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Jacques Delors opens his personal archives as former President of the European Commission to consultation

30 years after the signature of the Single European Act, the Jacques Delors Institute opens up the personal archives of its founding President to consultation. These archives cover the period from 1984 to 1994.

The collection is composed of the texts of speeches by Jacques Delors, press articles and interviews, and high-level preparatory notes and (mostly written in French).

The files contain documents pertaining to the negotiation of the Single European Act, the establishment of the Single Market, the reinforcement of Social Europe and Social Dialogue, the expansion of the European Budget. Also exist some documents relating to the Treaty of Maastricht, European citizenship, the EMU, and the euro. The Jacques Delors Archives also illustrate the role of the Commission in the German reunification and the economic and political transition of the former-communist states of Central and Eastern Europe. They also echo Middle Eastern conflicts including the Gulf War, as well as the dissolution of Yugoslavia. A large portion of the documents refers to the negotiations of the Uruguay Round, starting in 1986, in the framework of the GATT negotiations. Also present are preparation documents for the White Paper, "Growth, Competitiveness, Employment: The Challenges and Ways Forward into the 21st Century."

The archives are consultable through [partner institutions](#) in Belgium, France, Italy, Poland, and Switzerland, as well as in our offices in Paris and Berlin.

A post-doctoral scholarship, a prize for the best master thesis, and an annual workshop have also been established to encourage the consultation of the Jacques Delors Archives and to promote the study of the history of the European Construction.

More information on the Jacques Delors Archives on the [Jacques Delors Institute website](#).

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