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Effect of Bureaucratic and Political Obstacles to Tourism Sector: An Evaluation on European Union Enlargement / Bürokratik ve Siyasal Engellerin Turizm Sektörüne Etkisi: Avrupa Birliği Genişleme Süreci Üzerine Bir Değerlendirme

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A B S T R A C T

Tourism has a significant importance with the contributions of social, cultural and economic. However, bilateral or unilateral bureaucratic and political obstacles among countries are practices that restrict the freedom of travel for tourism. As a result of the flexible retention or abolition of these obstacles among the European Union (EU) member countries, both facilitated travels in Europe and has expanded the geographic areas of the tourism sector. In this study, using panel data for the period 1995-2013 between 15 EU member countries before 2004 and 13 EU member countries which included into EU enlargement after 2004, the relationship of tourist arrivals and tourism receipts were examined with econometric models overseeing EU membership process.

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