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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.”



HAEU, INT 884

“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 funcionário da Comissão Europeia em 1967-1998

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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.”



HAEU, INT 238

“Même si la situation actuelle n'est pas très rose, c'est le moins qu'on puisse dire, je crois qu'il faut toujours rappeler les fondamentaux, [...] c'est quand même la Communauté de paix qui est à l'origine de la construction européenne, il ne faut jamais l'oublier.”



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Christine VERGER

Funcionário da UE 1987 - 2009

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Martin SCHULZ

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



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Presidente do Parlamento Europeu 2012 - 2017

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José MANUEL BARROSO

“I think there was a clear link and inspiration, not only from the elite 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

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