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**Extract of analytical summary - CENGIS FIRAT**

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Reasons for migration: Descendant of immigrant

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**BIOGRAPHY**

Cengis Firat was born in the metropolitan area of Offenbach in 1997. He is currently living in a city around Frankfurt. During the time of the interview, he was studying political and musical science in Bachelor at the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main and absolved his Abitur in June 2016. Cengis has a German citizenship and Turkish roots. In the interview, he describes that his grandfather migrated in the early 70s as a guest worker in Germany to earn money for his family in Turkey.

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**CENGIS MENTIONS HIS IDENTITY ISSUES IN GERMANY AND IN TURKEY**

In contrast to his grandfather, Cengis’ father never complained about racial issues as a member of the second generation. Cengis could be counted as a third-generation member in context of the scientific discourse of migration research. His father met his mother in Turkey and after the marriage, Cengis’ father moved his mother from Ankara to Offenbach. During the interview Cengis also shows up some identity issues in relation to Turkish and German narratives of cultures and explains that on the one side Turks would not accept him as a 100% Turk and on the other side Germans would deny his German identity.
He explains that identity issues provides ethnical conflicts and that people should recognize themselves as human beings. Besides the identity conflicts he is also listing up traditional generational conflicts between himself and some parts of his family who still wants to have the traditional and patriarchal aspects of village cultures like early year marriages with 18 years or to have a traditional house wife who is just caring for her children and not working anywhere. Cengis is also explaining the political issues in Germany and the growing racism there which is providing ethnical conflicts and violence. He explains that these issues motivated him to be political active in his city. As a member of a religious minority in Turkey Cengis also explains his problems and issues with nationalists and right-winged Turkish people who don’t acknowledge and accept his religion or ethnicity as an Alevi. Still Cengis tries to distance himself from any collective peer groups like Turks, German and Alevi or Muslims and tries to recognize himself as a human being. Besides his fear of uprising right winged powers in Germany Cengis also explains his experience in the military putsch in Turkey. In 2016 on the 15\textsuperscript{th} of July, Cengis went with his family to Ankara to visit his mother’s grandparents. When they arrived, they had to experience the military putsch in Turkey. Cengis describes this experience as a traumatically event which also introduced a new historical but also authoritarian part in Turkey.