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## Introduction

After teaching “Public Participation in the Institutions of the European Union” at the UAB for many years, I have decided to publish the first handbook on this subject. The main reason for this is that until now there has been no book or monograph which explains, in a structured manner, all the rights and actions that EU citizens are entitled to as a national of one of the EU Member States. I struggled myself to find literature that could help students complement their notes taken in class, and I always ended up providing a large amount of additional reading that did not fully correspond with the subject syllabus.

Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) attracts many students from both Spain and all over the world. Many are here for a short period – a semester or for an academic year - before returning to their respective universities and countries.

This diversity of students is excellent and welcome for the present subject, but it can introduce some challenges. Many students signing up for this course will not necessarily have any previous knowledge of law or of the European Union itself. Further, some students may be used to other methodologies and ways of learning that are not necessarily the same as those prescribed at the UAB.

As such, this book seeks to help students by simplifying the learning material into a single, succinct source containing all the necessary information to complete both the course and associated activities. It is written to provide an inclusive explanation of the subject so that it can be understood by different audiences, irrespective of nationality, background and previous knowledge.

I believe this handbook will be very useful for both students and any lecturer, or teacher, who aims to provide clear and accurate information about the subject “Public Participation in the Institutions of the European Union”. It will also be an essential tool for the dissemination of content and activities during the entire course.

