

Appendices

Appendix 1

Interview Refugees on the Czech housing market

Introduction BEFORE THE AUDIO RECORDING STARTS: (re)-introduction of the study (scope, aims, and end results), interviewer self-presentation. Confirmation that the participant has no further queries about the study, their participation, the use of their data and that they are happy for the interview to be recorded. Informed consent form is signed by the participant pre-interview.

INTRODUCTION

General information about interviewees

1. Could you tell me about yourself – anything that you find important?

❖ If not mentioned:

- a. What is your age?
- b. What is your highest level of education? What field of studies?
- c. What is your family arrangement?
- d. Economic activity
 - 1..d.1. Before leaving Ukraine, what was your occupation?
 - 1..d.2. Are you currently employed? What is your occupation?

Housing situation before arrival in the Czech Republic

2. Could you tell me about your housing situation in Ukraine before you moved to the Czech Republic?

❖ If not mentioned:

- a. What was your housing situation before you left Ukraine? Where did you live? Did you own your accommodation? How many people lived with you and what was your relationship?

PRIMARY STRATEGIES – EXPERIENCE WITH HOUSING DURING THE FIRST DAYS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

I will now ask you more about your housing situation right after you arrived in the Czech Republic.

Housing in the first days after arrival in the Czech Republic

3. Could you tell me about your housing situation during the first days after your arrival in the Czech Republic?

➤ Additional questions:

3.1 When did you arrive in the Czech Republic?

❖ If not mentioned:

- a. What type of housing was it? What was the location of your accommodation?

- b. Did you share your apartment/room with anyone? Did you have any flatmates? What was your relationship with them? Were you able to choose your flat/roommates?
 - c. Who was providing the accommodation?
4. Did you live in initial housing? What was your overall experience?

Experience with a support regarding housing provided by the state and other subjects

5. Did you receive any assistance when looking for housing after your arrival? If yes, how did the assistance look like? Where or whom did it come from? How useful was it for you?
- ❖ Additional question:
 - 5.1 Have you ever received humanitarian aid and other social benefits? Do you currently receive it?

STRATEGIES DURING THE TRANSITION TO PRIVATE HOUSING

Now, I would like to talk to you more about the process of finding accommodation on the regular housing market.

Motivations for seeking accommodation on the regular housing market

- 6. Why did you decide to look for accommodation on the regular commercial housing market?
- 7. When you first started looking for accommodation, what were you looking for? What was your ideal accommodation?
- 8. How much did you know about the situation on the Czech housing market before you started looking for accommodation?

Transition to the regular housing market in Czech Republic

- 9. What was your experience with looking for accommodation on the commercial housing market?
 - ❖ If not mentioned:
 - a. How long did it take you to find accommodation?
 - b. Where and how you looked? (social media, real estate agencies, etc.)
- 10. What helped you in the process of looking for accommodation?

Barriers and challenges encountered on the regular housing market

- 11. Were there any barriers or challenges that you had to face during the process of finding accommodation?
- 12. How did you deal with these challenges?
- 13. When looking back at your ideal accommodation when you were at the beginning of the process of finding housing - were you then able to find what you were looking for initially? Were you able to get your ideal accommodation? Why?

CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

Current housing situation

- 14. What is your current housing situation? Describe your situation in more detail.
- 15. How did you get this accommodation?
- 16. What is your relationship with the landlord(s)?
- 17. How stable is your housing situation right now? When does your contract end?
- 18. How satisfied are you with your current housing situation?

- Additional questions:
 - 18.1 What works for you? What does not work?

FUTURE STRATEGIES

Let's now talk a bit about your future prospects.

Future housing aspirations

19. What are your plans for the future regarding your housing situation?
20. When looking for new accommodation, what would you do the same and what would you do differently?

Importance of having an own place to live

21. What does it mean to you to have your own place to live?

INTERVIEW CLOSURE

Thank you for your time. We have come to the end of the interview now. But before we finish, do you have questions or would you like to add anything to what we have already discussed?

END OF AUDIO RECORDING

Appendix 2

Information about the research

Name of master thesis: **Refugees on the Czech housing market**

Author of master thesis: Veronika Kostelecká

The master thesis is conducted as a final thesis at the Faculty of Arts, Charles university at the Department of Sociology.

Dear Sir/Dear Madam,

This sociological research is a part of a master thesis which aims to explore the situation of refugees from Ukraine on the Czech housing market. The purpose of this master thesis is to expand the knowledge about the situation of refugees from Ukraine on the Czech housing market and thus enrich the discussion about strategies for a successful integration of refugees (not only) in the Czech Republic and to present valuable and relevant information for migration policies. As part of this thesis, in depth interviews are being conducted with refugees from Ukraine. An interview with you will contribute to a deeper understanding about this situation. The interview will take between 60-90 minutes (in case of an interpreter being involved it might be a bit longer). It is completely anonymous, which means that your name nor your identification details will not be mentioned anywhere. With your permission, the interview will be audio recorded, transcribed and anonymised afterwards, so that none of your opinions or statements will be directly linked to you. Information from the transcription will be used only for the research purposes. The audio recordings will be stored under a password, and they will be destroyed completely when the thesis is finished. The anonymised text will be archived.

We are not aware of any risk resulting from your participation in this research. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time without giving any reason if you do not wish to continue. If you wish to obtain any additional information about the interview or the research you can contact the author of the master thesis at any time, during or after the interview, using the contact details below.

Contact details of the author:

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Informed consent form

I declare that I have read the text presented above which states information about the research Refugees on the Czech housing market and I have understood the aim and purpose of it.

I agree to participate in the research and I understand that I can withdraw freely at any time without any explanation. I also agree for my personal details to be used as part of the audio recording which then will be transcribed and anonymized and will be deleted when the master thesis is published.

I was informed and declare that:

- I'm informed about the purpose, potential benefits and risks of the study and that I know what is expected of me.
- I have had enough time to think and I have been able to ask all the questions that have come to mind and I have received a clear answer to my questions.
- I understand that my participation in this study is voluntary and that I'm free to stop my participation in this study without having to give a reason.
- I have a right to request access to my personal data, rectification or erasure of, or restriction of processing of, personal data concerning me, I have the right to object to the processing of personal data.
- I have a right to file a complaint to the supervisory authority (Office for personal data protection) in case I believe that the processing of my personal data is in breach of the law.
- I have a right to withdraw my consent to the processing of my personal data at any time, without any penalty or disadvantage by informing the author at the email address kosteleckaveronika@gmail.com or by any other means by contacting the author of the research mentioned above. The lawfulness of data processing prior to withdrawal of consent is not affected.

On the basis of the above information, I hereby give my consent to the researcher to process my personal data for the purpose of the research.

Name and surname:

Signature:

In date:

Statement of the author

I, the undersigned Veronika Kostecká, declare that I have provided the required information about this study as well as a copy of the information document to the participant.

I confirm that no pressure has been exerted on the participant to have him / her consent to participate in the research.

Name and surname:

Signature:

In date:

Appendix 3

Table 2: Characteristics of the Sample, extended version

Name	Age	Level of education	Current occupation	Month of arrival in the Czech Republic	Duration of the transition process	Number of moves in the Czech Republic	Household composition during the transition process	Language of the interview	Presence of an interpreter during the interview
Kateryna	37	tertiary education	project architect	March 2022	4 months	4	2 children	Czech	no
Nataliya	25	tertiary education	programmer	September 2022	2 weeks	1	alone	English	no
Polina	43	secondary education	salesperson	May 2022	4 months	3	husband and 2 children	Czech	no
Anna	25	tertiary education	lecturer	March 2022	1 week	2	alone	English	no
Olena	49	tertiary education	cleaner	March 2022	2 months	1	husband and 1 child	Czech	yes
Oksana	48	tertiary education	therapist	March 2022	2 months	5	2 children	English	no
Alina	37	tertiary education	hospitality worker	March 2022	2 months	4	alone	Ukrainian	yes
Svitlana	45	tertiary education	parental leave	March 2022	3 months	2	2 children	Czech	no
Iryna	35	tertiary education	unemployed	September 2023	1 month	1	husband	Ukrainian	yes
Lyudmyla	39	tertiary education	parental leave	April 2022	2 months	1	husband, 2 children and senior	Ukrainian	yes
Olha	35	tertiary education	parental leave	August 2022	2 months	2	husband and 2 children	Ukrainian	yes
Nadiya	40	tertiary education	unemployed	March 2022	2 months	2	husband, 1 child, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, acquaintance and 1 child	Ukrainian	yes