Schengen Area #EBDGrafik



Basic idea and practice

- **EU** member states in the Schengen Area
- Third countries in the Schengen Area
- **EU** member state outside the Schengen Area
- Candidates being part of the EU
- Micro-states with open borders with the Schengen Area

Basic idea: goods and people can move freely across internal borders

Signed: 1985 (Schengen I), 1990 (Schengen II)

Effective since: 1995

Participating countries: 26

Border controls in the Schengen Area: max for 2 years

CONDITIONS

Art. 29 of the Schengen Borders Code

- Risk to the functioning of the border-control area
- Serious threat to public order or internal security

✓ Important to EM Germany

- Stop the progressive undermining of Schengen and end border controls in the Schengen Area
- Strengthen capacities of Europol and Frontex under the control of the European Parliament
- Admit Romania, Bulgaria und Croatia into the Schengen Area
- Ensure non-discrimination of EU citizens irrespective of their place of residence or work



