

## Info (english)

There are borders in many different ways. Those who divide political and economic spaces or those who divide different claims of ownership. And there are also the borders in our minds.

Do we need them for protection? There can be different opinions about that. There is just a limited protection against crime. We also block people with good intentions or make it difficult for them to come to us.

Being afraid of something that we don't know leads us to the borders in our heads. If we can get over all limits, borders and divisions of countries and people, there can be much more and something special.

### **Meeting and communication instead of barricades and condemnation!**

With the Schengen Agreement a big step in the right direction was made. By quashing this agreement many European countries are shown the limits of those.

### **We are up against this!**

To set an example the music festival "Music Across The Borders" (MAB) with the slogan "**war divides – music connects**" was found in 1995 in the Emil club in Zittau.

Zittau is located at the border to the Czech republic and Poland. Therefore it's the perfect place to socialize across the borders. Since the festival was found different punk rock bands from many different countries were part of it.

It has been a long tradition that we invite Polish and Czech bands. But also bands from Brazil, Slovakia, Netherlands and France have shown us, how music can bring people from all over the world together.

This includes that we invite people from Polish and Czech clubs to have a diverse audience. There could be more people from different countries celebrating this festival with us, but we are happy about every single person and we will keep making friends across the borders.

In the past the festival took place in different clubs, for example "Rosa", "Bunter Hund" or the "Viktor", which is a Polish club in Sieniawka (pl). For the upcoming 23. MAB we will go across the borders again. On Friday the festival will start in the club "Bunter Hund" (former club "Rosa"). On Saturday the party will go on in the Emil club. We hope you have a lot of staying power. This year the "Wächterhaus" will support us. Look forward to a comfortable conclusion of the festival at the bonfire on Sunday.

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HUND**

  
**EMIL**  
since 1993

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