



Programme

Border(less) Europe – When do we go back to normal?

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Borders and travels restrictions are being introduced in a pervasive manner to contain the spread of coronavirus. This includes in Europe - the continent that has been proudly border free, owing to the Schengen zone, for three decades and reaped immense economic benefits from it. The underlying assumption is that border controls and travel bans are a temporary provision. The borders and travel restrictions within the Schengen zone ought to be lifted again once the crisis is gone. How to make sure that temporary provisions do not become permanent? What are the lessons learnt from this crisis? How to make Schengen zone more sustainable in the future?

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