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## **IS ITALY THE “PROMISED LAND” FOR ROMANIANS EMIGRANTS ? AN EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE OF ROMANIAN EMIGRANTS IN ITALY D**

### **Abstract:**

In this article we focused on the Romanian emigrants. During last years evidences have showed up that the main country destination for Romanians emigrants is Italy. In these conditions, the question who appears in everyone mind is what makes Italy so attractive? Is Italy the new “promised land” for Romanians, as it was America years ago for emigrants? What it is very easy to observe is that the mobility of migrants during the free visa regime was initially labor supply driven, whereas more recently, it has been labor demand that moved the migrant from his country of origin. Our research tries to identify the main reasons who contributed to the migrations of Romanians and to find out which was the economical impact and to suggest some recommendations. We try as well to forecast the level of remittances in the next years and to see which is its impact on Romanian economy , but also on Italian one since it is linked with the employment level of the Romanians.

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