

Hello dear CityLAB Community,

after starting the year with a bang with the release of our [new prototype *Parla*](#), we're delighted that the debate about **the potential of this AI tool** – both publicly and behind the scenes – will continue beyond February. We'd like to take this opportunity **to thank everyone who responded to our call for testing and feedback** – and we'd be delighted if *Parla* were able to make your day-to-day routine just that bit easier, or if you felt like exploring Berlin from a fresh perspective. And we can already sense a touch of summer in the air: preparations for this year's **CityLAB Sommerkonferenz** are in full swing! So get ready for that well-deserved splash of color that is now finally due to replace the grey of February.

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Spotlight 1



Blog

CityLAB Berlin does field research

As a public innovation laboratory, we've made it our mission to consistently keep **our finger on the pulse of digitalization** and continuously engage with the **latest trends and developments**. The aim is not just to keep pace but ideally to stay one step ahead! That's why we've been dedicating ourselves in cross-team groups to four key focus topics in the area of **administrative digitalization** over the last few months, looking into the potential and challenges involved. In this blog post, the team members tell you all about what we found out.

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Spotlight 2



Team

The minds behind CityLAB

This is where things get personal: our series "The minds behind CityLAB Berlin" is where we regularly introduce you to members of our team. This time we take a look inside the mind of our **Creative Technologist Jonas Jaszkwic**, who likes developing prototypes – but would prefer them not to actually start chatting away of their own free will!

[In Jonas's mind](#)

Spotlight 3



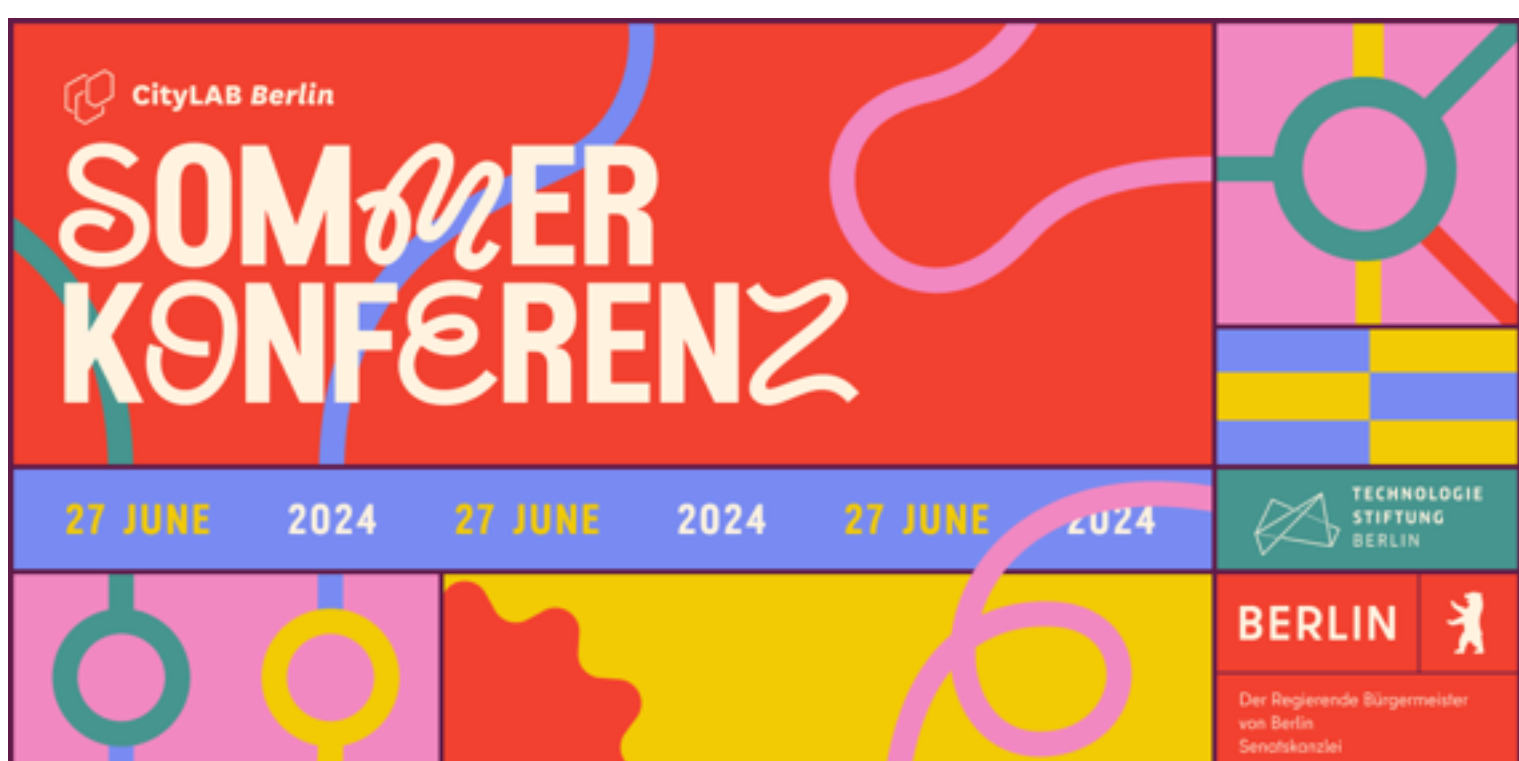
Event

Digital Kick-Off Day meets Radio CityLAB

The **Digital Kick-Off Day on March 21** is the first event to take place as part of the **Creative Bureaucracy Festival** and once again offers a varied program featuring wide-ranging examples of creative and innovative administration. It's an online event involving selected contributions and will be accessible worldwide and free of charge. All we can say here is "Listen up!" – because it will also include an episode of our **Podcast Radio CityLAB**! This time around, our director Benjamin Seibel has a fascinating conversation with **Zehra Öztürk**, project manager at MODUL-F and Head of AI at the Hamburg Senate Chancellery. So secure your ticket now and tune in as the two of them dive into the world of low-code platforms!

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Events



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CityLAB Sommerkonferenz

New Year, New Visual

Haus Ungarn, all day

It will be colorful again on June 27 when we invite you to the **CityLAB Sommerkonferenz at Haus Ungarn**. In addition to a fresh coat of paint, there will be the usual eclectic mix of topics and formats - open to everyone interested in **sustainable digitalization**, **prototyping for Berlin**, **open data** and **administrative innovation**. So look forward to a whole day with an exciting program and **Save the Date**!

Looking ahead

Anyone who's already looking forward to the Easter vacations can start for a few early Easter goodies on our social media channels during Open Data Week from March 2 to 8 – a real thrill if you happen to be into open data.

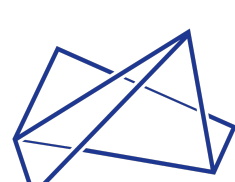


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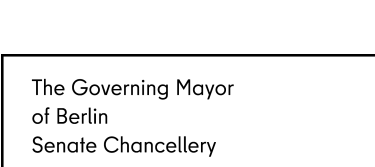
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