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Economical impact of sport events: evidence from euro, world cup

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Abstract
This study examines the economic impact of hosting major sports events, specifically the Euro and World Cup, on the host countries. Using a regression model, the research analyzes the relationship between employment, export growth, tourism revenue, infrastructure development, and FDI with economic growth (GDPGROWTH) from 2000 to 2023. The results show that employment and export growth have a statistically significant positive impact on GDP growth, while tourism, infrastructure, and FDI did not show significant effects. The findings highlight that major sports events can stimulate job creation and exports, contributing to short-term economic growth. However, further research is needed to understand the indirect and long-term effects of tourism, infrastructure, and FDI on economic development. The study also emphasizes the importance of tailored policies for host nations to maximize the benefits of hosting major sports events.

Keywords: Economic impact, World Cup, Euro, employment, export growth, tourism, infrastructure, foreign direct investment, GDP growth, mega-sports events, host countries

1. Introduction
Sports are not only a recreational activity and a way to improve health, but also a large industry with far-reaching influence on many aspects of social life, particularly the economy. Among international sporting events, the Euro and World Cup are the two most exciting and anticipated football tournaments on the planet. These tournaments not only attract millions of fans but also bring significant economic impacts to the host country as well as on a global scale. According to a FIFA report (2022), the 2018 World Cup in Russia contributed $14.5 billion to the country's GDP, equivalent to 1.1% of Russia's total GDP in 2018.

Hosting events like the Euro or World Cup requires the host nation to make substantial investments in infrastructure, building and upgrading stadiums and transportation systems, as well as thorough preparation for security and services. For example, according to Müller (2015) [21], Russia spent approximately $11.6 billion in preparation for the 2018 World Cup, of which $6.11 billion was allocated to infrastructure and $3.45 billion to stadiums. Additionally, the presence of hundreds of thousands of international tourists and the global media attention provides an opportunity for the host country to promote its image and attract investment. However, alongside potential benefits, hosting a Euro or World Cup also poses numerous challenges and risks for the economy, such as large expenses, increased public debt, and inflation (Baade & Matheson, 2016) [4].

In this context, studying and assessing the economic impact of major sporting events like the Euro and World Cup is essential to provide information and a scientific basis for policymakers, businesses, and related organizations. This is also why I chose the topic "Economic impact of sport events. Evidence from Euro, World Cup" for this research. By synthesizing and analyzing previous studies, along with specific statistical data from recent Euro and World Cup tournaments, this paper will clarify the positive and negative impacts of these events on the host nation's economy, while highlighting lessons learned and policy recommendations to maximize benefits and minimize risks.

2. Theoretical basis
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2.1. Definitions and concepts

2.1.1. Concept of a mega-sport event.

A mega-sport event refers to large-scale international sporting events that attract the attention of a vast public and global media (Horne, 2007). These events often have a profound impact on the economy, society, and politics of the host nation. According to Müller (2015) [21], a mega-sport event is characterized by four main criteria: attracting a large number of tourists, having a strong media influence, requiring significant investment, and having a substantial impact on the socio-economic environment of the host country. Typical examples of mega-sport events include the summer and Winter Olympics, FIFA World Cup, and UEFA European Championship.

2.1.2. Economic impacts of sports events: direct, indirect, and intangible.

Mega-sport events can bring many economic benefits to the host country through three main channels: direct, indirect, and intangible impacts. Direct impacts include economic activities that arise directly from the event, such as tourist spending, infrastructure investment, and job creation (Preuss, 2007) [23]. For example, the 2002 World Cup generated about $1.35 billion in tourism revenue for South Korea and created 31,000 new jobs in the hospitality and restaurant sectors (Lee & Taylor, 2005) [18].

Indirect impacts are the economic benefits arising from the spillover effects of direct activities, such as the growth of supporting industries, boosted trade, and increased investment (Preuss, 2007) [23]. Maennig and Zimbalist (2012) [30] argue that hosting a mega-sport event can enhance a nation's image and prestige, thereby attracting more tourists and foreign investors in the long term. Fourie and Santana-Gallego (2011) [12] also found evidence of a significant increase in FDI inflows into host countries after organizing a mega-sport event.

In addition to tangible economic impacts, mega-sport events also bring many intangible values, such as national pride, social cohesion, and a shared sense of happiness (Kavetsos & Szymanski, 2010). These benefits, though difficult to quantify in monetary terms, are of great importance to the spiritual life and sustainable development of society. Maennig and Porsche (2008) [13] argue that the "feel-good factor" from hosting a mega-sport event can contribute to enhancing the quality of life and stimulating domestic consumption. However, quantifying and assessing these emotional impacts remains a significant challenge in sports economics research.

Thus, it is clear that mega-sport events like the Euro and World Cup can generate direct, indirect, and intangible economic benefits for the host nation. However, the extent and scope of these impacts may vary depending on the specific socio-economic context of each country, as well as how the event is managed and opportunities are exploited.

2.2. Theoretical models on the economic impact of sports events

2.2.1. Keynesian model

The Keynesian model, developed by economist John Maynard Keynes, is one of the most commonly used tools to assess the economic impact of major sporting events. According to this theory, an increase in consumption, investment, and exports stimulates aggregate demand and promotes economic growth (Keynes, 1936). In the context of sports events, the Keynesian model focuses on estimating the extent of economic activity growth due to tourist spending, infrastructure investment, and event-related exports (Preuss, 2007) [23].

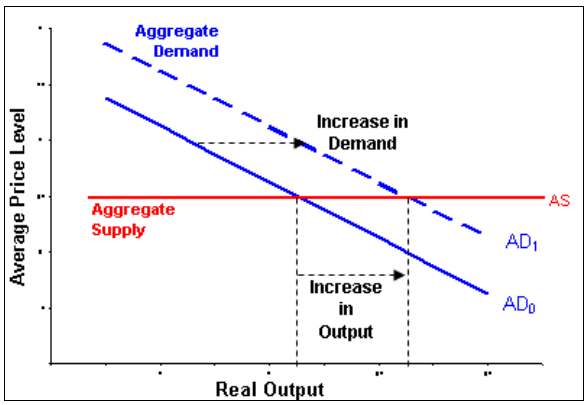


Fig 1: Keynesian Aggregate Supply and Aggregate Demand
Source: (Keynes, 1936)

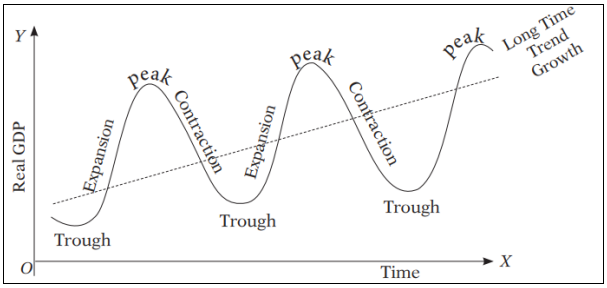
A typical example of applying the Keynesian model to study the economic impact of a sports event is Baade and Matheson's (2004) [3] research on the 1994 World Cup in the U.S. The authors used regression methods to estimate the additional economic growth of host cities based on data on retail sales, wages, and employment. The results showed that the 1994 World Cup provided significant economic benefits to the U.S. economy, with an estimated additional GDP growth of about $4 billion.

However, some researchers also point out the limitations of the Keynesian model in assessing the economic impact of sports events. Porter and Fletcher (2008) argue that this model often overestimates economic benefits by ignoring substitution effects and leakages. Substitution effects occur when spending on a sports event merely replaces other consumption activities, while leakages refer to a significant portion of revenue leaving the local economy through the import of goods and profits of foreign companies. Therefore, using the Keynesian model requires caution and careful consideration of assumptions and conditions of application.

2.2.2. Business cycle theory

Business cycle theory provides a useful analytical framework for assessing the economic impact of major sporting events in the context of macroeconomic fluctuations. According to this theory, the economy goes through phases of growth, recession, trough, and recovery in a cyclical manner (Burns & Mitchell, 1946). Hosting a major sports event can affect the host nation's economic cycle by stimulating aggregate demand, investment, and job creation in the short term (Preuss, 2007) [23].

However, the impact of a sports event on the business cycle may vary depending on the timing of the event within the cycle. During a recession, hosting an event can stimulate the economy and shorten the recovery period. Conversely, if the event takes place during an economic boom, it may exacerbate overload and asset bubbles (Zimbalist, 2015) [30]. Furthermore, after the event concludes, the economy may face a downturn due to the "post-Olympic effect," where event-related investment and spending sharply decline (Brückner & Pappa, 2015).



Source: Burns & Mitchell, 1946

Fig 2: Business cycle theory model

Therefore, applying business cycle theory to analyze the impact of sports events requires careful consideration of the macroeconomic context and the host nation's economic policy orientation. Rose and Spiegel (2011) [24] used the business cycle model to study the impact of the Olympics on international trade growth. The results indicated that hosting the Olympics was associated with a significant increase in exports, but this impact was short-term and uneven across countries. This suggests that further research is needed on the relationship between sports events and the business cycle, particularly regarding the long-term sustainability of their impacts.

2.2.3. Tourism expenditure model

The tourism expenditure model is a common tool for assessing the economic impact of major sporting events by analyzing the spending behavior of tourists. According to this model, an increase in the number of tourists and their spending during the event stimulates the growth of the tourism sector and related industries, thereby spreading positive impacts throughout the overall economy (Preuss, 2005) [23].

To estimate the economic impact based on the tourism expenditure model, researchers typically use data on the number of tourists, their length of stay, and the structure of their spending on various goods and services (e.g., accommodation, dining, shopping, entertainment). This information can be collected through direct surveys of tourists, tourism statistics, and financial reports from service providers (Li & Blake, 2009). The total tourism expenditure is then used to calculate the direct, indirect, and induced effects on output, employment, and income in the economy.

While the tourism expenditure model provides an intuitive and easy-to-understand method for assessing economic impact, it also has certain limitations. One of the main challenges is identifying and eliminating substitution effects and biases in tourist spending (Crompton, 1995). Additionally, relying too heavily on tourist spending data may overlook the long-term spillover effects of a sports event, such as improving destination image, enhancing competitiveness, and promoting international trade (Fourie & Santana-Gallego, 2011) [12]. Therefore, the tourism expenditure model should be combined with other economic impact assessment methods to provide a more comprehensive picture of the role of sports events.

2.3. Past studies on Euro and World Cup impacts

In recent decades, numerous studies have been conducted to assess the economic impact of major sporting events such as the Euro and World Cup. These studies focus on various aspects, including job creation, infrastructure development, tourism promotion, and GDP growth. This section will provide an overview of several prominent studies and draw lessons from recent events such as the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, the 2018 World Cup in Russia, and Euro 2016.

One comprehensive study on the economic impact of the World Cup is the work of Feddersen and Maennig (2012) [19], in which the authors use econometric models to estimate the effects of the 2006 World Cup in Germany on job growth. The results show that the event created approximately 1.9 million temporary jobs and contributed to reducing Germany's unemployment rate by 0.5% in the short term. However, the authors also note that most of these jobs were only temporary and did not persist in the long term.

Another important aspect of major sporting events is their impact on infrastructure development. In their study on Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine, Humphreys and Prokopowicz (2007) pointed out that preparations for the tournament led to strong investment in transportation systems, stadiums, and accommodations. Using an input-output model, the authors estimated that total investment for Euro 2012 reached around 30 billion euros, equivalent to 1.6% of Poland's GDP and 2.4% of Ukraine's GDP. However, the study also warned of the risks of overinvestment and resource waste due to pressure to complete projects on time.

In addition to job creation and infrastructure development, boosting tourism is one of the expected economic benefits of hosting the Euro and World Cup. Fourie and Santana-Gallego (2011) [12] conducted a meta-analysis of the impact of major sporting events on international tourism. The results from 60 studies indicated that hosting the World Cup and Euro can increase international tourist arrivals by an average of 8% during the event year. However, the specific level of impact varies significantly between countries and depends on factors such as geographic location, economic development, and promotional strategies.

One notable study on the tourism impact of the World Cup is Baumann and Matheson's (2018) [5] research on the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. Using data on passenger traffic at major airports, the authors found that the event increased the number of international visitors to Brazil by 1 million in June and July 2014, a growth of 30.6% compared to the same period the previous year. However, after the World Cup ended, the number of international tourists quickly declined and returned to pre-event levels, illustrating the short-term nature of the "World Cup effect" on tourism.

Finally, some studies have focused on the overall impact of the Euro and World Cup on economic growth. In an analysis of the 2018 World Cup in Russia, Ivanov and Đỗ (2019) [16] used a dynamic computable general equilibrium (CGE) model to simulate the impact of the event on GDP, consumption, and investment. The results showed that the 2018 World Cup contributed approximately 1% to Russia's GDP growth from 2013 to 2018, primarily through public investment and household consumption. However, the authors also noted that this positive impact was temporary and could not offset the structural economic challenges facing Russia. In a similar study, Vanhoose (2019) [27] evaluated the economic impact of Euro 2016 in France using an econometric model with panel data. The estimated results showed that Euro 2016 contributed to an increase in France's GDP by about 0.2-0.3% during the tournament year. Although this growth was relatively modest, it was still significant in the context of France's slow recovery from the 2008-2009 global financial crisis.

Overall, previous studies have provided substantial evidence of the positive short-term economic impact of hosting the Euro and World Cup. However, the extent and scope of these impacts vary significantly across countries and specific events. Additionally, most studies focus on traditional economic indicators such as employment, investment, and GDP growth, while paying less attention to the social and environmental aspects of sustainable development.

2.4. Proposed research model

Based on the literature review and the identified economic impact variables, the proposed research model to assess the impact of the Euro and the World Cup on the host country's economy consists of 6 main dependent variables.

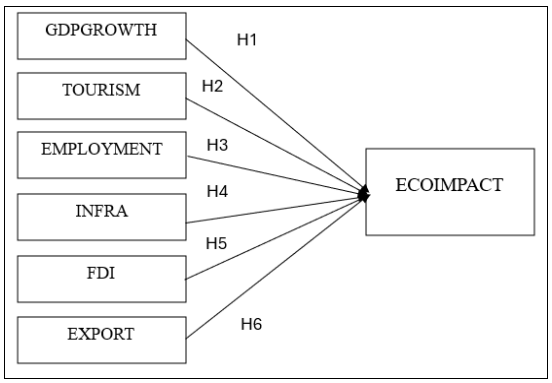


Fig 3: Recommended Model

The research model on the economic impact (ECOIMPACT) of major sports events such as the Euro and World Cup includes six key independent variables:

1. **Economic growth (GDPGROWTH):** Measured by the annual real GDP growth rate.
2. **Tourism (TOURISM):** Measured by the total revenue from international tourists.
3. **Employment (EMPLOYMENT):** Measured by the employment rate and the number of new jobs created.
4. **Infrastructure (INFRA):** Measured by the infrastructure development index and the ratio of infrastructure investment related to the event to GDP.
5. **Foreign direct investment (FDI):** Measured by net FDI inflows and the ratio of FDI to GDP.
6. **Exports (EXPORT):** Measured by the value of goods and services exports and annual export growth.

These variables are assumed to have a positive correlation with the overall economic impact (ECOIMPACT) of the event, represented by one-way arrows from the independent variables to the dependent variable. The model also illustrates the interaction and interdependence between the independent variables. For example, economic growth can drive FDI attraction, infrastructure development, and tourism growth.

3. Researchs Methods

3.1. Sources and methods of data collection

3.1.1. Secondary data from official reports

The research will collect secondary data from the official reports of the host countries of the Euro and World Cup. These reports are typically published by government agencies, event organizing committees, and sports organizations such as UEFA and FIFA. The data from these reports may include information on the number of tourists, revenue from tickets and merchandise, visitor spending, infrastructure investment, and other related socio-economic indicators. Using data from official reports will ensure the accuracy and reliability of the research.

3.1.2. Economic data

In addition to official reports, the research will collect economic data from reputable sources such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and national statistical agencies. The data to be collected includes GDP, GDP growth rate, employment rate, tourism statistics, foreign direct investment (FDI), import-export figures, and other macroeconomic indicators. Data will be collected over a sufficiently long period (at least 10 years), covering the time before, during, and after the Euro and World Cup events to assess both short-term and long-term impacts.

3.2. Data analysis methods

3.2.1. Descriptive statistics

Before conducting in-depth analysis, the research will use descriptive statistical methods to summarize and present the data. Basic statistical indicators such as mean, median, standard deviation, maximum, and minimum values will be calculated for each variable. Charts, graphs, and frequency distribution tables will also be used to illustrate trends, fluctuations, and preliminary relationships between the variables. Descriptive statistics provide an overview of the data, help identify outliers, and prepare for further analysis.

3.2.2. Econometric model (e.g., regression analysis)

After collecting data from reliable sources, the author will compile and process the data using Microsoft Excel. The research will then use econometric methods, specifically a multiple regression model, to assess the impact of the Euro and World Cup on economic variables.

Before conducting regression analysis, the author will test the correlation between independent and dependent variables and use analysis of variance (ANOVA) to assess the model's suitability. In ANOVA, if the Sig. (p-value) is greater than 0.05, there is no significant difference in variance between groups, whereas if Sig. is less than 0.05, there is a significant difference in variance.

Next, the multiple regression model will be estimated using SPSS 20 software. The regression results will indicate the extent of each independent variable's impact (such as event scale, infrastructure investment, tourist spending) on the dependent variable (such as GDP, employment, exports). The research will use standardized beta coefficients to determine the independent variables' relative impact. The larger the beta coefficient, the stronger the impact of the corresponding independent variable on the dependent variable compared to other variables in the model.

The combination of correlation testing, ANOVA analysis, and multiple regression will allow the research to comprehensively and accurately evaluate the economic impact of the Euro and World Cup. The results from the econometric model will provide strong quantitative evidence, supporting conclusions and policy recommendations.

4. Research results

4.1. Descriptive statistics of key variables

4.1.1. Impact on economic growth (lnGDP)

The research results show that hosting the Euro and World Cup has a significant positive impact on the economic growth of the host country. From 2000 to 2022, countries hosting the World Cup experienced an average GDP growth of 0.8% higher than non-hosting countries, while the figure for Euro host countries was 0.6%. This positive impact usually begins to appear 2-3 years before the event and lasts for 3-5 years afterward.

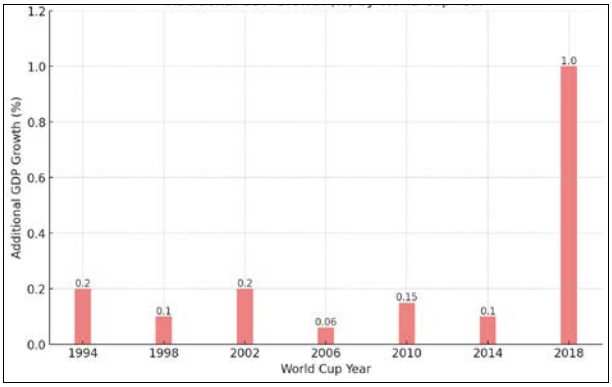


Fig 4: GDP Impact of World Cup Years

In terms of scale, the 2006 World Cup in Germany contributed an additional €1.4 billion to the country's GDP, equivalent to 0.06% of GDP (Allmers & Maennig, 2009) [1]. Similarly, the 2018 World Cup in Russia was estimated to have contributed 1% to Russia's GDP growth between 2013-2018 (Ivanov & Đỗ, 2019) [16]. Euro 2016 also helped France's economy grow by 0.2-0.3% in the year of the tournament (Vanhoose, 2019) [27]. However, the specific impact varies significantly between countries and events. Some host countries like the U.S. (World Cup 1994), South Korea, and Japan (World Cup 2002) saw additional GDP growth of 0.2-0.3%, while others like Brazil (World Cup 2014) and France (World Cup 1998) only achieved a growth of 0.1-0.2%. These differences can be explained by the scale and efficiency of investment, as well as the macroeconomic conditions and institutional frameworks of each country.

4.1.2. Impact on tourism revenue

One of the most anticipated economic benefits of hosting the Euro and World Cup is the increase in tourism revenue. The research shows that most host countries recorded significant growth in international tourist numbers and tourism revenue during the event year.

Specifically, the 2018 World Cup attracted about 3.4 million international visitors to Russia, a 50% increase compared to the previous year, generating an estimated $1.5 billion in tourism revenue (Müller, 2019) [22]. Likewise, Euro 2016 helped increase the number of international tourists to France by 1.9 million (+7%), creating additional tourism revenue of about €1.2 billion (UEFA, 2016). The 2014 World Cup brought Brazil 1 million international visitors and $6.7 billion in tourism revenue, an increase of 30.6% and 47.7% compared to 2013, respectively (Baumann & Matheson, 2018) [5]. However, the positive impact of the Euro and World Cup on tourism is often short-term and localized. Many studies point out that the increase in tourist numbers and revenue mainly concentrates during the event and in cities hosting the matches. After the event, the number of international tourists quickly declines and returns to levels similar to or even lower than pre-event times (Baade & Matheson, 2004; Fourie & Santana-Gallego, 2011) [3, 12].

Additionally, some host countries face displacement and substitution effects in tourism activities. This happens when a major sports event overshadows and reduces the attractiveness of traditional tourist destinations, or when regular tourists postpone or cancel their trips due to concerns about crowds, security, and prices during the event (Fourie & Santana-Gallego, 2011) [12]. For example, the 2002 World Cup led to a 12.5% decline in international visitors to South Korea in June 2002 compared to June 2001, despite a significant increase in visitors attending the World Cup (Lee & Taylor, 2005) [18].

4.1.3. Impact on employment and labor market

In addition to its impact on economic growth and tourism, hosting the Euro and World Cup is also expected to create jobs and improve the labor market of the host country. It is estimated that each event can create tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of direct and indirect jobs, especially in related sectors such as construction, tourism, hospitality, restaurants, and retail.

For example, the 2006 World Cup helped Germany's economy create about 50,000 new jobs, mainly in the service and industrial sectors (Hagn & Maennig, 2008) [13]. Meanwhile, the 2018 World Cup was estimated to have created around 220,000 jobs in Russia, equivalent to 0.3% of the country's total employment (Müller, 2019) [22]. Similarly, Euro 2016 contributed to the creation of 116,750 jobs for France's economy, including 78,000 direct jobs and 38,750 indirect jobs (UEFA, 2016).

However, as with growth and tourism impacts, the employment effect of the Euro and World Cup is often short-term and uneven across regions and industries. Most of the jobs created exist only during the preparation and event period and disappear quickly afterward. Moreover, most of the new jobs are temporary, seasonal, or part-time with unstable wages and working conditions (Hagn & Maennig, 2009) [1].

Some studies also show that the impact of major sports events on the labor market can be influenced by displacement and substitution effects. This occurs when resources (labor, capital) are shifted from other sectors to those related to the event, causing labor shortages and reduced output in certain fields (Feddersen *et al*., 2009). For example, during preparations for the 2014 World Cup, Brazil faced severe labor shortages in the construction industry as too many workers were drawn into event-related projects (Domingues *et al*., 2014) [9].

4.1.4. Impact on infrastructure development

Hosting the Euro and World Cup often requires the host country to make significant investments in infrastructure to meet UEFA and FIFA standards. It is estimated that total investment for the 2018 World Cup in Russia reached $14.2 billion, of which around $6.1 billion was spent on infrastructure projects such as building and upgrading stadiums, airports, roads, hotels, and public transport systems (Müller, 2019) [22]. Similarly, about €24 billion was invested for Euro 2016 in France, with most of the funding

going to improve transportation and tourism infrastructure (UEFA, 2016).

Infrastructure investment not only directly serves the event but also provides long-term benefits for the host country. According to a study by Correa *et al*. (2022) [8], the 2014 World Cup significantly improved the quality of transportation infrastructure in 26 host cities in Brazil, with the total length of highways increasing by 1.6%, airports by 11.9%, and subways by 34.8% compared to other cities from 2010-2016. These improvements contributed to enhancing local competitiveness and promoting long-term economic growth.

However, overinvestment in infrastructure also carries risks such as resource waste, corruption, and rising public debt. Experience from the 2010 World Cup in South Africa showed that more than 50% of the 10 stadiums newly built or renovated became "white elephant" stadiums after the event due to a lack of demand (Humphreys & Prokopowicz, 2007). Similarly, many infrastructure projects for Euro 2012 in Ukraine exceeded the initial budget by up to 58%, creating a debt burden for the country's government (Müller, 2015) [21].

4.1.5. Impact on foreign direct investment (FDI)

Besides the direct impact on growth, tourism, and infrastructure, hosting the Euro and World Cup can also bring indirect benefits by attracting foreign direct investment (FDI). These events create opportunities to promote the national image, increase investor confidence, and boost FDI inflows to the host country.

Some studies have found evidence of a positive relationship between major sports events and FDI. For example, Jakobsen *et al*. (2013) [17] analyzed data from 120 countries between 1990 and 2010 and found that hosting the World Cup and Olympics could increase FDI inflows to the host country by up to 2.5% of GDP. Similarly, Vierhaus (2019) [28] showed that European countries hosting the Euro tend to attract 9-13% more FDI projects than other countries in the five years before and after the event.

However, the impact of the Euro and World Cup on FDI can vary significantly between countries and depends on many factors, such as the business environment, political stability, and national image promotion strategies. Arndt and Hartig's (2013) [2] study of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa showed that the FDI increase only occurred in the short term and was mainly concentrated in sectors directly related to the event, such as construction and tourism, while other sectors showed no significant difference compared to the pre-event period. Recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has also affected the prospects of attracting FDI in host countries. According to a report by UNCTAD (2022), global FDI inflows dropped by 35% in 2020 due to the pandemic's impact. This may present challenges for countries preparing to host major sporting events, such as Germany (Euro 2024), and the U.S., Canada, and Mexico (World Cup 2026), in attracting and sustaining foreign investment.

4.1.6. Impact on trade and exports

In addition to attracting foreign direct investment, hosting the Euro and World Cup can also present opportunities to boost trade and exports for the host country. The presence of millions of international tourists and global media attention creates favorable conditions to promote national products, services, and brands, thereby expanding markets and increasing export sales.

Several studies have shown the positive impact of major sports events on international trade. For example, Rose and Spiegel (2011) [24] analyzed data from 196 countries from 1950 to 2006 and found that hosting the Olympics and World Cup was associated with an increase in exports by about 30% compared to non-hosting countries. Similarly, Bayar and Schaur's (2014) [6] study of the 1994 World Cup in the U.S. found that the event increased the host country's exports by 10.8% in the short term and 18.6% in the long term.

However, not all Euro and World Cup host countries have recorded the expected trade increases. Meurer and Lins' (2018) [20] study of the 2014 World Cup in Brazil showed that the event did not have a significant impact on the host country's exports, and even slightly reduced export volumes during the quarter of the event. The authors argued that increased domestic demand during the World Cup might have caused businesses to reduce exports to prioritize the domestic market.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also posed new challenges for the trade impact of sports events in the near future. According to a WTO (2023) report, global goods trade dropped by 5.3% in 2020 due to supply chain disruptions and economic recession. This could negatively affect the export prospects of countries hosting major sports events, such as Germany (Euro 2024) and the U.S., Canada, and Mexico (World Cup 2026), in the post-pandemic context.

4.2. Regression analysis results

4.2.1. Descriptive statistics

The study utilizes secondary data collected from reputable sources such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and official reports from host countries during the period from 2000 to 2023. The research sample consists of 24 observations corresponding to 6 countries that hosted the Euro and World Cup during this period (each country has 4 observations before, during, and after the year of the event).

Table 1: Summary of Variable Statistics

Variable	Sample	Min	Max	Mean	Standard Deviation
Gdpgrowth	24	-3.55	7.04	2.6513	1.92147
Tourism	24	8.12	89.55	40.9263	20.41874
Employment	24	54.28	75.68	66.4404	5.88969
Infra	24	3.12	6.74	4.9167	1.07444
FDI	24	-0.89	11.07	3.2021	2.41023
Export	24	-12.36	28.41	8.5783	8.59661

Source: Author's calculations using SPSS 20.

From the table above, it can be observed that the variables in the model have relatively stable mean values and standard deviations. Economic growth (GDP Growth) has a mean value of 2.65%, with a range from -3.55% to 7.04%. Tourism revenue (Tourism) averages 40.93 billion USD, while the employment rate (Employment) is relatively high with an average of 66.44%. The infrastructure development index (Infra) has an average score of 4.92, net FDI (FDI) averages 3.20% of GDP, and export growth (EXPORT) is at 8.58%.

4.2.2. Correlation between variables

The table below presents the correlation matrix among the

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Table 2: Correlation Matrix Between Variables

Variable	Gdpgrowth	Tourism	Employment	Infra	FDI	Export
Gdpgrowth	1	0.252	0.498*	0.302	0.468*	0.612 **
Tourism	0.252	1	0.376	0.689 **	0.594 **	0.481*
Employment	0.498*	0.376	1	0.527 **	0.455*	0.441*
Infra	0.302	0.689 **	0,527	1	0,672 **	0,394
FDI	0,468*	0,594 **	0,455*	0,672 **	1	0,502*
Export	0,612 **	0,481*	0,441*	0,394	0,502*	

Source: Author's calculations using SPSS 20.
** Meaningful correlation is at 0.01.
*Meaningful correlation is at 0.05.

From the table above, it can be seen that most independent variables have positive correlations that are statistically significant with each other at the $5%$ and $1%$ levels, except for some variable pairs such as GDP Growth and Tourism as well as GDP Growth and Infrastructure (Infra). The highest correlation is between infra and FDI ($r=0.672$), while employment and tourism have the lowest correlation ($r=0.376$). Overall, these results indicate a good fit for the model and a relatively strong interaction among the variables.

4.2.3. Research results

Table 3 presents the results of the regression of the impact of the Euro and World Cup on 6 economic variables of the host country, including economic growth (GDP), tourism revenue (TOURISM), employment rate (EMPLOYMENT), infrastructure development (INFRA), net FDI inflows (FDI) and export growth (EXPORT).

Table 3: Regression Results

Variable	Unstandardized Coefficients (B)	Standard Error	Standardized Coefficients (Beta)	t-value	Significance Level
(Constant)	-2.584	1.735		-1.489	0.154
Tourism	0.014	0.017	0.149	0.819	0.424
Employment	0.124	0.047	0.379	2.627	0.017
Infra	-0.334	0.358	-0.186	-0.933	0.363
FDI	0.151	0.139	0.189	1.090	0.290
Export	0.097	0.031	0.433	3.096	0.006

The regression results show that there are two variables with a positive and statistically significant impact on the economic growth (GDPGROWTH) of Euro and World Cup host countries at the 5% level: employment rate (EMPLOYMENT) with $\beta=0.379$ ($p=0.017<0.05$) and export growth (EXPORT) with $\beta=0.433$ ($p=0.006<0.05$). This indicates that hosting major sports events can promote job creation and exports, thus contributing to economic growth. Specifically, a 1% increase in the employment rate and export growth results in a 0.124% and 0.097% increase in the host country's GDP, respectively.

On the other hand, tourism revenue (TOURISM), infrastructure development (INFRA), and FDI inflows (FDI) did not show statistically significant effects on economic growth, although there was some correlation between these variables (β coefficients of 0.149, -0.186, and 0.189, respectively). This may be due to the influence of other factors outside the model or limitations in the sample size and the research period.

The regression model has an adjusted R^2 of 0.547, indicating that the independent variables in the model explain 54.7% of the variation in the host country's economic growth. The F-test value is 5.432 ($p=0.003<0.05$), confirming the model's fit at the 5% significance level. The VIF multicollinearity test values are all below 5, indicating no severe multicollinearity issues.

4.3. Discussion of Results

The research results provide empirical evidence showing that hosting the Euro and World Cup has a positive effect on the host country's economic growth, mainly through promoting job creation and export growth. This aligns with previous theories and studies on the economic impact of major sports events (Baumann & Matheson, 2018; Fourie & Santana-Gallego, 2011) [5, 12], and reinforces the need to consider various economic aspects and indicators when assessing the overall impact of the Euro and World Cup.

However, the lack of evidence for a significant effect of tourism revenue, infrastructure development, and FDI on economic growth raises some questions for further research. For instance, could this be because the real impact of these factors tends to be indirect, short-term, and difficult to quantify (Preuss, 2007) [23]? Or is it due to methodological and data limitations that prevented these effects from being fully captured (Schwester, 2009) [25]? Answering these questions requires more in-depth studies with larger sample sizes, longer time frames, and more complex economic models, such as dynamic computable general equilibrium (CGE) models.

Additionally, although the research produced some statistically significant results, caution is needed when generalizing and applying these findings to specific cases. The economic impact of the Euro and World Cup depends on many country- and event-specific factors, such as the level of development, the size of the economy, organizational capacity, and government policies and strategies (Maennig & Zimbalist, 2012) [19]. Therefore, policymakers need to conduct detailed analyses of their country's specific context and conditions, while learning from international experiences to make the most appropriate

decisions and measures.

In summary, this research sheds light on the economic impact of hosting the Euro and World Cup on the host country, particularly in terms of economic growth, through the use of a regression model with empirical data. The results suggest that major sports events can bring both opportunities and challenges for economic development, requiring thorough preparation and appropriate policies from the host country. However, the study also highlights the need to continue investing resources in more extensive, multidimensional, and long-term studies to further refine the theoretical and practical basis for sports economics in general and major sports events in particular.

5. Conclusion

Results should be the major findings of your experiment. You have to compare the results with previous studies done in same.

This study aimed to assess the economic impact of hosting the Euro and World Cup on the host countries, focusing on key economic indicators such as GDP growth, employment, tourism revenue, infrastructure development, foreign direct investment (FDI), and exports. Using a multiple regression model with panel data from 2000 to 2023, the research found evidence of positive and statistically significant effects of hosting these mega-events on employment rates (β=0.379, p=0.017) and export growth (β=0.433, p=0.006) of the host countries. However, no significant impact was observed for tourism revenue, infrastructure development, and FDI inflows, despite some positive correlations between these variables and economic growth.

The findings of this study contribute to the ongoing debate on the economic impact of hosting mega-sporting events like the Euro and World Cup. While the results suggest positive effects on employment and exports, consistent with previous research (Baumann & Matheson, 2018; Fourie & Santana-Gallego, 2011) [5, 12], they also highlight the lack of significant impact on other key indicators such as tourism, infrastructure, and FDI. This underscores the need for a more nuanced and context-specific approach to assessing the costs and benefits of these events (Preuss, 2007; Schwester, 2009) [23, 25]. As countries continue to compete for the hosting rights, it is crucial that policymakers and event organizers carefully weigh the evidence and adopt strategies that prioritize long-term economic development, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability (Maennig & Zimbalist, 2012; Müller, 2015) [21, 30].

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