



MIGRANT INTERVIEW GUIDE v.3

This guide is for semi-structured interviews for quantitative and qualitative analysis. First fill in the socio-demographic information and then use the prompts to cover as many of the key points as possible. Flexibility may be required to adapt to the interview situation as necessary.

A. SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DATA:						
1.1 Age:						
If unsure, estimate:	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
1.2 Gender:	Male			Female		
1.3 Ethnicity/Nationality:						
1.4 Country of origin:						
Departure date from country of origin:			Arrival date in interview location:			
Countries travelled through:						
1.5 Family status:	Single	In relationship	Married	Divorced/separated	Other	
If 'Other' note:						
Travelling with partner?	Yes			No		
Children:	How many:	1	2	3	4	5
	Ages:					
	Gender:					
	On this journey?					
1.6 Education:	None	Primary	Secondary	University	Postgrad.	
Other education:						
1.7 Work:	Before journey:	Employed	Unemployed	Describe:		
	Currently:	Employed	Unemployed	Describe:		

Section	Questions	Prompts
A. ABOUT YOU	1. By way of introduction, please could you tell me something about yourself?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did you arrive in [this place]? b. What is your nationality / the place you consider to be home c. Your age? d. Your education and work background e. Tell me about your family (parents, siblings / children) f. Did you travel to [location of interview] on your own or with others e.g. family members / friends?
B. YOUR DECISION TO LEAVE	2. Can you tell me about the reasons why you decided to leave your home / transit country? [This may be difficult for some interviewees, others may be willing to discuss in detail. Return to this section, or parts of this section, later if necessary]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tell me about your life in [country of origin] and why you decided to leave? Did you personally experience violence, persecution? Your family / friends / neighbours? Include work, income, education, family b. When and where did your journey begin? c. Where was the first place you decided to go? Why did you decide to go to this place e.g. cost, previously tried this route, advice from family / friends, information from media (social, print), decision of the intermediary d. Tell me about your life in [transit country]? Why did you decide to leave? Include legal status/asylum, work, accommodation, family life, security. e. Did you plan to come to Europe from the very beginning? Did you want to go to a particular country? If yes, why? e.g opportunities for protection / work, family connections, social networks f. What did you hope / expect to find in Europe? g. What did you know about the migration policies of Europe / [insert country] before you started your journey? If yes, did any of these policies make a difference in terms of where you wanted to go? h. Did you consider / try to apply for a visa? If not why not? i. What did you take with you on your journey e.g Smartphone / other means of communicating, documents, money, clothes, maps, personal items

C. YOUR JOURNEY	<p>3. We would like to know more about your experiences of travelling to [insert country]. Could you please tell me about your journey?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What countries / cities did you travel through on your way to [insert country]? Approximately how long did you spend in each place? b. What transport did you take at each stage of your journey? c. [If travelled by boat] How did you feel about taking a boat? Were you aware of the rescue boats? If yes how did to learn about this? d. Who were the other people you travelled with (relationship, nationality, gender, age)? Did you lose contact with anyone you were travelling with during the journey? e. Did your ideas about where you wanted to go change on the journey? If yes, what factors / information made you change your mind? f. Did anyone help you to make the journey? If yes, how many people helped you along the way? How did you meet them? What did they do for you (e.g. arrange fake ID, advise on routes, purchase life jackets, provide transport) g. How much did the journey cost you? Who was the payment made to, how did you raise the funds? h. How were you treated by other on the journey (agents, intermediaries, fellow travellers)? i. Do you still have contact with any of the people who organised your journey? If so what is the nature of the contact e.g. ongoing assistance, debt j. Did anyone else help you on your journey e.g government agency, NGO, civil society organisation
D. YOUR CURRENT SITUATION AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE	<p>4. Finally, we would like to know about your current situation in terms of your status, your health and well-being, how you are managing to live / survive in [insert country]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Could you describe what happened when you arrived in [current country]? b. Did you meet any officials e.g. immigration, police etc. c. What kind of support have you been given (if any) and by whom? d. What is your legal status currently? Do you intend to apply for asylum? Have you had an opportunity do so? e. Are you intending to stay in [insert country]? f. [If they want to move on] Where do you intend to go and why? Do you have any information to help you on the next part of your journey? If yes, where did you get this information from? e.g friends, family, fellow travellers, social media? g. Would your plans for the future change if you were to be given legal status / access to employment / services in this country?