PREFACE

This book contains the findings of the Cross-Border Welfare State research programme. This programme started in 2006 and created a liaison between the law faculties of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the University of Groningen and University of Leuven. Regioplan and the Bureau Maatschappelijke Participatie offered contributions. All the researchers who were involved (and some supervisors), have presented their work by means of a short chapter. The first chapter, written by Sarah van Walsum and myself, is longer and contains an overall analysis of the research findings.

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AGEF  Arbeitsgruppe Entwicklung und Fachkräfte
AME  Association Malienne des Expulsés
ARH  Aide au Retour Humanitaire
ARV  Aide au Retour Volontaire
AVRFC  Assisted Voluntary Returns for Families and Children
AVRIM  Assisted Voluntary Return for Irregular Migrants
BAMF  Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
BMP  Bevordering Maatschappelijke Participatie
CEFR  Common European Framework of Reference
CESCR  Committee of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CFMW  Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers
CoE  Council of Europe
COS  Centra voor Onwikkelingssamenwerking
CTHB  Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
DG  Directorate General
DT&V  Dienst Terugkeer & Vertrek
EC  European Commission
ECHR  European Convention on Human Rights
ECJ  European Court of Justice
ECMW  European Convention on the Legal Status of Migrant Workers
ECSMA  European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance
ECtHR  European Court of Human Rights
EEA  European Economic Area
EEC  European Economic Community
EMN  European Migration Network
ERSO  European Reintegration Support Organisations
ESC  European Social Charter
FRS  Facilitated Return Scheme
GARP  Government Assisted Repatriation Programme
HRT  Herintegratieregeling Terugkeer
ICCPR  International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR  International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICMW  International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
ILO  International Labour Organization
List of abbreviations

IMO  International Maritime Organization
IOM  International Organization for Migration
ISSA  International Social Security Association
LCN  Latitude Care Network
MbT  Maatwerk bij Terugkeer
NGO  Non-Governmental Organisation
OCMW  Openbare Centra voor Maatschappelijk Welzijn
OFII  Office Français de l’Immigration et de l’Intégration
OWWA  Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
REAB  Return and Emigration of Asylum-Seekers ex-Belgium
REAG  Reintegration and Emigration Programme for Asylum-Seekers in Germany
REAN  Return and Emigration of Aliens from the Netherlands
SSAE  Service Social d’aide aux Emigrants
UKBA  United Kingdom Border Agency
UN  United Nations
URA  Urban Redevelopment Authority
VARRP  Voluntary Assisted Return and Reintegration Programme
VVD  Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie
WVC  Werkgelegenheid Volksgezondheid en Cultuur