

1958-1969

The Decade of De Gaulle

Brief Chronology

- 1958: Launch of **EC** and **Euratom**
De Gaulle becomes president of the **Fifth Republic**
- 1961: GB applies for EC membership - rejected in 1963
- 1962: Collapse of Fouchet Plan
- 1963: **Elysée Treaty**
- 1965: Merger Treaty
Empty Chair Crisis
- 1967: GB's second application -
again rejected
- 1968: De Gaulle resigns after
domestic problems



Terminology

- CAP** Common Agricultural Policy - system of EU/EC agricultural subsidies and programmes (guarantees minimum price to producers / direct payment of subsidies)
- EFTA** European Free Trade Association founded in 1959 (no EC members)
- Fouchet Plan(s)**
plan(s) for an indissoluble European Political Union - failed mainly because NL required British participation (rejected by France)
- Elysée Treaty**
Treaty between Germany and France, mainly including objectives of Fouchet plan(s) but on bilateral level only
- Merger Treaty**
Treaty first gathering together the three European Communities (ECSC, EEC, Euratom)-> creation of European Commission and Council of the European Communities
- Empty Chair Crisis**
After disputes over new budgetary system (mainly concerning funding of CAP and position of Commission and EP) France recalled her permanent representative in Commission