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Preface

The book "*Empirical Methods and Studies in Software Engineering – Experiences from ESERNET*" is a result of the **ESERNET** project. ESERNET is a thematic network project (2001–2003) in the European Union's 5th Framework Programme under contract number IST-2000-28754; see www.esernet.org. It has the ambition, in cooperation with related activities, to gradually change the mentality of software engineers and their organizations towards *systematic empirical studies*, for the purpose of long-term *learning*. The overall goal is therefore to collect, systematize and disseminate relevant and valid insight. ESERNET is led by IESE in Kaiserslautern (Germany). The project leader is Dieter Rombach, with project manager Christian Bunse. ESERNET has five founding members (contractors):

- Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH), Sweden: Claes Wohlin and Kennet Henningsson.
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- University of Kaiserslautern, Germany: Dieter Rombach and Marcus Ciolkowski.
- University of Strathclyde, UK: Marc Roper and Murray Wood.

Of the 22 participating members, 8 are industrial and 2 come from outside Europe. Many of the partners and members already work together.

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