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Established in 1951, is a cultural foundation based in Rome in the name of Luigi Sturzo.

The Institute is committed to the preservation and valorisation of cultural heritage, and carries out training activities and research in historical, sociological, political and economic fields. The Institute develops many of its projects in collaboration with other institutes, national and international.

The Institute conducts five main activities:

- The **Archive** was started with Luigi Sturzo's personal archive, donated by the founder in his will, and has grown steadily. The **Historical Archive**, committed to collecting and valorising sources relating to Partito Popolare Italiano and Catholicism in politics since the end of the 19th Century. The Archive currently holds more than 10,000 documents, 1,300 posters, over 100,000 photographs, 1,450 audio records and about 450 films.
- The **Library** specializes in the social sciences; modern and contemporary history with a focus on political history and social philosophy, the history of political parties, and local history. Lately the Library published the Luigi Sturzo's Opera Omnia on-line.
- The **Digital Laboratory** is focused on innovative digital technologies applied to bibliographic and archival research, developing new methods of digital cataloguing to preserve iconographic, photographic, and audio-visual materials.

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- The **Research and Studies Area** promotes and develops programs of study in contemporary history and the social sciences. Investigation methods are focused towards understanding social structures and knowledge of political institutions.
- The **Training and Development Area** develops integrated training systems and supports local development, primarily in the fields of cultural and heritage studies (systems of lifelong learning for employees of cultural organizations and courses to promote young people's employability).

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