

ROMANIAN MIGRATION FLOWS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: DOES SOCIAL SECURITY MATTER?

*Cosmin Enache, West University of Timisoara, Romania
Ciprian Pânzaru, West University of Timisoara, Romania*

ABSTRACT: In last decades, the globalization process and the removal of barriers on international circulation of persons inside the European Union fostered an increase in migration from Romania towards other European countries. Using a panel framework, our estimates showed that both push and pull factors are entering in the decision function of a Romanian migrant when it comes to choose the destination country. Economic conditions in the destination countries proxied by the level of income per capita and the employment rate are particularly associated with increased migration flows. Also, life expectancy seems to be a significant pull factor. Not least, we also questioned the welfare state as a potential input in the migration decision function. Our findings indicated that only family and childcare support public expenditures are positively associated with migration flows.

Keywords: Migration, Social Security, Panel Data

JEL Codes: F22, H53, C23