



# Budapest, Hungary

Ararat Gocmen, Class of 2017

# What is ERRC?

- The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) is an international public interest law organization based in Budapest that works to combat anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma through strategic litigation, research and policy development, advocacy and human rights education.
- The organization has consultative status with the Council of Europe, as well as with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and has been the recipient of numerous awards for its efforts to advance human rights respect of Roma.
- ERRC concerns itself with Roma issues across Europe, from as far West as France to as east as Turkey, and works in a variety of European languages, though it publishes in English.
- <http://www.errc.org>



# Student Interns - Me and My Co-interns



# My Projects

- Authored memoranda on sections of British, French and Italian law relevant to police brutality and racial violence
- Developed an online hate crime reporting tool and translated it into French and Italian as part of a project to monitor and litigate anti-Roma hate crimes in France and Italy
- Evaluated and translated into English an Italian law firm's legal opinion regarding a housing discrimination case
- Edited a report on the situation of Dom refugees from Syria in Turkey



# My Supervisors - Nicole Garbin and Adam Weiss



# Skills I Developed during My Internship

- Significantly improved my French and Italian language skills by reading through hundreds of French and Italian legal documents while conducting legal research for my supervisor, Nicole Garbin, who is ERRC's Legal Officer for France and Italy
- Obtained a basic understanding of international human rights law, especially with regards to economic and social rights and the right to freedom from torture
- Gained experience in the legal profession, working with lawyers on various kinds of criminal, civil and international cases and learning how to read and interpret case law



# Budapest - Parliament, Day



# Budapest - Parliament, Night





# About Budapest

- Very tourist-friendly city
  - Almost everyone speaks English
  - You can find all kinds of food, including Italian, American, Mexican, and, of course, traditional Hungarian cooking
  - You can expect to find college-age Euro-travellers from all across Europe, especially the United Kingdom, flooding the city on any given night
- Tons of historical sites to see
- Great night life
- Extremely affordable lodging, food, travel to other parts of Europe, etc.

# Budapest – Sites from across the City



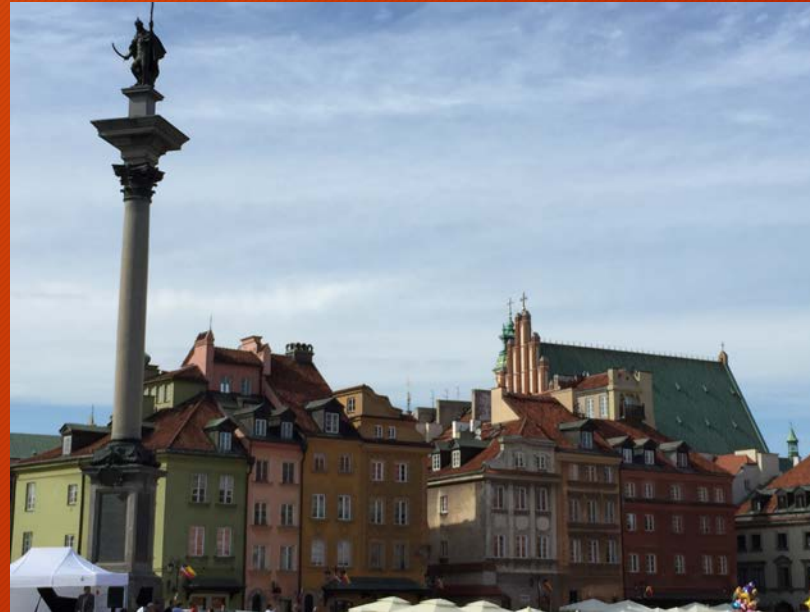


# Other Places I Travelled to

Prague, Czech Republic



Warsaw, Poland



# Other Places I Travelled to (Continued)

Split, Croatia

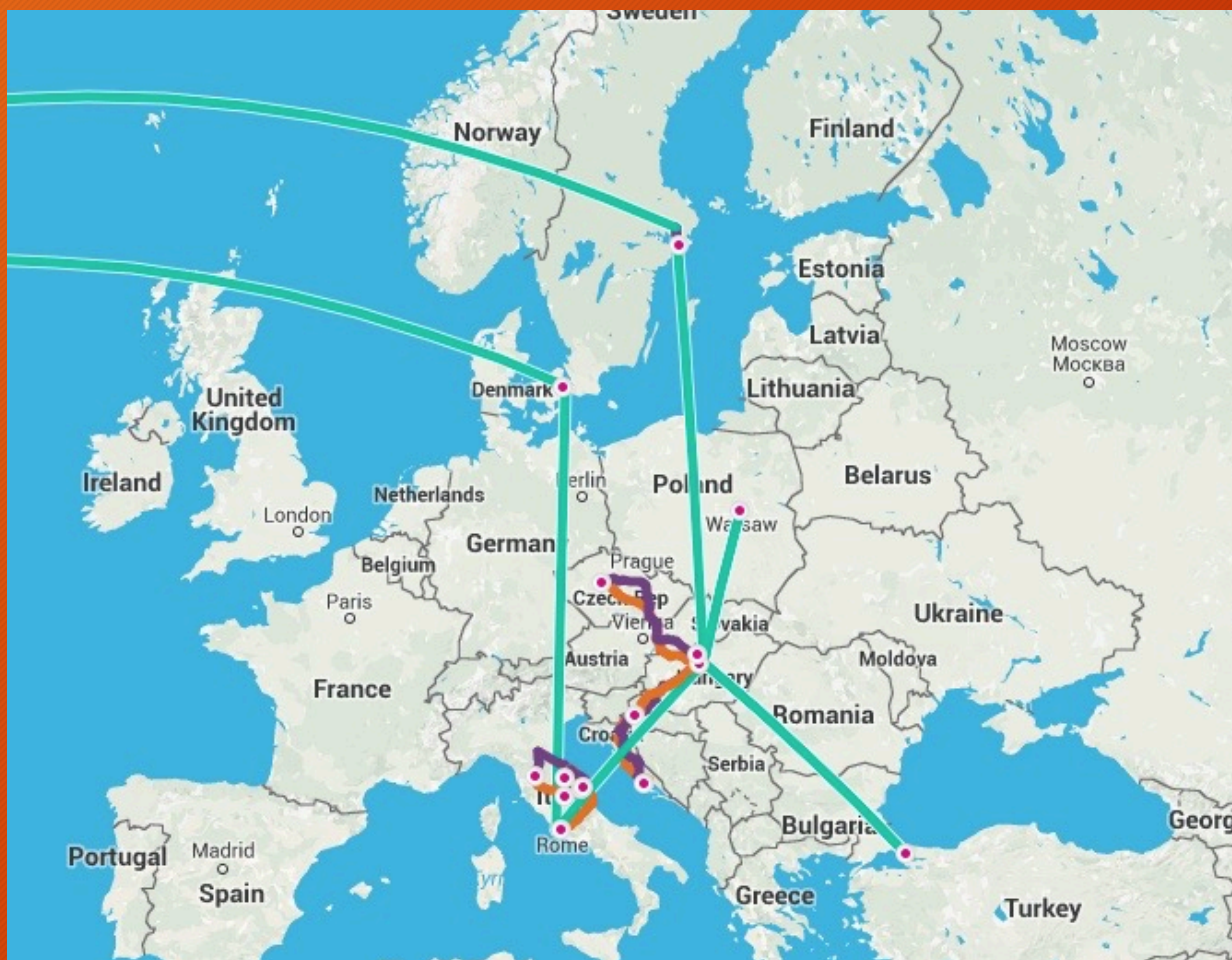


Istanbul, Turkey





# Map of My European Travels



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An Overall Great Experience!