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Closing Time:
EU Border Crossings
During COVID-19

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There are more than 40 border crossings between the Federal State of Saarland, Lorraine and Luxembourg. In fact, Saarbrücken is the only one of the 16 state capitals of the Federal Republic of Germany on whose territory a state border runs. The urban area of Saarbrücken borders directly on France over a distance of more than 10 km.

I was born in 1971 and grew up in a small village, pretty close to the French border. The border points were always easy to pass, even before the Schengen Agreement came into force. Like anybody, I accepted the rare controls. It was perhaps like accepting an annual cold. "After Schengen" the border disappeared more and more from my (and also the collective) consciousness over the years, a state that I still appreciate very much today. All the more it hit me to be confronted with closure of this border for the first time in my life. The obvious consequence for me was the creation of the photo series with which I wanted to document this unpleasant and hopefully unique state.

All photos were taken between March 27 and April 10, 2020. For the compelte series, see my website.

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German-French border, Rilchingen-Hanweiler / Sarreguemines

German-French border, Niedaltdorf / Guerstingen

German-French border, Saarbrücken Goldene Bremm / Spicheren

German-French border, Bisten / Merten

German-French border, Biringen / Waldwisse

German-French border, Blieshaben-Bolchen / Blies-Schweyen

German-French border, Lauterbach / Creutzwald

German-French border, Bisten / Merten

German-French border, Brenschelbach / Schweyen

German-French border, Reinheim / Bliesbruck

German-Luxembourg border, Nennig / Remich

German-French border, Emmersweiler / Morsbach

German-French border, Perl / Apach

German-French border, Niedaltdorf / Neunkirchen-lès-Bouzonville

German-French border, Großrosseln / Petite-Rosselle

German-French border, Güdingen / Alsting

German-French border, Güdingen / Grosbliederstroff

German-French border, Habkirchen / Frauenberg

German-French border, Auersmacher / Grosbliederstroff