

ABSTRACT

An Evaluation of the Caribbean Basin Initiative 1984-1997

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The Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) was a programme of special assistance to the countries of the Caribbean and Central America. The implementation of this programme has had a significant impact on the economic status and has influenced the foreign trade policies of the countries in the region.

In this thesis, the Logical Framework of Analysis is employed to evaluate the design, implementation and results of the CBI. It is a type of cost-benefit analysis and it is used to test the hypothesis that the benefits of the CBI are only greater than the costs where preferences were significant and the country was in a position to take advantage of it.

The analysis is based on the measurement of the preferences and the extent to which these were more significant for the beneficiary country than the costs endured in order to benefit from the preferences offered under the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

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