

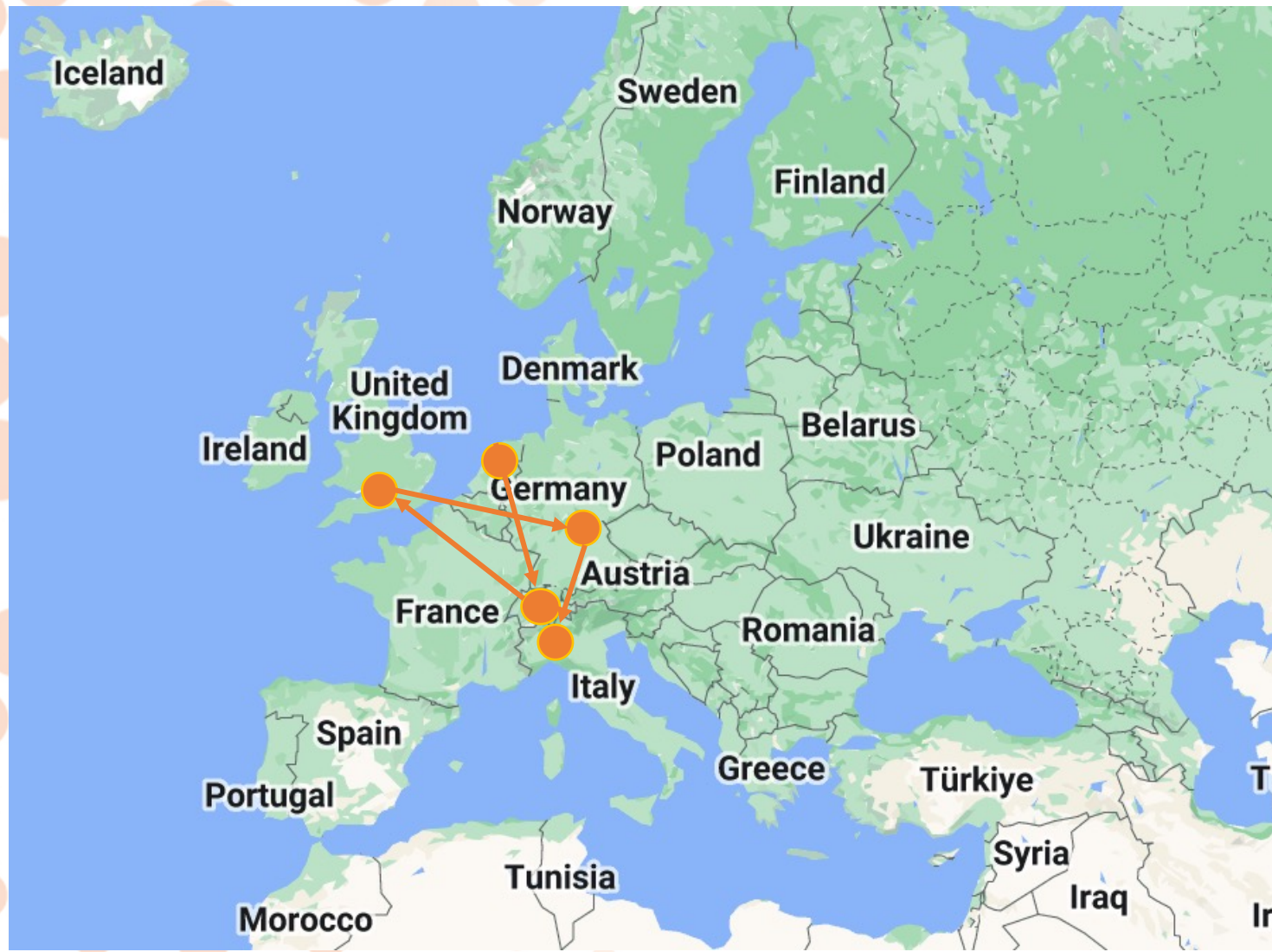
Working abroad and applying for /
having an ERC grant:
A personal experience

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My background

- **Earth Sciences → formation and differentiation of planets**
 - Experimental petrology
 - Isotope geochemistry
- **Moving (internationally) gives more perspective on all aspects of work**
 - Different approaches for same techniques
 - Different admin/habits
 - Different interests!



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 - **Read/follow the guidelines**

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- **If you're young, consider strategising when you submit because you may have restrictions (e.g. 1 or 2 year submission prohibition)**
 - **Don't be too modest (success rate for people with 3 years experience is the same as for 7 years experience); proposal counts, not just CV**
 - **And don't let a first failure stop you from trying again**

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What I've found helpful

- **Having at least one or two examples of a successful application of a colleague**
- **Letting other people read my proposal (particularly those with previous success in applying for ERC funding)**
 - **Even people in the grant support office (University of Bristol) were very useful for the 5-page version and my CV**
- **Also, in Earth Sciences (PE10) many have either of these two targets: i) predict earthquakes/volcanic eruptions, ii) investigate climate change**
 - **Take advantage from it**

Major advantages

- **Freedom!**
 - **Mobility**
 - **Flexibility of funds**
 - **Partners/collaborations**

Any disadvantages?

- **Moving an active grant: lots of (slow!) paperwork + potential depreciation problems**

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