

Energy

What do I need to know before I start?

Energy policy has always been an important concern at the European level, already addressed in both the ECSC and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) Treaty. The ECSC Treaty (1951; Art. 3) introduced ‘security of supply’ as main objective, considering the heavy dependence on coal as common source in the EC. The Euratom Treaty (1957; Art. 52) led the foundations for a nuclear energy policy at the community level. Both treaties provided the Community with energy policy tools that were developed and expanded in the following decades. The 1986 Single European Act provided the groundwork for legislation on the internal energy market, which started to be implemented from the 1990s onwards.

Languages: Please be aware that although most documents available in our Archives are in French, English or German, some may be in other EU languages. In order to check the languages used in a fond, please refer to our holdings page. Additionally, some fonds may contain a few files in a language other than the ones listed in the description.

What can I find at the HAEU?

Related specifically to European energy policy-building and policy-making, the fonds available at the HAEU are:

1) *EU institutions*

[ECSC High Authority](#) and the [Special Council of Ministers of the ECSC](#)

For early policy developments in the field of energy, you may look into the fonds of the ECSC High Authority in the section ‘[Division Economie et Energie](#)’, as well as in the fonds of the ECSC Special Council of Ministers.

[Council of Ministers](#)

In the HAEU inventory, energy matters discussed in the Council of Ministers are assembled in the section ‘Activités de la CEE - Politique de l’énergie-industrie’ or later simply ‘Energie’. The fonds of the Council of Ministers being organized by years, you need to browse the fond of each separate year to access the specific section on energy ([example](#) for the year 1962).

[Commission](#)

In the Commission's fonds, you will find a specific section for energy matters, namely '[DGXII Commission de l'Euratom](#)'. In addition, you might want to look into the sections related to the [Secretariat-General](#) and the [Cabinets](#).

[European Parliament](#)

The Parliament's fonds include two sections [Commission de l'énergie et de la recherche](#)' and '[Commission de l'énergie, de la recherche et de la technologie](#)' that include respectively the proceedings and the reports of the parliamentary committee for energy and research during the Parliament's first legislature (1979-1984), second legislature (1984 – 1989) and third legislature (1989 – 1994).

In the collection of Press Cuttings (CPPE), you will find a specific section related to "[Energie, recherche et technologie](#)" with a selection of articles regarding this topic.

[European Court of Auditors](#)

The ECA's annual reports (1977-1997), special reports (1978-1991) and opinions (1977-1997) may be of interest, as well as internal documents, including information documents (1977-1994) and working documents (1977-1994), where you will find documents dealing with [energy, research and investments](#)

[European Court of Justice](#)

According to the nature of the ECJ, these fonds include documents dealing with judicial affairs, namely [procedure dossiers](#) and [sentences](#). You might find it interesting to consult some of its dossiers dealing with energy issues, such as the [77/77 affair](#) dealing with the oil crisis.

[European Investment Bank](#)

You might find it interesting to consult the '[projets](#)', '[Aides, dons et subsides exceptionnels](#)' and [publications 'sub-fonds'](#), where you can find documents dealing [EU energy policy and the EIB](#), [The western European gas market - Future Gas infrastructure in western Europe](#).

[Economic and Social Committee](#)

Similarly to the fonds of the Council of Ministers, the inventory is organized by years, each including a special section for energy ([example](#) for the year 1975).

2) *Corporate bodies*

[Organisation for European Economic Cooperation \(OEEC\)](#)

In the OEEC's fonds, you can find a specific section on the OEEC's [Energy Committee](#).

Political Groups of the European Parliament

The fonds of EPP Group (PPE) include a section for the Standing working group on "Industry, research and energy". You will find Minutes of the committee's meetings and Plenary notes for 1999 to 2004.

3) *Individuals*

[Emile Noel](#)

His private fonds address energy policy in Europe in the section '[Energie: nucléaire 1958-1980, pétrole 1973-1974](#)' and include also Noel's notes on the European Council's and the Commission's meetings (among many other things that can be useful in this context), during his time as Secretary-General of the Commission.

[Francois Lamoureux](#)

Lamoureux having been Director-General for Transport and Energy, his private fonds address the topic of transport policy, among others in the sections '[Direction générale 'Transports et Énergie' \(1998-2005\)](#)' and '[Direction générale 'Transports et Energie' \(1999-2005\)](#)'.

[Hendrik de Bruijn](#)

Bruijn having been - among other things - secretary of the Dutch National Commission for the Euratom research programme from 1958 onwards, his private fonds mainly focus on energy matters, and more specifically in the sections '[Dragon Project](#)' and '[Energy Politics](#)', but also '[Documentation](#)'.

[Gordon Adam](#)

Adam having worked as Vice-Chairman of the Energy, Research and Technology Committee of the European Parliament, his private fonds address issues at the European level concerning energy, specifically in the sections '[Nuclear Energy Issues](#)' and '[Conventional Energy](#)'

[Christopher Audland](#)

In his private fonds in the section '[Director General for Energy of the Commission](#)', you can find a significant amount of documents related to energy policy in Europe, considering that Audland worked as Director General for Energy in the DG XVII of the Commission.

[Edoardo Martino](#)

Although Martino was responsible for external relations during his time in the Commission, his private fonds also include documents related to energy policy in Europe, specifically in the sub-section '[Délégation aux problèmes de l'énergie](#)' within the section 'Commission exécutive'.

[Jules Guéron](#)

Guéron having worked in the energy field during his career in France, his private fonds include a significant amount of documents related to energy policy and EURATOM, specifically in the sections '[Le Commissariat à l'énergie atomique](#)' and '[EURATOM](#)'.

4) *Collections*

[International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor \(ITER\)](#)

Covering the years from 1979 to 1989, files within the ITER collection refers to earlier phase of European nuclear fusion programme and relates to the international common project on peaceful nuclear energy in Europe.

5) *Oral History*

In addition, take a look at the [oral history holdings](#), which comprise numerous interviews of European politicians and officials, including important figures and officials active in the development of an energy policy at the European level. Below, you can find a list of persons interviewed who addressed the topic of energy policy at the European level.

[Allgeier, Herbert](#)

[Amory, Michel and Dubois, Ivo](#)

[Apel, Hans](#)

[Atkinson, Harry](#)

[Audland, Christopher](#)

[Auger, Pierre](#)

[Bauw, Robert De](#)

[Brondel, Georges](#)
[Cadioux, Jean-Louis](#)
[Cardon De Lichtbuer, Daniel](#)
[Carpentier, Michel](#)
[Contzen, Jean-Pierre](#)
[Degimbe, Jean](#)
[Dubois, Ivo](#)
[Feustel-Büechl, Jörg](#)
[Finke, Wolfgang](#)
[Flory, Jean](#)
[Foch, René](#)
[Froschmaier, Franz](#)
[Gibson, Roy](#)
[Goldschmidt, Bertrand](#)
[Groeben, Hans Von Der](#)
[Guéron, Jules](#)
[Guibal, Jean-Claude](#)
[Hannay, David](#)
[Hillenbrand, Martin](#)
[Isenbergh, Max](#)
[Maciotti, Manfredo](#)
[Maniatopoulos, Constantinos](#)
[Meijer, Rolf](#)
[Mercereau, Félix-Paul](#)
[Miert, Karel Van](#)
[Moehler, Rolf](#)
[Moersch, Karl](#)
[Moltke, Heinrich Von](#)
[Moussis, Nicolas](#)
[Olivier, Gérard](#)
[Orlowski, Serge](#)
[Rauck, Horst](#)
[Santarelli, Manuel](#)
[Smith, Gerard C.](#)
[Stief-Tauch, Peter](#)
[Sutherland, Peter](#)
[Tent, Hendrik](#)
[Toulemon, Robert](#)
[Vanden Abeele, Michel](#)
[Vanhaeverbeke, Guido](#)