OFFICIAL OPENING TO THE PUBLIC OF THE OEEC/OECD HISTORICAL ARCHIVES
AT THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE – FLORENCE (ITALY)

The OEEC/OECD historical archives will be officially opened to the public on Monday 16th November 1992 at the European University Institute in Florence (Italy). OECD Secretary-General Jean-Claude Paye, European University Institute President Emile Noël, and Permanent Representatives of OECD’s member countries will participate in a ceremony marking this occasion.

The archives document the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC), which was the first institutional stage in the reorganisation of post-war Europe. Set up in 1948 to distribute Marshall Plan aid and implement an economic recovery programme for Western European countries, the OEEC furthered the development of its Member countries in the fields of industry, agriculture, energy and technology, and contributed to the process of trade liberalisation and currency convertibility in Europe.

In 1961, when its work had been completed, the OEEC was replaced by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which extended membership to the United States and Canada and later to Japan, Finland, Australia and New Zealand – 24 countries in all.