



Hello dear CityLAB Community,

For the ritual of our well-deserved review of the year, CityLAB is coming in for a brief landing to pause and cool the engine – having once again hurtled through 2023 at what feels like the speed of light. Time to put your feet up, take a browse through the logbook, and look back over the year's adventures and memories. We'd like to share the results of our journey through the recent past with you here in our review of 2023 – and at the same time thank everyone who has accompanied us as we've steered our course towards the digitalization of Berlin. One project that has kept us particularly busy is our *Kiezlabor*, which kicked off this year by exploring five neighborhoods in Berlin: in our blog, the team shares its findings and plans for the coming year. Read on to find out about other highlights that made 2023 an unforgettable year for us!

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Spotlight 1



Team

Review of 2023

With more than 170 events under our belt and around 4,200 visitors to the CityLAB, as well as 20 projects completed, we've finally come to the end of this year. Whether it's our tour with the Kiezlabor, the first annual conference of the strategy Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin, new prototypes like Hliff-Mir.Berlin and a check-in system for the Citizen Center of the Future, collecting the full range of methodological expertise in the new online Knowledge Repository, or another fabulous summer party: we hope you enjoy exploring the activities we pursued in the course of this eventful year. We're already looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities that are bound to be awaiting us next year!

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Spotlight 2



Kiezlabor

The first year of the Kiezlabor

The year 2023 was marked by a special event in the CityLAB calendar: the first tour of our *Kiezlabor* through Berlin! With five locations, 71 events and around 1,600 visitors, it was a particularly successful year for the *Kiezlabor* team with lots of fascinating encounters! Once again, we asked: which formats worked particularly well? What's the best way of reaching out to people? What were the team able to take away from the various locations – and how will the project continue in 2024? Find out about all the insights we gained in this blog post!

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Spotlight 3



CityLAB Exhibition

LABissage #2: A review in pictures

We can't say for sure whether a picture always says more than a thousand words – but what we can say is that we must have taken at least a thousand pictures of our LABissage #2. It was a successful celebration all round and we'd like to thank everyone who joined in with us in the spirit of our exhibition. This time we had three guided tours to offer, starting with our newly designed foyer featuring our methods and approach, our centerpiece, the CityLAB exhibition with three great new exhibits, and a special exhibition on the *Kiezlabor*! The best way to reminisce is by browsing through our review in pictures – and we promise we've only selected a few of them!

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Events



16. January 2024

Conference

Conference on AI for low carbon cities

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. / Heinrich Böll Foundation

Creating low-carbon cities is an important source of leverage for tackling the climate crisis, and AI-based technologies can offer opportunities for reducing CO2 emissions, too. Which artificial intelligence applications are useful for low-carbon urban planning? What are the initial first-hand reports coming out of Berlin? The Heinrich Böll Foundation event offers the opportunity to discuss a range of perspectives and opportunities for the use of AI in the context of urban climate change – and we're delighted that our colleague Myrian Rigal will be there to talk about the [project Qtrees](#).

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Looking ahead

In addition to these insights, we'd like to express our sincere thanks: to our many partner organizations, all the courageous visionaries in administration, change activists, creative innovators and interested visitors who worked with us this year – you make Berlin the best city in the world for us and we can't wait to kick off the coming year with you!



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