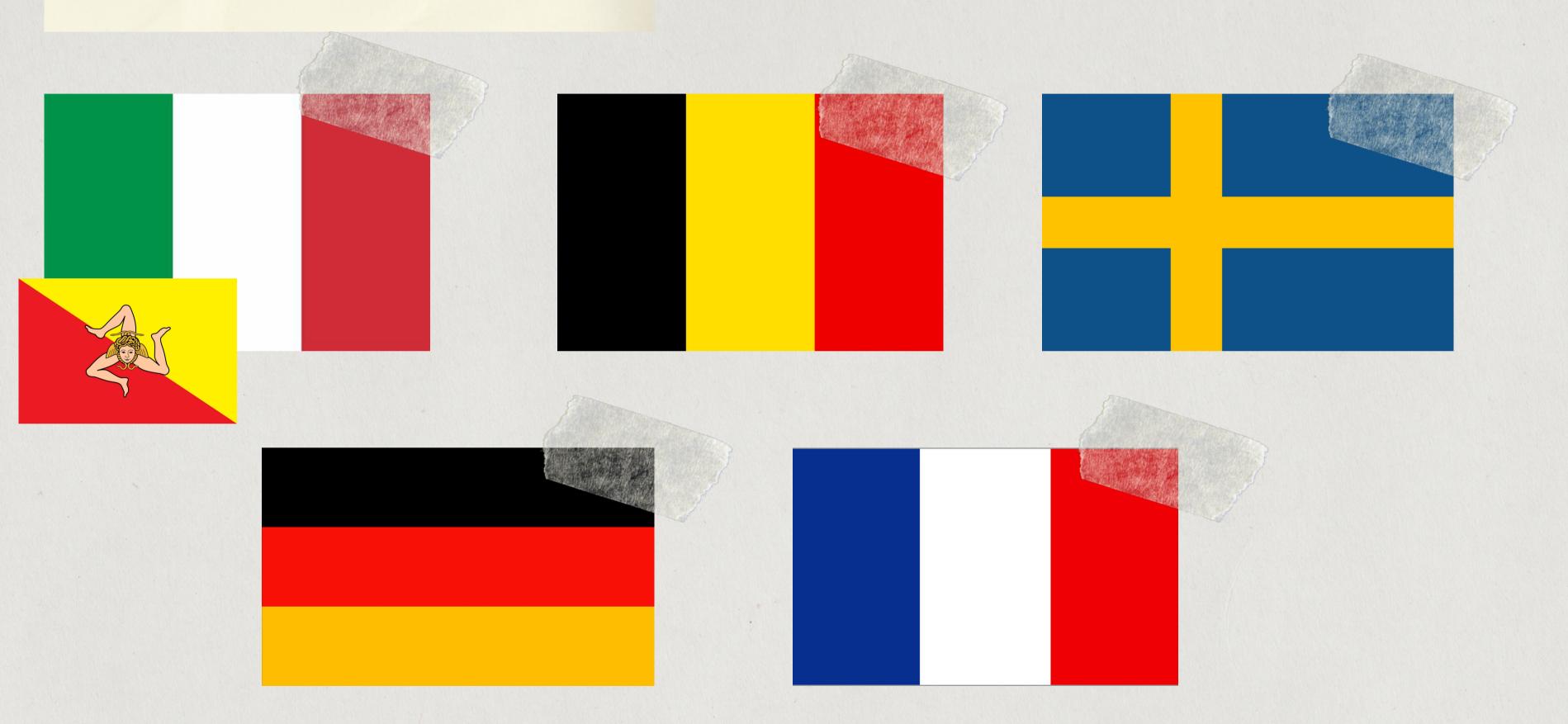


Rogita Imeraj 18 years old

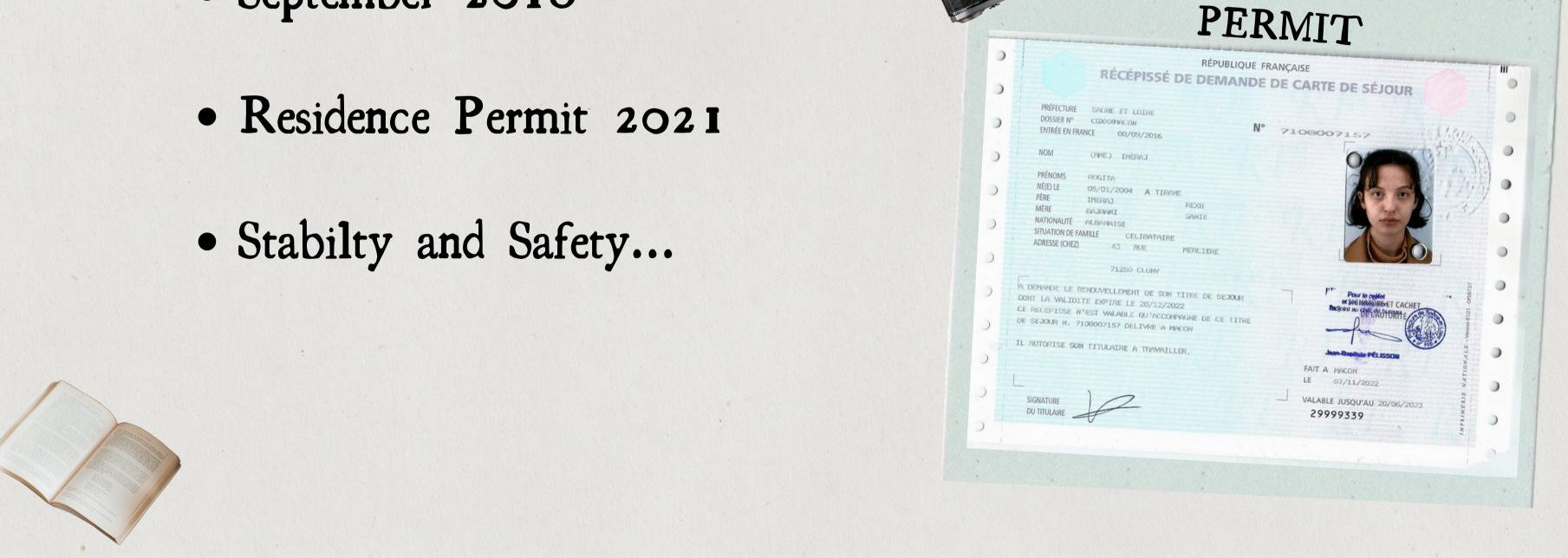


## COUNTRIES I HAVE BEEN



## FRANCE

• September 2016



RESIDENCE

Hello my name is Rogita Imeraj, I'm 18 years old and I come from Albania.

To begin with, I just want to say that I'm happy to share my story with you.

I left my country for the 1st time in 2012, when I was 8 years old, because I was in danger of the Kanun law. (definition of the kanun law: very long fight between two families or groups in which each group kills members of the other group in order to punish the group for earlier murders.)

I have immigrated to 5 different countries, I stayed for a short time in Belgium and Italy, then I moved to Sweden for 2 years, at this time we had some trouble and got threatened with death, so me and my mom had to move out, so for 2 years I didn't get to see my dad...

When sadly I had to leave Sweden.I went back to Italy for a short time and then I moved to Germany, throughout this period of my life I didn't get the right to go to school. About one year without school and with no normal teenage life, it's how I got into depression.

When I 1st came to France in 2016, I was 12 years old, I lived in a hotel for 3 years then we moved into a studio, throughout my journey in France I started school finally. I had a lot of responsibilities for translating and taking care of my parents and other people. I didn't realize the responsibilities that I had since the 1st day I left my country and the disturbances for me. I was very lost, not knowing where I'll be next and wanted to give up. So I got the right to see a psychologist, she gave me the possibility to go to a boarding school, which helped me to live a normal teenage life. A lot of people helped me throughout my journey, my friends, school workers, social workers and the volunteers who gave us food, clothes and more.

I was hoping that this was the last time for me to move to another country, and slowly I got a residence permit in 2021, which it took mme time and it was very hard to get. This allowed me to have a safe and a stable life. Today I'm an apprentice and I work in a gastronomic restaurant.