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Preface

Chairing a political commission and pursuing ten priorities to be implemented through a condensed annual work program based on new methods of organizing work structures: Thus were the ambitions of Jean-Claude Juncker when he took office as President of the European Commission in 2014. Throughout his five-year term, a team of researchers at the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) monitored the implementation of the work program of the EU Commission. The interplay between the European Commission, initiating and executing EU legislation, the European Parliament and the Council, representing two pillars of legitimacy in their joint role as legislative decision-makers, was followed in a consistent way unparalleled in European academia. Continuous internet-based coverage of the state of play and regular interim assessments provided the basis for this book: A comprehensive analysis and commentary of EU politics between 2014 and 2019. Robert Stüwe and Thomas Panayotopoulos, supported by a highly competent team, enrich the multi-faceted literature on the European Union in a most innovative and inspiring way. Their assessment of EU politics between 2014 and 2019 sets new and higher standards for future observers and analysts.

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List of Abbreviations

AFSJ	Area of Freedom, Security and Justice within the EU
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty
CEAS	Common European Asylum System
CETA	Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, free-trade agreement between Canada and the European Union
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CMU	Capital Markets Union
COSME	Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, EU program
DG	Directorate General, administrative unit of the European Civil Service
DSM	Digital Single Market
ECA	European Court of Auditors
ECB	European Central Bank
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
ECI	European Citizens' Initiative
ECJ	European Court of Justice / Court of Justice, Supreme Court of the EU, official part of the CJEU
ECT	Energy Charter Treaty
EDF	European Defense Fund
EDIDP	European Defence Industrial Development Program
EDIS	European Deposit Insurance Scheme
EDP	Excessive Deficit Procedure
EEAS	European External Action Service
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
EFSI	European Fund for Strategic Investments
EIB	European Investment Bank
EIF	European Investment Fund, EU agency for the provision of finance to SMEs
EMF	European Monetary Fund
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
ENP	European Neighborhood Policy
EP	European Parliament
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement
EPP	European People's Party
EPPO	European Public Prosecutor's Office

List of Abbreviations

EPRS	European Parliamentary Research Service
ESM	European Stability Mechanism, intergovernmental organization for all Eurozone member states
ESS	European Security Strategy of the European Union
ETS	Emissions Trading Scheme
EU	European Union
EUGS	European Union Global Strategy
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union
GRI	Group des relations interinstitutionnelles, inter-Cabinet group within the European Commission
HR	High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
IIA	Interinstitutional Agreement
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISDS	Investor-State Dispute Settlement
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
ITC	International Trade Centre
ITRE	Committee on Industry, Research and Energy of the European Parliament
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MFF	Multiannual Financial Framework of the European Union
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OMT	Outright Monetary Transactions Program of the European Central Bank
PESCO	Permanent Structured Cooperation
REFIT	Regulatory Fitness and Performance Program of the European Commission
S&D	Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, political group in the European Parliament
SGP	Stability and Growth Pact
SMEs	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
SRF	Single Resolution Fund
SRM	Single Resolution Mechanism
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership

List of Abbreviations

UK	United Kingdom
UNFCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
VAT	Value Added Tax
VP	Vice-President
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZEI	Center for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn

