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Furthermore, this monograph is an important aid to those wishing to understand more about the limits of European Union transformative power in the absence of prospects of membership and incentives for candidate countries to approve unpopular and costly reforms. On one hand, it builds upon Milenkovic's previous academic publications in the area of State aid and institutional reforms, on the other, it develops consultancy work carried out by the author for the Serbian government with the aim of devising an independent state aid control mechanism.

Finally, this book could not have gone to print at a more timely moment given that Serbia is currently in the midst of major reforms aimed at enhancing the implementation of European standards.

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