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**Identification of prejudices towards
foreigners and migrants in the district of
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1. Aims

The aim of this report is to analyse, to check and in an ideal case to disprove prejudice towards foreigners and migrants with significant arguments.

At the end of this report there is a guideline for trainings, workshops and lectures.

Affected persons can learn from the argumentation aid and from that they can create a strong and self- confident appearance if it comes to a discussion or confrontation.

Furthermore this report provides a list of organisations and projects around the theme of prejudices toward foreigners and migrants.

2. Definition of prejudices

The performed research approved that prejudices start from attitude, emotions and behavior directed against a group of persons or a member, which express directly or indirectly antipathy or negativity against the group. Integrating in stereotypes leading to prejudices and discrimination.

A prejudice is therefore an attitude that consists three components.: an affective, a cognitive and a behavior component.

A prejudice comes from the entire attitude and affective component. The stereotypes come from the cognitive component. Discrimination is the behavioral component.

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The List of prejudices towards foreigners and migrants about People living in Nürnberg/ Langwasser, is structured in various areas. This kind of structuring makes it easier to analyse and for identification. The areas are divided in community life, health, sozial benefits, economy, education, labor market and stereotypes, especially the religion.

3.1 Area: Community Life

- **Foreigners don't want to learn the German language.**

Most Immigrants are highly motivated to learn the German language. They have a desire for social contacts with other People living in the area. It's a old tough prejudice that Immigrants don't want to learn German. In 2013 about 117,000 people attended an Integration course. 61 percent of them attended on their own free will. More than 92,000 of those people completed the Integration course „German-test for immigrants“ too. Half completed level B1 and 33 percent completed level A2. Only eight percent have been below.

- **Foreigners don't want to integrate in to the German community.**

Insufficient Information suggests immigrants don't want to integrate. The statistical data tells the opposite: for the number of refusing to integrate, there is no evidence. The request of integration courses increased 2014. The problem is on the one hand, there are calls for attending the courses and on the other hand there aren't enough courses. Most of the courses were booked out with more than 120,000 people attending them. In Nurnberg there are 2,658 approvals and people attending the courses.

- **Foreigners create litter and pollute our town.**

Some residents don't want immigrants and refugees in their districts because they think the residential area would have losses on prestige and value. But in realty it's due to the collective housing of asylum seekers which don't have the appropriate capacity. Families don't have enough money for clothes, food

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or hygiene products. So in that case it is possible that public litter cans overflow or trash is lying on the street. It simply comes from insufficient supply and bad planning. Therefore it's better to host them in normal apartments and not in a concentrated accommodation. Everybody has the right to have nice and safe living accommodation. As a result the residents will come closer together.

- **In average Foreigners are more criminal than Germans.**

Evil spirits who try to tell us immigrants would be more criminal than Germans just hold no analyses. The police statistics include numbers about suspects, of those who 30 percent have been Germans and 25 percent have been non-Germans. The statistics also include numbers of violations that can't be done by Germans, like violations about the residential permit or the right of asylum.

- **The country has become "non-German" to a dangerous degree because of its many resident foreigners.**

The country has become „non-German“? If somebody makes a statement like this, the question for what is typical German needs to be put in. The population of Germany consists 80 % of Germans without a migration background. Nürnberg's population is 509,000 and about 94,000 of them have a different nationality than German and 207,000 are citizens with a migration background. In addition to this, the German culture and citizens have a long history of migration. The German citizenship only dates back to 1934.

- **Foreigners isolate themselves and establish parallel- communities.**

Parallel- community is a term, used from People who have fear. For somebody who is new in a foreign country it's normal to stay there where help is given. After this phase most of them move on. The true parallel- communities are those who think they are better than the others- wealthy People- why? Because they live separately. They don't want to be in a neighborhood of the poor, hopeless or elderly ones. That kind of a parallel- community should make us concerned.

- **Women are oppressed**

Women who wear a headscarf, don't want to show their religious beliefs primarily. Most of the women wear a headscarf because they want to show cultural belonging, as an kind of liberation or for the private-public divide. In Germany we believe the principles of religious freedom and tolerance.

3.2 Area: Health

- **Foreigners only want to take profit from our healthcare system.**

The person concerned can go to a doctor only if it's a medical emergency. This Situation is far away from being human. It means any disease has to be dealt with until it turns into a medical emergency. Emergencies put more charge to the health system than usually consulting or preventive measures would do.

- **Foreign families do not use the early diagnosis.**

Parents who don't use the early diagnosis need to be better informed. Procedures like regular invitations to the diagnosis and consulting would be the right way.

3.3 Area: Social benefits

- **It is easier for migrants then Germans to receive apartments and social benefits.**

A tenant who is not German still lives in bad housing conditions. So migrants live in tight spaces. The apartments are less well equipped and the rent is still higher than the average. Also the access to social benefits aren't that easy. There are no claims for migrant or foreigners in the first three months they live in Germany.

- **Foreigners take advantage of our social benefit system.**

Experts say: „The immigrants are way too few.“ The reason is the falling of the total population. In Germany we are reliant on qualified immigrants. Most

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of the immigrants are working and pay in our social care system. Asylum seekers, who need welfare payments from the state, because they are not allowed to work, cover just six percent. Germany can afford that.

3.4 Area: Economy

- **Foreigners receive money for nothing.**

Asylum seekers receive a monthly allowance of 134 Euro (for adults) and 80 Euro for children. This money doesn't comply live on a subsistence diet.

Comprehensive care with food, clothes and medication will be spent. After four years residence in Germany will they first then receive more support.

- **Asylum-seekers live at our costs.**

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work in Germany, even if they want to. The reception, which they received are not covering all existing needs. Reception conditions only include housing, food and clothing. Psychological stresses and the fact that children suffer far more from poverty and poor living conditions than adults are not counted.

- **Foreigners bring the money to their home country.**

A family member send some money to his Homeland family for supporting- So what? Of course the first guest workers had sent money to their families. After all they left family and Homeland to reconstructing the country. Let's face it, without them, the Germans never could deal that. But those days are over. Currently, our foreign citizens generate a significant contribution to the German national product.

- **The majority of refugees are economic refugees.**

Someone who is willing to give it all up and flee by night, without knowing where you stand, is not doing that to take advantages from a social care system, which won't give you more than the basics to survive. You put everything on the line. Under German asylum law, a lot of the reasons for persons to flee their country will not be accepted. Most of the asylum seekers fear the constant threat of deportation or are situated in the state of the tolerance lasting for years without rights and any future prospects.

3.5 Area: Education

- **Foreigners have a poor education.**

The sense of foreigners would have poor education, is related on the fact that only 2.465 high qualified people have a residence. If you count to it manager and executives the number rise to 27.400 people.

- **Young migrants mostly have a bad graduation or even none at all.**

The educational achievements of pupils with migration background draw nearer to educational achievements of pupils without migration background. As well the number of dropouts has declined. Finding a training place is still a big problem for young migrants, because German employers don't give them a chance to show what they can.

- **Foreign pupils do not attend classes.**

The feeling foreign pupils do not attend classes cannot be proved. Foreign pupils are more in accordance with school guidelines than German pupil are. The fact that some foreign pupils do not attend classes is linked by a variety of factors such as financial supporting for the parents or care for younger siblings. This situation also occurs in German families.

- **Foreign students take student places from Germans away.**

The requirements for study in Germany are strict. Without a secure livelihood in Germany no study will be granted. There must be no grounds to extradition. The stay must neither impair, nor endanger, the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany. And there are some more rules. If you compare the current figures, you will see the number of foreign students is limited. Overall 20.505 (Status 2014) Student in Nürnberg, only 1.773 are not German.

3.6 Area: Labour market

- **Foreigners take our jobs away.**

How can you take a job away, which nobody wants? Employment of foreign workers in certain economic sectors is essential, because there aren't too many Germans who want to do that kind of jobs. For example in the hotel and catering sector or cleaning sector. Furthermore, an available workplace only can take from an non-EU-citizens if no German or EU-citizens is found for it. In addition foreign companies create jobs and income for many people in Germany.

- **Foreigners do not want to work.**

The situation they are living in do not allowed them to work. Maybe because they are ill or it's against the law. Nevertheless, there are more unemployed Germans than unemployed foreigners.

3.7 Area: Stereotypes

3.7.1 Religion

- **Muslims are religious fanatics.**

There are of course examples for Islamist terrorism but they only covering a very small part. 99 percent of the Muslim citizens practice their religion peacefully. Terrorism, as a form of violence occurs also in other denomination and differences in ideology. For example: the RAF and NSU in Germany, the use of poison gas of the Ōmu Shinrikyō in Japan or the Crusades of the Crusade Armies in the 11th and 13th century. But we cannot measure everyone by the same standards. Not all Muslims are terrorists and also not all Germans are Nazis.

- **If we cannot build a Christian church in Turkey, why should we build mosques in Germany**

In Turkey are 300 churches for 100.000 Christians. In Germany are only 150 mosques for the 42-times more believers. The catch-phrase „ I also want a Christian church in Turkey“ should be invalid.

- **Muslims are not open- minded**

The prejudices of insulation and non tolerances to other ideologies is being accelerated by ignorance and people conformed by themselves. Unknowingness and generalization is dangerous. The history always showed us what can happen. It leads to war, disdain, poverty, discrimination and incomprehension.

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