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Aspirations, Drivers and Intersectionality

Examples / empirical findings of
the interview analysis with settled
migrants in Germany

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German report: Groupspecific Drivers / circumstances (initial departure)

Drivers	Group A – Refugees from War (16)	Group B – Political, ethnic and religious persecution (10)	Group C – Lack of perspective (6)	Sum (n=32)
War, bombing, displacement	21	0	0	21
Threat, violence	19	9	3	31
Political / ethnic persecution	14	9	0	23
Loss of relatives	7	6	4	17
Family related reasons	6	7	5	18
Collapse in supply / insufficient supply	5	0	2	7
Religious persecution and conflicts	4	4	1	9
Discrimination, deprivation	0	8	1	9
Lack of perspective (problems regarding work / education)	7	4	11	22
Triggering event	4	1	1	5

Number of
persons

Total
number of
statements



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Findings

Departure situation and initial aspirations:

- Departure mostly triggered by cumulative causation
- Networks = most important factor for aspirations towards a specific destination country
- Group-specific differences in terms of resources and initial aspirations
- Depending on the capabilities, different patterns of destination concepts developing en route
- No networks + low resources = (nearly) no aspiration to migrate to Europe;