

## FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE

### Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Publisher's Note*

*"FO 371 Files are the crucial UK source for the 'insider's view' at the Foreign Office over the whole Schuman Plan and ECSC scheme, providing primary data and intelligence on the early years of operation."*

**Dr Martin Dedman**

School of Economics

Middlesex University

Within this microfilm collection of British Foreign Office Files can be found documents that relate directly to the fundamental questions of European co-operation and integration. The foundation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in April 1951 was the first significant move towards European Union, requiring countries to forsake a degree of national sovereignty and accept a supranational authority. Proposed by French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman and drafted by Jean Monnet, head of the French Planning Commission, it made clear from the outset its federal objectives:

*"The pooling of coal and steel production will immediately provide for the establishment of common bases for economic development as a first step in the federation of Europe, and will change the destinies of those regions which have long been devoted to the munitions of war, of which they have been the most constant victims."*

These British Foreign Office Files, taken from Public Record Office Class FO 371, contain files covering all the major issues raised by the creation of the ECSC. As well as looking at the ramifications of the pooling of European coal and steel production, these documents investigate the wider issues stemming from this move for both Britain, and continental Europe, such as:

- The reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry, with special focus on the German steel cartels and the iron and steel works in the Soviet Occupied Zone
- The relationship between the ECSC, OEEC and GATT, and the problems arising
- British fears of being isolated in the move towards Western European integration, and Britain's emphasis on maintaining close relations with America
- British plans regarding Association with the Community
- European Coal and Steel Community relations with trade unions
- Observations on German and French views concerning the problems facing the ECSC
- The development of Euratom and the possible co-operation in the field of nuclear energy

The ECSC Treaty was signed in Paris in 1951 by France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. In part, the momentum developed for such an agreement reflected the influence of key people committed to some form of "common future" for Western Europe: Schuman and Monnet in France, Adenauer in West Germany, Alcide de Gasperi and Carlo Sforza in Italy, Paul-Henri Spaak in Belgium, and Joseph Beck in Luxembourg. From 1951 onwards, it set the tone for renewed debate culminating in the establishment of the European Economic Community, a landmark reached in 1957. Britain, however, always preferring an inter-governmental rather than a federal approach, did not sign up, but nonetheless monitored the plan closely. The Foreign Office Files included in this collection contain the information and analysis that resulted from this monitoring.

The original draft of the Schuman Plan was the work of Jean Monnet, who certainly saw it as only the first step in a chain that would ultimately lead to the complete political and economic integration of Europe. Monnet became first president of the High Authority of the ECSC and remained in office until 1955, (when he was succeeded by René Mayer) during which time he continued to imprint his federalist creed upon the organisation. But what were the original motives of the French and the Germans for signing up to the Community? These papers allow scholars to study the aims and objectives of these two major players, and provide British interpretations of their actions and intentions. Key themes include:

- French views on the Schuman Plan as the first step towards effective political integration
- French desires for stability and union within Western Europe in the interests of national security, which they believed had to be based on a rapprochement between themselves and West Germany
- Security issues and the balance of power in Europe. Although France was content for Germany to remain divided, the economic growth of West Germany following the major currency reforms of 1948 meant that France wanted to keep not just a political and military, but also an economic check, on her new neighbour
- Economic advantages for France in a combined effort to grapple with the difficulties, experienced in several countries, pertaining particularly to coal and steel

Similarly West German motives can be assessed:

- Her desire to rid herself of the economic restrictions of the international Ruhr Authority, and to regain sovereignty over the coal and steel producing Saar, which still remained in French hands
- The new West German state's aspirations for achieving equality in the international arena
- Adenauer's views and interests in integration to safeguard a better future and a more advantageous economic climate

The documents in this collection allow researchers to see the ECSC in operation, to witness the problems, to judge its achievements, and to investigate how it acted as a stimulus for greater European co-operation in the years from 1951-1957. In them can be found much information on the important groundwork which laid the foundations for the creation of the economic Common Market. There are also the first signs of Britain's continuing ambiguous relationship with Europe and the idea of integration. Although the United Kingdom decided to remain outside of the formal ECSC structure, she found it vital to maintain permanent delegations in Luxembourg accredited to the High Authority.

By 1958 the effects of the ECSC were being felt, much trade discrimination had been eliminated, production and volume of trade had greatly expanded and an impetus for further integration started. On the other hand there were problems; the ECSC constantly had to wrestle with national objections and intransigence; the French in particular continuing various policies and practices which infringed the terms of the treaty. Furthermore, no solution was found to stem coal over-production. Nevertheless, despite these difficulties, the ECSC set the agenda for further European integration, and remains a topic of central importance to any scholar wishing to understand the beginnings of the European Community, and the pressure to create a federal Europe.

Part 1 of this project covers the early years of the Schuman Plan from 1950 to 1953, and deals with the key issues facing the six countries who signed the treaty, as well as the implications of Britain's decision to remain outside the organisation.

Part 2 deals with British attitudes to the Schuman Plan from 1954 to 1955, and looks at the continuing problems that the UK had in balancing her position as a European nation whilst upholding her Commonwealth obligations.

Part 3 covers the years 1956-1957 which saw the Community playing a defining role in the development of Europe, and the broadening of its interest into other areas such as nuclear power and relations with other organisations such as the UN and GATT.

*"John Young's recent historiography of Britain and Europe (in The Contemporary History Handbook edited by B Brivati, J Buxton and A Seldon) sets out a number of as yet unanswered questions about "one of the most significant debates for historians of post-war Britain". It is clear that at least some of Young's questions - and others which go beyond the British standpoint - can be more easily illuminated by the bringing together of the public records that are in this collection."*

**Professor Elizabeth Meehan**

Dean, Faculty of Economics and Social Science  
The Queen's University of Belfast

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Technical Note*

Our microfilm publications have been prepared and produced in accordance with recommended and established guide-lines for the production of microform of superior quality. These conform to the recommendations of the standard guides to good microforming and micropublishing practice.

Attention should be drawn to the nature of the original material. A few manuscript documents consist of faintly legible correspondence and records written with a variety of inks, pens or pencils and on paper of many different types and thicknesses. A few items are stained or discoloured at the edges, or comprise material on very thin paper, which is so thin that there is show through that renders the original document difficult to read. A few items consist of carbon copies of documents and these again pose problems where the original is very faint or blurred.

These original characteristics present difficulties of image and contrast which stringent tests and camera alterations cannot entirely overcome. Every effort has been made to minimise these difficulties. Subject headings and item numbers are clearly marked. Each frame is filmed with a vertical strip target which identifies the relevant Public Record Office piece number in Class FO 371.

The Public Record Office at Kew, England, has exercised the most responsible care in the filming of this unique collection and this microfilm publication meets the standards established by the Association for Information and Image Management (AIIM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

## FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE

### Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Sample Extracts from Documents*

Memorandum on French proposal to establish Franco-German coal and steel authority, May 1950 [FO 371/85841]:

*"It is easier to understand the motives and timing of the French proposal than to estimate its value. French efforts since the war to establish a control of Ruhr industry have been progressively frustrated. They have realised for three years that an extra-territorial status for the Ruhr was not practical politics. Subsequent attempts to establish international ownership were equally unsuccessful. In 1947 M Bidault made the following statement at the Conference of Foreign Ministers in London:*

*'France is not opposed, and never has been opposed to the revival of a peaceful German economy, nor to the establishment of a normal standard of living for the German people. She merely asks that Germany's resources shall in no event be used for the preparation of aggression and , on the other hand, that the restoration of Germany shall not have priority over that of the Allied countries.*

*In order to comply with those requirements of security, it is necessary firstly to ensure that a special regime be applied to the Ruhr, principle centre of German mining and metal resources'..."*

Report of a meeting held in the Home Secretary's room in the House of Commons on 21 November, 1951 [FO 371/94356]

*"The meeting was called by Mr Nutting to consider the attitude of His Majesty's Government towards the Council of Europe and to decide whether any general statement of policy should be made in the consultative Assembly by the leader of the United Kingdom Delegation. It was generally agreed that a statement was desirable and that it should be as positive as possible.*

*Mr Foster hoped that we might be able to make a definite statement on our relationship with the Schuman community and the European Army. Lord Hood pointed out that the two schemes were in very different stages of development and that it would be impossible to treat them together.*

*It was, however, agreed that some statement on our position in relation to the Schuman Plan would be both possible and politically desirable. Mr Nutting suggested that the proposed statement might declare that His Majesty's Government intended, once the Schuman treaty is ratified, to establish a permanent mission at the seat of the High Authority to enter into relations and to transact business. Such a statement would, it was felt, be most warmly welcomed at Strasbourg and in Europe as a whole. The Home Secretary agreed to consult the cabinet and seek its approval."*

Note from a telegram concerning Euratom and the Common Market, October 1956 [FO 371/122037]

*"German Foreign Ministry have given us an account of the meeting which broadly agrees with the description in the telegram under reference.*

*According to this German account, this breakdown had occurred over the deadlock on harmonisation of social charges. The French maintained that their high social charges were already a burden on their exports and that they could not expect the French Assembly to ratify any treaty which did not equalise the burden all round. The Germans, who had rigid instructions on the point, had maintained that they for their part had not the power to impose by law weekly working hours over which overtime at fixed rates would be payable; this sort of thing was fixed by free bargaining. Moreover, any such provisions would make overtime in certain German industries no longer worthwhile and thus reduce the national product and national income. The other countries represented had tended to support the German view, but unlike them had been prepared to compromise with the French. The official to whom we spoke, while not committing the Federal Government, expressed the personal view that Germany would have to make some move towards a compromise..."*

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Contents of Reels - Part 1*

##### **REEL 1**

FO 371/85841-85848

##### **REEL 2**

FO 371/85849-85855

##### **REEL 3**

FO 371/85856-85862

##### **REEL 4**

FO 371/85863-85869

FO 371/86977 & 87168

##### **REEL 5**

FO 371/93826-93830

##### **REEL 6**

FO 371/93831-93837

##### **REEL 7**

FO 371/93838-93842

##### **REEL 8**

FO 371/93843

##### **REEL 9**

FO 371/93844

FO 371/94104-94107

##### **REEL 10**

FO 371/94356

FO 371/100247-100251

##### **REEL 11**

FO 371/100252-100255

##### **REEL 12**

FO 371/100256-100258

**REEL 13**

FO 371/100259-100265  
FO 371/100267-100268

**REEL 14**

FO 371/100269-100272  
FO 371/104012-104015

**REEL 15**

FO 371/104016-104019  
FO 371/105951

**REEL 16**

FO 371/105952-105954

**REEL 17**

FO 371/105955-105957

**REEL 18**

FO 371/105958-105961

**REEL 19**

FO 371/106069-106074

**REEL 20**

FO 371/106075  
FO 371/ 106077

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Contents of Reels - Part 2*

##### **REEL 21**

FO 371/109621-109622

FO 371/111250-111251

##### **REEL 22**

FO 371/111252-111254

##### **REEL 23**

FO 371/111255-111257

##### **REEL 24**

FO 371/111258-111262

##### **REEL 25**

O 371/111263-111264

FO 371/111321-111327

##### **REEL 26**

FO 371/111328-111330

FO 371/115990-115991

##### **REEL 27**

FO 371/115992-115995

##### **REEL 28**

FO 371/115996-115998

FO 371/116036-116037

##### **REEL 29**

FO 371/116038-116043

##### **REEL 30**

FO 371/116044-116048

##### **REEL 31**

FO 371/116049-116052

##### **REEL 32**

FO 371/116053-116057  
FO 371/116100

**REEL 33**

FO 371/116101-116105



## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Contents of Reels - Part 3*

##### **REEL 34**

FO 371/120815

FO 371/121918-121919

##### **REEL 35**

FO 371/121920-121921

##### **REEL 36**

FO 371/121922

FO 371/121925-121927

##### **REEL 37**

FO 371/121928

FO 371/121932

FO 371/121949-121950

##### **REEL 38**

FO 371/121951-121954

##### **REEL 39**

FO 371/121955-121957

##### **REEL 40**

FO 371/121958-121962

##### **REEL 41**

FO 371/121963-121966

##### **REEL 42**

FO 371/121967-121971

##### **REEL 43**

FO 371/121972-121976

FO 371/121984-121988

##### **REEL 44**

FO 371/121989-121992

##### **REEL 45**

FO 371/121993-121998

**REEL 46**

FO 371/121999-122003

**REEL 47**

FO 371/122004-122005

FO 371/122014

FO 371/122018-122019

**REEL 48**

FO 371/122020-122025

**REEL 49**

FO 371/122026-122030

**REEL 50**

FO 371/122031-122035

**REEL 51**

FO 371/122036-122041

**REEL 52**

FO 371/122042-122046

FO 371/122050-122051

**REEL 53**

FO 371/122052-122056

**REEL 54**

FO 371/122057-122061

FO 371/124380

FO 371/124418

FO 371/124451

FO 371/124519

FO 371/124543

**REEL 55**

FO 371/124544-124548

**REEL 56**

FO 371/124549-124550

FO 371/124559

FO 371/124561-124562

**REEL 57**

FO 371/124563-124567

**REEL 58**

FO 371/124568-124571

**REEL 59**

FO 371/124572-124573

FO 371/124567

FO 371/124590

FO 371/124733

FO 371/128292-128293

FO 371/128315-128316

**REEL 60**

FO 371/128317-128323

**REEL 61**

FO 371/128324

FO 371/128327

FO 371/128329-128330

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Detailed Listing - Part 1*

##### **REEL 1**

Commercial Relations and Industry (1950)

Schuman plan for the whole of the French and German coal and steel production to be placed under a common High Authority:

FO 371/85841 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85842 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85843 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85844 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85845 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85846 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85847 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85848 Discussions and negotiations

##### **REEL 2**

FO 371/85849 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85850 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85851 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85852 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85853 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85854 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85855 Discussions and negotiations

##### **REEL 3**

FO 371/85856 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85857 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85858 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85859 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85860 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85861 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85862 Discussions and negotiations

##### **REEL 4**

FO 371/85863 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85864 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85865 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85866 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85867 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85868 Discussions and negotiations  
FO 371/85869 Discussions and negotiations

European Recovery - 1950

FO 371/86977 Franco-German coal and steel pool  
FO 371/87168 Need for bringing the Schuman Plan into the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) context

##### **REEL 5**

Commercial relations and Industry (1951)

FO 371/93826 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93827 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93828 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93829 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93830 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC

## **REEL 6**

FO 371/93831 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93832 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93833 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93834 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93835 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93836 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93837 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC

## **REEL 7**

FO 371/93838 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93839 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93840 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93841 The Schuman Plan Treaty establishing the ECSC  
FO 371/93842 Reorganisation of the German iron and steel industry.

## **REEL 8**

FO 371/93843 Monthly reports of the Combined Steel group on reorganisations up to November 1951; economic survey; special report on the iron and steel works of the Soviet Occupied Zone of Germany; record of the German steel cartels; analysis of statistics and export figures for 1950-1951

## **REEL 9**

FO 371/93844 Monthly reports of the Combined Steel Group on reorganisations up to November 1951; economic survey; special report on the iron and steel works of the Soviet Occupied Zone of Germany; record of the German steel cartels; analysis of statistics and export figures for 1950-1951

General Economic (1951)

Allied control of West German steel production; no construction of steel allowed if this would increase total production; monthly statistics of steel production compiled by The Military Security Board's Industrial Division:

FO 371/94104 Folder 1  
FO 371/94105 Folder 2  
FO 371/94106 Folder 3  
FO 371/94107 Folder 4

## **REEL 10**

Mutual Aid: General (1951)

FO 371/94356 The Schuman Plan for partnership in coal and steel; discussions in HMG about association with the Community; Federal German Government ratification of the Schuman Treaty expected early in 1952; French ratification expected in January 1952

Mutual Aid (1952)

FO 371/100247 Relations between OEEC Committees and the High Authority of the ECSC formed under the Schuman Plan

FO 371/100248 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100249 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100250 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100251 Schuman Plan: The ECSC

## **REEL 11**

FO 371/100252 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100253 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100254 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100255 Schuman Plan: The ECSC

## **REEL 12**

FO 371/100256 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100257 Schuman Plan: The ECSC  
FO 371/100258 Schuman Plan: The ECSC

## **REEL 13**

FO 371/100259 Schuman Plan: The ECSC

FO 371/100260 Schuman Plan Committee to study problems of relations between the new community, OEEC and GATT

FO 371/100261 Brief for 7th meeting of the Schuman Plan Committee; inclusion of representative of the Ministry of Steel and Power

FO 371/100262 Work of the UK delegation to the High Authority of the ECSC at Luxembourg  
FO 371/100263 Work of the UK delegation to the High Authority of the ECSC at Luxembourg  
FO 371/100264 Work of the UK delegation to the High Authority of the ECSC at Luxembourg

FO 371/100265 Brief for UK delegation to the ECSC on the Iron and Steel (Exemption) Order to be published in September 1952; report of Europe Day celebration in Treves

FO 371/100267 Fortnightly progress reports from the UK Delegation to the ECSC, September to December 1952

FO 371/100268 Text of speech about creation of an Investment Committee of the ECSC; transmission of English texts of questionnaires issued by various committees set up by the High Authority of the ECSC

## **REEL 14**

FO 371/100269 Agenda and report of the first meeting of November 1952 of the Joint Committee of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community and the UK Delegation

FO 371/100270 European Coal and Steel Community relations with trades unions.

FO 371/100271 Creation of a permanent 'Union of the Industries of the Six Countries of the European Community'.

FO 371/100272 Application by European Coal and Steel Community for release from the non-discrimination rules of the OEEC Code of Liberalisation

Germany: West

FO 371/104012 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry  
FO 371/104013 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry  
FO 371/104014 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry  
FO 371/104015 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry

## **REEL 15**

FO 371/104016 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry  
FO 371/104017 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry  
FO 371/104018 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry  
FO 371/104019 Deconcentration and reorganisation of the German coal, iron and steel industry

Mutual Aid Department (1953)

FO 371/105951 European Coal and Steel Community: Relations with other countries; record of its High Authority's decisions

#### **REEL 16**

FO 371/105952 European Coal and Steel Community: Relations with other countries; record of its High Authority's decisions

FO 371/105953 United Kingdom relations with the ECSC

FO 371/105954 United Kingdom relations with the ECSC

#### **REEL 17**

FO 371/105955 United Kingdom relations with the ECSC

FO 371/105956 United Kingdom relations with the ECSC

FO 371/105957 United Kingdom relations with the ECSC

#### **REEL 18**

FO 371/105958 United Kingdom delegation to the ECSC: Fortnightly progress reports during 1953

FO 371/105959 Relations between ECSC and OEEC

FO 371/105960 ECSC relations with trades unions and with the ILO

FO 371/105961 ECSCCommunity and the iron and steel market; prospect of rebates for exports of goods manufactured from Community steel

#### **REEL 19**

FO 371/106069 Special customs system resulting from the constitution of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)

FO 371/106070 Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of a Joint Committee in Luxembourg between the High Authority of European Coal and Steel Community and the UK Delegation.

FO 371/106071 ECSC: Problems concerning coal allocation procedure; discussions between UK Delegation and the High Authority comparing social charges in the coal and steel industries of the UK and the European Coal and Steel Community

FO 371/106072 Work of UK Delegation to the ECSC at Luxembourg

FO 371/106073 FRG: Observation on current German views of the problems facing European Coal and Steel Community

FO 371/106074 ECSC: Opening of a Common Market for coal, ore and scrap by the High Authority in a ratification of the six member-governments February 1953; report by ECSC's Independent Commission on the workings of the Common Market; celebrations in Luxembourg April 1953 about Steel Common Market

#### **REEL 20**

FO 371/106075 ECSC: Opening of a Common Market for coal, ore and scrap by the High Authority in a ratification of the six member-governments February 1953; report by ECSC's Independent Commission on the workings of the Common Market; celebrations in Luxembourg April 1953 about Steel Common Market

FO 371/106077 Labour Division of the ECSC High Authority: Movement of manpower between the six member countries

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Detailed Listing - Part 2*

##### **REEL 21**

Central Department - West Germany (1954)

FO 371/109621 Re-organisation of the German Coal, Iron and Steel Industry

FO 371/109622 Re-organisation of the German Coal, Iron and Steel Industry

Mutual Aid Department (1954)

FO 371/111250 UK Association with the ECSC

FO 371/111251 UK Association with the ECSC

##### **REEL 22**

FO 371/111252 UK Association with the ECSC

FO 371/111253 UK Association with the ECSC

FO 371/111254 UK Association with the ECSC

##### **REEL 23**

FO 371/111255 UK Association with the ECSC

FO 371/111256 UK Association with the ECSC

FO 371/111257 UK Association with the ECSC

##### **REEL 24**

FO 371/111258 UK Association with the ECSC

FO 371/111259 Iron and Steel matters concerned with the ECSC

FO 371/111260 Iron and Steel matters concerned with the ECSC

FO 371/111261 UK Delegation to the High Authority of the ECSC at Luxembourg, Fortnightly Progress Reports for 1954

FO 371/111262 Relations between the European Coal and Steel Community and other International Organisations

##### **REEL 25**

FO 371/111263 ECSC relations with other countries: Newspaper comments on Community's activities; annual report; records of High Authority's decisions

FO 371/111264 ECSC relations with other countries: Newspaper comments on Community's activities; annual report; records of High Authority's decisions

FO 371/111321 ECSC: Relations with other Countries

FO 371/111322 ECSC: Common Market

FO 371/111323 ECSC: High Authority Investment Policy

FO 371/111324 Reports of the Council of Ministers of the European Coal and Steel Community

FO 371/111325 Reports of discussions in the Consultative Committee of the ECSC

FO 371/111326 Work of the United Kingdom Delegation to the ECSC, Luxembourg

FO 371/111327 European Coal and Steel Community: Regulations issued by the High Authority under Article 66 of the Treaty

##### **REEL 26**



FO 371/111328 ECSC Court of Justice  
FO 371/111329 Coal Problems Connected with the ECSC  
FO 371/111330 Cartel Agreements: ECSC

Mutual Aid Department, 1955

FO 371/115990 UK Relations with the ECSC  
FO 371/115991 UK Relations with the ECSC

#### **REEL 27**

FO 371/115992 UK Relations with the ECSC  
FO 371/115993 UK Relations with the ECSC  
FO 371/115994 UK Relations with the ECSC  
FO 371/115995 UK Relations with the ECSC

#### **REEL 28**

FO 371/115996 UK Relations with the ECSC  
FO 371/115997 UK Relations with the ECSC  
FO 371/115998 UK Relations with the ECSC

Mutual Aid Department (1955)

FO 371/116036 The ECSC: Coal Problems  
FO 371/116037 UK Delegation to the ECSC at Luxembourg

#### **REEL 29**

ECSC: Plans for Further European Economic Integration; Brussels Preparatory Committees and Preparatory Commission; Relations with OEEC; European Collaboration on Nuclear Energy and Orthodox Power:

FO 371/116038 Papers for 14 May-8 June 1955  
FO 371/116039 Papers for 9 June-20 June 1955  
FO 371/116040 Papers for 21 June-4 July 1955  
FO 371/116041 Papers for 15 July-16 July 1955  
FO 371/116042 Papers for 16 July-25 July 1955  
FO 371/116043 Papers for 8 July-28 July 1955

#### **REEL 30**

ECSC: Plans for Further European Economic Integration; Brussels Preparatory Committees and Preparatory Commission; Relations with OEEC; European Collaboration on Nuclear Energy and Orthodox Power (continued):

FO 371/116044 Papers for 28 July-9 August 1955  
FO 371/116045 Papers for 9 August-13 August 1955  
FO 371/116046 Papers for 12 August-25 August 1955  
FO 371/116047 Papers for 25 August-9 September 1955  
FO 371/116048 Papers for 9 September-17 September 1955

#### **REEL 31**

ECSC: Plans for Further European Economic Integration; Brussels Preparatory Committees and Preparatory Commission; Relations with OEEC; European Collaboration on Nuclear Energy and Orthodox Power (continued):

FO 371/116049 Papers for 15 September-4 October 1955  
FO 371/116050 Papers for 4 October-20 October 1955  
FO 371/116051 Papers for 19 October-29 October 1955  
FO 371/116052 Papers for 31 October-10 November 1955

#### **REEL 32**

ECSC: Plans for Further European Economic Integration; Brussels Preparatory Committees and Preparatory Commission; Relations with OEEC; European Collaboration on Nuclear Energy and Orthodox Power (continued):

FO 371/116053 Papers for 11 November-14 November 1955

FO 371/116054 Papers for 14 November-22 November 1955

FO 371/116055 Papers for 21 November-29 November 1955

FO 371/116056 Papers for 29 November-15 December 1955

FO 371/116057 Papers for 14 December 1955-19 April 1956

Mutual Aid Department (1955)

FO 371/116100 ECSC: General

### **REEL 33**

FO 371/116101 ECSC: General

FO 371/116102 ECSC: General

FO 371/116103 ECSC: General

FO 371/116104 ECSC: General

FO 371/116105 ECSC: General

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### *Detailed Listing - Part 3*

##### **REEL 34**

Mutual Aid (1956)

FO 371/120815 Economic Committee of UK and FRG

FO 371/121918 OEEC: Council meetings

FO 371/121919 OEEC: Council meetings

##### **REEL 35**

FO 371/121920 OEEC: Council meetings

FO 371/121921 OEEC: Council meetings

##### **REEL 36**

FO 371/121922 OEEC: Council meetings

FO 371/121925 European Payments Union (EPU)

FO 371/121926 European Payments Union (EPU)

FO 371/121927 European Payments Union (EPU)

##### **REEL 37**

FO 371/121928 European Payments Union (EPU)

FO 371/121932 Paris Group: Co-ordinating Committee (COCOM)

FO 371/121949 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121950 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

##### **REEL 38**

FO 371/121951 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121952 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121953 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121954 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

##### **REEL 39**

FO 371/121955 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121956 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121957 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

##### **REEL 40**

FO 371/121958 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121959 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121960 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121961 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121962 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

##### **REEL 41**

FO 371/121963 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121964 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

FO 371/121965 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom  
FO 371/121966 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

#### **REEL 42**

FO 371/121967 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom  
FO 371/121968 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom  
FO 371/121969 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom  
FO 371/121970 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom  
FO 371/121971 OEEC: Nuclear Energy and Euratom

#### **REEL 43**

FO 371/121972 Visit to London by OEEC Secretart General  
FO 371/121973 Visit to London of Arthur Flemming, US Defence Department  
FO 371/121974 Visit by Chancellor of the Exchequer to French President  
FO 371/121975 Visit to London by Dr Erhard, FRG government  
FO 371/121976 OEEC: Staff matters  
FO 371/121984 ECE: Minutes of meetings  
FO 371/121985 ECE: Minutes of meetings  
FO 371/121986 ECE: Minutes of meetings  
FO 371/121987 ECE: Minutes of meetings  
FO 371/121988 ECE: Minutes of meetings

#### **REEL 44**

FO 371/121989 Participation of FRG in ECE  
FO 371/121990 Participation of FRG in ECE  
FO 371/121991 Participation of FRG in ECE  
FO 371/121992 General policy of ECE

#### **REEL 45**

FO 371/121993 General policy of ECE  
FO 371/121994 Tour of European capitolis by Gunnar Myrdal, Executive Secretary of United Nations ECE  
FO 371/121995 ECE: Energy Problems  
FO 371/121996 ECE: Energy Problems  
FO 371/121997 ECE: European economic agreement  
FO 371/121998 ECE: European economic agreement

#### **REEL 46**

FO 371/121999 ECE: European economic agreement  
FO 371/122000 ECE: European economic agreement  
FO 371/122001 ECE: European economic agreement  
FO 371/122002 Council of Europe and the OEEC  
FO 371/122003 Council of Europe and the OEEC

#### **REEL 47**

FO 371/122004 Council of Europe and the OEEC  
FO 371/122005 Council of Europe and the OEEC  
FO 371/122014 Council of Europe: European integration  
FO 371/122018 Council of Europe: ECSC  
FO 371/122019 UK policy towards the ECSC

#### **REEL 48**

FO 371/122020 United Kingdom policy towards the ECSC  
FO 371/122021 United Kingdom policy towards the ECSC  
FO 371/122022 European integration: 2 January-9 February 1956  
FO 371/122023 European integration: 10 February-1 March 1956  
FO 371/122024 European integration: 14 February-6 April 1956  
FO 371/122025 European integration: 13 April-8 May 1956

## **REEL 49**

FO 371/122026 European integration: 9 May-10 May 1956  
FO 371/122027 European integration: 22 May-12 June 1956  
FO 371/122028 European integration: 6 June-20 June 1956  
FO 371/122029 European integration: 20 June-2 July 1956  
FO 371/122030 European integration: 2 July-5 July 1956

## **REEL 50**

FO 371/122031 European integration: 6 July-19 July 1956  
FO 371/122032 European integration: 25 July-7 August 1956  
FO 371/122033 European integration: 7 August-29 August 1956  
FO 371/122034 European integration: 29 August-3 October 1956  
FO 371/122035 European integration: 4 October-19 October 1956

## **REEL 51**

FO 371/122036 European integration: 4 October-26 October 1956  
FO 371/122037 European integration: 26 October-2 November 1956  
FO 371/122038 European integration: 2 November-12 November 1956  
FO 371/122039 European integration: 12 November-24 November 1956  
FO 371/122040 European integration: 26 November-4 December 1956  
FO 371/122041 European integration: 3 December-12 December 1956

## **REEL 52**

FO 371/122042 European integration: 11 December-20 December 1956  
FO 371/122043 European integration: 21 December-31 December 1956  
FO 371/122044 European Common Market  
FO 371/122045 European Common Market  
FO 371/122046 European Common Market  
FO 371/122050 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe  
FO 371/122051 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe

## **REEL 53**

FO 371/122052 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe  
FO 371/122053 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe  
FO 371/122054 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe  
FO 371/122055 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe  
FO 371/122056 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe

## **REEL 54**

FO 371/122057 OEEC: Proposals made at Messina on integration in Europe  
FO 371/122058 European integration: Welfare  
FO 371/122059 European integration: Transport  
FO 371/122060 European integration: Posts and telecommunications  
FO 371/122061 European integration: Restrictions on travel  
FO 371/124380 European Free Trade Zone  
FO 371/124418 France: Annual review for 1955  
FO 371/124451 Economy of France  
FO 371/124519 Political relations between FRG and France  
FO 371/124543 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification  
FO 371/124544 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification

## **REEL 55**

FO 371/124545 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification  
FO 371/124546 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification  
FO 371/124547 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification  
FO 371/124548 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification

## **REEL 56**

FO 371/124549 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification  
FO 371/124550 Germany and Europe: UK policy on re-unification  
FO 371/124559 Views of President of FRG on European Federation  
FO 371/124561 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124562 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar

## **REEL 57**

FO 371/124563 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124564 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124565 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124566 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124567 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar

## **REEL 58**

FO 371/124568 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124569 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124570 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar  
FO 371/124571 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar

## **REEL 59**

FO 371/124572 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar (Folder 12)  
FO 371/124573 Negotiations between FRG and France on settlement of future of Saar (Folder 13)  
FO 371/124587 Politics of FRG business and industry  
FO 371/124590 Exports and economy of FRG  
FO 371/124733 Prominent personalities from Belgium

Mutual Aid (1957)

FO 371/128292 European monetary agreement  
FO 371/128293 Bilateral agreement between UK and FRG for consolidating UK debt to EPU  
FO 371/128315 Discussion of annual report of OEEC: Coal Committee  
FO 371/128316 Council meetings of OEEC

## **REEL 60**

FO 371/128317 Council meetings of OEEC  
FO 371/128318 Meetings of Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
FO 371/128319 Meetings of Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
FO 371/128320 Meetings of Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)  
FO 371/128321 ECE: European Economic Agreement  
FO 371/128322 Twelfth plenary session of ECE  
FO 371/128323 East-West contact in ECE

## **REEL 61**

FO 371/128324 Participation in ECE by GDR  
FO 371/128327 Council of Europe: European integration  
FO 371/128329 European Coal and Steel Community  
FO 371/128330 European Coal and Steel Community

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

#### ***Brief Chronology: 1950-1958***

##### **1950**

MAY

Robert Schuman first proposes his plan to pool European coal and steel resources

JUNE

France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg begin negotiations on establishment of European Coal and Steel Community

##### **1951**

APRIL

The Treaty of Paris is signed by the 'Six' (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Netherlands) formally establishing the ECSC

##### **1952**

FEBRUARY

King George VI dies and is succeeded by Elizabeth II  
Dwight Eisenhower becomes US President

MAY

European Defence Community treaty signed by the 'Six'

AUGUST

ECSC ratified by the six signatories of the Treaty of Paris

SEPTEMBER

First meeting of the High Authority of the ECSC

##### **1953**

MARCH

Stalin dies, replaced as Soviet Premier by Malenkov

JUNE

Guiseppe Pella succeeds Italian Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi

DECEMBER

René Coty replaces Vincent Auriol as French President

##### **1954**

MAY

French surrender at Dien Bien Phu

JUNE

Pierre Mendès-France replaces Laniel as French Premier  
Soviet Union rejects re-unification of Germany at meeting of Foreign Ministers at Berlin

AUGUST

French National Assembly fails to ratify EDC treaty, leading to its collapse, and dealing a blow to the cause of European integration

OCTOBER

Western European Union treaty signed

## DECEMBER

Britain and European Coal and Steel Community form a limited association

## 1955

### JANUARY

Soviet Union recognises West Germany

### FEBRUARY

Mendès-France's administration falls, replaced by Edgar Faure

Malenkov resigns as Soviet Premier and is replaced by Nikolay Bulganin

### APRIL

Churchill resigns as British Prime Minister and is replaced by Anthony Eden

### MAY

West Germany joins NATO

Warsaw Pact signed

Conservative Party, under Eden, wins general election.

### JUNE

Monnet resigns as President of the High Authority of ECSC; and is succeeded by René Mayer

At the Messina Conference in Italy, the Six agree to aim for further European economic integration

Austria and West Germany regain full sovereignty

### OCTOBER

Referendum in the Saar shows overwhelming support for re-integration with West Germany

## 1956

### MARCH

High Authority decides to abolish maximum coal prices

### MAY

Spaak Report approved

Elimination of remaining frontier charges in movement by rail of coal and iron ore within the ECSC

Occupation of Hungary by Soviet forces

### OCTOBER

Visit to High Authority by representatives of the Iron and Steel Board and the UK steel industry

### NOVEMBER

British and French forces invade Egypt to secure the Suez Canal

High Authority issues memorandum on the ECSC's general objectives

Eisenhower re-elected US President

## 1957

### JANUARY

The Saar region becomes a state of the Federal Republic of Germany

Eden resigns as British Prime Minister and is replaced by Harold Macmillan

### FEBRUARY

Britain proposes the European Free Trade Association

### MARCH

Treaties of Rome establish the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom)

Eisenhower and Macmillan hold talks at the Bermuda Conference

## 1958

### JANUARY

Treaty of Rome enters into force

### MARCH



Schuman elected President of the European Parliamentary Assembly

JUNE

Charles de Gaulle replaces René Coty as French President

JULY

Stresa Conference lays the basis for the Common Agricultural Policy

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

### *Key Personalities: 1950-1958*

#### **PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH AUTHORITY OF THE ECSC:**

Jean Monnet 1952-1955

René Mayer 1955-1958

#### **BELGIUM:**

Prime Minister

Jean Pierre Duvieusart 1950

Louis Marie Pholien 1950-1952

Jean Marie van Joutte 1952-1954

Achille van Acker 1954-1958

Gaston Eyskens 1958-1961

Foreign Minister

Paul-Henri Spaak 1938-1966

Belgian Premier 1938-1939, 1956, 1947-1949

#### **FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY:**

President

Theodor Heuss 1949-1959

Chancellor

Konrad Adenauer 1949-1963

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Konrad Adenauer 1951-1955

Heinrich von Brentano 1955-1961

#### **FRANCE:**

President

Vincent Auriol 1947-1954

René Coty 1954-1958

Charles de Gaulle 1958-1969

Premier

Henri Queuille 1950

René Pleven 1950-1951

Henri Queuille 1951

René Pleven 1951-1952

Edgar Fauré 1952

Antoine Pinay 1952-1953

René Mayer 1953

Joseph Laniel 1953-1954

Pierre Mendes-France 1954-1955

Edgar Fauré 1955-1956

Guy Mollet 1956-1957

M Bourgès-Maunoury 1957

Félix Gaillard 1957-1958

Pierre Pflimlin 1958

Charles de Gaulle 1958-1959

Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Robert Schuman 1948-1953  
Georges Bidault 1953-1954  
Pierre Mendes-France 1954-1955  
Edgar Fauré 1955  
Antoine Pinay 1955-1956  
Christian Pineau 1956-1958  
René Pleven 1958  
M Couve de Murville 1958-1968

#### **ITALY:**

Prime Minister  
Alcide De Gasperi 1945-1953  
Guiseppe Pella 1953-1954  
Amintore Fanfani 1954  
Mario Scelba 1954-1955  
Antonio Segni 1955-1957  
Adone Zoli 1957-1958  
Amintore Fanfani 1958-1959

Foreign Minister  
Carlo Sforza 1947-1951

#### **LUXEMBOURG:**

Prime Minister  
Pierre Dupong 1937-1953  
Joseph Bech 1953-1958  
Pierre Frieden 1958-1959

#### **NETHERLANDS:**

Prime Minister:  
William Drees 1948-1958  
Louis J M Beel 1958-1959

#### **GREAT BRITAIN:**

Prime Minister  
Clement Attlee 1945-1951  
Winston Churchill 1951-1955  
Anthony Eden 1955-1957  
Harold Macmillan 1957-1963

Foreign Secretary  
Ernest Bevin 1945-1951  
Herbert Morrison 1951  
Anthony Eden 1951-1955  
Harold Macmillan 1955  
Selwyn Lloyd 1955-1960

#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

President  
Harry S Truman 1945-1953  
Dwight Eisenhower 1953-1961

US Secretary of State  
George C Marshall 1947-1949  
Dean Acheson 1949-1953  
John Foster Dulles 1953-1959

#### **UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:**

General Secretary

Stalin 1922-1953

Georgii Malenkov 1953

Nikita Khrushchev 1953-1964

Premier

Stalin 1941-1953

Georgii Malenkov 1953-1955

Nikolai Bulganin 1955-1958

Nikita Khrushchev 1958-1964

Foreign Minister

Andrei Vyshinski 1949-1953

Vyacheslav Molotov 1953-1956

Dmitri Shepilov 1956-1957

Andrei Gromyko 1957-1985

## **FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE**

### **Series One: The Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community**

**Part 1:** 1950-1953

**Part 2:** 1954-1955

**Part 3:** 1956-1957

### *Abbreviations*

COCOM - Coordinating Committee  
ECE - Economic Commission for Europe  
ECSC - European Coal and Steel Community  
EDC - European Defence Community  
EEC - European Economic Community  
EFTA - European Free Trade Area  
EPU - European Payments Union  
EURATOM - European Atomic Energy Community  
FO - Foreign Office  
FRG - Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)  
GATT - General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade  
GDR - German Democratic Republic (East Germany)  
ILO - International Labour Organisation  
IBRD - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
IMF - International Monetary Fund  
NATO - North Atlantic Treaty Organisation  
OEEC - Organisation for European Economic Co-operation  
UK - United Kingdom  
UN - United Nations  
US - United States  
WEU - Western European Union

---

Adam Matthew Publications is an imprint of Adam Matthew Digital Ltd, Pelham House, London Road, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 2AG, ENGLAND  
Telephone: +44 (1672) 511921 Fax: +44 (1672) 511663 Email: [info@ampltd.co.uk](mailto:info@ampltd.co.uk)