management Board from 1975 to 1995. The papers of the Director Marino Riva, covering the years 1974 to 1985, constitute an important sub-fonds, offering valuable insight into the establishment and the early development of the Centre. CEDEFOP also transferred audio-visual material to the HAEU, comprising video-tapes, slides, photographs, and audiocassettes. The audio-visual collection documents the activities and projects of the Agency during the 1970s and 1980s.

THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The European Environment Agency (EEA) and its partnership network, the European Environment Information and Observation Network (Eionet), were established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 of 7 May 1990, which came into force at the end of 1993. The Agency is charged with providing reliable information on the environment, facilitating the integration of environmental considerations into economic policy, and coordinating Eionet. The Agency has 32 members and 6 cooperating countries, and maintains close ties with national environmental agencies.

In 2022 the EEA made its first archival transfer to the HAEU: these files will be made available for consultation according to the 30-years rule. The transfer included minutes of Management Board and Bureau meetings, Scientific Committee meetings, correspondence, publications, and documents from Eionet.

THE EUROPEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS

The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EF) was established in 1975 in Dublin. As one of the first decentralised EU agencies, EF was tasked to pursue ideas on the improvement of living and working conditions in the light of practical experience, and to identify factors leading to social change. Its governing body is formed of representatives from Member State governments, social partners, and the European Commission.

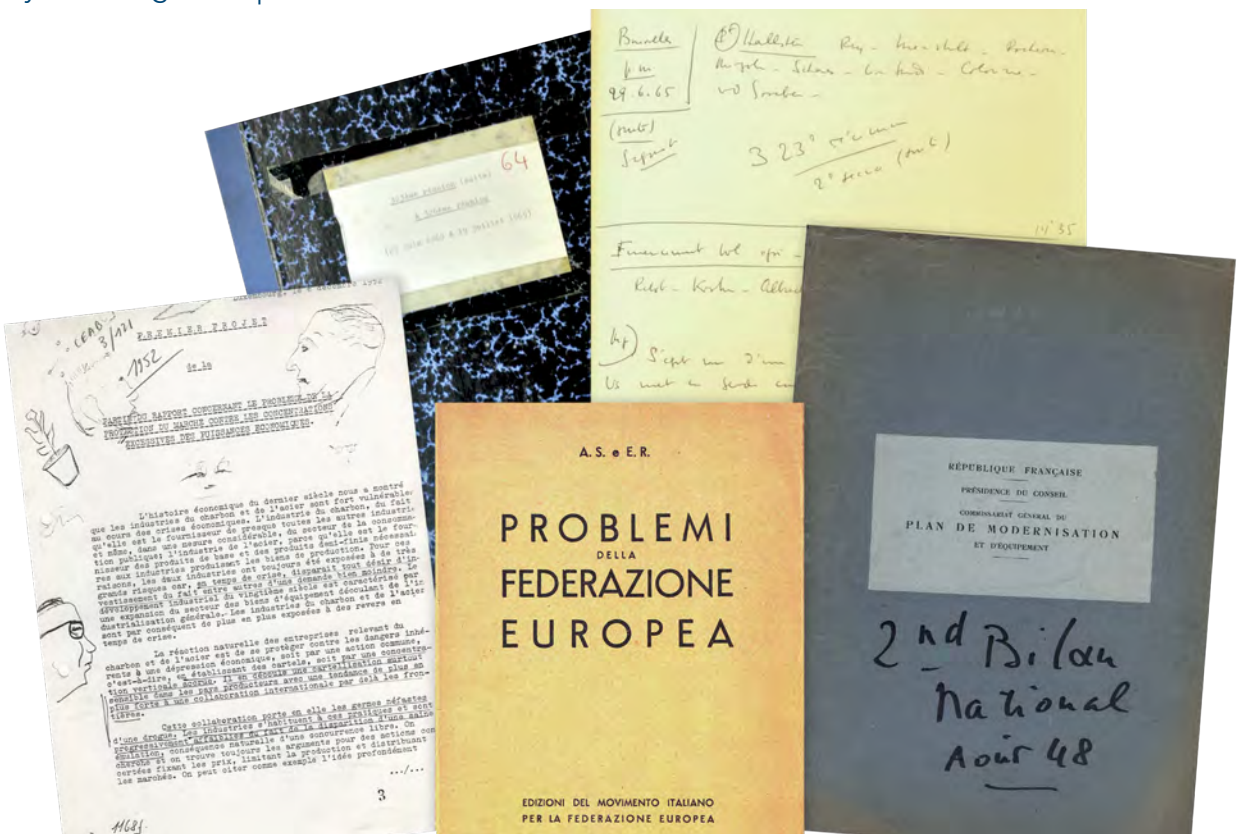
The EF archives were deposited in Florence in 2017 and cover the years from 1976 to 1987. The holdings mainly contain the documents on the governance of the Agency, including the minutes and working documents pertaining to the sessions of the Administrative Board and the Bureau. The archives also contain the records of the Committee of Experts and some files of the Agency's Directorate.

Un autre pays
toujours
l'EUROPE

PRIVATE ARCHIVES AND COLLECTIONS

The achievements towards European integration since the Second World War are the result of the initiatives and efforts of generations of dedicated individuals and groups. These persons include the founders of the European Communities, officials of EU institutions and European organisations, as well as members of pro-European movements and associations who sought to contribute to realising the vision of a united Europe. On 27 September 2004, a joint declaration by Romano Prodi, then President of the European Commission, and Yves Mény, then President of the EUI, recognised the HAEU's mandate to collect, preserve and make the private archives of these individuals available to the scholarly community and the general public.

Individuals whose private archives are preserved at the HAEU include some of the founders of the European Communities, such as Alcide de Gasperi, Walter Hallstein and Paul-Henri Spaak; high-ranking EU officials, such as François-Xavier Ortoli, Jacques Delors, Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso, Max Kohnstamm, Piero Malvestiti, Emile Noël, Pascal Lamy, Peter Sutherland, François Lamoureux, and Romano Prodi; and pioneers of the European Union, such as Altiero Spinelli, Alexandre Marc, Pierre Uri, Fausta Deshormes La Valle, Ernesto Rossi and Claus Schöndube.



PRIVATE ARCHIVES OF INDIVIDUALS DEPOSITED AT THE HAEU

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Christopher Audland (CA)
Fabrizia Baduel Glorioso (FBG)
Monica Stefania Baldi (MB)
Enrique Barón Crespo (EBC)
Bocklet Report (BR)
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Günter Burghardt (GB)
Richard Burke (RB)
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Henri Cartan (HC)
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Pier Virgilio Dastoli (PVD)
Alcide De Gasperi (ADG)
Pierre Debest (PDE)
Fernand Dehousse (FD)
Jacques Delors (JD)
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Raymond Rifflet (RR)
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ARCHIVES OF PRO-EUROPEAN MOVEMENTS, EUROPEAN ORGANISATIONS AND POLITICAL GROUPS AT THE HAEU

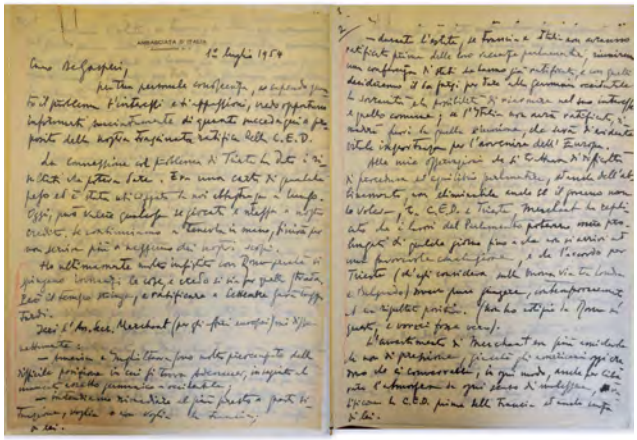
The archives of pro-European movements, European organisations, and political groups of the European Parliament preserved at the HAEU offer a significant complement to the archives of EU institutions. The HAEU holdings include not only the archives of organisations, such as the European Space Agency, the Assembly of the Western European Union, the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation, and the European Free Trade Association, but also those of the Union of European Federalists, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, and the European Consumer Organisation. Finally, several political groups of the European Parliament have deposited their archives at the HAEU, including the Socialist and Liberal Groups. These archives permit research on the initiatives and activities of various sectoral and umbrella organisations with a European scope and interest.

CORPORATE BODIES WITH ARCHIVES AT THE HAEU

- Assembly of Western European Union (WEU)
- Association européenne des enseignants (AEDE)
- Bureau Européen de Coordination des Organisations Internationales de Jeunesse (BEC)
- Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (BEUC)
- Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)
- CIFE/IT - Centro Italiano di Formazione Europea
- Conférence permanente des Recteurs, Présidents et Vice-Chanceliers des Universités européennes (CRE)
- Conseil des Communes et des Régions d'Europe (CCRE)
- Council of European National Youth Committees (CENYC)
- Europa-Union Deutschland: Landesverband Baden-Württemberg (EUBW)
- European Association for Banking and Financial History (EABH)
- European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- European Space Agency (ESA)
- European Science Foundation (ESF)
- European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- European University Institute (EUI)
- European Spatial Data Research (EUROSDR)
- European Youth Forum (EYF)
- Femmes d'Europe (FDE)
- Groupe de l'Alliance des démocrates et des libéraux pour l'Europe au Parlement européen (ADLE)
- Groupe du Parti socialiste européen au Parlement européen (GPSE)
- Groupe parlementaire européen vert (GRAEL)
- Groupe du Parti populaire européen au Parlement européen (PPE)
- Jeunesse européenne fédéraliste (JEF)
- Ligue européenne de coopération économique (LECE)
- Mouvement européen (ME)
- Mouvement fédéraliste européen français (MFE/F)
- Movimento federalista europeo (MFE)
- Organisation française du Mouvement européen (OFME)
- Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC)
- Société européenne de culture (SEC)
- University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)
- Union européenne des fédéralistes (UEF)
- Youth Forum of the European Communities (YFEC)

COLLECTIONS FROM ARCHIVAL SOURCES

A final group of materials preserved at the HAEU are collections of extracts and copies of archival documents on European integration from private archives, foundations, and from National Archives and Diplomatic Archives of EU Ministries of Foreign Affairs. These collections complement the original archival holdings preserved at the HAEU and facilitate the study of the negotiation processes and the different positions adopted by Member States during the negotiations of the 1951 Paris Treaty, the 1957 Rome Treaties, and of the first enlargement of the European Communities in 1973.



COLLECTIONS DEPOSITED AT THE HAEU

- Advertising Europe Film Collection (AE)
- Agence Europe: Bulletin quotidian/Daily Bulletin (AGE)
- Auswärtiges Amt, Politisches Archiv (AA/PA)
- BABE Project (Bodies across borders: Oral and Visual Memory in Europe and beyond) (BABE)
- Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (BE)
- Melita Marianna Canali (MMC)
- Conférence des régions de l'Europe du Nord-Ouest (CRNO)
- Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (DK)
- Documentation et Recherche sur les questions Institutionnelles Européennes (DORIE)
- Roberto Ducci (RD)
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Documentary Information Systems on European Integration (NL)
- European Community and Associated Institutions Library Cooperative Group (EUROLIB)
- Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (FI)
- French Foreign Ministry Collections (MAEF)
- French General Secretariat of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for European Economic Cooperation Questions (SGCICEE)
- French Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (FR)
- Jörg Friedrichs Research Material (JFRM)
- German Foreign Ministry Collection (AA/PA)
- German Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (DE)
- Richard Griffiths (RTG)
- Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (GR)
- International Paneuropean Union (PAN/EU)
- International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)
- Irish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (IE)
- Italian Foreign Ministry Collections (PS & RD)
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (IT)
- Walter Lipgens (WL)
- William Owens Lock (WOL)
- Collection Isuf Luzaj (IL)
- Jean Monnet American Sources (JMAS)
- Jean Monnet Duchêne Sources (JMDS)
- Jean Monnet Perth Sources (JMPS)
- Jean Mussard (JM)
- Piano Schuman (PS)
- Keith Smithson Press Cuttings (KS)
- Adam Steinhouse (ASH)
- Johannes Westhoff (JW)
- National Archives of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on European Integration (LU)
- Nicola Di Gioia collection (NDG)
- Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on European Integration (SE)
- Trans European Networks (TENS)
- UK National Archives on European Integration (UK)
- Walter Hallstein Papers (WH)

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ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

The Historical Archives of the European Union is the repository for several oral history programmes, launched to preserve the voices of European politicians and high-level officials. The Archives makes the original audio and video recordings and written transcripts available for research in digital format.

The HAEU's oral history holdings currently comprise more than 900 interviews with EU high officials and politicians from Member States, complementing the written sources of EU institutions, private organisations, and individuals.

The "Voices on Europe" programme on European integration and cooperation was carried out on behalf of the European Commission by Jean Monnet Chair professors in history, and includes 104 transcripts of interviews with politicians, diplomats and executive officials from eight EU Member States.

Three oral history programmes were launched in relation to the project "The European Commission. History and Memory of an Institution", dealing respectively with the years 1958-1972, 1973-1986, and 1986-2000. Together, they comprise more than 550 interviews conducted with senior EU officials, available in the HAEU's oral history database as audio or video recordings and transcripts.

The "Jean Monnet, Statesman of Interdependence" programme was carried out by François Duchêne, the biographer of Jean Monnet. It includes 64 interviews with personalities who worked alongside this 'founding father' of the European Communities.

The EUI series of interviews includes accounts pertaining to the EUI's research activities and retraces the steps in the European construction at the institutional, political, economic and scientific levels.

The European Space Agency's programme "Oral History of Europe in Space" records the memories and experiences of key players in the development of European space cooperation, including personalities from ESA and national space agencies, ministries, scientific institutes and industries.

The programme "Collecting Memories: European Parliament 1979-2019" was deposited by a team of researchers and former European Parliament officials who conducted more than 100 interviews with former Members of European Parliament.

The recent EUI programme "Leaders beyond the State" records the experiences of former Presidents of EU institutions as leaders in transnational governance. The multi-year project is organised by the HAEU with support from the EUI's Florence School of Transnational Governance and the Department of History.

AUDIO-VISUAL COLLECTIONS

The audio-visual collections are an integral part of the institutional and private archives preserved at the HAEU, and consist mainly of photographs, posters, audio recordings and videos. As historical resources in their own right, these records are crucial for recounting the history of the European integration process and offer important insights into the personal and professional activities of key actors in contemporary European history.

More than 70,000 photographs tracing the establishment of the European institutions are held in the Archives' audio-visual collections. These images document conferences, meetings and institutional visits around the world, as well as a large variety of educational and scientific projects from across Europe. The Archives also preserves more than 2200 posters from the 1950s to the 1990s originating from 45 different fonds and collections and produced mainly by EU institutions. A significant collection of maps includes hand-drawn maps and sketches, topographical maps, population maps, utility and transport maps, and early border area maps.

The fonds of the European Movement, the Union des fédéralistes européens (UEF), and the private papers of Claus Schöndube include materials that illustrate the campaigns and events of pro-European movements. The papers of François-Xavier Ortoli and Romano Prodi contain numerous photographs depicting high-ranking European personalities in their official and private roles.

The HAEU also preserves more than 8000 audio recordings, including 900 interviews with high-level EU officials and European personalities who played an important role in European integration. Hundreds of video recordings, in the form of documentaries, advertisements, films and interviews, illustrate the variety of activities carried out by the European institutions. The film collection "Werben für Europa" is particularly rich, comprising over 250 information films on European integration dating from the 1940s to the early 1970s.

To ensure that these materials remain accessible, the Archives works continuously to improve their preservation conditions and stay abreast of technological advances in audio-visual archival preservation and consultation tools. The HAEU is engaged in a bold digitisation project and has invested in equipment capable of reproducing media formats that have grown obsolete, thereby guaranteeing the preservation of and long-term public access to these fragile items.

In recent years, the Archives has implemented a new, user-friendly digital environment for describing and visualising audio-visual material. In 2022, the Archives launched a multimedia portal to facilitate users' consultation of the audio-visual holdings. This portal also supports the presentation of online historical exhibitions.

Bridge Over Europe
By Paul Gofferjé & Trudy Nijman
Rome, Florence, Venice

DIGITAL ARCHIVES

Since the last amendment of the European Archives Regulation in 2015, European institutions and the HAEU have set a concentrated focus on digital access to historical archives. The HAEU has established an ambitious digital strategy to provide online user services via its archival database for the search and retrieval of archival materials. It digitises selected archival holdings for preservation and online access purposes. Moreover, it has implemented a digital archives management system for the comprehensive management and the long-term preservation of digital archives.

The HAEU's open archival database system hosts descriptions of almost one million archival items organised in EU institutional and private archival holdings. The inventories comply with the International Standards for Archival Description ISAD(G) and for Archival Authority Records for Corporate Bodies, Persons and Families ISAAR(CPF). Data exchange between EU institutional depositors is based on the Encoded Archival Description (EAD and EAC) framework.

Digital preservation at the HAEU aims to ensure that the digital content is rendered accurately over time, despite the challenges of media lifecycles and technological change. These policies dictate the file formats to preserve and the level of preservation, while ensuring compliance with standards and best practices.

The HAEU has been at the forefront of digital archive programmes for many years. Indeed, the digitisation of selected archival holdings began in 2008. Thanks to systematic digitisation activities in EU institutions and at the HAEU, more than 30 holdings are now wholly or in part digitally available online.

Finally, to facilitate remote access to the HAEU archival holdings, the HAEU launched a digitisation on request programme. Users can contact the Archives to request the digitisation of archival files, within certain limits and according to the provisions of the respective deposit agreements. Users are thereby able to pursue their research without necessarily travelling to Florence.

CONSULTATION AND USER SERVICES

One of the main goals of the Historical Archives is to grant to the scholarly community and interested citizens access to EU institutional archives.

Professional archivists are available to deliver state-of-the-art services to users who wish to consult these archives, and the documents open to the public can be consulted in the reading room of the HAEU at Villa Salviati in Florence.

The HAEU online database provides access to the inventories of all holdings preserved at the HAEU, as well as to many digital or digitised documents or audio-visual items that are directly available for online consultation after registration on the online platform.

Within the online database, the inventories of the fonds are assembled under four separate groups: EU Institutions, Corporate Bodies, Individuals and Collections. To begin a search one may either browse the inventories of the various fonds or search the database by keywords.

The multimedia portal is an optimised platform for the consultation of audio-visual materials. The tool, launched in 2022, allows users to search the audio-visual holdings, view the result in a user-friendly display, access the archival metadata of each item, and visit the associated archival record for complete information on context and provenance.

A collection of research guides provides a general overview of the archival material to conduct research on specific topics pertaining to European integration and policies developed at the European level. Each research guide briefly introduces the policy area and the relevant archival sources.

Users requiring further information can contact the Archives service desk electronically or by phone and can arrange an appointment with the responsible archivist. Upon request, the HAEU also organises visits of the Archives and Villa Salviati, including the archival vaults, the Villa's gardens and the Grotto.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

In addition to the deposits of EU instituIn addition to the deposits of EU institutions and private individuals, visitors to the Archives may consult its specialised collection on the history of European integration from the early 1940s until today. Comprising more than15,000 books and journals, the reference library includes the personal library donated by Enzo Enriques Agnoletti; publications of EU institutions; the European Parliament Debates; and the Official Journal of the European Communities since 1952. It also contains published theses and papers whose findings are based on research carried out at the HAEU. Finally, specific license agreements adhered to by the EUI offer researchers at the HAEU access to various online databases from the reading room.

In addition to its reference library, the HAEU is also a repository site for parts of the European Commission's Documentation and Research on European Institutional Issues collection (DORIE). Since 2010, the HAEU has had an active role in the online cataloguing and digitisation of this collection. DORIE contains documents or document extracts of legal acts, minutes of meetings, articles and press releases, speeches by European leaders, internal Commission working documents and notes from the Communities' beginnings.

Furthermore, the HAEU hosts a collection of *Bulletin Quotidien Europe* (French edition) from 1953 to 1999 and *Europe Daily Bulletin* (English edition) from 1979 to 1999, which was recently digitised and published online jointly with the EUI Library, following an agreement with Agence Europe signed in July 2018.

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RESEARCH GRANTS

The Historical Archives of the European Union, in collaboration with external partner institutions, supports primary research through five different postgraduate research grant programmes.

The grants enable researchers to consult the primary sources held at the HAEU for research leading to a thesis, dissertation, book or other academic publication, in the human and social science disciplines.

Each grant programme has a specific profile and eligibility conditions. These may be consulted on the HAEU's website.

The Vibeke Sørensen Grant Programme was set up in 1993 by then-President of the EUI Emile Noël with the support of the European Commission. The grant scheme was renamed in 1997 to honour the memory of Dr. Vibeke Sørensen, former researcher at the EUI's Department of History and a staff member of the HAEU. This programme supports post-graduate research on the history of European integration based on primary sources held in our Archives.

The European Court of Auditors and the Historical Archives set up the European Court of Auditors Postgraduate Research Grant Programme in 2007. This programme promotes original research on the EU's public finances and budget and their impact on EU policies, decision-making and governance, including the development of the EU's accountability and audit mechanisms. With the goal of forging a community of researchers in this field, the scheme is open to academic researchers from a wide range of disciplines, including law, political science, economics, sociology, public administration and history.

The European People's Party Postgraduate Research Grant Programme was created by the Group of the European People's Party in the European Parliament (EPP Group) and the HAEU in 2007. This programme supports research on the history, role and impact of Christian Democracy, particularly the EPP Group, on decisive moments in the process of European integration. This grant programme enables grantees to broaden their research by studying the primary sources held in at the Archives in Florence, at the EPP Group's archives in Brussels and at the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in Sankt Augustin, Bonn.

The European Space Agency (ESA) Postgraduate Research Grant Programme, launched by the ESA and the HAEU in 2022, supports archival research for early stage scholars in history and other social sciences and humanities from Europe who are interested in using the archives of the ESA and its predecessors deposited at the HAEU.

Initiated in 2021 through an agreement between the International Visegrad Fund (IVF) and the EUI, the International Visegrad Fund Research Grant Programme offers six annual grants to post-graduate scholars from Central and Eastern Europe to conduct research on European integration, at the HAEU.

Other research grants for the consultation of primary sources at the HAEU are managed by external partners, such as the yearly grant scheme of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES). These grants have, through the years, enabled original research into many areas, including the role of the EU institutions, the development of audit methodology, shared management in policy implementation, multi-level governance, EU regional policy, the emergence of institutional norms and values, and EU development policy.

ALCIDE DE GASPERI RESEARCH CENTRE

"Créons cette solidarité de la raison et du sentiment, de la liberté et de la justice. L'Europe ne trouvera son salut que dans cet esprit héroïque de liberté et de sacrifice qui a toujours décidé aux grandes heures de l'histoire."

– Alcide De Gasperi, « Les bases morales de la démocratie », Brussels, 20 November 1948 (HAEU, ADG 96)

The Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre on the History of European Integration (ADG) was established in 2015. A joint initiative between the Historical Archives and the EUI's Department of History, the Centre promotes innovative research projects, facilitates the use of primary sources, supports early career researchers, coordinates networks of historians, and increases academic and public interest in the history of European integration.

Dieter Schlenker, Director of the HAEU, and Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol, Professor of History of European Cooperation and Integration in the 20th Century in the EUI's Department of History, co-direct the Centre. They are supported by an Advisory Board composed of academic experts in the fields of contemporary European history and European integration history.

The ADG hosts one of the EUI's prestigious Max Weber Fellows, and invites the regular collaboration of other junior and senior academics specialising in European integration history. The Alcide De Gasperi Centre Seminar Series offers researchers a regular opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from invited experts in the field.

Since 2023, the ADG has invited authors and highlighted the latest published research on European integration and cooperation through its regular 'Cover to Cover' book discussion series.

The Annual Graduate Conference on the History of European Integration is another hallmark project of the Centre. This conference provides a unique setting for PhD students and early career researchers from across Europe to network and discuss ongoing research. In recent years, the ADG has fortified its efforts to reach young academics from universities in the Eastern areas of the European Union.

The ADG also hosts research and training-oriented projects, bringing together different academic institutions as well as providing key financial and staff resources. At present, these include an oral history project investigating the role of the European Parliament in the European project; OPENARCH, a training project funded by the EUI's Widening Europe Programme that investigates archival training and accessibility to public archives in the widening countries; the inter-disciplinary ShaPE project that brings together academics, practitioners and archivists to examine the role of social partners and EU institutions in treaty-making and law-making for social Europe, and an EUI-funded research project on European banks and environmental protection, 1970s-1990s.

OUTREACH AND COOPERATION

One of the main missions of the HAEU is to raise the visibility, public recognition and consultation of the EU institutions' historical archives. Moreover, it strives to give a voice to the history of European integration and pay tribute to the efforts and achievements of past generations. To these ends, the HAEU maintains a communication strategy, it opens its doors to interested citizens, and offers and supports a range of educational and cultural activities.

The Archives' public website informs the research and general public about our activities and serves as a gateway to our collections. News and information about archival transfers, grant opportunities, and other services are shared there, as well as in a quarterly newsletter and on twitter, facebook, and LinkedIn. The European University Institute, the HAEU's home institution, also facilitates the dissemination of news about opportunities and events at the Archives.

Open days and other events allow the public to visit the Historical Archives and enjoy guided tours of the buildings and gardens of Villa Salviati; thousands of local visitors participate in the HAEU's annual open day in May. Moreover, bespoke tours are frequently planned for visiting dignitaries, civic groups, cultural associations and other interested parties over the course of the year.

The Archives curates physical and online exhibitions to draw attention to its collections and inform about important people and events in the history of European integration. It also consults on and selects archival materials for exhibits, publications, explanatory videos and other content produced by external parties.

The HAEU participates in the European Archives Group (EAG) and the European Union Diplomatic Archives Group (EUDIA). It also hosts the European Integration Database, an online application that displays primary sources on European integration and cooperation in the archives of EU Member States' Ministries of Foreign Affairs and National Archives.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Education Programme of the Historical Archives offers tailored learning laboratories for teachers and students from the primary school level through university. Having operated with educators from the Florence environs for nearly 10 years, the programme has recently expanded to include schools from outside of Italy. Around 1000 students are introduced to the Historical Archives each year in the context of this programme.

The programme familiarises students and teachers with the role and activities of the Archives in preserving memory, whilst introducing them to important themes and challenges in the history of European integration and the activities of EU institutions. HAEU educators make use of the primary sources kept at the Archives to engage students in an interactive learning process that combines history lessons, primary document analysis and group discussion.

The laboratories are a place for interactive reflection, discussion and learning about European issues, and contribute to the Archives' mission of promoting public interest in European integration and enhancing transparency in the functioning of EU institutions.

The HAEU educational team participates in Erasmus programmes and collaborates with the Metropolitan City of Florence, INDIRE, the European Parliament Former Members Association (FMA), and other partners.

TRAINING IN ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AND ARCHIVAL STUDIES

The HAEU is involved in academic endeavours that reach beyond its Florentine campus. The Archives works regularly with universities from all over Europe, hosting on-site and online seminars, summer schools and winter schools that introduce early stage academics to our holdings and how to use them for research.

Another priority is the training and professional development of early career archivists. In this regard, the HAEU hosts archivist trainees each year through the European University Institute's internship programme, and regularly organises workshops for students in the archival sciences.

USEFUL INFORMATION

ACCESS

The Historical Archives is committed to providing the broadest possible accessibility to services, resources and activities for its users, respecting principles of equality, non-discrimination and inclusiveness. The Archives may be used by anyone who agrees to abide by its regulations. Prospective users should read the 'Rules Governing the Access and Use of the Historical Archives of the European Union' available on the HAEU website. They must also register their presence to consult archival files on-site or via the HAEU archival database.

The reading room is open from Monday to Friday, from 8:30 to 17:00. Advanced booking is advised to guarantee a working space.

Pens, paper and portable computers are allowed in the reading room, whereas bags, drinks and food must be left in the lobby area. Wifi connection is available in the reading room upon admission. Researchers may consult a maximum of three files at a time. The use of digital photo devices for reproduction is permitted. Computers and reading devices for microfiches and microfilms are available on site.

KEY FIGURES 2023

- 327 fonds, 10,100 linear metres
- 949,548 described items in the database
- 704,796 archival paper files
- 206,961 digitised archival files
- 70,000 photographs
- 2257 posters
- 20,858 digitised images
- 8250 audio recordings
- 963 oral history interviews
- 1354 video recordings
- 334 inventoried artefacts
- 15,000 reference volumes

ACCESS STATISTICS 2023

- 958 research sessions
- 263 new registered users
- 77,700 website visits
- 448,006 database visits
- 8444 files consulted in the reading room
- 22,580 files consulted online

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