

## 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 complete series, see my [website](http://www.marcokany.de).

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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-Luxembourg border, Nennig / Remich



German-French border, Emmersweiler / Morsbach



German-French border, Brenschelbach / Schweyen



German-French border, Reinheim / Bliesbruck



German-French border, Perl / Apach



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



German-French border, Großrosseln / Petite-Rosselle



German-French border, Güdigen / Alsting



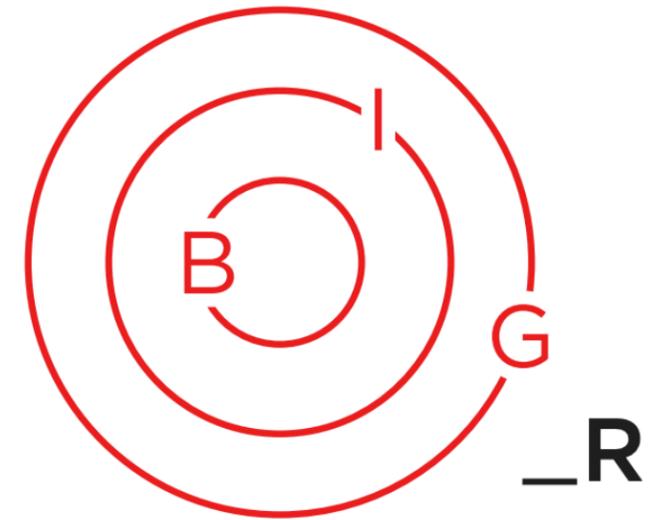
German-French border, Güdigen / Grosbliederstroff



German-French border, Habkirchen / Frauenberg



German-French border, Auersmacher / Grosbliederstroff



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