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Abbreviations

CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CERES	<i>Centre d'Etudes de Recherches, et d'Education Socialiste</i>
CI	Community Initiative
CFDT	<i>Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail</i>
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CGT	<i>Confédération Générale du Travail</i>
CI	Community Initiative
CNJA	<i>Centre National des Jeunes Agriculteurs</i>
CNPF	<i>Conseil National du Patronat Français</i> (Leading Business Organization)
COPA	Confederation of Professional Agricultural Organizations
COREPER	Committee of Permanent Representatives
CSF	Community Support Framework
DATAR	<i>Délégation à l'Aménagement du Territoire et à l'Action Régionale</i>
EAGGF	European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund
EC	European Communities
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECU	European Currency Unit
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EDC	European Defence Community
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMI	European Monetary Institute
EMS	European Monetary System
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
EP	European Parliament
EPC	European Political Co-operation
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism
ESF	European Social Fund

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ESC	Economic and Social Committee
ETUC	European Trades Union Confederation
EU	European Union
Euratom	European Atomic Energy Commission
Eurocorps	Multi-lateral European Force (grew from Franco-German brigade)
Eurogroup	European group within NATO
FD	<i>Force Démocrate</i> (Reformation of CDS in 1995)
FN	<i>Front National</i>
FNSEA	<i>Fédération Nationale des Syndicats d'Exploitants Agricoles</i>
G7	Group of 7. Leading industrial countries (USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IEPG	Independent European Programme Group
IGC	Intergovernmental Conference
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMP	Integrated Mediterranean Programmes
JHA	Justice and Home Affairs
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MCA	Monetary Compensation Amount
MRG	<i>Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche</i> (left-wing radicals)
MRP	<i>Mouvement Républicain Populaire</i> (Christian Democrat Party, Fourth Republic)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEEC	Organization for European Economic Co-operation
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PCF	<i>Parti Communiste Français</i>
PS	<i>Parti Socialiste</i> (French Socialist Party 1969–)
QMV	Qualified Majority Voting
RPR	<i>Rassemblement pour la République</i> (Gaullist Party, 1976–)
SCA	Special Committee on Agriculture
SEA	Single European Act
SEM	Single European Market
SFLO	<i>Section Français de l'internationale ouvrière</i> (French Socialist Party 1905–69)
SGCI	<i>Secrétariat Général du Comité Interministériel</i> (Interministerial Committee on European Questions)
SOFRES	<i>Société Français d'Enquêtes par Sondage</i> (French Polling Organization)

TEU	Treaty on European Union
TEN	Trans European Network
UDF	<i>Union pour la Démocratie Française</i> (French centre-right federation 1978–)
UDR	<i>Union des Démocrates pour la République</i> (French Gaullist Party 1968–76)
UNICE	Union of Industries of the European Community
URC	<i>Union des Républicains et du Centre</i>
WEU	West European Union
WTO	World Trade Organization

Preface

The research for this book started with a shared curiosity by its three authors about how and to what extent, politics and policy-making in France has changed as a consequence of membership of the European Union. A second closely-linked question soon emerged – how have French politicians and officials contributed to building European institutions and to making common policies within those institutions?

Although many secondary sources provided some answers, notably about particular policy sectors, very few addressed these questions directly and none provided a comprehensive and up-to-date response. In seeking fuller answers, we turned first to many official documents – treaties, texts of law and directives, ministerial circulars and reports (parliamentary, ministerial and European Commission) and party documents. Then came a series of interviews and discussions – some 200 in all – with members of the staff of the SGCI, with many ministers, the prime minister and the president of the Republic, with senior officials in many ministries in Paris (notably with directors of the ministries of agriculture, transport and health) and in several Directions Générales of the Commission in Brussels. We also spoke to politicians, trade unionists and interest groups and business leaders.

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