



What we often read in the news

People fleeing. Crowded platforms. Long queues. People on the move.

This is how the migrant's movement in general is often portrayed: a moment of crisis, captured at the border.

And the story usually ends with movement, loss and uncertainty.

What we don't see: Those who stay and rebuild

Konstantyn and his family chose to stay in their hometown of Sumy, even as tanks rolled through the streets. Together with his wife, Nataliia, he runs a small factory producing natural power bars.

What started as a modest business grew steadily over six years, creating jobs, supporting local livelihoods and strengthening the local economy - despite the war.

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