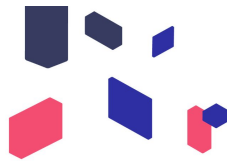


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Online participation for Berlin's smart city strategy has started!

Hello , Dear CityLAB Community!

Berlin is supposed to become smarter – but what does that mean for you? With the launch of our online participation process – available in six different languages – Berliners now have the chance to get involved in the new smart city strategy with just a small time commitment.

What do you want for the future of our city? 10 questions from us - 10 answers from you.

[To the survey](#)



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Berlin will become a Smart City – a vague

term that leaves a lot of room for interpretation. What does being a "smart" city actually mean?

In the 21st century, the challenges cities face are greater than ever: resource scarcity, climate change, and increasing social conflicts and social divisions, just to name a few. These challenges demand creative and innovative solutions. As technological progress advances, cities have increasingly more opportunities to take decisive action, but also increasing obligations to act carefully and responsibly. Ultimately, cities have a special role to play in finding answers to these challenges as democratic communities within a country.

"Smart" is not a purely technological term; here, it refers to approaching challenges in a creative, open, participatory and purposeful way. Smart is the understanding that technology has the potential to generate social benefits and strengthen the democratic community.

With the anonymous **online participation** until 31st March, Berliners from all walks of life can get involved with just a few clicks and define their idea of "smart". The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and asks 10 questions about Berliners' visions for a liveable city of the future. The survey is available in German, English, Turkish, Russian, Polish and Arabic.

We would be thrilled if you could share this online participation opportunity with your contacts and channels so that it reaches as many people as possible –

because after all, the future of this city affects all of us!





If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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