

## News from CityLAB Berlin

### Annual Report 2022

Hi , dear CityLAB community,

It's not until you finally get to enjoy that well-deserved rest at the end of the year that you realize just how much has happened over the last 12 months. That's how we felt when we took a look at the multitude of topics we wanted to cover in our review of the past year. Ranging from the adoption of the strategy *Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin* to new open data prototypes for the city and a wealth of dialog formats with the administration – it was by no means easy for us to choose. But now we can proudly hold it in our hands: our 2022 annual report, and we'd like to share it with you here. Another aspect we were keen to include were personal highlights from our team members, so we're happy to share some of those with you as well. And last but not least, we hope with all of this reading material that you have enough to keep you busy until after Christmas – before we go on to see in the New Year in appropriate style!

### In focus

#### Goodbye 2022, Hello 2023!

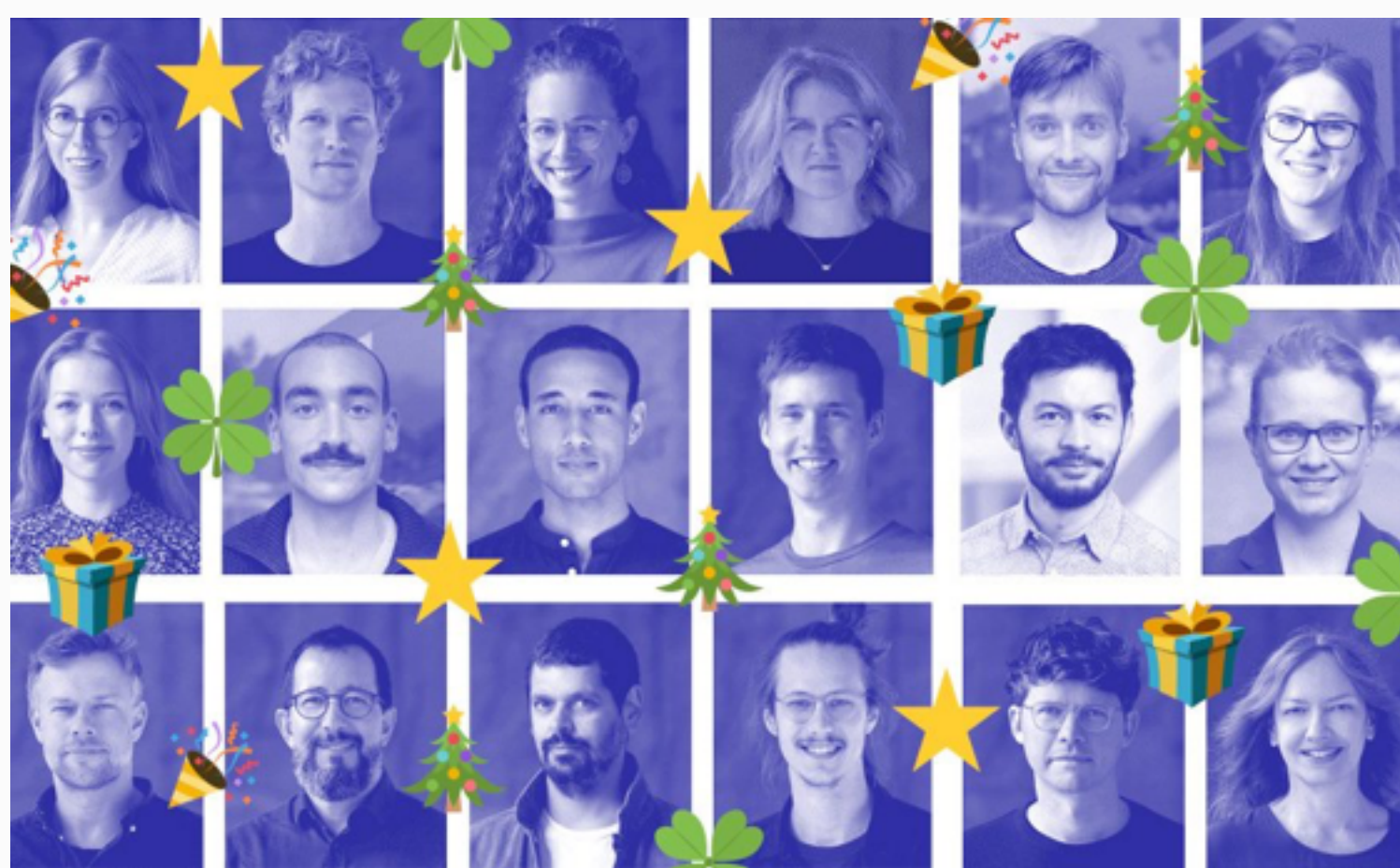


For the Berliners in our community, one short phrase sums up the past year nicely: "War schön gewesen!" – it was a good one! To expand on that slightly, we would say: it's certainly been intense. There's been a lot going on here at the Lab. Time flies by so quickly here, we sometimes feel like we're hurtling through the air in a small space capsule. We've had some great and exuberant moments this year, especially our big summer party with more than 650 guests. And it's been superb with you, dear CityLAB community: you deserve our very special thanks for this rich and full year that has seen so many new insights and ideas! And now, curtains up: have fun scrolling through our review of 2022!

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### Recaps

#### Our 2022 team highlights



As an open city lab, we feel it's important to give you regular glimpses behind the scenes, and the end of the year should be no exception! That's why the following also includes an entirely subjective, impromptu account of our very own personal highlights, impressions and milestones from the past year.

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### Is there such a thing as too much mulled wine?



The question was probably on many people's minds in December, and the team at the Open Data Information Service (ODIS) might bear some responsibility for this. The creation of the Berlin Christmas Market Finder meant there were suddenly a whole lot more reasons to go out and enjoy a mug of mulled wine together: this interactive map shows more than 60 Christmas markets in Berlin which can be filtered by location, offerings, admission prices and opening hours. In this interview, the ODIS team talks about the initial idea for the application, what was important to them in the process, and also the highlights and challenges involved in dealing with open data. They were, however, silent on the question of how many of these markets they actually went to themselves.

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### The minds behind CityLAB

**CityLAB Berlin**



*"I love that I get to work on topics and projects that have a direct connection to the city of Berlin and its residents. I'm a proud Berliner-by-choice, so the fact that I get to help shape this city through my work is extremely exciting and gratifying."*

**Victoria Boeck**  
Project Manager for Administrative Innovation & Data

It's time once again for our favorite series in which we introduce you to our employees driving the digitalization of Berlin with their varied areas of expertise. This time it's Victoria Boeck's turn. Tori, as she prefers to be called, is a Project Manager for Administrative Innovation and Data. Proud to have adopted Berlin as her home, she is passionate about the analysis and use of open data. In this blog post, she tells you what she particularly appreciates about her work, which image best captures her day-to-day work at CityLAB, and what subjects she's enthusiastic about.

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### Events

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**23.**

**05:30 - 07:00 p.m.**

**Online forum: Presentation of *Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin***

A lot of you participated in the formulation of Berlin's smart city strategy, and since it has now been officially adopted by the Berlin Senate, the time has come for the presentation of the finalized version of *Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin* together with the Senate Chancellery and other key players.

For this reason, we would like to invite you to an online public forum on January 23. The event will feature welcome remarks and a presentation of the jointly developed strategy from Dr. Ralf Kleindiek, CDO of Berlin; Karen Laßmann, Head of the Gemeinsam Digital Unit; CityLAB Director Dr. Benjamin Seibel; and Anne Kruse and Dr. Niklas Kossow, Smart City Project Managers. All are welcome to join the discussion, and we are looking forward to your thoughts and questions on the strategy. The evening will be moderated by Caroline Paulick-Thiel, Director of Politics for Tomorrow.

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Thank you very much for faithfully reading our newsletter and for scrolling through our review of the year, but most of all for sticking with us through the past 12 months! We're looking forward to continued conversations with the CityLAB community through our projects and our events and hope the next year will be full of fresh ideas and perspectives for our city. Until then: stay healthy and we hope you get off to a great start in the New Year!

Your CityLAB Berlin

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