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Preface

The present book provides the first extensive presentation of the challenges of public participation in relation to the European Landscape Convention. The idea for the book arose out of a series of special sessions, organized by the editors, on ‘The European Landscape Convention and Participatory Development Planning’, held during the 23rd Session of the Permanent European Conference for the Study of the Rural Landscape (PECSRL) at Lisbon and Óbidos, Portugal, 1–5 September 2008. A total of 21 papers were presented in five sessions. Twelve chapters of this book have developed out of 14 of the papers presented in Portugal. The studies include cases from 11 countries in northern, southern, western, and Eastern Europe. While the planned chapters on Italy, Germany and Russia unfortunately did not materialize, an additional invited chapter provides a case study from Britain. Examples from both signatories and non-signatories of the European Landscape Convention are included.

The chapters are arranged in two main sections. Part I deals with implementation of public participation in relation to the European Landscape Convention, both theoretically and through case studies. Part II is concerned with participatory methods in practice, again through selected cases. The case studies presented here provide illustrations of both successful and less successful applications of participatory approaches to landscape protection, management, and planning. Some lessons that may be drawn from these studies are presented in the concluding chapter.

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