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respect for democracy and the rule of law. In this e-book the writers have analysed various aspects of the operation of democracy and law in Europe in order to present some insights into why the EU continues to attract new member states.
