



THE STATE ARCHIVES IN MILAN

The State Archives in Milan belongs to the network of State Archives located in the capitals of every Italian province. The State Archives are a peripheral body of the Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, which also controls twenty archival supervision agencies.

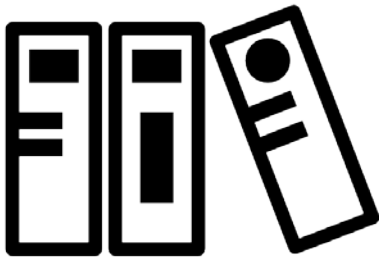


THE PROBLEM

The State Archives in Milan are charged by law with the conservation of records of importance for historical and juridical purposes. State records are normally transferred to State Archives when they are at least 40 years old.

In addition to State documents from the early mediaeval period to the present, these archives also hold notarial archives older than 100 years and the archives of suppressed ecclesiastical bodies or religious corporations whose property was confiscated by the State. State Archives may also accept the custody of private archives and the records of public bodies.

The **archival heritage** held by the State Archives of Milan has a **significant cultural value** and for this reason **requires the proper storage condition in terms of protection from dust and unauthorized access.**



KEY CHALLENGES:

- Not enough space available to archive the increasing number of documents
- High operational costs
- High value of archived documents

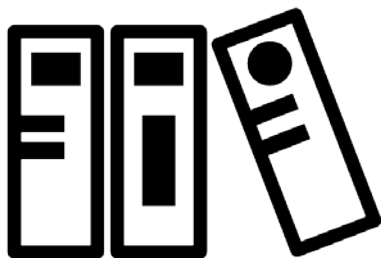
THE SOLUTION



The buildings of the Milan State Archive develop an area of 10,000 square meters, approximately 80,000 linear meters of shelves, with a total of over 180,000 archived "items" (*files, volumes, scrolls, registers, maps etc.*), and 150,000 parchments, including the oldest document on parchment kept in Italian State Archives.

The archive consists of several departments: archiving, offices, laboratories, public spaces for consulting documentation.

In the archiving area, **658 mobile bases Compatta^{Light}** have been installed. They consist of 8 levels of shelving for the secure archive of paper and digital documents, **in an area of just 7,000 square meters.**



TECHNICAL DATA:

Model	Mechanical handwheel
Items	Paper documents and binders
No. of bases	658
Maximum load for base	12,000 kg
Dimensions (WxDxH)	9,200 / 7,900 x 645 x 3,360 mm
Archive capacity	80,000 lm



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