Preface

In this book we present the results of a large research project on accessing social rights by EU migrant citizens, which was part of the bEUcitizen – All Rights Reserved? Barriers towards European Citizenship project (under Grant Agreement number 320294, funded by the European Union Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration). The purpose of the project was to identify barriers, and their causes, for accessing social rights by EU migrant citizens.

Parts of the analyses presented in this book build on national reports, which were summarized in three comparative reports available at beucitizen.eu. The national reports were compiled by experts on social rights, including Susanne Heeger-Hertter, Gabriel Tavits, Catherine Jacqueson, Andrzej Marian Świątkowski, Marcin Wujczyk, Ana Rosa Argüelles Blanco, Miriam Cueto Perez, Luis Fernández Villazón, Alejandra Boto Alvarez, Sara Stendahl, Otto Swedrup, Zuzan Ismail, Cecilia Bruzelius, Elaine Chase, Rebecca Ehata, Nadine Absenger and Florian Blank. We are very grateful for the input of this excellent team of international researchers, without whom this book would not have been possible. In addition we included two chapters addressing the important topics initially not covered in our research project, namely the role of residence registration for EU migrant citizens living in Scandinavia and the situation of the ethnic minority of Roma.

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