The designer of the plan Schuman, Jean Monnet, was a businessman. Born in 1888 in Cognac, he was prepared for the cognac trade since he was little. From a young age on onwards he studied the market and all kinds of implementation possibilities. Mercantilist and international in his thinking, Jean Monnet’s design was the start of a unified Europe in economical terms. The dualism of capitalist societal patterns in combination with socialist thoughts was not only typical for the European constellation, but also essential in aspiring a future balanced Europe.

**Slaughterhouse Cureghem**

Initiated by a partnership of slaughterhouses from five different municipalities in Brussels. With a lease contract for 50 years the deal seemed sealed, but when the market appeared a very profitable organisation the municipality bought it back in advance for 19 million Belgian Francs. Only to sell it again when the income went down. Cooperation between governmental organisation and private initiatives was the key to success here.

- **1887**: 31 December agreement by which Adolphe Charlet, Guillaume Charlet, Emile Pierret, Emile Tirou (architect market hall), Henri Chevalier and the partnership ‘Adolphe Charlet et Pierret’ gain a concession for a period of 50 years to “exploiting a slaughterhouse, a factory for storing meat with cooling techniques, a market for dairy cattle, horses and sheeps, as well as for food, fruit, vegetables and provisions of every kind, with a unloading bay connecting to Brussels founded by the slaughterhouses in Brussels, on the site of Anderlecht-Kuregem”.
- **1900**: opening Slaughterhouses and markets Anderlecht (Nameless partnership leasehold for 50 years)
- **1920**: municipality Anderlecht buys back the slaughterhouse in advance for 19 million Belgian Francs
- **1953**: elimination rail-connection (because of high costs of rebuilding after destruction in World War II)
- **1970**: loss of the EEG-stamp, ending the exploitation
- **1983**: privatization by partnership of slaughterhouses for 30 years
- **1987**: regaining the EEG-stamp