

Transport

What do I need to know before I start?

The history of European transport policy can be broadly divided into two main periods: the first covering the period from the 1950s to the 1980s, and the second from the 1980s onwards. At an earlier stage, transport policies were mainly within the competence of Member States, and up to the 1980s transport operators were generally publicly owned. Transport policy however received its own title in the Treaty of Rome, because it was regarded as an essential complement to the freedom of movement of persons, goods, services and capital. Developments in this policy domain remained however limited up to the mid-1980s, when it was driven forward with the gradual implementation of the single European market, including in the transport sector.

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 transport 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 developments of transport policy, you may look into the inventory of the ECSC High Authority, particularly in the two sections 'Division Transports' ([CEAB10](#) and [CEAB06](#)), as well as in the inventory of the ECSC Special Council of Ministers.

[Council of Ministers](#)

In the HAEU inventory, transport affairs discussed in the Council of Ministers are assembled in the section 'Activités de la CEE : Transports'. 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 transports ([example](#) for the year 1967).

[Commission](#)

In the Commission's fonds, you will find a specific section for the [DG VII Transports](#). 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 des transports](#)' and '[Commission des transports et du tourisme](#)' that include respectively the proceedings and the reports of the parliamentary committee for transport 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 "[Transport](#)" with a selection of articles regarding this topic.

[European Court of Auditors](#)

You might find it interesting to consult the ECA's annual reports (1977-1997), special reports (1978-1991) and opinions (1977-1997) as well as internal documents, including information documents (1977-1994) and working documents (1977-1994). In these dossiers, you will find documents dealing with funding plans for [transport infrastructure projects](#) and tourism measures.

[European Court of Justice](#)

According to the nature of the ECJ, these fonds include documents dealing with judicial affairs, namely [procedure dossiers](#) and [sentences](#), where you might find it interesting to consult some of its dossiers dealing with transports and transport infrastructures, such as the [22/70 affair](#) referring to the European agreement on road transports and the [65/76 affair](#) dealing with social conditions of road transports.

[European Investment Bank](#)

You might find it interesting to consult the '[Aides, dons et subsides exceptionnels](#)' and [publications 'sub-fonds'](#), where you can find documents dealing with [Transports et](#)

[télécommunications](#), which includes files about the EIB funding activity within the transport and telecommunication fields. In addition, you might want to look into the section devoted to [EIB projects signed between 1959 and 1971](#) regarding EU member states and associated countries.

[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 transports ([example](#) for the year 1970).

2) *Corporate bodies*

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

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

Political Groups of the European Parliament

The [fonds of EPP Group \(PPE\)](#) include a section for the Standing working group on Transport and tourism. You will find Minutes of the committee's meetings and Plenary notes for 1999 to 2004.

[Ligue européenne de coopération économique \(LECE\)](#)

The fonds of the LECE include a section '[Transports](#)' related to the work of the committee for transport and addressing common transport policy in Europe.

3) *Individuals*

[Emile Noel](#)

His private fonds do not include a specific section on transport policy but offers valuable information, as it includes 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, his private fonds address repeatedly the topic of transport policy, among others in the section '[Direction générale 'Transports et Énergie' \(1998-2005\)](#)'.

4) *Oral History*

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

[Bellieni, Nicola](#)

[Blonk, Wim](#)

[Burke, Richard](#)

[Camhis, Marios](#)

[Chandernagor, André](#)

[Duchâteau, Pierre](#)

[Dukes, Alan](#)

[Erdmenger, Jürgen](#)

[Etienne, Henri](#)

[Jaedtke, Eckhard](#)

[Mark, Eric](#)

[Olivier, Gérard](#)

[Pearson, John](#)

[Peters, John](#)

[Previdi, Ernesto](#)

[Rocca, Gianfranco](#)

[Rothschild, Robert](#)

[Sliben, Niels Henrik](#)

[Steele, John](#)

[Stenico, Jean](#)

[Sutherland, Peter](#)

[Uri, Pierre](#)

[Varenne, Henri-Marie](#)

[Ventrella, Francesco](#)

[Wellenstein, Edmund](#)