Social Sciences Reader Guide

A GUIDE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION COLLECTIONS OF THE BRITISH LIBRARY
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INTRODUCTION

The European Union is a unique economic and political partnership between twenty-seven democratic European countries. Its primary aims are peace, prosperity and freedom for its 495 million citizens. As part of the European Union's central policy of transparency (laid down in Article 255 of the treaty establishing the European Community) citizens have the right to access documentation of the various bodies of the European Union.

There are 32 subject areas in which the EU manages programmes, organises events or passes legislation. Activities can be traced via their pages on the Europa web portal at http://europa.eu/pol/index_en.htm which lists their current activities and links in to wider European databases.

BRITISH LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

EU material at the British Library is dispersed amongst a number of different collection areas. This is because the various institutions that were brought together to form the British Library in 1973 had their own separate collections of EU/EEC materials. The vast majority of European Union documentation that we hold is kept in closed stores but can be delivered to the Social Sciences Reading Room on the first floor of the St Pancras Building for consultation. This houses the European Documentation Centre (EDC) collection which consists of recent EU publications, documentation, reports and statistics on the activities of the EU over the last ten years. The EDC collection is arranged in subject order using the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC). Items within this collection can be located via the Integrated Catalogue. Their shelfmarks will consist of the prefix EU followed by the DDC number.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION COLLECTIONS

Since the formation of the European Economic Community the British Library has acquired its publications. Over time there have been changes to the number of copies received, and where they are held as outlined below:

**From 1973 (when Great Britain joined the EEC) to 1989:** the Library received two copies of EEC material; one for Reference use and the second to support inter-library loan. The loan copy was held in Yorkshire at what is now the Document Supply Centre (DSC).

**From 1989 to 2007:** the Library received one set only to support inter-library loan which is held at the Document Supply Centre in Yorkshire.

**From 2007:** the British Library was recognised as a European Documentation Centre (EDC) by the European Commission and began once again to receive a second set of EU documents for reference use.

Additional copies of selected EU publications have, where relevant, been purchased for the Library’s Science Technology and Industry and Business and Intellectual Property collections. As a result incomplete sets of EU material are found in different parts of the Library.

The vast majority of EU, EC, EEC and European Coal and Steel Community material can be found in the Integrated Catalogue. (http://catalogue.bl.uk)

You can also use the British Library Printed Catalogue (BLPC) to find pre-1975 material under the following headings:

European Coal and Steel Community
European Economic Community
European Parliament

INDEXES AND ONLINE DOCUMENT COMPILATIONS

Print Sources

*Key publications of the European Union*
BL shelfmark **EU.015.094 2006-** Social Sciences Reading Room
**The European Union as a publisher**

BL Shelfmark: **UNP.131A/406** 1998/99

**Documents : annual catalogue of COM Documents of the European Union**
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/621** 1983-1984
BL DSC shelfmark: **1080.140000** 1984

**Documents – Office for Official Publications of the European Communities**
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/621** 1985-1992
BL DSC shelfmark: **3608.856150** 1987-2000

BL shelfmark: **OPQ 382.9142 Social Sciences Reading Room**

BL DSC shelfmark: **3829.268920**

**Free Online Sources**

**ECLAS**
Catalogue of the European Commission's Library
http://ec.europa.eu/eclas/F

**EU Bookshop**
Provides access to the publications from the European Union institutions, agencies and other bodies from 2004, published by the Publications Office
http://bookshop.europa.eu/

**ArchiDok**
Started in 2003 as a long-term project of German and Austrian European Documentation Centres with the following aims:
- Archiving of electronic full texts of documents of relevant Organs and Institutions of the European Union for all policy areas
- Recording and indexing of the collected documents
- Development, update and presentation of a database of full texts with a direct access to archived EU online publications.
http://archidok.uni-mannheim.de/en/
Commercial Electronic Sources

These fee-based resources can only be accessed from the British Library's reading rooms.

EUROCAT - Index to EU documentation covering the period 1985-2000. This consists of a CD-ROM available from the Enquiry Desk in the Social Sciences Reading Room.

European Sources Online - An online database which provides access to information on the institutions and activities of the European Union, the countries, regions and other international organisations of Europe, and on issues of importance to European citizens and stakeholders. It provides access to thousands of expertly selected, well known and less well known websites, documents and publications from the EU and other international organisations, national governments, think tanks, stakeholder organisations, working papers etc, full text articles from authoritative news sources including the Financial Times and European Voice, plus bibliographic records for key academic textbooks and periodical articles, and a series of unique Information Guides compiled by the ESO Editorial Team

Westlaw - Full text legal database covering EU and UK legislation, case law and selected legal journals.

EuroLaw - Covers in full text all the Treaties of the EU; the Directives and Regulations; Proposed Legislation; Case Law; National Implementation Details; Parliamentary Questions and Information and Notices from the C series of the Official Journal.

EUROPE’S DATABASES

CORDIS - Community Research and Development Information Service. This offers access to EU research and development funding programmes, information on potential partners and previous and ongoing projects.

Beneficiaries of Common Agricultural Policy Payments - Provides links to sites maintained by member states.
http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/funding/index_en.htm
Eurostat - The Statistical Office of the European Communities, established in 1953. Their mission is to gather and analyse figures from the different member states' statistics offices in order to provide comparable and harmonised data to the European Institutions so they can define, implement and analyse Community policies.
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu

Grants of the European Union - the EU awards grants in order to fund projects and activities which implement EU policy. This site presents a list of European policies in favour of which grants are awarded, with additional information on specific programmes and the application process and a list of beneficiaries.
http://ec.europa.eu/grants/index_en.htm

Document registers of the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission - provides access to the document registers of the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission
http://europa.eu/documentsregisters/index_en.htm

Eur-Lex - provides direct free access to European Union law. The system makes it possible to consult the Official Journal of the European Union and it includes the treaties, legislation (original and consolidated versions), case-law and legislative proposals.

The European Commission Representations – the Commission has offices, called Representations, in all the Member States of the European Union. The UK Representation is in London (http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/index_en.htm); there are also offices in Belfast (http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/about_us/office_in_northern_ireland/index_en.htm), Cardiff (http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/about_us/office_in_wales/index_en.htm), and Edinburgh (http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/about_us/office_in_scotland/index_en.htm). They speak for the Commission as its voice in the UK. This includes providing background briefings for the media as well as on-the-record comment on issues relevant to the Commission. They report back to the Commission in Brussels on political, economic and social developments in the UK and provide information about the European Union across the UK through recognised outlets such as public libraries, business advice centres and education services.
European Court of Justice - full text of case law from June 1997.

European Parliament - debates, minutes, committee reports, texts, adopted, etc.

Legislative Observatory - (OEIL) - provides an administrative, forecasting, information and research service for EU legislative and non-legislative procedures involving the European Parliament.

N-Lex - this new service allows you to search national legislative websites using a common search page.

Pre-Lex - the database of inter-institutional procedures follows the major stages of the decision-making process between the Commission and the other institutions. It follows all Commission proposals (legislative and budgetary dossiers, conclusions of international agreements) and communications from their transmission to the Council or the European Parliament to their passage into EU law. As well as links to primary documents, Pre-Lex offers additional links to secondary materials, e.g. press releases, pre-legislative document access and diary of progress.
http://ec.europa.eu/prelex/apcnet.cfm?CL=en

Ploteus - the section on education systems provides detailed information on the national education and training systems of all member states from primary to post-graduate level.
http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus/home.jsp

Public Opinion - Public opinion analysis for the European Commission.
http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/index_en.htm

ScadPlus - background information on EU policies. It provides a summary of the main legislative measures and procedures for each activity of the European Union.
http://europa.eu/scadplus/scad_en.htm
Clarke, Paul *How to use the Official Journal*. 4th ed. EIA, 2004
BL Shelfmark: OPL 349.4103 Social Sciences Reading Room

BL shelfmark: OPL 328.4 Social Sciences Reading Room

Directory of Community legislation in force and other acts of Community Institutions
BL DSC shelfmark: 3593.297150 ed. 6, 1985 – ed.42, 2004


Documents: annual catalogue of COM Documents of the European Union
BL shelfmark: UNP.131/621 1983-1984
BL DSC shelfmark: 1080.140000 1984

Documents – Office for Official Publications of the European Communities
BL shelfmark: UNP.131/621 1985-1992
BL DSC shelfmark: 3608.856150 1987-2000

European Union: a guide to tracing working documents
http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/European_Union_Travaux_Preparatoires.htm

London: Sweet & Maxwell; Edinburgh: W. Green & Son, 1973-
BL shelfmark: OPL 349.4103 Social Sciences Reading Room

Journal officiel des Communautés Européennes. Supplément. Table annuelle analytique (from 1972 alphabétique) et methodologique.
BL shelfmark: UNP.130(3A) 1968-1976

Journal officiel des Communautés Européennes. Supplément. Table annuelle alphabétique et methodologique. Série L & C
BL shelfmark UNP.130(3B) 1976-1989
BL shelfmark: UNP.130(7) 1973-1988
BL DSC shelfmark: 6239.836000 to 1977
BL DSC shelfmark: 6239.837200 Feb. 2003-
Last ten years in the Social Sciences Reading Room.

Indexes on microfiche covering 1974 to 2004 are available in the cabinets in the Social Sciences Reading Room.

EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS AND BODIES

The Council of the European Union

The Council of the European Union (known as the Council of Ministers) is the EU’s main decision making body. It is made up of one minister from each of the EU national governments, normally the foreign minister or the minister responsible for the area under decision. They represent the member states. In addition to this, the presidents and prime ministers of the member states meet quarterly to set EU policy.

The Council of the European Union comes to consensus by majority votes with the exception of sensitive issues which would require unanimity. The number of votes allocated to each country is broadly reflective of the size of the population.

Access to Council Documentation

Official documents are listed by subject and activity on the Europa portal at http://europa.eu/ covering areas where the EU manages programmes, organises events or passes legislation. Council documentation of a non-sensitive nature, which makes up most of the output, is available from 1999 through the Public register of Council Documents at http://register.consilium.eu.int/.
Earlier activities can be traced using the following printed sources:

*Aperçu des activités …*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/147** 1961-1971

*Review of the Council’s work*
BL DSC shelfmark: **7789.250000** no. 21, 1973- 44, 1999
BL shelfmark: **U.N.P.130/147(2)** 1972-1989
Ceased publication with no. 44, 1999

*Bulletin of the European Economic Community*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/7** 1959-1967

*Bulletin de la Communauté Economique Européenne*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/7(2)** 1958-1967

*Bulletin of the European Communities*
BL DSC shelfmark: **2505.723000** 1984-1993
BL shelfmark: **(P) AP 60 (E) -E(3)** 1984-1993 (incomplete holdings)
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100** 1968-1993

*Bulletin of the European Communities. Supplement*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100(3)** 1969-1993
Reports on specific topics

*Bulletin des Communautés Européennes*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100(2)** 1968-1981

*Bulletin des Communautés Européennes. Supplément*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100(4)** 1969-1980 (incomplete)

*Bulletin of the European Union*
BL DSC shelfmark: **2853.694900** 1994-2005
The European Parliament

The European Parliament consists of 785 Members directly elected to represent the citizens of the twenty-seven member states. It plays an important role in the drafting of Europe's legislation in conjunction with the European Commission. In addition, the Parliament shares joint responsibility for the budget with the European Commission.

Directories

_Corps diplomatique accrédité auprès des Communautés Européennes et autres représentations auprès de la Commission_

EU Serials Display Social Sciences Reading Room Current Issues
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/62** Jan 1964-Dec 1992
BL DSC shelfmark: **3472.098000** May 1976- May 2005, June 2008-

_List of members_

_Members_

_News Sources_

_EP News_
BL shelfmark: **UNP.181/926** 1979-1999
BL DSC shelfmark: **3793.200000** 1979-1999

_The Week_
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/540** Apr 1981- Dec. 1995
BL DSC shelfmark: **9284.570000** Apr 1978-[1984]
Supplementary copy in the Newspaper Library 1983- 1992

_Briefing_
BL DSC shelfmark: **3829.769000** Apr 1978- Dec 1983; 1994(11)-1994(12); 1999(7)
Fact Sheets on the European Parliament 1997 & 1999
BL DSC shelfmark: 3864.452000

Bulletin

Bulletin – European Parliament
BL DSC shelfmark: 2505.762000 1972, no. 58-1986, no. 64

Bulletin – European Parliament. A. Activities
BL DSC shelfmark: 2505.762100 1987-2000

Bulletin – European Parliament. B. Calendar of Meetings
BL DSC shelfmark: 2505.762300 1987-2000

Bulletin – European Parliament. C. Written Questions
BL DSC shelfmark: 2505.762450 1991-2000

BL DSC shelfmark: 2505.762500 1987-1990

BL DSC shelfmark: 2505.762470 1992(10)-2003(10)


Debates

Assemblée Parlementaire Européenne. Débats
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/3 1958-Fév. 1962

Parlement Européen. Débats
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/3 Mars 1962-Mars 1968
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/3** Mars 1968- Fév. 1976

BL DSC shelfmark: **6239.823000** no. 156, 1972-no. 539, 1999

BL DSC shelfmark: **6239.824000** 2004-
BL shelfmark: **SPR.CD.628** 1999-

Provisional edition
BL DSC shelfmark: **3535.962200** Feb. 1980-1987

Sessional Papers

Numerical list of working documents
BL DSC shelfmark: **6184.692800** 1st, 1981/82; 1982-1987

Assemblée Parlementaire Européenne. Documents de séance
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/5** 1958-Mars 1962

Parlement Européen. Documents de séance
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/5** Avr. 1962-1976

European Parliament. Working documents
General Reference set includes sessional and numerical lists. The series code PE DOC is used from 1984. Consists of committee reports to the European Parliament.
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/5(2)**. No.106, 1961/62-1989
BL DSC shelfmark: **9348.560000** 1969, no.172; 1972, no.2- 1861/1984
BL DSC shelfmark: **9348.561000** 2/1/85-2/257/86
BL DSC shelfmark: **8253.150500** 2/1/87-3/117/89
European Parliament. Texts adopted
BL DSC shelfmark: 8813.777200 1985-1989

Working Papers

BL DSC shelfmark: 9349.235800 1993-2000

Web site

European Parliament debates and documentation can be accessed by clicking on the Activities button on the home page at http://www.europarl.europa.eu/parliament.do?language=EN. The material is divided into current (2004-) and archived material. The site offers material for:

1. Plenary sessions – Agendas, reports from committees, motions for resolutions, debates, minutes, texts adopted, parliamentary questions and written declarations
2. Committee sessions – Agendas, minutes, research studies commissioned, working documents and reports

Document Register


The European Commission

The role of the European Commission is to represent the interests of Europe as a whole. It is made up from 27 commissioners, one from each member country and functions independently from national governments. Its primary purpose is to manage the daily business of the European Union which includes drafting proposed legislation that is then passed on to the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers. The Commission employs approximately 24,000 civil servants, most of whom work in Brussels.

The 27 members of the Commission are appointed from each of the member countries and serve a five year term which coincides with the sitting of the European Parliament. The President of the Commission is chosen by EU governments and endorsed by the European Parliament.
General Sources

*Bulletin of the European Economic Community*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/7** 1959-1967

*Bulletin de la Communauté Economique Européenne*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/7(2)** 1958-1967

*Bulletin of the European Communities*
BL DSC shelfmark: **2505.723000** 1984-1993
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60 (E) -E(3) 1984-1993 (incomplete holdings)
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100** 1968-1993

*Bulletin of the European Communities. Supplement*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100(3)** 1969-1993
Reports on specific topics

*Bulletin des Communautés Européennes*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100(2)** 1968-1981

*Bulletin des Communautés Européennes. Supplément*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/100(4)** 1969-1980 (incomplete)

*Bulletin of the European Union*
BL DSC shelfmark: **2853.694900** 1994-2005
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60 (E) -E(11) 1994-2005; Deficient: 1995, no.12

*Fact Sheets of the activities of the European Community, 1987, 1990 & 1994*
BL DSC shelfmark: **3864.47800**

*General report on the activities of the European Communities (from 1994 European Union)*
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60 (E) -E(1) 1967-1993 (incomplete holdings)
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60 (E) -E(12) 1994-
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/126** 1967-1992
BL shelfmark: **EU 341.2422** Recent Issues
BL DSC shelfmark: **4111.110000** 1967-1979
BL DSC shelfmark: **4111.117500** 1980-1993
BL DSC shelfmark: **4111.117520** 1994-
Rapport général …
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/126(2) 1967-1985

General Report on the activities of the Community – European Coal and Steel Community
BL DSC shelfmark: 4111.116000 to 1966

The week in Europe
BL DSC shelfmark: 9284.598000 1987-2001
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/479 1988-2001

Commission Communications (COM DOCS)

COM(72)862-COM(96)648
Incomplete after 1984
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/268

COM DOCS for 1983-2002 are available on microfiche in the social sciences reading room cabinets. The BL DSC printed set covering 1975-2004 is shelved at BL DSC shelfmark 3337.665000
A parallel microfiche set covering 1983-2001 at BL DSC shelfmark 3608.8007F.

COM DOCS from 1999 onwards are normally retrieved via the Eur-Lex web site at http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/prep/index.htm. However the Commission also issues archival CD-ROMs:

Legislative proposals and other COM documents 2003
BL shelfmark: SPR.CD.642

COM final 2004
BL DSC shelfmark: Vm05/50133

COM final 2005
BL DSC shelfmark: Vm06/50171

COM final 2006
BL DSC shelfmark: Vm06/50787
BL shelfmark: SPR.CD.532
The Web Site


Document Register

The European Commission document register:

The Court of Justice

The Court of Justice makes sure that EU law is interpreted and applied consistently in all EU countries. The Court also makes sure that EU member states and institutions do what the law requires them to do. The Court is located in Luxembourg and has one judge from each member country.

Access to Case Law

Print Sources

Annual report – Court of Justice of the European Communities
BL shelfmark: EU.341.2422 2004-
BL DSC shelfmark: 1158.520000 1995- 2000;

Reports of cases before the Court (later Reports of cases before the Court of Justice and Court of First Instance)
Contents: Part I: Court of Justice. Cases numbered C – #/year; Part II: Court of First Instance. Cases numbered T – #/year
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/355 1954-1988; 2004-
BL DSC shelfmark: 7639.590000 to 1989
BL DSC shelfmark: 7639.593000 1990(1)-

Reports of European Community staff cases
ECR-SC (from 1994). Cases numbered F – #/year
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.688665 1997(7)-2006
BL DSC shelfmark: 7643.599500 1994(1/2)- 1997(6)
Staff cases were heard in the Court of First Instance until creation of the European Civil Service Tribunal in 2005.

Cour de Justice. Recueil de la jurisprudence de la Cour
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/54** 1954/55-1982/86

Cour de Justice. Recueil de la jurisprudence de la Cour. Indexes
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130/54(1)** 1954-1959

Summaries of Court of Justice cases are available in:

*Index A-Z : numerical and alphabetical index of cases before the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance of the European Communities since 1953 : situation on …*

*Official Journal of the European Union - Series C* see page 26

*Bulletin of proceedings of the Court of Justice* (Later *Bulletin of proceedings of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance*)
BL shelfmark: **UNP.131/763** 1985(15)-2004(04)
BL DSC shelfmark: **6685.750000** 1990(19)-2004(04)
BL DSC shelfmark: **6685.800000** 1980(15)-1990(18)

*Report of proceedings – Court of Justice of the European Communities*
(Title varies:
  *Synopsis of the work –
  Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance of the European Communities and Record of Formal Sittings; Synopsis of the work –
  Court of Justice of the European Communities and Record of Formal Sittings; Synopsis of the work -
  Court of Justice of the European Communities; Formal sittings –
  Court of Justice of the European Communities; and Formal hearings –
  Court of Justice of the European Communitieses*)
BL DSC shelfmark: **7663.590000** 1992/94-34, 1999
BL DSC shelfmark: **8586.279980** 1988/1989
BL DSC shelfmark: **8586.285000** 1984/85-1986/87
BL DSC shelfmark: **8586.280000** 1983
BL DSC shelfmark: **4008.339000** 1980/81
BL DSC shelfmark: **4008.337000** to 1977
Online Access


European Union case law is also covered by two subscription-based databases available in the reading room: Eurolaw and Westlaw.

The Court of Auditors

The Court of Auditors is responsible for ensuring that the European Union's budgets are spent legally, economically and for their intended purpose. The Court is based in Luxembourg and has the right to audit any organisation, body or company which handles EU funds. The Court’s audit reports, annual reports and opinions are published both on the Court's website and in the Official Journal of the European Union (C Series). The website at http://eca.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/publications has data from 1980.

The European Economic and Social Committee

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is a consultative body that provides a forum for groups such as employers, trade unionists, consumers and ecologists. The Committee consists of 344 members and acts as an advisory body which gives its opinion on proposed EU decisions during the legislative process.

Opinions – Economic and Social Committee
DSC shelfmark: 6271.990000, 1984-85

Opinions and reports - Economic and Social Committee
BL DSC shelfmark: 6272.030000 1985-2003
Opinions 1984-2002 are also available on microfiche in the Social Sciences Reading Room cabinets
Electronic copies of opinions and other publications can be downloaded from the EESC homepage at http://www.eesc.europa.eu/index_en.asp. The documents section is on the left-hand-side of the page.

The Committee of the Regions

The Committee of the Regions is consulted on upcoming EU decisions with a direct impact at the local or regional level in fields such as transport, health, employment or education. Its 344 members are often leaders of regional governments or mayors of cities.

*Access to Committee of the Regions documents: a citizen’s guide.* 2004
BL DSC shelfmark: m04/24812
BL shelfmark: EU.011.52 Social Sciences Reading Room

*Opinions and reports* - Committee of the Regions
BL DSC shelfmark: 3470.256000


The European Central Bank

Based in Frankfurt, the Central Bank is responsible for managing the Euro. The Bank takes its decisions independently of governments and other bodies.

*Annual report*
BL shelfmark: UNP.470/26 1999-
BL DSC shelfmark: 1245.325000 1998-1999

Continues:

*Annual report – European Monetary Institute*
BL DSC shelfmark: 1245.467500 1994-1997
Monthly bulletin
BL shelfmark: (P) AL 644 –E(4) Business 1999-
BL shelfmark: UNP.470/25 1999-
BL DSC shelfmark: 5931.375000 1999-

Financial stability review
BL shelfmark: EU.332.094 2004- Social Sciences Reading Room
BL DSC shelfmark: 3926.986660 2004-

The Bank makes full text of various publications available on its web site at http://www.ecb.int/ including the Annual report from 1990/91, the Monthly bulletin from 1999 and the Financial stability review from 2004.

The European Investment Bank

The EIB lends money for projects of European interest. It finances infrastructure projects such as rail and road links, airports or environmental schemes, and provides credit for investments by small businesses. The Luxembourg-based bank also lends to candidate states and developing countries. The Investment Bank is owned by EU governments and therefore it can raise capital and provide credits at favourable rates.

BL shelfmark: EU.332.1534 2006-
BL shelfmark: SPR.CD.781 2004-2005
BL shelfmark: ESC.9.b.133 2005-
BL DSC shelfmark: 0676.544400 2004-

Annual report. Vol. II. Financial report
BL shelfmark: EU.332.1534 2004-
BL DSC shelfmark: 3926.968300 2004-

Annual report. Vol. III. Statistical report
BL shelfmark: EU.332.1534021 2004-
BL DSC shelfmark: 8448.709400 2004-

Activity report
BL shelfmark: EU.332.153405 2002-2003
DSC shelfmark: 0676.541500 2001-2003
Annual report
BL shelfmark: **UNP.470/2** 1958-2004
BL DSC shelfmark: **1245.465000** 1958-2002

The EIB publishes a wide range of materials aimed at both professionals and the general public in electronic format through its website at [http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/index.htm](http://www.eib.org/infocentre/publications/index.htm)

**THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL**

Print Holdings

*Information and Notices (Series C)* was published in French only between 1968 and 1972, and in English from 1973 onwards. It contains:

- the texts of resolutions adopted by the European Parliament;
- Parliamentary questions and answers
- minutes of the proceedings of the Parliament
- draft legislation
- opinions of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Court of Auditors
- Court of Justice judgements
- Euro exchange rates.

BL shelfmark **U.N.P.130(3)** 1968-1990

*Official journal of the European Communities. Information and notices*
BL shelfmark: **UNP.130(5)** 1973-Feb. 1990
Last ten years are available on Open Access in the Social Sciences Reading Room
Official Journal of the European Union. Information and notices
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60(E) -E(5) Feb. 2003-
Last ten years are available on Open Access in the Social Sciences Reading Room
BL DSC shelfmark: 6239.837300 Feb. 2003-

Legislation (Series L) was published originally in French and in English from 1973. The series lists secondary legislation and content is arranged under the headings regulations and directives, decisions, recommendations, and opinions.

Journal officiel des Communautés Européennes. Édition de langue française.
BL shelfmark UNP.130 1958-1967

Journal officiel des Communautés Européennes. Supplement agricole
BL shelfmark UNP.130(2) 1963-1967

BL shelfmark: UNP.130(4) 1968-1990

Official journal of the European Communities. Legislation
BL shelfmark: UNP.130(6) 1973-Feb. 1990
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60(E) –E(4) 1991-Feb. 2003
Last ten years are available on Open Access in the Social Sciences Reading Room

Official journal of the European Union. Legislation
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60(E) –E(4) 2003-
Last ten years are available on Open Access in the Social Sciences Reading Room
DSC shelfmark: 6239.837350 2003-

Published in 42 parts. Part 42 is an index to titles
BL shelfmark: BS.14/1011
BL shelfmark: UNP.130(9)


Supplements (Series S) contains the notice of public works and public supply contracts open for tender from 1978-1997. Prior to this they were included in the C series. From 1997 the S series is available on CD-Rom.

Official journal European Communities. Supplement
BL shelfmark: (P) AP 60(E) -E(10) 1993-1998
BL shelfmark: UNP.130(8) 1978-1998

Microform holdings

The Official journal L&C legislation, information and notices (including indexes) 1974-2002 are available on microfiche in the Social Sciences Reading Room cabinets.

Electronic holdings

L&C Series

CD-ROM

BL shelfmark: SPR.CD.622 1998- (Annual cumulation)
DSC shelfmark: 6239.816400 1998- (Annual cumulation)
BL shelfmark: SPR.CD.635 2006- (Monthly)
DSC shelfmark: 6239.837100 1999- (Monthly)

Online

**Supplement Series S**

**CD-ROM**

*Official journal European Communities. Supplement* CD-ROM Edition  
DSC shelfmark: **6239.835800** 1/97, 1997-39/40 2003

*Official journal European Union, Supplement* CD-ROM Edition  
BL DSC shelfmark: **6239.837400**. 39/43, 2003-

1998-2003 issues of these series are held in Science 3 Reading Room at St Pancras.

**Online**

TED (*Tenders Electronic Daily*) at [http://ted.europa.eu/](http://ted.europa.eu/) is a database of public sector contract opportunities which appear in the electronic *Supplement to the Official journal*. In addition, it provides access to the last five editions of the OJS and the current notices. For details of older notices email the full reference to the EU publications office and they can provide you with the text.

**STATISTICS**

The EU Statistical Office, Eurostat, gathers and harmonises data from national statistical offices which it then publishes in a variety of forms. The Eurostat database is divided into nine subject themes. Within each of these categories the data are available in three separate formats

- **Tables** – Data are presented in a table format for consolidation  
- **Data** – Data can be manipulated to create customised tables.  
- **Publications** – Statistical information published by the EU Publications Office on particular subjects or themes.

All Eurostat statistics are now published online and are freely available on its web site at [http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/). They should be consulted there.

This guide provides a selective listing of BL holdings of some general compilations and of some of the historic series in the reference collection.
General Compilations

Eurostat Electronic Library CD-ROM
BL shelfmark: SPR.CD. 637 2001-
BL DSC shelfmark: 3830.434230
Contains all current Eurostat series

European Commission development series
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.619440 Oct. 1999-

European Commission development
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.619430 82, 1995-100, 1998

European Union development

Europe information development
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.477310 to issue 77, 1993

European Union foreign direct investment yearbook
BL shelfmark: EU.332.673094021 2006-
BL DSC shelfmark: 3830.351387 2000; 2006-

European Union direct investment yearbook
BL DSC shelfmark: 3830.351366 1996; 1998

Eurostat yearbook
BL DSC shelfmark: 3830.444000 1995-2005
BL shelfmark: OPL.382.91420212 Current issue in Social Sciences Reading Room
BL shelfmark: UNP.131A/415 1996- Earlier issues
BL shelfmark: spr.cd.655 2003-
Eurostatistics: data for short-term economic analysis
BL DSC shelfmark: 3830.445200 2005-

Eurostatistik : Daten zur Konjunkturanalyse.
BL shelfmark: UNP.131/393 1979-1993
BL DSC shelfmark: 3830.445000 1979-2000

Key figures on Europe statistical pocketbook
BL shelfmark: EU.314.05 2006-
BL DSC shelfmark: 5091.822784 2007/2008-

Regions statistical yearbook
BL shelfmark: SPR.CD.656 2001-2003; 2005
BL DSC shelfmark: 7336.856700 2000-2002, 2005-
BL DSC shelfmark: 7336.856100 1986-1996

Regional statistics (title varies)
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/284 1971-1988
BL DSC shelfmark: 9416.050000 1981-1985

Yearbook : [film, television, video and multimedia in Europe]
BL shelfmark: UNP.115.a/6 2002-
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.489062 2002-

Statistical yearbook : cinema, television, video and new media in Europe
BL shelfmark: UNP.115.a/6 1994/95-2001
BL DSC shelfmark: 8452.837300 1998-2000

Historic Series

ACP : statistical yearbook
BL shelfmark: UNP.131/332 1970-1976

Statistical yearbook foreign trade third countries
BL DSC shelfmark: 8452.855000 1986-1987
Yearbook of foreign trade statistics third countries
BL DSC shelfmark: 9412.120000 1983

ACP : yearbook of foreign trade statistics
BL DSC shelfmark: 0578.699000 1975-1981

Yearbook – Eurostats Associates Foreign Trade
DSC shelfmark: 9384.373000 1973

Yearbook – Statistical Office of the European Communities Associates Foreign Trade

Basic statistics
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/6 1958-1991
Title varies. Some editions in French

BL shelf ark: UNP.130/26 1960-1978

Charbon et autres sources d’enérgie (From 1965-1974 Energy statistics)
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/33 1962-1974

Foreign trade. Analytical tables. Import
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/23(1) 1958-1966

Foreign trade. Analytical tables. Export
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/23(2) 1958-1966

Foreign trade. Analytical tables. NIMEXE
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/23(3) 1966-1986
Foreign trade statistics. Associated overseas areas
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/23(4) 1961-1968

BL shelfmark: UNP.130/24 1961-1989

Marchés agricoles. Echanges commerciaux
BL shelfmark: UNP.131/109 1966-1972

Marchés agricoles. Prix (From 1974 also entitled Agricultural markets. Prices)

National accounts
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/93 1955/65-1988

BL shelfmark: UNP.130/34(2) 1964-1988

BL shelfmark: UNP.130/34 1962-1989

Statistique agricole = Agricultural statistics
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/25 1961-1976

Statistiques de l’enérgie: annuaire = Energy statistics
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/33(2) 1964-1987
Title varies

Statistiques industrielles = Industrial statistics
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/27 1959-1975 (quarterly); 1984-1988 (annual)

Tariff statistics
Transport (From 1972/73 Transport, communications and tourism)
BL shelfmark: UNP.130/277 1968-1970/86)

Yearbook of agricultural statistics (Later, Agriculture)

EUROPEAN UNION ARCHIVES

The archives contain Council documents dating from more than 30 years ago. The historical archives are accessible to the public under the conditions laid down in Council Regulation:

Rue de la Loi 175
B-1048 Brussels
Tel.: (32-2) 281 9287 or (32-2) 281 5671
Fax: (32-2) 281 81 24
Email: archives.centrales@consilium.europa.eu

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Agriculture

Agriculture in the European Union: statistical & economic information
BL DSC shelfmark: 0760.550000 2003-2005

The Agricultural situation in the European Union
BL DSC shelfmark: 0755.390000 1985-2004
Years 1985 to 1993 entitled The Agricultural Situation in the European Community

Environment

European Environment Agency (EEA) Reports
BL DSC shelfmark: 3663.38550 No.1, 2004-
The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training – CEDEFOP

CEDEFOP action guidelines
BL DSC shelfmark: 3096.984300 1989-1992

CEDEFOP catalogue of publications
BL DSC shelfmark: 3096.984200 2000-

CEDEFOP dossier
BL DSC shelfmark: 3096.984300 2005-
Monographs-in-series; items maybe catalogued separately

CEDEFOP flash
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Continued as CEDEFOP info

CEDEFOP info
BL DSC shelfmark: 3096.984600 1995-

CEDEFOP news
BL DSC shelfmark: 3096.985000 1981-1990

CEDEFOP Panorama
BL DSC shelfmark: 3096.985200 1993-
Monographs-in-Series items; catalogued separately

Investment and Economics

European competitiveness review (later European competitiveness report)
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.637500 2000-

European Economic & Social Committee
BL DSC shelfmark: 3663.446750 2003-

European economy
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.697300 1985-
European economy news
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.697360 2006-

European economy. Supplement A
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.697400 1985-2001

European economy. Supplement B
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.697500 1985-2001

European economy. Supplement C
BL DSC shelfmark: 3829.697600 1996-2001

OTHER ONLINE SOURCES

The Centre for European Reform is a think tank that focuses predominantly on political, economic and business issues relating to the EU and to its international relations. The researchers have backgrounds in academia, journalism and politics. The Centre describes itself as pro-European integration but in favour of developing new ideas to reform the Union.
http://www.cer.org.uk/

Corporate Europe Observatory is a European research and campaign group on issues relating to social democracy. In particular, the CEO monitors and reports on lobbying activities of large corporations in the EU and across Europe. The CEO is a founder member of the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulations (ALTER-EU). The website contains news reports and details of past activities.
http://www.corporateeurope.org/index.html

European Information Association (EIA) is an international body of information specialists whose aim is to develop, co-ordinate and improve access to EU information.
http://www.eia.org.uk/

Eurotactics is a consultancy which provides advice and assistance with proposals to the European Commission and other organisations for funding or project contracts.
http://www.eurotactics.com/menu.html
Farm Subsidy provides Information on spending from the EU Common Agricultural Policy organised by country. The website is the result of a cooperative effort by journalists and activists using Freedom of Information laws to find out the main recipients of agricultural subsidies in EU member states. Information also includes links to company data and relevant news sources on the internet.

http://farmsubsidy.org/

Intute European Studies is a free online service providing you with a database of hand selected web resources for education and research.

http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/eurostudies/
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