

THE ROLE OF SPAIN IN THE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION OF TOURISM IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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Development cooperation for development is one of the basis of Spanish foreign policy. Taking into account the assumed potential of tourism as a driver of economic development and the importance of Spain as a tourism power, it is very interesting to know the role of Spanish cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean about tourism, as well as to analyze the importance that tourism has along the different Master Plans for Spanish Cooperation. For this, through the platform "info@OD", sufficient data have been obtained that have allowed a detailed analysis of the emitting actors, channeling entities, receiving countries, way of channeling, cooperation instruments used and type of financing of the Official Development Assistance to tourism of Spain in Latin America and the Caribbean. The results obtained allow us to affirm that tourism has a secondary character in Spanish cooperation in this region and that the way in which it is channeled does not take advantage of all the opportunities offered by the range of resources and instruments of the development cooperation.

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