

News from the CityLAB Berlin

April 2022

Hi , dear CityLAB-Community!

A tropical March has made spring fever blossom and the days are getting longer, as are the queues outside the clubs: there are lots of reasons to start this newsletter on a humorous, high spirited note. Unfortunately, there are just as many reasons not to do so right now.

We at CityLAB Berlin are naturally appalled at the war in Ukraine like everyone else and we ask ourselves how we can best offer support.

We've felt particularly inspired by all the amazing committed individuals in Berlin who have been quick to create communication infrastructures, relief operations and information material, demonstrating once again the power and impact of community engagement. If you want to get involved yourself – for example with arrival support, by offering cash or non-cash donations or providing emergency shelters – or if you simply want to find out more, you can check out the website of the Berlin Senate for more information:

- [the Berlin Senate website with information in German, English, Ukrainian and Russian](#)

Despite these bleak times, life goes on for us here, so we've spared no effort in putting together an action-packed April program for you.

Happy browsing!

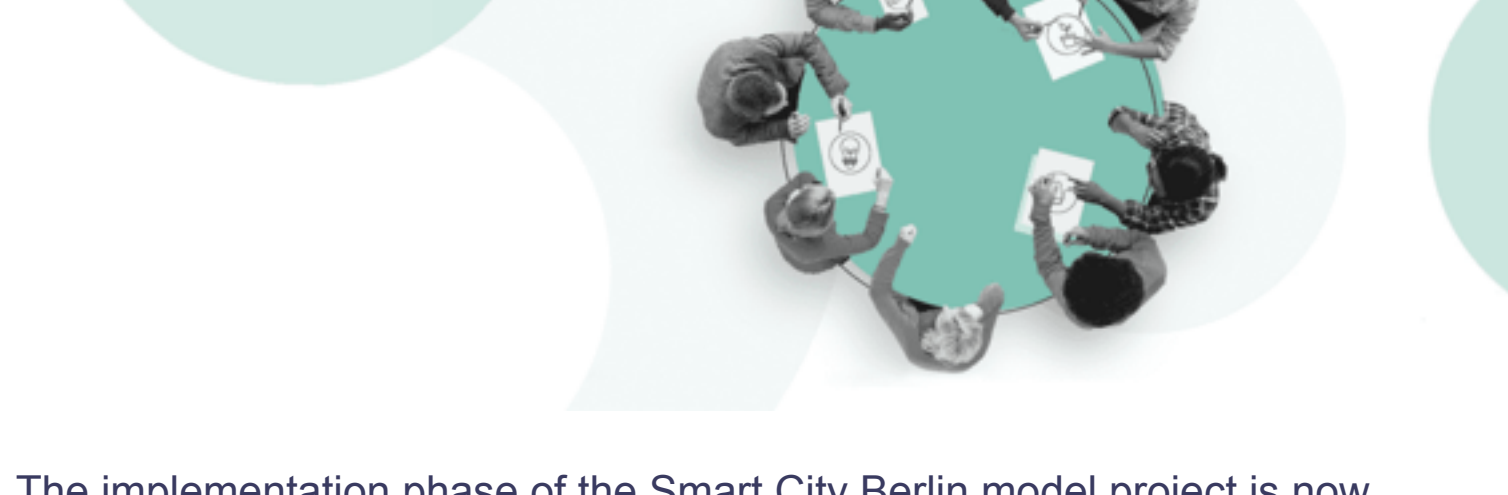
Recap

100 x Digital Berlin: the city meets its CDO



It was all a lot of fun and we'd like to thank all those who took part!

Involvement in Smart City pilot projects

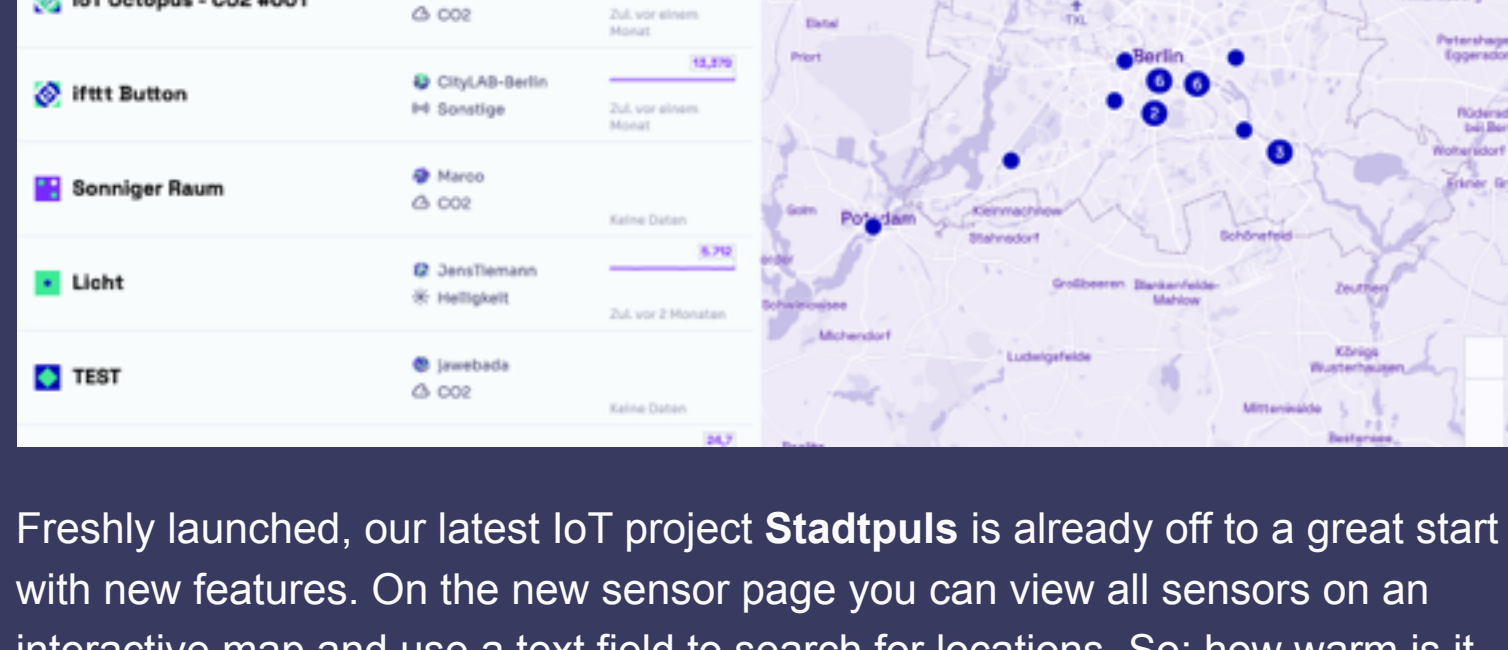


The implementation phase of the Smart City Berlin model project is now starting to get underway: earlier this year, workshops were held on three out of a total of five planned pilot projects. Just as in the current strategy development phase, the public is involved in the elaboration and implementation phase of the pilot projects, too. The outcomes of the various participation formats are to be included in the relevant project descriptions. See our blog for a detailed report and information on the projects.

[To the blog post \(German only\)](#)

Features

New Stadtpuls story and features



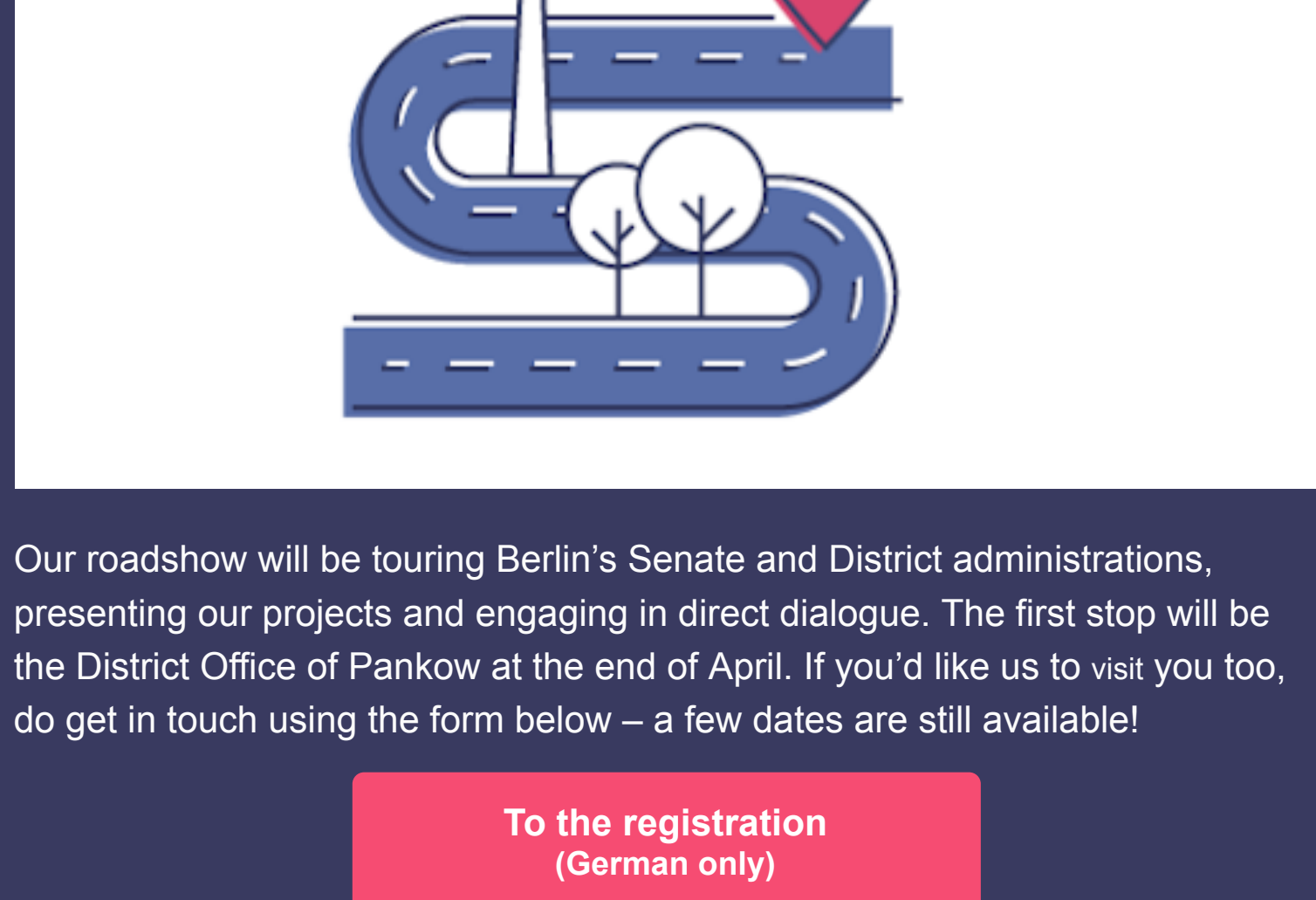
Freshly launched, our latest IoT project **Stadtpuls** is already off to a great start with new features. On the new sensor page you can view all sensors on an interactive map and use a text field to search for locations. So: how warm is it right now at HTW Berlin – is it time the FabLab opened the windows again to let some fresh air in? Find out for yourself!

[To the interactive map](#)

With our Stadtpuls stories, we build bridges between citizen science and database narrative formats. In the new story *Wenn Dies Dann Das*, Fabian Morón Zúñiga explains how you can create small-scale projects that use sensor data and present them on Stadtpuls – even without programming skills.

[To the story: Wenn Dies Dann Das \(German only\)](#)

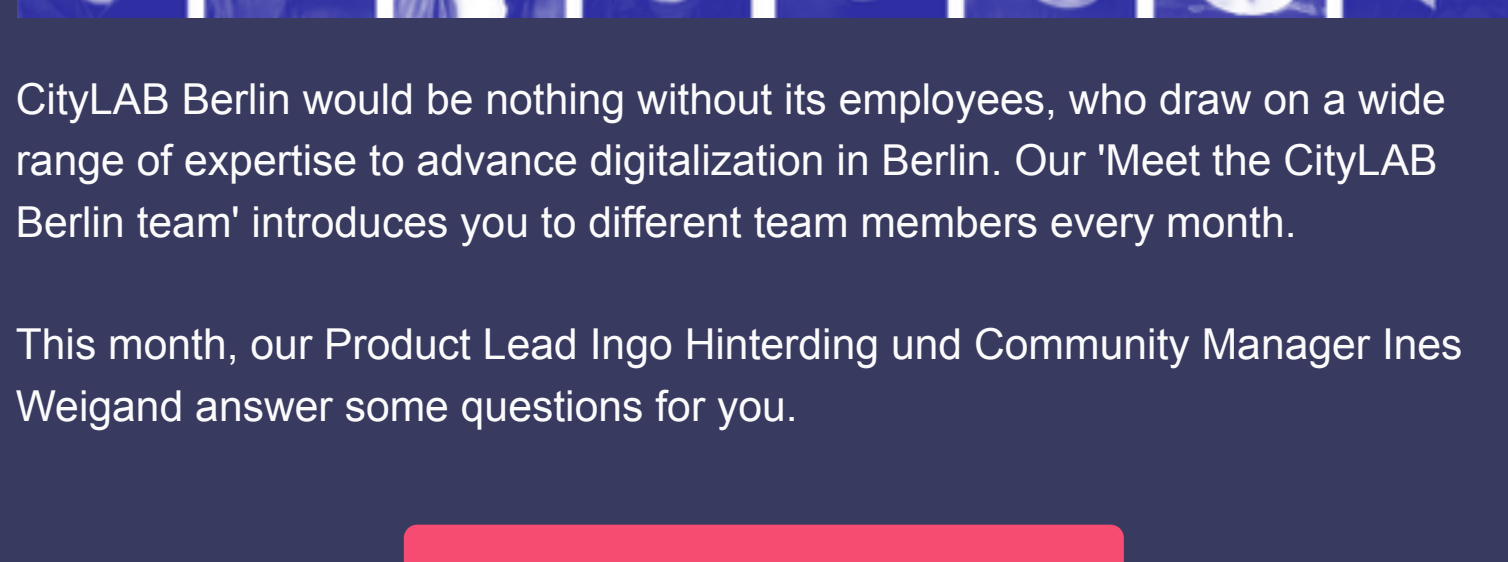
The CityLAB drops by to pay a visit: the administration roadshow gets going



Our roadshow will be touring Berlin's Senate and District administrations, presenting our projects and engaging in direct dialogue. The first stop will be the District Office of Pankow at the end of April. If you'd like us to visit you too, do get in touch using the form below – a few dates are still available!

[To the registration \(German only\)](#)

Meet the CityLAB Berlin team



This month, our Product Lead Ingo Hinterding and Community Manager Ines Weigand answer some questions for you.

[Meet Ines](#)

[Meet Ingo](#)

If you'd like more of Ingo, we also recommend that you listen to our **workshop report with Ingo** and watch the video *Ein Prototyp sagt mehr als tausend Worte* ('A prototype says more than a thousand words').

Job vacancy

Goodbyes hurt – this one in particular. Our dear Gosia, who's been part of the CityLAB furniture since the very beginning and runs our office management, will soon be leaving our lab to pursue her career in monument preservation.

So we're now looking for someone to start as soon as possible who can keep our day-to-day operations running, be the first point of contact for visitors to our lab and take care of our organizational and administrative processes. You can look forward to a youthful, dynamic work environment, lots of creative freedom and a meaningful, hands-on job that combines digital engagement and urban development. We look forward to receiving your application!

- [Office management vacancy at CityLAB Berlin \(German only\)](#)

Events

The **Berliner Stiftungswoche** from April 19 – 29 aims to highlight the activities of Berlin's foundations and encourage social engagement. We too will be taking part, with the following two events:

Apr

27

3 pm - 4 pm

Treffpunkt WissensWerte: stepping out of the Ivory tower

It's never been so easy to collect, share and access information, observations and knowledge. Smartphones enable more and more people to participate in the generation of new insight. Each and every one of us is able to collect a wide variety of data and make it available to others. This has consequences for science and research.

The 118th Treffpunkt WissensWerte looks at the democratization of science and how this benefits society at large, featuring the following speakers: **Lena Petersen** with Ellen Koepping, co-founder of **FemNetz** and co-organizer of the women's writing group **WomenEdit Berlin**, **Dr. Benjamin Seibel**, Director of CityLAB Berlin and **Prof. Johannes Vogel**, Ph.D., Director General of the **Berlin Natural History Museum**. The event will be held in German.

[Registration](#)

Apr

28

5 pm - 7 pm

Smart City Forum 2 Measures and campaigns

On April 28 we'd like to discuss the interim results of the Smart City strategy process with you once again. While the needs for action and operational goals for the Smart City Berlin were presented at the first forum, the focus on this occasion will be on measures and campaigns. These were developed together with the public, more than 120 experts, the municipal committee Digitales Berlin and representatives of the Berlin administration. The event will be held in German.

[Registration](#)

May

11

7 pm - 9 pm

Developer Meetup Vol 2.: Citizen Science

The work done by developers spans a wide range. At our Developer Meet-Ups, you get to meet the CityLAB developer team along with other guests and gain insights into their work and projects.

Also featured: our projects **Stadtpuls** and **QTrees**, **trainwriter.ai**, an art project by Birds on Mars and OZM that produces art on a skinner interactively and in real time by means of AI, and **Alsino Skowronnek**, who presents his project **Mapping the Post-Human City**. English speakers welcome.

[Registration](#)

Jun

30

all day

Save the date: the big CityLAB summerfest

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"Ayo, I'm tired of using technology", as 50 Cent and Justin Timberlake sang back in 2007, and what can we say – we are, too! That's why we're celebrating our big summer party this year with a big bang and ...drum roll ... completely analog, on our premises at the former Tempelhof airport! With a view of the runway and to the sound of Berlin beats, you can look forward to an entire day packed full of talks, discussions workshops, music and networking opportunities, organized in cooperation with **RosinenBAR THF**.

So cancel everything else you were planning that day and put a big circle round June 30, 2022 in your calendar – after all: **"We need you right in front of us"**

More information and the program will be available soon on our website.

[Save the date](#)

We wish you a great April full of the joys of spring!

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