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## LAW PROFESSOR SUES GERMANY FOR 'ILLEGAL' BORDER CONTROLS

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Border controls aren't supposed to exist between EU member states – that's the promise of the 1985 Schengen treaty. Yet today, travelers routinely face checks when crossing borders within the union.

And German EU law professor Werner Schroeder, who teaches at the University of Innsbruck, has had enough.

After federal police forcibly searched his bag to check his ID on a train between Austria and Germany, he's suing his own government.

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