

Workshop “Oral History Meets European Integration Studies”

11-12 July 2022

Robert Schuman House, Luxembourg

The workshop “Oral History Meets European Integration Studies” took place on 11-12 July 2022 at the Robert Schuman House, in Luxembourg city. Supported by the Robert Schuman Initiative, with the participation of colleagues from the European University Institute and the Historical Archives of the European Union (Firenze, Italy) and the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (Frankfurt am Main, Germany), this workshop aimed at sharing issues, goals, tools and methods. Through three main topics, Researching Oral Histories and EU ; Learning and teaching challenges and issues; Co-shaping teaching and future collaborations, this event allowed to discuss past and current projects developed at C²DH (UL) and in the two other institutions, may it be “The oral history collections of the Historical Archives of the European Union with particular focus on the programmes of the European Commission” (by Dieter Schlenker, EUI), “Oral Histories of International Tourism: The Case of Socialist Romania and Franco’s Spain in the Long 1970s” (by Adelina Stefan, C²DH, UL), Testimonies from the War (by Machteld Venken, C²DH, UL). This Workshop led to the first draft of a summer schools series, aimed at PhD students and postdoctoral students, and organized by the three institutions. The first one is to be held from 23 to 26 June 2023 at the Maison Schuman, with the C²DH as a main host, on the topic: “Oral History Meets European Studies. Sources, Tools and Methods in the Digital Age”. The international call for papers is in progress. The Summer School will look for early career scholars who work on European History / European Studies, and who use oral sources in their research. The programme will tackle the main stages in the production and management of oral sources, through a set of transversal workshops, presentations and round-table discussions with experts. The Summer School will be enriched by hand-on activities, in which participants will test the discussed tools and methods and presentations of methods and topics by the early scholars.