**README file**

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**Data set Contents**

The dataset consists of a compressed main folder, named **FISCUS\_main\_20250206.zip**, containing:

* 1 folder, named **FISCUS\_documents\_20250206**, containing 2551 manuscripts editions .xml files, grouped by author/contributor of the *FISCUS* online database in the following 23 sub-folders:
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Angeli**, which contains 97 .xml files edited by Angeli Luca
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Cerretani**, which contains 3 .xml files edited by Cerretani Nicola
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Ciccopiedi**, which contains 54 .xml files edited by Ciccopiedi Caterina
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Cinello**, which contains 61 .xml files edited by Cinello Erika
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Collavini**, which contains 209 .xml files edited by Collavini Simone Maria
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Deangelis**, which contains 160 .xml files edited by De Angelis Valerio
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_delmercato**, which contains 5 .xml files edited by del Mercato Evelina
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Ferretti**, which contains 194 .xml files edited by Ferretti Beatrice
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Giacomelli**, which contains 103 .xml files edited by Giacomelli Alessandro
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Internullo**, which contains 53 .xml files edited by Internullo Dario
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Lazzari**, which contains 6 .xml files edited by Lazzari Tiziana
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Lore**, which contains 5 .xml files edited by Loré Vito
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Manarini**, which contains 139 .xml files edited by Manarini Edoardo
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Massa**, which contains 297 .xml files edited by Massa Paola
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Motta**, which contains 17 .xml files edited by Motta Loris
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Ribani**, which contains 50 .xml files edited by Ribani Filippo
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Stedile**, which contains 646 .xml files edited by Stedile Chiara
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Tabarrini**, which contains 77 .xml files edited by Tabarrini Lorenzo
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Tagliente**, which contains 22 .xml files edited by Tagliente Antonio
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Tomei**, which contains 135 .xml files edited by Tomei Paolo
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Vignodelli**, which contains 4 .xml files edited by Vignodelli Giacomo
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Viti**, which contains 87 .xml files edited by Viti Mattia
  + **FISCUS\_doc\_Zornetta**, which contains 127 .xml files edited by Zornetta Giulia

This grouping allows to keep track of the documents marked up by each author/contributor of the *FISCUS* online database.

The .xml files contained in each subfolder are named according to the following rule: **docX.xml** (with **X** = numerical ID).

* 1 folder, named **FISCUS\_authority-list\_20250206**, containing 5 authority lists .xml files:
  + **estates.xml**
  + **juridical\_persons.xml**
  + **people.xml**
  + **places.xml**
  + **thesaurus.xml**
* 1 textual file detailing the dataset structure and all the names of the files

**FISCUS\_20250206\_folders-files-names.txt**

* 1 README file

**FISCUS\_20250206\_README.docx**

**Data set Documentation**

Abstract

This dataset contains the .xml files used to create the *FISCUS* online database (DOI: 10.60760/unibo/fiscus; ISBN: 9788854971394), which is the main output of the PRIN2017 research project *FISCUS.* The main folder of the dataset, **FISCUS\_documents\_20250206**, is divided into twenty-three sub-folders; each of them contains the .xml files with the text of the medieval documents that have been marked up by the authors and/or the contributors of the online database *FISCUS*. One will also find the folder named **FISCUS\_authority-list\_20250206**, which is made of five files. Each of those includes the data related to one specific category of objects which were regarded as particularly important for the study of fiscal estates during the early and the central Middle Ages: namely, the landed estates and the jurisdictional ambits in which fiscal properties and/or the exertion of public rights is recorded; the juridical persons (churches, monasteries and urban communes) mentioned in the documents; the people and the places which appear in our documentary record; and finally the list of keywords (thesaurus).

File specifics

All the files have been saved in the XML open format.

Methodologies

All the files were encoded according to the TEI substandard EpiDoc.

Sources

The documents date to the early and central medieval period, are written in Latin and regard the Italian peninsula for their most part. For editions, summaries and transcriptions the reader is referred to the section *Bibliography* of the database *FISCUS* (cf. below).

Notes

The online database *FISCUS* has been published here: <https://fiscus.unibo.it/en/>.

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*FISCUS* is also an ongoing project, to which students and researchers are encouraged to further contribute; this is the reason why a work-in-progress version of the database can be accessed at <https://fiscuslive.unibo.it/en/> via username and password – which can both be provided by the editors.