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Karl von Wogau: Border Controls are the wrong answer

The Executive Board of the Kangaroo Group has contradicted the reintroduction of border controls between the member states of the European Union as it is considered at this time by the European Commission. Karl von Wogau, founding member and Secretary General of the Kangaroo Group, said that open borders between the member states and common outside borders were the most important achievements on the way to the European internal market. It has always been a central goal of the Kangaroo Group to achieve free movement and to enhance competitiveness within the Union.

The restoration of border checks would be the wrong answer to the events in North Africa. On the contrary it is necessary to enhance the common controls at the outside borders and more specifically the role of the border agency FRONTEX. But this will not be sufficient in order to accompany the freedom movements in the Arabian world. It will be necessary to strengthen the cooperation and to intensify the neighbourhood policy of the European Union.

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