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Our interviews with market sellers at the traditional markets on the main square" Námestí Míru" in Domazlice led to negative results. Most market sellers responded to the question whether they saw any differences between Czech and German customers in a way that was not especially positive for the German side. The greatest problem is theft. It annoys the sellers that a warning is broadcasted by the Domazlice town hall making German tourists aware of pick-pockets. Ironically, the market sellers have repeatedly had things stolen by Germans. They say the German tourists approach the stalls in groups; they have burning cigarettes and often damage the merchandise and create chaos on purpose.

"Of course, this is not generally true. I, for example, have relatives in Germany, and they are totally different," says a 40-year-old market seller and adds *"Theft is not really such a big issue. But I am sorry that the Germans think that we are such thieves, and it is really not just our problem alone. The thing that annoys me most is that the Germans think they are special, and they let me feel it."* There are also communication problems when it comes to the payment. German customers want to pay in Euro, and most of them have small change. However, coins can hardly be exchanged at a bank.

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