

Hello dear CityLAB Community,

The time has flown by: as of this year's Sommerkonferenz, it is exactly five years since we started providing fresh stimuli for Berlin in collaboration with the city's administration and residents. Even though the time has passed quickly, it's been a journey that has certainly not failed to leave its mark: quite the opposite! We're proud of the difference we've made during this time – the digital prototypes, the methods and the thought-provoking input – and we very much look forward to getting together with you on June 27 to talk about milestones such as this along with other current developments relating to Berlin's digital transformation! On this note: enjoy our review and look ahead to the future in this April issue – and join us as we look forward to the next five years!

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Spotlight 1



CityLAB Anniversary

How do you set up an innovation lab?

We asked two people who are deeply familiar with the history of CityLAB: Nicolas Zimmer, Board Chair of Technologiestiftung Berlin and our CityLAB Director Dr. Benjamin Seibel. In this interview, they tell you whether CityLAB really was started as a cloak-and-dagger operation, what the mood was like at the opening, and what they hope to achieve in the course of the next five years.

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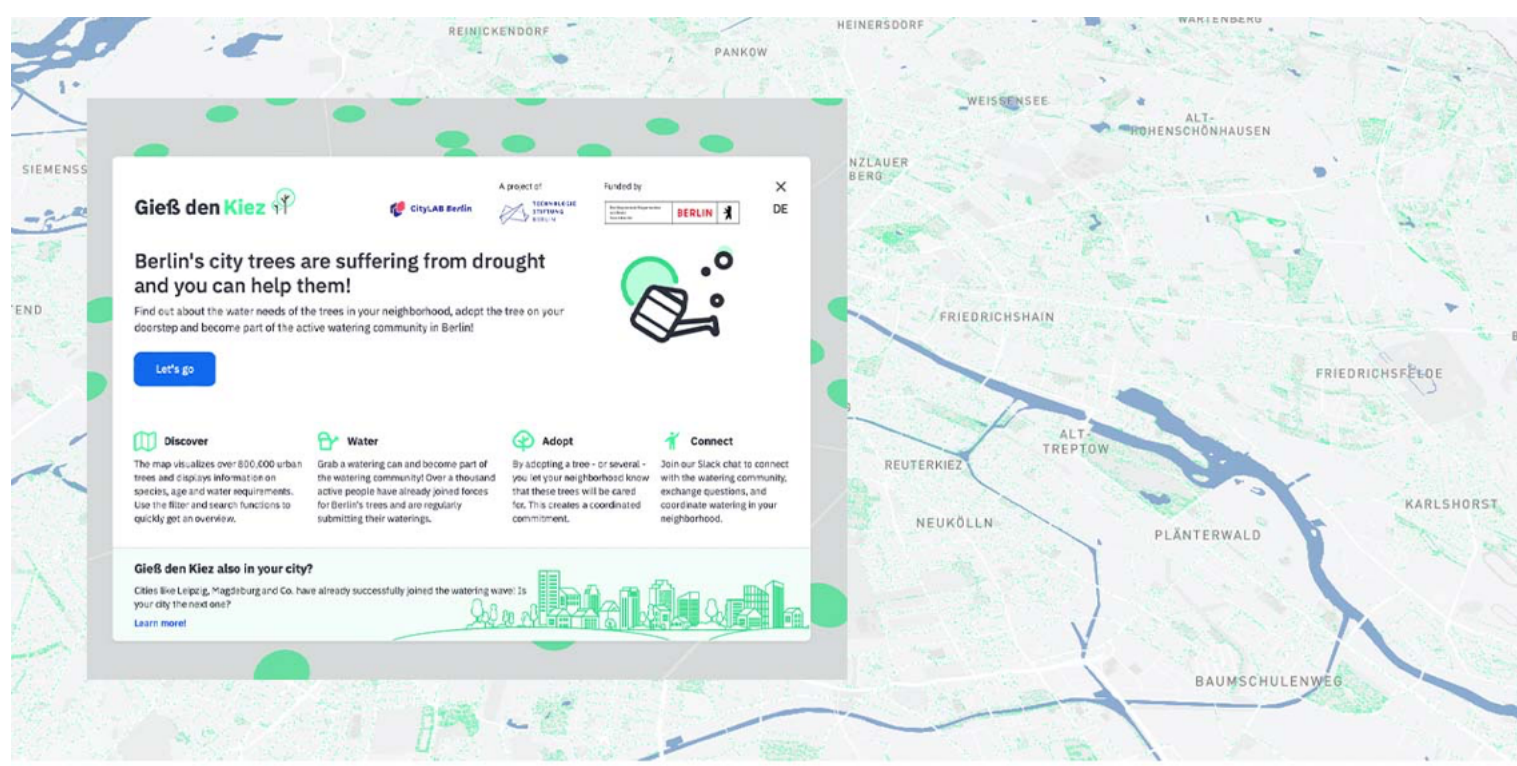
CityLAB Anniversary

Five years of the CityLAB team

Five years – that's 1,825 days, and during that time there have been at least as many memorable, stunning and turbulent moments. So now we're going to let THE TEAM have their say! Read our blog post to find out what makes the CityLAB such a special place in the city of Berlin, how our view of digital solutions has changed over time, and what the most formative moments were in the last five years.

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Spotlight 2



Prototyping

Gieß den Kiez: tree-watering operations are now even more stylish

Our neighborhood tree-watering program Gieß den Kiez now has a splendid new look – featuring an improved design and an even more user-friendly interface. For example, the search and filter functions are now integrated directly in the map, making it even easier to find trees that are in particular need of watering. In addition the water consumption of each tree has been revised so you can instantly see how much water each tree needs. And for our English-speaking friends – Gieß den Kiez is now also available in English! Explore it now! Have fun!

[Explore Gieß den Kiez](#)

Spotlight 3



Kiezlabor

The Kiezlabor is on the road again

After a successful first summer, Berlin's most agile container enters its second round at the end of May: from May 23 - 31, our neighborhood lab Kiezlabor will be on Rotraut-Richter-Platz in Groplusstadt, its motto: "Rediscovering Groplusstadt"! Together with a range of local players and initiatives, we invite you to get an even more in-depth perspective on your own local area by taking a fresh look at what you're already familiar with! From environmental sensors and consultation sessions with the district mayor to AI applications, edible plants and food sharing – our program is as diverse as Berlin itself! Check out the Kiezlabor project page over the next few days for details. See you soon!

[To the project page](#)

Events



07.05.

Digital Vereint

Using digital tools for volunteer work

Workshop / 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. / CityLAB Berlin

On the [Digital Vereint website](#), we offer a comprehensive overview of digital tools which we updated following an online survey at the beginning of the year, also adding new applications. At our next network meeting we'll be presenting the updated list, testing some of the tools together afterwards, and sharing experience on applications that are useful for association work. To finish off, we invite you to join us in drinking a toast to Digital Vereint!

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06.05.

Forum WissensWerte

How will our world of work change?

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Technologiestiftung Berlin

The world of work is changing rapidly: digitalization and AI are gaining influence, and there is a shortage of skilled specialists, too. What is more, the boundaries between people's work and private lives are becoming blurred, with working from home having become a permanent fixture since the pandemic. What do these changes mean for the future of work? Axel Doriöf of rbb24 Inforadio discusses these questions with experts at *Forum WissensWerte* organized by Technologiestiftung Berlin.

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27.05. - 29.05

re:publica

"Who cares?"

at STATION Berlin

"Who cares?" – this is the question asked by this year's re:publica at STATION Berlin. As part of the joint Berlin stand, we'll be on site with the Senate Chancellery sharing insights into our work and current projects. We're also contributing two activities to the re:publica program, one of which is our workshop entitled *Vom Papierflieger zum Legostein – was wir beim Spielen über Innovation gelernt haben* ("From paper airplanes to Lego bricks – what we learned about innovation through playing"). As well as talking about some of our insider perceptions here, we will also be presenting the tricks and methods we use for innovation processes. In a second talk, we explore the opportunities of artificial intelligence in administration and present our *Para* prototype. We look forward to seeing both familiar and new faces!

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Looking ahead

Fancy a trip to Groplusstadt? We can promise you that our Kiezlabor offers all sorts of things to discover, so do drop by and join us in kicking off the new season!

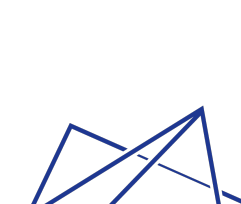


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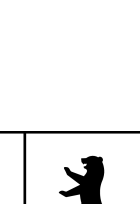
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