

Oral History and European Integration: the experience of the Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU)

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- The Archives preserves the original recordings and written transcripts and makes these materials available for research.
- The oral history holdings of the Archives comprise **more than 900** interviews, divided among ten distinct programmes

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  Abbott, Roderick	Interview Date: 09-11-2016	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT950
  Ahner, Dirk	Interview Date: 16-12-2016	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT951
  Allgeier, Herbert	Interview Date: 11-10-2016	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT952
  Armstrong, Lindsay	Interview Date: 23-08-2017	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT953
  Arnault, Véronique	Interview Date: 30-11-2016	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT954
Avery, Graham	Interview Date: 23-03-2016	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT1178
Avery, Graham	Interview Date: 22-03-2016	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT955
  Ayet Puigarnau, Jordi	Interview Date: 27-04-2017	Programme: <i>The European Commission 1986-2000. Memories</i>	Reference Code: INT956

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Interview with Skouris, Vassilios

From the [Leaders Beyond The State](#) Collection

Identity Statement

Interviewee Skouris, Vassilios

Reference Code
INT870

Interview Informations
Recorded in 26 September 2018
Florence, Italy
Interview by Urska Sadl in English

Access Level
Open Transcript, Open Audio

Materials
Video

Content

Abstract

During the interview, the witness discussed the following topics: Family and educational background, Political situation in Europe during the 1970s, Law schools, Political career, Appointment to the Court of Justice, Atmosphere in the Court of Justice, Management style within the Court of Justice, Constitution of Europe, Human rights, Competences of the Court of Justice, The Court of Justice and the economic crisis, The Reform of the General Court, Relations with National Courts, Election of Judges to the Court of Justice, Relations with the EU institutions.

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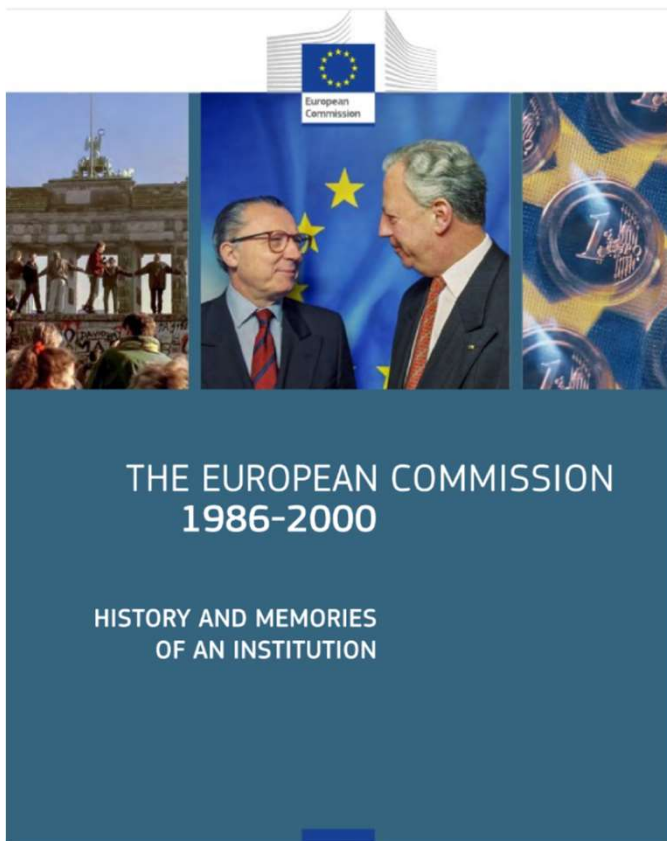
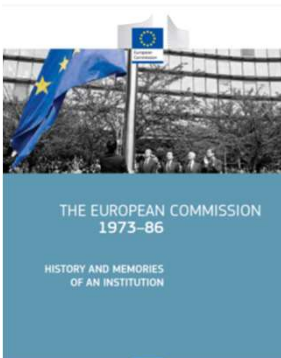
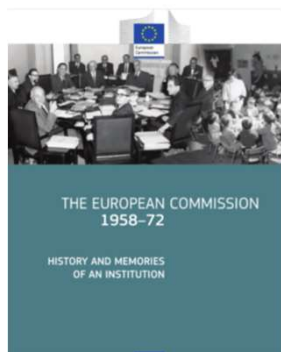
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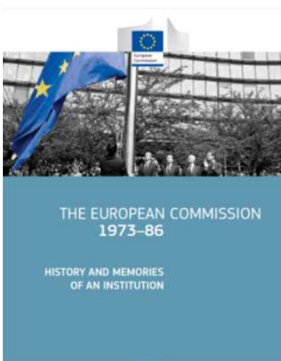
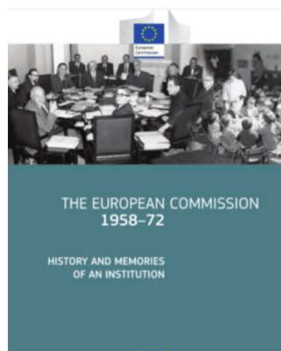
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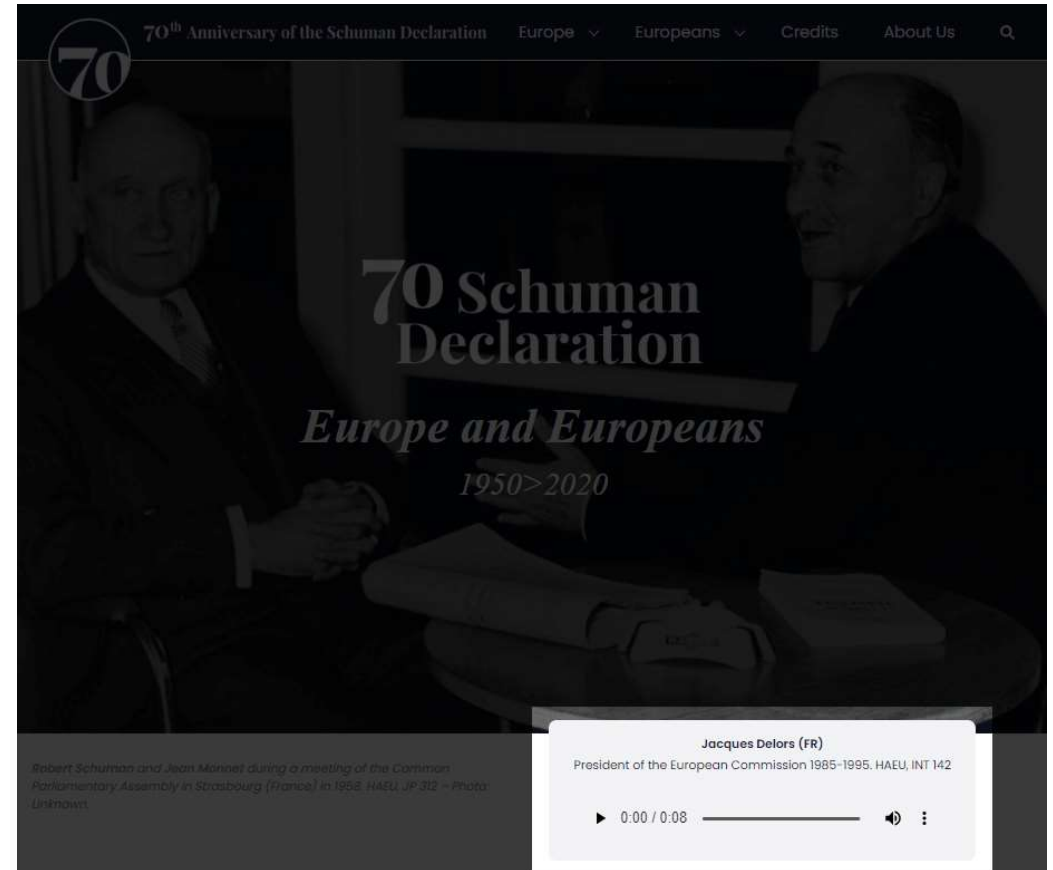
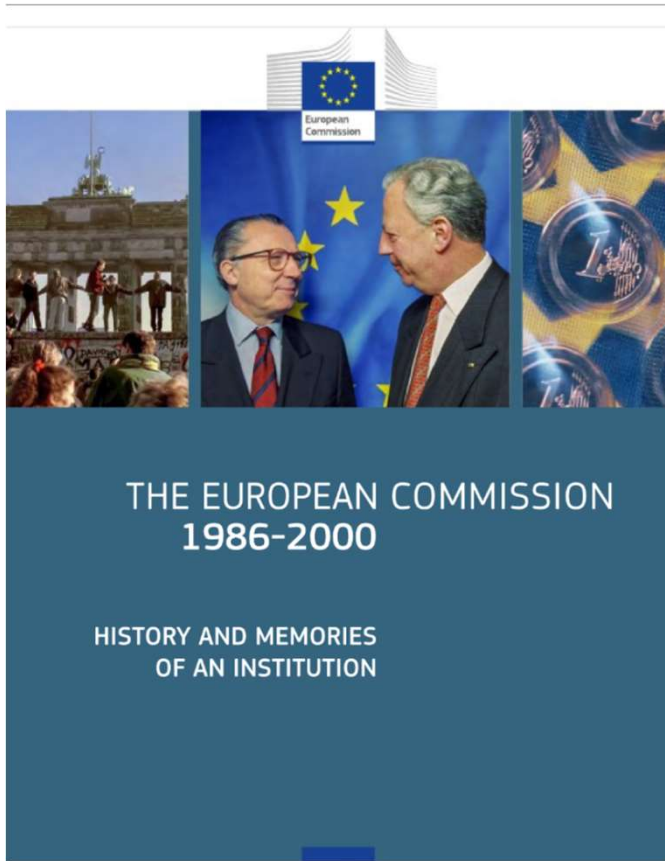
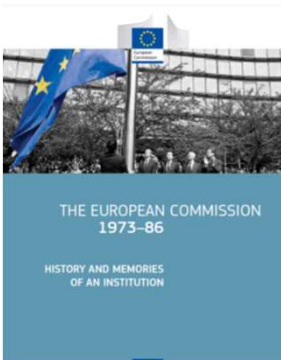
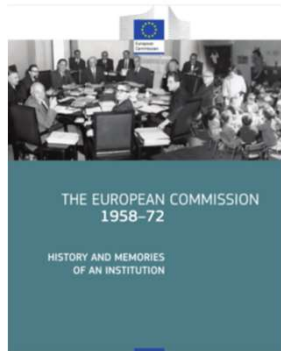


Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet during a meeting of the Common Parliamentary Assembly in Strasbourg (France) in 1958. HAEU, JP 312 – Photo: Unknown.

Jacques Delors (FR)
President of the European Commission 1985-1995. HAEU, INT 142

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Tips for Archiving Oral Histories

Preservation

Interviews should be preserved along with transcriptions, metadata, and documentation detailing restrictions. Equally important to the preservation of the actual recording is the documentation that accompanies the recording. At minimum this should include:

- An **ethics form** signed by the narrator, the interviewer and any other stakeholder.
- A **description or background statement explaining the overall project** or series that a recording belongs to.
- **Metadata** as required by an archive or repository.

Thank you for your attention!

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