

Abstract

The objective of this bachelor thesis is to identify positive impacts of free trade zones on the Dominican Republic's economy through a case study. In the preface the concept of free zones, the definition and the general economic impacts as well as the historical developments and trends are examined in the literature review. Through the case study involving expert interviews to collect qualitative data, analysis of statistical reports with economic indicators and the in-depth analysis of a zone located in the country, positive impacts are identified and in more detail discussed. The in-depth analysis helps to add additional information that cannot be identified through analysis of the overall sector. In conclusion, this thesis shows that the identified positive impacts are of high importance and help an undeveloped country in fostering economic process and societal development.