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The **EPG Group's archives** represent a priceless heritage, documenting the history of the Group since its establishment in 1953, its Christian Democratic roots, and its evolution through its activities in the European Parliament.

The Group has always recognised the importance of preserving and disseminating its Christian Democratic values and documenting the historic role of its activities. In 1981, it therefore entrusted the archiving of its documents to the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

In 2009, the Group developed a project focused on the preservation and archiving of its documents and implement a radical change in archives management by enabling more direct access to information and faster consultation.

A website was created exclusively to preserve and present the historical memory of the EPP Group. A search engine enables visitors to enter keywords and access a wide range of digital resources, including documents and photographs, books, interviews, videos, MP3 recordings and podcasts, which bear witness to the work carried out by the Group.

The books held in the EPP Group Library have likewise been catalogued and indexed.

This is a unique project, as the EPP Group is the only political group in the European Parliament to have established a dedicated archives centre, reflecting the development and growing importance of the Group as the largest.

In 2012, the website was launched for Members and staff of the EPP Group in the European Parliament. It was officially opened in July 2014 to selected foundations and institutions that share our spiritual and political values and have a strong scientific and research focus. Through this initiative, we offer these partners the opportunity to collaborate with us and benefit from a cutting-edge, interactive research service that is increasingly vital in the digital world:

- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS)
- European University Institute (EUI), Florence
- CARDOC, Historical Archives of the European Parliament
- KADOC, Centre for Documentation and Research on Religion, Culture and Society, KU Leuven

The Archives Service is always available to conduct customised research and to provide information on new material and resources relevant to researchers' areas of interest.

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