



## **Introducing the Central Library of the General Secretariat of the Council**

### **Who we are**

A part of DG Communication and Transparency of the General Secretariat of the Council, the Central Library provides staff and decision-makers with information sources and short research notes. Its main collection focuses on politics and institutional developments in the EU and Member States, neighbouring and partner countries. It has a reading room with press from all EU Member States.

### **Our services**

Our librarians can assist researchers in the areas of specialisation of the Central Library. Being part of the Directorate responsible for Archives and Transparency, we can also provide a first orientation for complex research needs that include both archive material and academic literature.

The library has recently been opening up its resources to research communities. One of our main projects is the online [bibliography](#) on the role and history of the European Council and the Council of the EU. The bibliography consists, at present, of around 1 400 records.

Since the beginning of 2013, our research team has been compiling a monthly [review](#) of publications by think tanks on EU affairs. The review gathers links and abstracts of papers published in the previous month, selected on the basis of their relevance to policy issues on the agenda of the European Council and the Council. Send us an e-mail if you would like to receive the review regularly. The Think Tank Review and other bibliographic alerts are published on the library blog at [www.councillibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.councillibrary.wordpress.com).

### **Visiting the library**

The library is open for research purposes. When contacting us, please specify your research interests so that our librarians can assist you by selecting relevant resources beforehand.

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