

Motions

Motion number	7
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	Gösta Toft
Member party	SP & SSW
Title (of the Motion)	In support of maintaining the Schengen rules and open internal borders
<p>Text of the motion:</p> <p>The EFA Congress calls on the European Commission to ensure that the Schengen rules are upheld and that border controls at the internal borders of the European Union are abolished.</p> <p>Justification:</p> <p>The European Union is founded on the principle of the free movement of people and goods among its member states. This core principle is not only a central pillar of the EU but also a key driver of positive developments and economic growth across the member countries. The Schengen cooperation has significantly contributed to economic prosperity and increased exchange between European nations, thereby enhancing overall welfare. In particular, people living in numerous border regions benefit from the ability to travel, work, and live across borders without restrictions.</p> <p>In contrast, the ongoing reintroduction of border controls at the EU's internal borders has negative consequences—especially for the many minorities living in border areas. These regions risk being held back by intensified controls. Such controls create artificial barriers that hinder cross-border interaction between people and regions, ultimately impeding European cooperation.</p> <p>Ensuring the free movement of people and goods within the EU is therefore not only an economic necessity, but also a social and cultural obligation. Everything must be done to preserve the Schengen rules and to guarantee freedom of movement within the EU in order to strengthen integration and prosperity in all parts of the Union.</p> <p>At the same time, effective and reliable protection of the EU's external borders is essential to ensuring the security and stability of the Union. Long-term trust in open internal borders can only be preserved if the integrity of the Schengen Area is consistently upheld.</p>	

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