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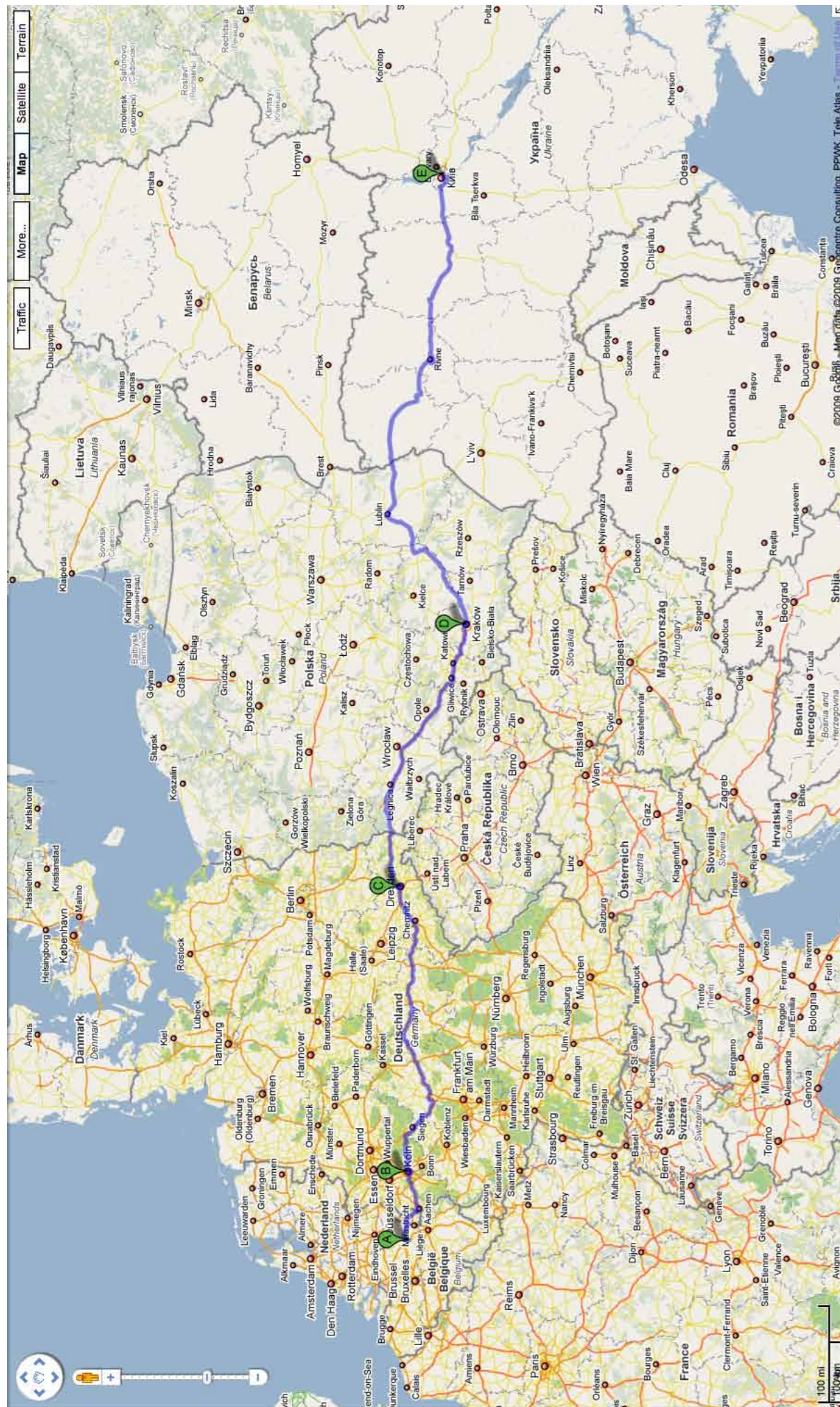
Tour (Stijn Segers) is creating a soundtrack for an imaginary road movie called E40. Following the European highway E40, with it's 8.500km one of the world's longest highways, he creates songs for 13 cities in 9 countries on this highway. He travels from Calais in the north of France to Ridder near the Chinese border in Kazachstan.

Central throughout the work is man, on his way to a specific (travelling) or unspecific goal (wandering), succeeding (moving) or failing (halting).

For each city, Tour collaborates with a video artist and a photographer and incorporates local folk elements into the music by collecting and sampling field recordings of the local musicians.

In 2007 and 2008, Tour completed a first part of the route, from Calais (France) to Aachen (Germany). Artistic material was collected from planned stops at Calais, Oostende, Liège and Aachen. There was also taken interesting material from unplanned stops at Brussels and Cérexhe (a rest area near Liege). There were collaborations with musicians Bert Hornikx, Martijn Pillards, Gert Stinckens, Pieter Houben and Geert Boutsen, video artists Pieter Geenen, Joerg Mueller and Gunter Blokken and photographer Kristof Vrancken.

In 2009 Tour will do a second etappe of the route, from Köln (Germany) to Kiev (Ukraine). Video artist Pieter Geenen and photographer Rob Walbers will join him on the journey.



Traject

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The Route

Start: Köln (Germany)
 Finish: Kiev (Ukraine)
 Distance: +- 2.100 km

Route: Germany
 Aachen
 Köln
 Gummersbach
 Olpe
 Siegen
 Wetzlar
 Gießen
 Bad Hersfeld
 Herleshausen
 Eisenach
 Gotha
 Erfurt
 Weimar
 Jena
 Gera
 Chemnitz
 Dresden
 Bautzen
 Görlitz

Poland
 Zgorzelec
 Bolesławiec
 Legnica
 Wrocław
 Opole
 Gliwice
 Katowice
 Jaworzno
 Kraków
 Tarnów
 Rzeszów
 Korczowa

Ukraine
 L'viv
 Dubno
 Rivne
 Zhytomyr
 Kiev

The Planning

Start Hasselt: 13.7.2009

Planned stops: Germany
 13.7.2008 Köln **A**
 13.7.2008 Dresden **B**

Poland
 14.7.2008 Kraków **C**

Ukraine
 16.7.2008 Kiev **D**

Return Hasselt: 18.7.2008 (one stop overnight, tba)

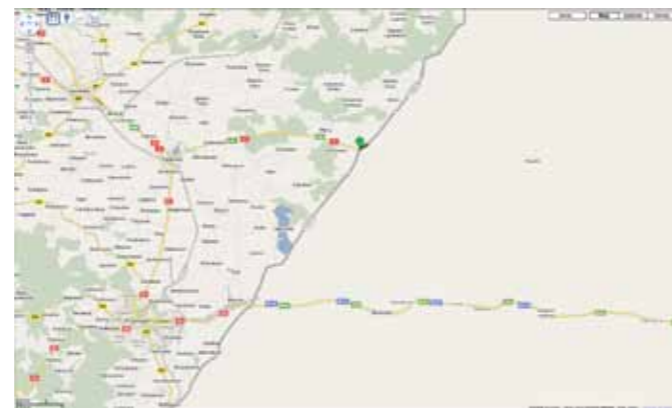
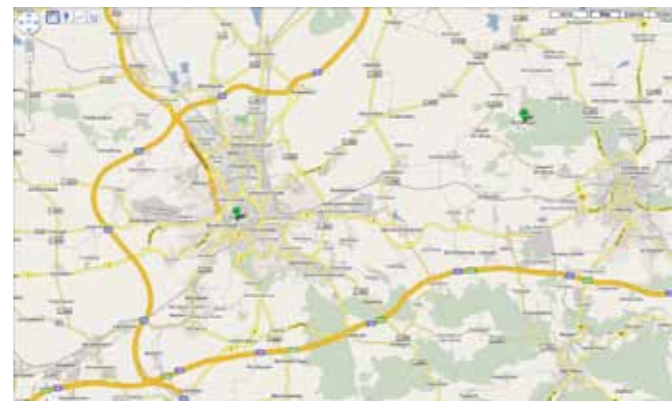


Points Of Interest

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The Point

Hermsdorf, Germany (Thüringen)

Opel, Germany - Poland

Erfurt, Germany

Buchenwald, Germany (near Erfurt)

Tamow - Malopolska, Poland (near Krakow)

Mostiska, Poland (Border with Ukraine)

L'viv, Ukraine (Towards Zhytomyr)

The Interest

The Hub Of The East. The highway crossing with the highest volume of traffic in central Europe.

Opel (may be interesting in the present economic developments) has all of its factories directly on the E40 between Köln and Kiev: one in Ruesselsheim (West Germany), one in Eisenach (Thuringia) and one in Gliwice (Poland). All 3 factories can be seen from the highway.

The Kraemerbruecke (merchants bridge) is the only bridge in the north of the alps that is completely covered with houses. It is always full of people who pass it and street musicians who play their music there. The jewish community of Erfurt is the only jewish community in Thuringia and it consists nearly only of Russians that came here as late emigrants or contingent refugees. all of them speak russian - the old generations sometimes only russian, the younger ones fluently both.

Former second world war concentration camp. The big monument can be seen from the E40.

The only museum about Roma in Europe. These originally travelling people were forced to settle down. In the backyard of the museum are original caravans standing still and in Tarnow there are two great Roma music groups that play the original music.

Truck line. Waiting periods of 16 hours is normal here. Next to that the coming of the EU border meant a big change for the Ukrainian people: the little deals, selling Ukrainian goods on the Polish territory, became difficult. But nevertheless there are many pedestrians along the border passing it every day as well as the drivers who work in Poland.

Mix of the fast and the slow: here sometimes the E40 is used by farmers and their horsecarts, transporting vegetables.



Brody, Ukraine (Between L'viv and Rivne)

Here the old traffic line had exact the same course as the E40 today. Some meters behind the cities border the E40 crosses the old border between Galicia and Wolhynia (between 1772 and 1919 between Habsburgian kingdom and Russia, from 1920 on border between Poland and the Sowjet Union, from 1939 it was occupied by the Sowjets and from 1941 it became general gouvernement of the german military). For that Brody has always been a rich city, directly at the border full of bank and smugglers, thousands of people passed through it. Today there is nearly nothing but a small city and an old SS20 rocket station from the cold war in the middle of the forest. Today it is the border between the Ukrainian Rivnenska and Ivivska region.

Passengers

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Profession</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>More info</u>
Stijn Segers	Musician	Driving and Field Recording	www.tourbadour.com
Rob Walbers	Photographer	Photography	www.robwalbers.com
Pieter Geenen	Video Artist	Video	www.silenceisgolden.be

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>More Info</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
<u>Travelling</u>	Car	Rental	Broux	
<u>Sound</u>	Field Recorder Microphone Cabling Batteries Laptop	Stijn Segers Stijn Segers Stijn Segers Stijn Segers Stijn Segers		
<u>Video</u>	Camera Stand Batteries	Pieter Geenen Pieter Geenen Pieter Geenen		
<u>Photography</u>	Camera Stand Batteries Laptop	Rob Walbers Rob Walbers Rob Walbers Rob Walbers		