

Acknowledgements

The editors are above all indebted to the book's contributors who worked hard to finalize their chapters on time.

We acknowledge our debt to the EU taxpayer through the funding of the RECON project. The willingness to fund the independent analysis of problems is an essential feature for policy development for the general benefit in a democracy. The European Commission may not agree with our conclusions but we trust that the work is useful.

We take this opportunity to thank our partners in RECON for their comments on the work as it went through, particularly Erik Oddvar Eriksen, John Erik Fossum, Agustin Menendez, Geir Kvaerk, Marit Eldholm and Wautraud Schelkle. Within the Europe Institute in Auckland, Mark Thomson provided invaluable assistance. Sincere thanks are also due to Janet Mayes, who prepared this book for publication.

We wish Zaidah Mustaffa, who continued to contribute despite illness, a speedy recovery.

