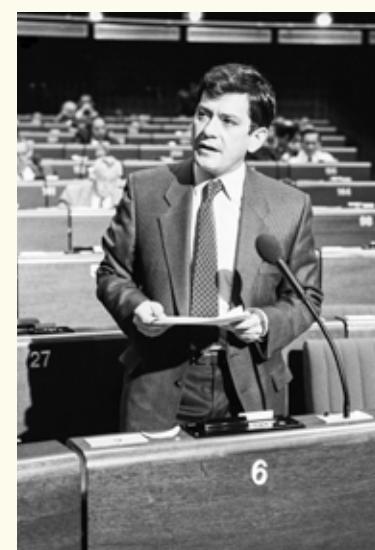


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dos políticos e funcionários europeus é uma fonte preciosa para os investigadores mas também uma referência para os cidadãos. O Arquivo Histórico da União Europeia é um repositório de vários programas de história oral através da recolha das vozes dos protagonistas das instituições europeias. Nesta seleção de entrevistas podem ouvir-se antigos representantes da UE falar sobre a razão para terem escolhido a Europa e o que a Europa significa.



**Enrique  
BARÓN  
CRESPO**

Presidente do  
Parlamento Europeu  
1989 - 1992

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"Since the beginning of my University time, the 2 political love affairs of my life were democracy in Spain and the European Construction. I considered that the main work in order to make the Spanish transition had been made and the new front was to join the European Institutions. It was a personal choice."

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"I had been in University at the moment of Irish accession, so it was deeply topical and everybody felt, this was a historical change. [...] So, it was an opportunity both to be involved in something that was new for my country and for me personally, too."



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**Catherine  
DAY**

Secretária-Geral da  
Comissão Europeia  
2005 - 2015

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**Claude  
PLEINEVAUX**

EURATOM 1960 - 1967 e  
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"Le but final que moi je considérais comme important, c'était de créer un espace européen où les gens vivraient en paix, d'abord, pourraient bénéficier du fait d'un développement économique plus facile et plus important que si les pays étaient restés individuellement indépendants."



**Martin  
SCHULZ**

"... To be a part of that multi-national, multi-lingual, multi-ethnical, multi-religion, multi...character place. A unique one in the world. It is so fascinating, so enriching."

Presidente do Parlamento  
Europeu 2012 - 2017

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**Christine  
VERGER**

Funcionário da UE  
1987 - 2009



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"I think there was a clear link and inspiration, not only from the élite because there was a lot of migrants, Portuguese working in France, Switzerland, in Germany, in Great Britain. The idea of Europe in Portugal was considered a very good and positive idea."



HAEU, INT 798



Presidente da Comissão  
Europeia 2004 - 2012

José Manuel Barroso  
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