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Summary information

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The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) was founded in 1964 by a group of leading European scientists to strengthen research in molecular biology and foster collaboration across Europe. Its establishment was closely linked to the creation of the European Molecular Biology Conference (EMBC, 1969), which provided intergovernmental support for EMBO's activities. EMBO promotes excellence in the life sciences through initiatives such as the election of distinguished researchers to its membership, the awarding of fellowships and grants, and the organization of scientific meetings, workshops, and training courses. In 1974, EMBO played a central role in establishing the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), an intergovernmental research institution. Today, EMBO continues to support life scientists at all career stages and advocates for science policy across Europe and beyond.

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The European Union (EU) is a political and economic union of European states, formally established by the Maastricht Treaty in 1993. It traces its origins to earlier forms of European cooperation, including the European Coal and Steel Community (1951) and the European Economic Community (1957). The EU aims to promote peace, stability, and prosperity through shared institutions, a single market, and common policies in areas such as trade, agriculture, research, and the environment. It has progressively expanded in membership and competences, and today comprises 27 member states (following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom in 2020). The EU operates through a system of supranational institutions—including the

European Commission, European Parliament, and European Council—and has its own legal framework, currency (the euro, adopted by 20 members), and external relations.

Scope and content

This collection is comprised of materials relating to EMBO's contribution to the founding of the European Research Commission (ERC), as well to the framework programmes of the European Community (EC) for research, technological development and demonstration activities. It consists of correspondence, and administrative and organisational documentation.

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