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The Role of Hubs in Migration Trajectories

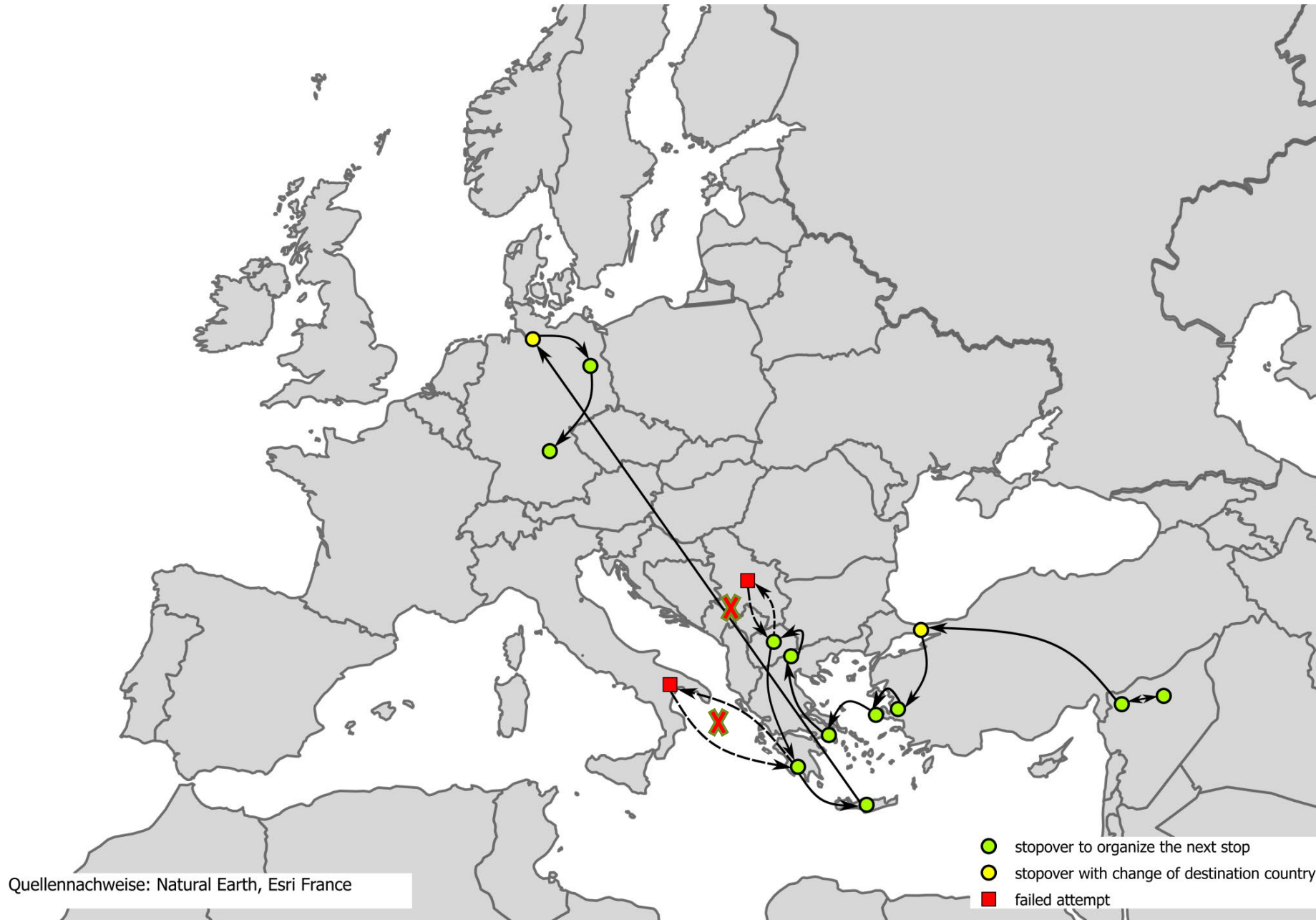
WP9: Listening to the migrants

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The journey of DE_02_M

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- stopover to organize the next step
- stopover with change of destination country
- ✗ failed attempt



Hubs in literature and the question of scales

Different terms and concepts:

- “hubs” (Wissink et al., 2020; Bither et al., 2016)
- “hotspots” (EUROPOL, 2016)
- “transit zones” (Hess, 2012) or “spaces of transit” (Ansems de Vries & Guild, 2019) or similar
- “stopover site” (Massa, 2020, 268)
- “migrant route cities” (Cummings et al., 2015, 10)

Different scales:

- refugee camp (Bacchetta & Martin 2018)
- small inner city quarter (Wissink et al., 2013; Abikova & Piotrowicz, 2021)
- metropolitan urban space (Wissink et al., 2017; Kaytaz 2016)
- country (Collyer et al., 2014; Molodikova 2014, 165; Hennebry et al. 2014; Teerling & King, 2012).
- reference both to national and local levels (Mixed Migration Centre, 2020)
- institution (Kent 2021, p. 96).

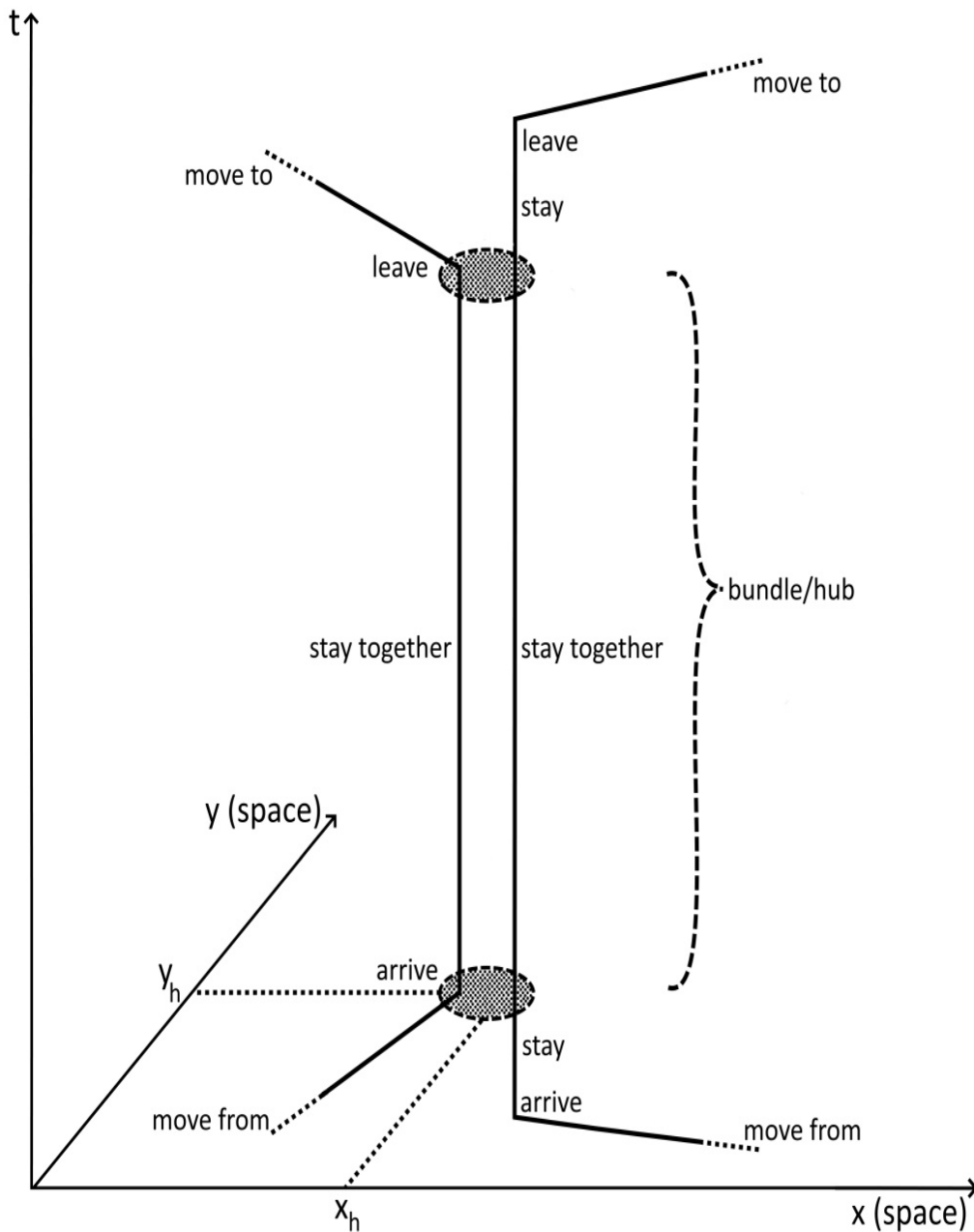


The ,new mobilities paradigm‘

“The new mobilities paradigm posits that activities occur while on the move, that being on the move can involve sets of ‘occasional’ activities” (Sheller & Urry 2006, 213).

The relevance of “daily and weekly time - space patterns” (Sheller & Urry 2006, 221).

Time Geography (Hägerstrand 1957)



[source: Ellegård 2019, p. 34;
modifications by the authors]

Quotations (from HMB WP9)

DE_13_M(90): "... it was a different person, but the contact was arranged by the same Moroccan who was our contact. This time the Moroccan told us to go to a certain house near the border where we could sleep and then be led across the border by someone."

DE_02_M(24): „Many of my friends had been smuggled to Greece by a Turk who spoke Arabic. We went to him and he took us from the hostel where we had stayed in a certain apartment to make sure we remain his customers and did not contact another smuggler”.

DE_01_M(17): “When you lived with people who arrived after you and who then have managed to reach Europe, you immediately want to do the same”.

Hubs ...

- ... are integral parts of migration trajectories; they connect single stages in migration systems.
- ... emerge as a universal, structural response to the functional needs of migrants.
- ... provide relevant infrastructure for migrants' orientation and decision making.
- ... help migrants to continue and reorganize their journey.
- ... are (sometimes) immoral markets.
- ... are, in functional and structural terms, different.

Chance encounters in hubs and *en route* play an underestimated role for migrants' agency.

Hubs are appropriate places for a more efficient migration management.





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