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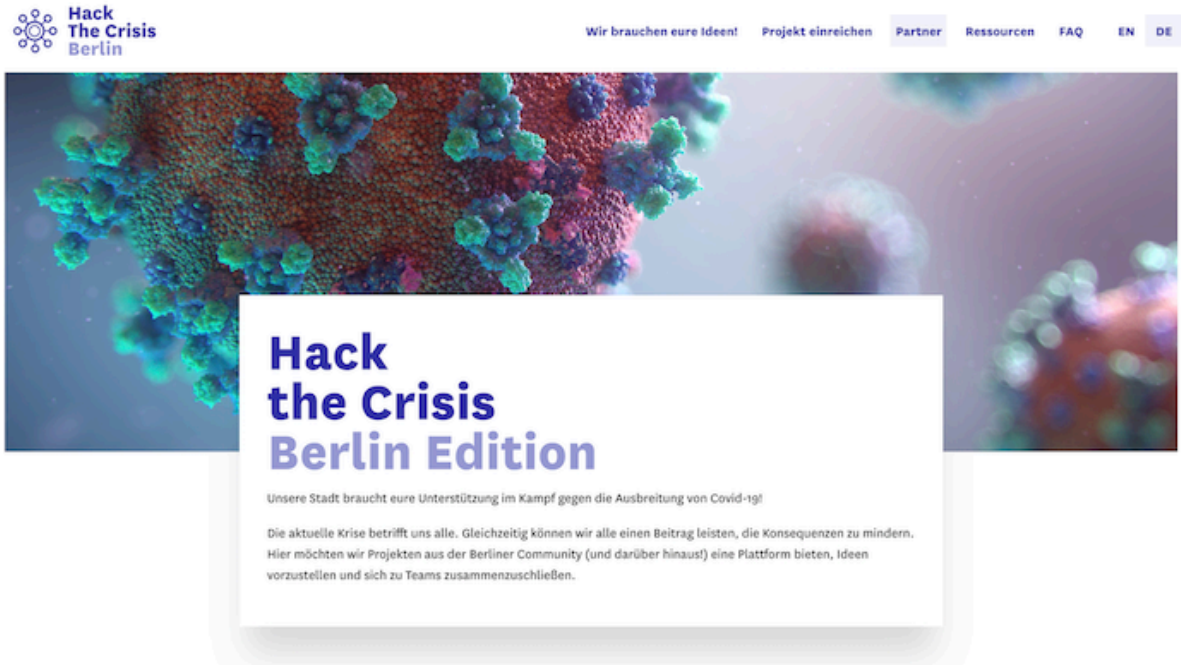

Hello,
Coronavirus has shut down public life in Berlin, but physical distancing means now is the time for digital participation! In March we put together the **Hack the Crisis Berlin online participation platform** with 25 great partners from Berlin's administration, scientific sector, civil society and digital community, all ready to support the most promising ideas in the fight against Covid-19.

#HacktheCrisisBerlin

More than 60 projects are already working on their ideas, and more projects are being added to the platform daily. Thank you, Berlin, for this incredible commitment – keep it up!

Some of the amazing projects include: The maker-community pools their resources in a first maker community video roundtable, a mobile museum is bringing art to house walls and the project "Lefat Die Tafel und Du" from the WirVsVirus-Hackathon supports food banks in coordinating their deliveries.

You want to participate, too? Submit a project idea, an existing project or a question on the **Hack the Crisis Berlin platform** and join the discussion on our **public slack channel**. Moreover, we want to better connect projects seeking assistance with community members eager to lend their skills: if you want to help support others' projects, fill out this **support form**, so we can connect you to those seeking help!

Upcoming Events

CityLAB goes (completely) digital! For everyone in lockdown, home office and beyond, we are creating an online program of our events.

01.04.2020, 3 - 4 pm: Berlin Makers Roundtable (online)
Makers of Berlin meet for their first digital roundtable to discuss how to pool their resources and expertise.
Registration and access link: E-Mail to reichert@technologiestiftung-berlin.de
Language: German

07.04.2020, 4 - 5 pm: Werkstatt @ CityLAB Berlin: Hardware Consultation Hours (online)
From now on, we offer all eager makers, teachers, parents and other interested parties an online consultation hour of the "Werkstatt@CityLAB". You can ask specific questions about your projects and plans concerning hardware - our workshop manager Sara Reichert (Master in Electrical Engineering!) will help you with words and deeds.
Registration and more information **here**
Language: German

08.04.2020, 1:30 - 3:30 pm: AI Consultation Hours with Birds on Mars (online)
CityLAB and Birds on Mars are offering weekly consultations for your "Hack the Crisis Berlin" projects, starting on April 8th. Get detailed feedback on your ideas from experts working for this Berlin AI agency and benefit from their extensive experience in implementing AI-based projects. Regardless of how far along your project is, Birds on Mars' experts are happy to analyze your project and its feasibility from a data science, AI and privacy-oriented perspective.
Registration and more information **here**
Language: German & English

24.04.2020, 2 - 4 pm: Open Workshop @CityLAB Berlin: Masked Ball (online)
On the last Friday of every month, the makers of the workshop at CityLAB invite you to an open workshop session. This time we're moving the open workshop @CityLAB into the virtual space and invite you to build masks together! We'll be celebrating the carnival of the animals with "Meow!", "Woof!" & Co and assembling individual masks, which will turn us into our favourite animals – did we mention these masks will also be able to glow and speak? We're looking forward to seeing you there!
Registration and more information here (Please register to get the participation link!)
Language: German

Stay tuned - More webcasts are in the making, for example on open data and many more topics! We will announce further dates on our website and via our Twitter channel @citylabberlin.

Sneak Preview

With our partner Politics for Tomorrow we are currently developing a handbook on public innovation. The handbook enables teams from the public administration in developing creative solutions independently and guides them through agile and user-centred design processes in an easy-to-understand manner: From the development of initial ideas to the design of prototypes to recommendations for implementation in regular operations. We hope to make our experiences available to a broad audience and to contribute to the emergence of a culture of innovation in publi administration.

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The digital version of the handbook will be published online free of charge under a free licence (German only). For a notification about the launch of the handbook, you can register with your mail address here: **citylab-berlin.org/handbuch**.

Due to the Coronavirus our **exhibition** is unfortunately closed to the public until further notice. We hope to be back soon and will keep you updated!

Any further questions? Write to us at: info@citylab-berlin.org

Stay safe and sane everyone!

Your CityLAB Berlin Team

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