

# Sources cited in the academic history

Archival Inventory

#### INTRODUCTION

#### Archives and archival services – preliminary remarks

In accordance with the definition provided by the International Council on Archives, the term and concept of "archives" designate all documents of any kind that are produced or received by a natural or legal person or public or private body in the conduct of their affairs, organised in accordance with those affairs and preserved with a view to possibly being used"<sup>1</sup>.

This definition has three major implications: first of all, archives are not simply paper-based documents but all documents whatever their medium and information content; secondly, archives are not necessarily "old" documents – on the contrary, every document is an "archive" as soon as it is created; thirdly, public authorities are not the only creators of archives: all human activities generate archives; and lastly, archives are intended to be made available, consulted and used, failing which they will disappear forever from the collective memory<sup>2</sup>.

The term archives also refers to buildings – or premises – and the staff responsible for preserving documents. Thus, the Records Management Unit (RMU) of the European Investment Bank (EIB) is responsible for centralising all records produced by all departments of the EIB so that they can be classified, listed in a database, preserved and made available.

Like all archives departments, RMU makes a distinction between "semi-current archives" and "historical archives". The former refer to records that only need to be consulted by the offices that produced them occasionally and are transferred to the archives in order to free up the space required to file the so-called current records (which are essential for day-to-day work) and to ensure that they are preserved to meet management requirements (accounting and legal evidence, traceability of operations). The latter refer to final records that are no longer useful for administrative purposes but are of historical interest.

Within the EIB, the concept of "historical archives" applies to all closed files over thirty years old, whether they are administrative or financing records, for instance. These files are progressively declassified and made available to the public via the European University Institute of Florence<sup>3</sup>.

# Availability and transparency of the EIB Archives

# - EIB policy

On 6 May 2009, the EIB posted on its website<sup>4</sup> two fundamental texts which lay down the rules governing the availability and transparency of its archives.

"The EIB's disclosure policy is founded on a presumption of disclosure of information, in line with EU legislation, those of the EU Member States, and internationally accepted principles. All information held by the Bank is subject to disclosure upon request, unless there is a compelling reason for non-disclosure. As the EIB operates as a bank, there are certain constraints on information it discloses." <sup>5</sup>

These constraints are defined in accordance with EU law, in particular Article 287 of the Treaty establishing the European Community: "The members of the institutions of the Community,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Official definition of the International Council on Archives

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to UNESCO, "[o]ne of the essential goals of archival and library services is to facilitate access to the documents in their care, thus ensuring that cultural heritage is kept alive and can be an object of research and enrichment. Their other equally important mission is the preservation of the documents in their care so that cultural heritage may be passed on intact to future generations, since the future of a nation, a people or a community is unthinkable without knowledge of its past." : <u>http://webworld.unesco.org/safeguarding/en/introduction.htm</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See below, page 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/review-of-public-disclosure-policy-18052009\_en.pdf;</u>

http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/review-of-transparency-policy-18052009\_en.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>http://www.eib.org/attachments/strategies/review-of-public-disclosure-policy-18052009\_en.pdf</u>, page 7, Article 21.

the members of committees, and the officials and other servants of the Community shall be required, even after their duties have ceased, not to disclose information of the kind covered by the obligation of professional secrecy, in particular information about undertakings, their business relations or their cost components."

In fact, the EIB alone is entitled to determine which documents to declassify and make available, either via its website or the European University Institute of Florence.

#### - European University Institute of Florence

The European University Institute of Florence is responsible for managing the European Union's Historical Archives, which were created to implement the provisions of Commission Decision No 359/83/ECSC of 8 February 1983 and <u>Council Regulation No 354/83</u> (EEC, Euratom) concerning the opening to the public, after a period of 30 years, of the historical archives of the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Economic Community and Euratom.

A contract to that effect was signed on 17 December 1984 between the Commission of the EC, acting on behalf of all the Community institutions, and the European University Institute of Florence. Under the terms of that contract the Institute is responsible for receiving, preserving and granting public access to documents over thirty years old from all European Community institutions (ECSC, EEC and Euratom) except the Court of Justice.

An Agreement on the depositing of the EIB's historical archives with the European University Institute, processing them and making them available to the public was signed on 1 July 2005. In fact, all the historical archives that the EIB has agreed to declassify are sent regularly to the Institute so that they can be made available either in the reading room<sup>6</sup> on microfiche or via the internet<sup>7</sup> in the form of PDF files that can be downloaded.

### - Contacts at the EIB: InfoDesk

This unit can be contacted at the following numbers: Telephone: 00352/ 4379 22000 Fax: 00352/ 4379 62000

It can also be contacted by e-mail (<u>info@eib.org</u>) or via the EIB website: <u>http://www.eib.org/infocentre/contact/index.htm</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The European University Institute is located at Villa II Poggiolo Piazza Edison 11, I-50133 Firenze. <sup>7</sup><u>http://wwwarc.eui.eu/clara/servlet/ViewManager?menu=menu\_view&record=PROVENANCE\_364</u>

# Presentation of the sources cited in the academic history

#### - Background

"To mark the 50th anniversary of its foundation, the EIB has published an academic history of the Bank: **The Bank of the European Union. The EIB**, **1958-2008**. The tasks of designing, researching and drafting this reference work were entrusted to a group of experts on European integration from a number of EU universities." <sup>8</sup>

Following its publication, the EIB decided to declassify all archival sources produced and owned by it that are cited in the book, irrespective of their date, information content or where they come from, in order to make them available to the public.

#### - Producer

The archival fonds used to produce the academic history of the EIB was created from the records transferred by all EIB internal departments to RMU. As such, the sources cited do not come from a single producer but a number of producers. These include decision-making bodies such as the Board of Directors, the Management Committee and the Board of Governors; successive Presidents; and administrative departments such as Human Resources<sup>9</sup>.

#### - General presentation of the collection of sources

From a strictly archival viewpoint, the sources cited in the book can be described as a motley collection of items differing in terms of their origin, date and importance for information purposes. Each of these sources has therefore been processed and examined as a separate archival unit.

### - Archival processing and the finding aids made available

The sources published have been declassified in their entirety, in every language in which they appeared. No sorting or elimination has taken place.

Each of these items has been given a unique reference number (or identifier). These reference numbers do not in any way correspond to the reference numbers of the files from which the items were extracted. Essentially, this is an artificial referencing system, created to facilitate research. The reference number is made up of two separate numbers: the first, in Arabic numerals, refers to the page number of the book where the archival source is cited; the second, in Roman numerals, corresponds to the footnote containing the archival references indicated by the authors. It should be pointed out that the numbering of the footnotes is not continuous but starts again at one at the beginning of each part of the book – which is why it is important to refer to the page number in this referencing system.

All Bank administrative document references are indicated, wherever possible, after the reference number of the item.

Once the sources had been clearly identified, they were classified chronologically according to subject matter, corresponding approximately to the master plan of the academic history. This plan is enclosed with the finding aid.

To develop a finding aid, which is the logical culmination of any classification exercise, providing easy access to a given set of records, whether for the purposes of internal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <u>http://www.eib.org/about/news/50years\_book.htm</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The EIB's organisational may be consulted on the Bank's website: <u>http://www.eib.org/about/structure/governance/index.htm</u>

administration or disseminating information, particularly via the internet, a well-structured analysis is required."<sup>10</sup> In view of the specific nature of this disparate set of sources cited in the EIB book, the preferred choice of finding aid was the analytical inventory, which provides an archival description item by item.

The purpose of the archival entry (or description) is to provide researchers with all relevant, objective, permanent data regarding the informational content of a record. In keeping with archival practice, the entries contained in the inventory of sources make a distinction between the subject matter, more detailed description, type of document and final dates. It seemed a good idea to add the language-designator acronyms<sup>11</sup> where there are different language versions of the records described that can be consulted. The entries contained in the inventory of sources are presented according to the following system:

Reference numbers: archival references given in the book		
Subject matter More detailed description: type of document.		
Final dates		
Language version acronyms		

Reference to the final dates for each item may appear redundant in relation to the body of the entry, particularly in the case of meetings where the date is systematically mentioned. However, it is a question of making a clear distinction between the date of the event (viz. the meeting) and the date of the document (e.g. the minutes, which may be transcribed at a later date).

The other finding aids made available to the public include an index that enables researchers to access the required documents on the basis of subject matter. For greater readability, common nouns are given in lowercase roman, country names in uppercase roman, city names in italics and titles of publications with inverted commas.

Lastly, a table of abbreviations listing all the short forms that may be used in these two finding aids is also appended to the inventory and subject index.

### - Physical presentation of sources

The sources have been scanned by the EIB in order to reproduce as accurately as possible not only the content of the document cited but also the quality of the medium. However, the EIB has decided to conceal certain passages in two specific cases: (i) where the date of the document is less than 30 years old, as a result of which only the passage cited in the 50-year history is accessible (the Bank makes certain documents available to the public only after a period of 30 years has elapsed); or (ii) where the document contains private or professional information concerning the Bank's staff.

### - Additional sources

Certain EIB archival series<sup>12</sup> are open to the public and accessible – i.e. can be downloaded – from the website of the Historical Archives of the European Union: <u>http://wwwarc.eui.eu/clara/jsp/search/search\_direct\_js.jsp?query=EXPERT\_ENT&INDEX\_ENT1</u> <u>=DENT\_FONDS&CRIT1=BEI</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Association des archivistes français, *Abrégé d'archivistique*, revised and extended 2nd edition, Paris, 2007, p. 165.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> A table of acronyms for the different language versions of documents is provided on p. 18 of the inventory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> In particular, the series of minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings for the period 1958-1980, in accordance with the 30-year period applied by the EIB for the release of documents.

#### **CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

#### I - THE CREATION OF THE EIB

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- A- The decision-making bodies
  - 1- The Management Committee
  - 2- The Board of Directors (1983)
  - 3- Representatives of the member countries (1970-1980)
- B- Staff

#### **III-EIB** ACTIVITIES

# IV- ENLARGEMENT OF THE UNION AND THE ACCESSION OF NEW MEMBER STATES TO THE STATUTE OF THE EIB

#### V- EIB OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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# **INVENTORY**

I. The creation of the European Investment Bank (EIB) (1958-1971)			
Reference	Description	Date	Language version
16-111: 6.0255	Management Committee Composition: memorandum of 21 September 1971.	(1971)	<u>FR</u>
53-IV: CG/3/59. Item 7.a	Resignation of Pietro Campilli from his position as EIB President Tribute paid by Franz Etzel: minutes of the annual meeting of 25 April 1959.	(1959)	FR
53-V: Box CL, 26/02/1958, 21/05/1958	The EIB as partner of the banking and financial institutions of the Member States of the Communities Extensive communication campaign directed by Pietro Campilli: exchange of correspondence.	(1958)	DE-FR
54-X: CG/2/58. Annex No 2	The EIB's financial and regional priorities within the EEC Approval by the Board of Governors: EIB rules of procedure of 4 December 1958.	(1958)	<u>FR</u>
74-XXXV:	<u>Op. cit. 53-V: Box CL, 26/02/1958 –</u> 21/05/1958		
299-LXIV: Outgoing chronos - April 1958. P. Campilli	The EIB's position regarding those it prefers to deal with in the banking and business community The stated desire for ever closer cooperation: outgoing correspondence.	(1958)	<u>FR</u>
299-LXV: CA/4/1958. Item 3 of the agenda	Visit to the member countries to canvass for new business Oral report: annex to the minutes of the meeting of 4 July 1958.	(1958)	FR

# II. Structures and people (1970-1999)

### A- The decision-making bodies of the EIB $\frac{13}{13}$ (1973-1999)

301-LXXII: 04/07/1973 J.C. Peter Richardson, Henk Groen	The EIB's decision-making bodies address the issue of the first round of enlargement Execution of an internal audit: report.	(1973)	<u>EN</u>
308-LXXXIII: AB/rth	Changes and adjustments to the EIB's internal structures Viewpoint of the Director of Lending Operations in Member Countries, Armel Bellec: note to the Management Committee of 5 September 1973.	(1973)	<u>FR</u>
311-LXXXIX: ET/DIR/89- 896/HC/jm	Decision-taking and management structure in the EIB Staff opinion: note of 14 July 1989 from Herbert Christie to the Management Committee.	(1989)	EN
312-XCII-XCIV: CA/328/99.	The EIB's decision-making bodies Strengthening of the President's role: progress	(1999)	DE-EN-FR

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The references cited on page 76 in memorandum XXXVI are only partly declassified: the minutes of Board of Directors' meetings for the period 1958-1975 are accessible on the <u>website of the European University Institute of Florence</u>. Regarding the minutes of Management Committee and Board of Governors' meetings for the period 1958-1972, requests from the public must be sent to InfoDesk, which will examine them on a case-by-case basis.

Document 99/111.			
Item 2.11	Report to the Board of Governors on the governance of the Bank.		
313-XCI-XCIV:	Op. cit 312-XCII-XCIV: CA/328/99. Document 99/111. Item 2.II		DE-EN-FR
1- The Management	t Committee (1970-1983)		
125-XXXVIII: Box XXX.10	Composition of the Management Committee Maintaining a small number of members in spite of enlargement: note of 20 September 1971 from Ulrich Meyer-Cording to Hans-Georg Sachs.	(1971)	DE
125-XXXIX: Box XXX.10	Composition of the Management Committee Number of members limited to five: memorandum of 21 September 1971.	(1971)	DE
290-XLII: CD/24/70	Management Committee Internal operation: minutes of the meeting of 14 September 1970	(1970)	<u>FR</u>
301-LXVI, LVIII - LXX: Dossier 6.0255	Composition of the Management Committee The concerns raised by the possible appointment of a new Vice-President: Management Committee memorandum of 21 September 1971.	(1971)	<u>FR</u>
301-LXXI : CD16- SG 6/73	Special responsibilities of the members of the Management Committee Plan to reallocate those responsibilities and opposition of Vice- President Hans-Otto Steffe: minutes of the meetings from 6-8 February 1973.	(1973)	FR
2- The Board of Dire	ectors (1983)		
2- The Board of Dire 308-LXXXIV: CA/178/83. PV/83/10. Point 5.4	Board of Directors Working Party Proposal to set up a Working Party for the period 1980- 1986: minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1983.	(1983)	DE-EN-FR
308-LXXXIV: CA/178/83. PV/83/10. Point 5.4	Board of Directors Working Party Proposal to set up a Working Party for the period 1980-	(1983)	DE-EN-FR
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308-LXXXIV: CA/178/83. PV/83/10. Point 5.4	Board of Directors Working Party Proposal to set up a Working Party for the period 1980- 1986: minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1983. of the member countries (1970-1980) German representation on the EIB's Management Committee Presentation of the candidatures of Mr Meyer-Cording and Mr von der Groeben: minutes of the meeting of 20 July		
308-LXXXIV: CA/178/83. PV/83/10. Point 5.4 3- Representatives 119-XVIII: CG/27/70 126-XLIII: CA/156/81. PV81/1	Board of Directors Working Party Proposal to set up a Working Party for the period 1980- 1986: minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1983. of the member countries (1970-1980) German representation on the EIB's Management Committee Presentation of the candidatures of Mr Meyer-Cording and Mr von der Groeben: minutes of the meeting of 20 July 1970. Representative of Greece, Denmark and Ireland on the Board of Directors Nomination of a Director representing all three States: minutes of the meeting of 12 December 1980.	(1970)	DE-FR
308-LXXXIV: CA/178/83. PV/83/10. Point 5.4 3- Representatives 119-XVIII: CG/27/70 126-XLIII: CA/156/81. PV81/1 B- Staff (1958-19 289-XLI: CD/No 5/1958.	Board of Directors Working Party Proposal to set up a Working Party for the period 1980- 1986: minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1983. of the member countries (1970-1980) German representation on the EIB's Management Committee Presentation of the candidatures of Mr Meyer-Cording and Mr von der Groeben: minutes of the meeting of 20 July 1970. Representative of Greece, Denmark and Ireland on the Board of Directors Nomination of a Director representing all three States: minutes of the meeting of 12 December 1980. 70) Recruitment Deliberately restrictive	(1970)	DE-FR
308-LXXXIV: CA/178/83. PV/83/10. Point 5.4 3- Representatives 119-XVIII: CG/27/70 126-XLIII: CA/156/81.	Board of Directors Working Party Proposal to set up a Working Party for the period 1980- 1986: minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1983. of the member countries (1970-1980) German representation on the EIB's Management Committee Presentation of the candidatures of Mr Meyer-Cording and Mr von der Groeben: minutes of the meeting of 20 July 1970. Representative of Greece, Denmark and Ireland on the Board of Directors Nomination of a Director representing all three States: minutes of the meeting of 12 December 1980. 70) Recruitment Deliberately restrictive regulations: minutes of the meeting of	(1970)	DE-FR EN-FR

297-LII and LV: 15.0008. JF/II	EIB Staff Regulations the Pension Scheme: note of 16 September 1959 from Jean Frère to the Management Committee.	(1959)	FR
297-LIII and LIV: PV-CD-PE-76-1960	EIB Staff Regulations Drawing up of the regulations: minutes of the Management Committee meeting of 2 March 1960.	(1960)	<u>FR</u>
297-LIX: Dossier 1.6.22	Housing construction loans granted to EIB staff Draft regulation: minutes of the information meeting of 4 March 1968.	(1968)	FR

III- European Investment Bank activities (1970-2001)				
70-XXXI: CA/84/70	Need to increase the EIB's capital Legal and financial factors: Board of Directors' memorandum of December 1970.	(1970)	DE-FR	
102-LVIII: Fonds Le Portz. 09/02/1973	Expanding the EIB's activities Increase in operations outside the Community: note of 9 February 1973 from President Yves Le Portz to the Management Committee.	(1973)	FR	
223-LXXIII: CA/215/87. PV/87/10. Item 12	The EIB Statute A fresh interpretation in support of a guarantee fund: minutes of the meeting of 12 May 1987.	(1987)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>	
206-XXXIII: CA/234/89. PV89/08, Item No 9	EIB's activities Examination of the balance sheet and profit and loss accounts: minutes of the meeting of 23 May 1989.	(1989)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>	
207-XXXIV: CA/234/89. Document 89/245	EIB's activities Development: Board paper for the meeting of 23 May 1989.	(1989)	DE-EN-FR	
207-XXXV: CA/238/89. PV89/13, Item No 9	EIB's activities Repositioning between a financial market and a changing banking profession: minutes of the meeting of 7 November 1989.	(1989)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>	
207-XXXVII:	Op. cit. 210-XLII. CA/308/97. PV/97/06. Item I:4		DE-EN-FR	
208-XXXVIII: EI/CED/2001-204	The EIB's financial practices The concept of subsidiarity: A. Steinherr's note to the Management Committee of 28 August 2001 for discussion at the Away Day.	(2001)	EN	
208-XL: CA/318/98. PV98/104, Introduction	EIB strategy Examination of papers: minutes of the meeting of 24 March 1998	(1998)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>	
210-XLII: CA/308/97. PV/97/06. Item I :4	EIB strategy Presentation of new proposals: minutes of the meeting of 17 April 1997.	(1997)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>	
210-XLII: CA/313/97. PV/97/13. Item I: 5.2	EIB strategy Examination of legal aspects: minutes of the meeting of 15 September 1997.	(1997)	DE-EN-FR	
211-XLVIII: CA/273/93. PV/93/15	Outlook in 1993 Reassessment: minutes of the meeting of 20 July 1993.	(1993)	DE-EN-FR	

211-XLIX: CA/280/94. PV/94/08. Item II.10	Edinburgh Facility Progress report: minutes of the meeting of 3 May 1994.	(1994)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>
231-LXXXI: CA/215/87. PV/87/10. Item 6.24	Eurotunnel Presentation of the project with a view to its adoption: minutes of the meeting of 12 May 1987.	(1987)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>

# IV- Enlargement of the Union and the accession of new Member States to the Statute of the EIB (1970-1993)

120-XXI: CA/84/70	Accession of the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark and Norway to the EIB Issues arising pursuant to Article 129(2) of the Treaty of Rome: extract from the minutes of the meeting of 18 December 1970.	(1970)	<u>DE-FR</u>
124-XXXII: ML/gg	Accession of new Member States Preparation for and planning of decisions: the EIB's work schedule drawn up following the meeting of 20 October 1971.	(1971)	FR
124-XXXIII, XXXIV, XXXVI:	Op. cit. 124- XXXII: ML/gg		
126-XLI: CA/155/80. Document 80/398	Accession of Greece Adjustments to Protocol No 1 (Statute of the EIB): Board paper for the meeting.	(1980)	DE-EN-FR
130-L: Box XXIX.2	Accession of the United Kingdom Examination of financing projects: report of the visit by EIB representatives to London on 27 January 1972.	(1972)	EN
193-XXI/XXII: CA/274/93. Document 93/489	Examination of EIB lending activity in the four Candidate Countries of Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway: minutes of the meeting.	(1993)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>
199-XXXI: AG/Inf/89-291/aw. Box IV.13	Preparation for the first round of enlargement Proposal to create a new European bank catering for Central and Eastern Europe: address by F. Mitterrand to the European Parliament on 25 October 1989.	(1989)	<u>FR</u>

# V- European Investment Bank operations outside the European Community (1960-1984)

#### A- In the countries to the south of the Community

100-LIII: 2.107. N°411	Possibility of EIB operations in Greece Technical terms and conditions: memorandum to the Board of Directors of 26 March 1960.	(1960)	<u>FR</u>
190-XII–XVI: Box XX.2	The Iberian peninsula Extending the EIB's field of operations southwards: Economic Studies Department memorandum of 23 May 1978.	(1978)	<u>DE</u>
191-XVIII–XIX: Box XX.5	The EIB's medium-term policy in Spain and Portugal Financial Protocol: Klaus Ackermann's note of 18 September 1984.	(1984)	<u>EN</u>

#### B- Extension of operations towards countries in Eastern Europe (1988-1989)

197-XXVII: Box IV.15	Hypothetical EIB lending in Poland The EIB's position: Adam McDonaugh's note to Karl Georg Schmidt and an article in the "Financial Times" of 23 May 1989.	(1989)	<u>EN</u>
197-XXVIII: Box IV.15	EIB operations in Hungary Hungarian Government's agreement: letter sent on 25 August 1989 by Guylia Horn to Council President Roland Dumas.	(1989)	<u>FR</u>
199-XXIX: ET/Coord/JG/GS-at	Poland and Hungary The economic and financial situation and the advance of reforms: Economic Studies Department note of 16 November 1989.	(1989)	<u>EN</u>
199-XXX: Box IV.1	Financing of projects in Hungary and Poland Agreement of the EIB's Board of Governors: letter of 6 December 1988 from EIB President Ernst-Günther Bröder to the President of the Council of the European Communities, Pierre Bérégovoy.	(1988)	<u>DE-EN-FR</u>

# VI- From Brussels to Luxembourg: the different headquarters of the European Investment Bank (1958-1964)

#### A- The Brussels offices (1958)

264-VI: CD/1/1958	The EIB in Brussels The temporary arrangement at the National Bank of Belgium's offices and observations on the EIB's permanent seat: note of 24 February 1958 to the Management Committee.	(1958)	<u>FR</u>	
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# B- The choice of Luxembourg and the controversy surrounding the transfer (1964-1984)

261-II: 31.0069, Transfer of the EIB's headquarters from (1965)	<u>)E</u>
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Box 1	Brussels to Luxembourg Arguments against the new move: note of 16 March 1965 from Wolfgang von Bergen to Ulrich Meyer-Cording.		
261-II: 31.0069, Box 1	Installation of the EIB in Luxembourg Decision taken by the Member States: minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 13 March 1968.	(1968)	<u>FR</u>
262-III: 31.0069, Box 1	Rejection of the Luxembourg option A choice detrimental to the EIB's remits: Yves le Portz's memorandum of 14 November 1963.	(1964)	<u>FR</u>
262-III: 31.0069, Box 1	Impossibility of the Luxembourg option The EIB's position in favour of remaining in Brussels: report of 4 February 1964.	(1964)	<u>FR</u>
263-IV: 31.0069, Box 1	Remaining in Brussels The essential presence of the headquarters of the other Community institutions: note of 14 January 1964.	(1964)	<u>FR</u>
264-V:	Op. cit. 261-II. 31.0069, Box 1		
267-VIII: 31.0069, Box 1	Mobilising opinion against the choice of Luxembourg Support from the French Foreign Affairs Ministry in an unofficial capacity: handwritten note of 5 August 1964 sent to Yves le Portz <sup>14</sup> .	(1964)	<u>FR</u>
267-VIII: CG/15/1964	Transfer of the EIB to Luxembourg Distance from the Community institutions considered detrimental: Board of Governors' note of 10 February 1964.	(1964)	<u>FR</u>
267-VIII: CA/64/68	Transfer of the EIB to Luxembourg Final decision and provisional relocation to the offices of the Banque d'État du Grand-Duché: announcement by the President at the Board of Directors' meeting of 13 March 1968.	(1968)	<u>FR</u>
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# **1 Foreign Affairs**

Minister's Office

5.8.64

	Dear Sir,
5	I have duly informed Mr Couve de MURVILLE of your approach to him – through me – on the subject of the headquarters of the
10	European Investment Bank.
	You will be aware that the discussion on 29-30 July in Brussels proved inconclusive
15	on this point. I wanted, however, to assure you that Mr Couve de Murville still shares your viewpoint
20	regarding the technical and professional disadvantages of relocating the Bank's headquarters.
25	Although I believe that everything suggests that this solution will not be the one sought, I should like to ask
30	you kindly not to quote the personal opinion of the Foreign Affairs Minister, which I am reporting to you on a strictly informal basis.

Yours faithfully.

[signature]

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DE: German version EN: English version FR: French version Ibid.: *ibidem* Op. cit.: *opus citatum* n.d.: no date EIB: European Investment Bank EEC: European Economic Community RMU: Records Management Unit

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