

News from the CityLAB Berlin

March 2023

Hello , dear CityLAB-Community!

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours." Mark Twain

We've been able to get a taste of spring air for a few days now – and we really have had enough of this constant drizzle on our faces! But if the Berlin winter is still in your bones, don't worry: the red-hot news from CityLAB is bound to warm you up – both intellectually and physically!

And if you want to look forward even more to the best season of the year, be sure to **mark June 29 very clearly in your calendar**: that's when our **Sommerfest** will be happening this year! So: save the date and tell your friends and your grandma in good time, too!

We have awoken from our winter hibernation in March with two new products: The platform **Hilf-Mir.Berlin** helps people in crisis situations to gain quick access to more than 200 counseling services in the city that are appropriate to their individual needs.

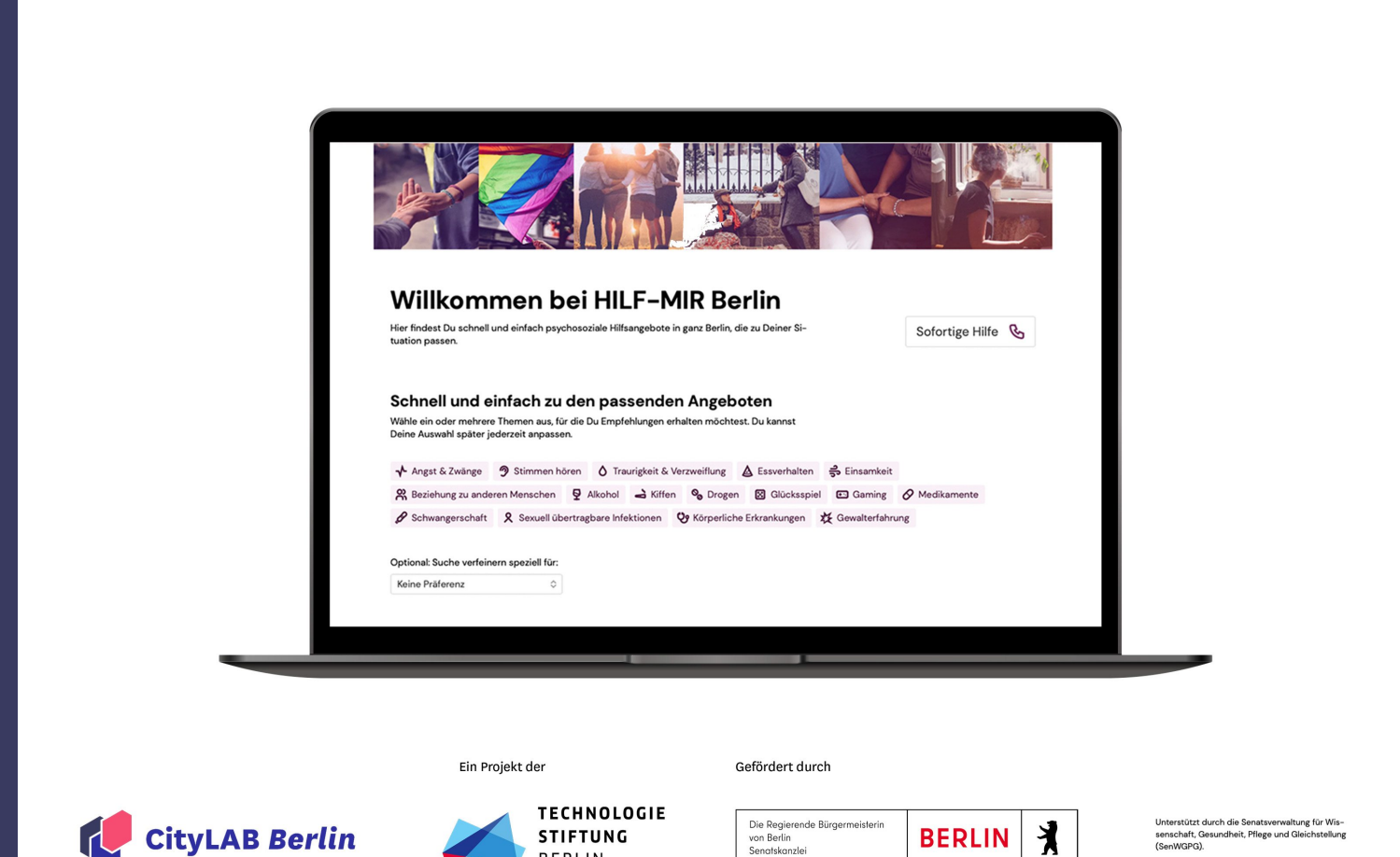
We also introduce you to our **new Methodenbox** – in a cinematic masterpiece that will make even Steven Spielberg jealous!

If you don't dare leave the house yet because of the varying weather conditions, you're also very welcome to join us on a trip to the **Smart City Bangkok**.

So we not only wish you an enjoyable read, we also hope you have fun scrolling through our latest achievements, too!

Spotlight 1

The quick way to find help geared to individual needs: **Hilf-Mir.Berlin**



Anyone in a personal crisis who is looking for psychosocial help in Berlin often finds themselves having to click through numerous websites to find what they're looking for. This takes time and patience – both of which very few people can muster in this kind of situation.

With the support of the Senate Department for Science, Health, Care and Equality, we have developed a prototype that provides the first ever **summary of the services offered by more than 200 counseling centers in Berlin: Hilf-Mir.Berlin**.

In **Hilf-Mir.Berlin** users can quickly find help that fits their **individual needs** with just a **few clicks** and by means of **filter options**.

The new application is currently in the **test phase**; for this reason, we'll be glad to see a lot of people using it, sharing it and sending us feedback – and of course we hope it helps people quickly find the service that meets their individual needs.

[Check out Hilf-Mir.Berlin](#)

Spotlight 2

Methodenbox – there can surely be no more attractive way to present methods!



After the CityLAB bestseller, the **Public Service Design Handbook**, we knew you were all going to be absolutely wild about methods!

Our aim is to constantly rethink routine work processes and go straight into action using agile working methods! The **Methodenbox** was developed to **enable people to develop public innovations** in the area of digitalization using a results-oriented and needs-based approach. With its **method cards** along with the **accompanying templates and working documents**, our **Methodenbox** playfully guides you through the various phases of an innovation process, so it's an ideal supplement to the handbook. But that's enough written description for the moment: now it's time to open your eyes and start the movie! Disclaimer: No handbooks were harmed in the making of this video.

[Check out the video and website \(German only\)](#)

Spotlight 3

Blog: Our visit to the twin city of Jakarta



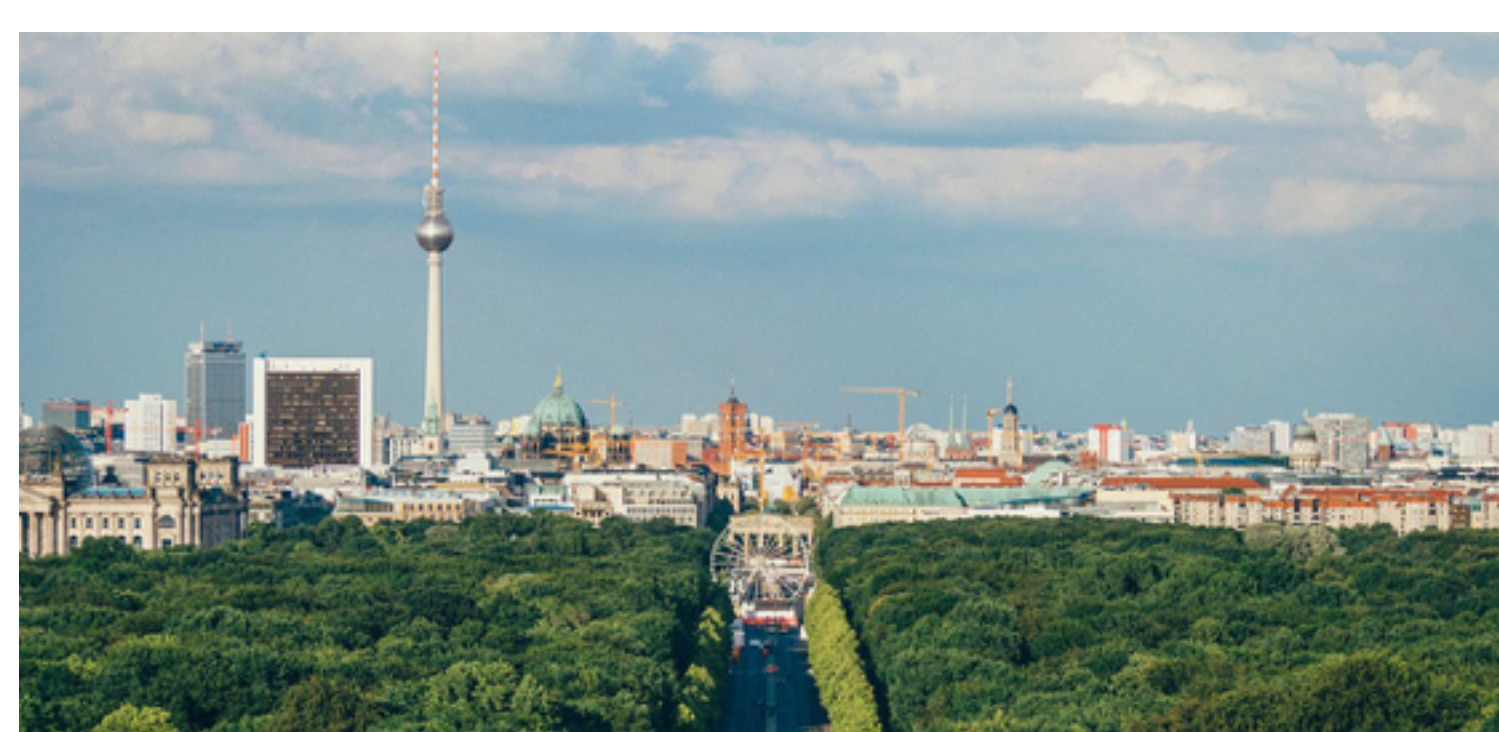
Urban jungle, temple buildings in among skyscrapers, busy streets – and lots of ideas for smart cities: this is what we saw in **Bangkok** during our visit as part of the **EuropeAid project Smart Change!** In the course of our visit we were able to gain lots of insights into the **urban planning** of one of the largest metropolises in the world. Together, we took a look at the **similarities and differences in our understanding of what a smart city is** – and in doing so we learned a lot from each other.

Here, our colleague Lisa Stubert gives a first-hand account of an inspiring trip and talks about what an innovation lab like CityLAB in Bangkok might look like.

[To the blog](#)

Event Highlights

Apr 13 **5:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.** **Forum Wissenswerte: people in the smart city**



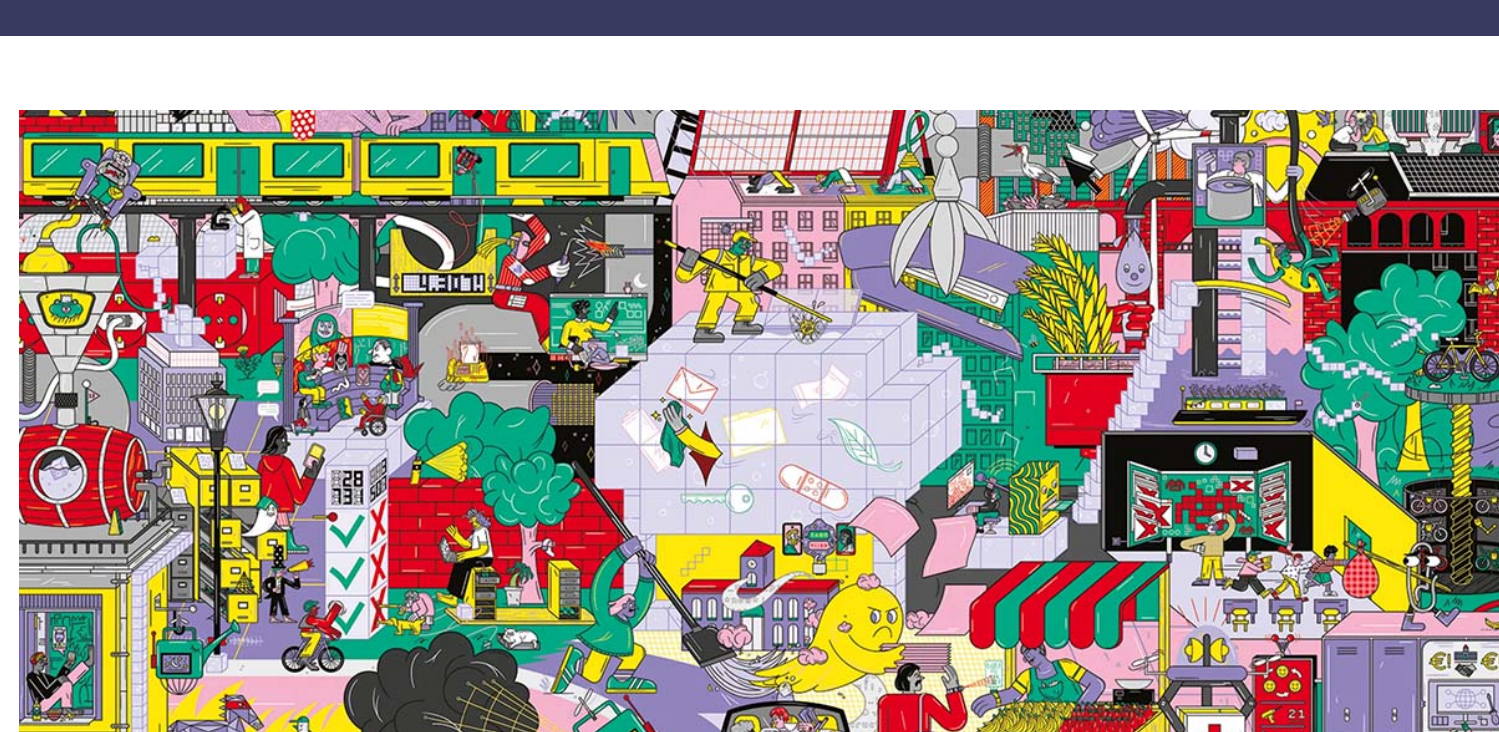
The ultimate series of events on current technology topics in cooperation with **rbb24 Inforadio** goes into the next round: this time it's all about the smart city! How did **Berlin's Smart City Strategy** come into being?

What is the role of human beings in all this? And to what extent are **high-tech model** cities like Songdo in South Korea and Neom in Saudi Arabia considered a **warning or models in research**?

All this and much more will be discussed by experts on April 13 at CityLAB. **So: be sure to sign up by March 12 and we'll see you there!**

[Sign up](#)

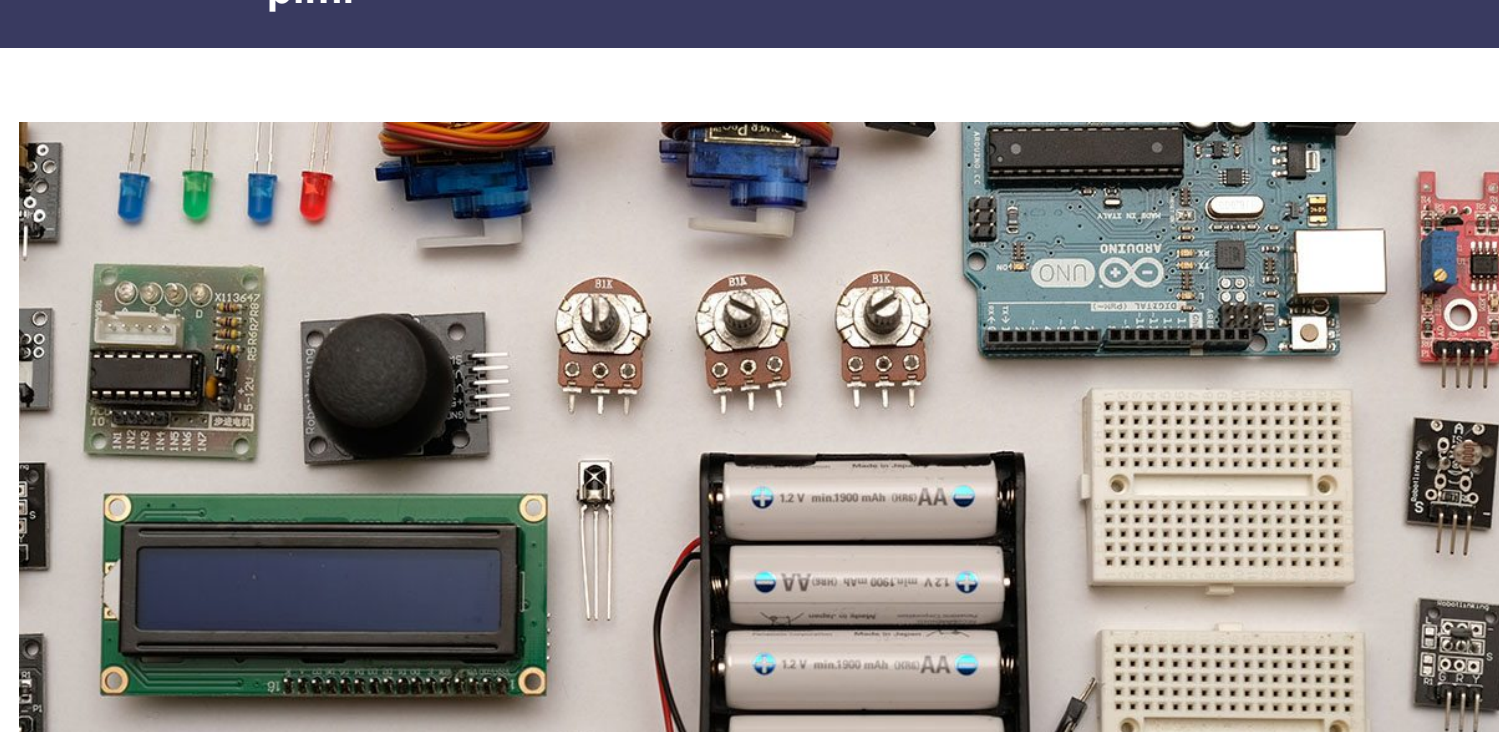
Apr 28 **02:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** **Open Space *Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin***



As part of the **Berliner Stiftungswoche** from April 18 to April 28, we invite you to **join us at CityLAB to collect your ideas for Smart City Berlin**. After all, the strategy ***Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin*** is concerned with projects being implemented that come directly from urban society as network measures! That's why CityLAB is putting on an event in the **Open Space** format where measure pitches can be presented and elaborated. Do you have a digital measure you want to showcase? Or would you like to be inspired by other people's ideas? If so, come along on **April 28 to the Open Space, where you can also enjoy coffee and cake!**

[Sign up](#)

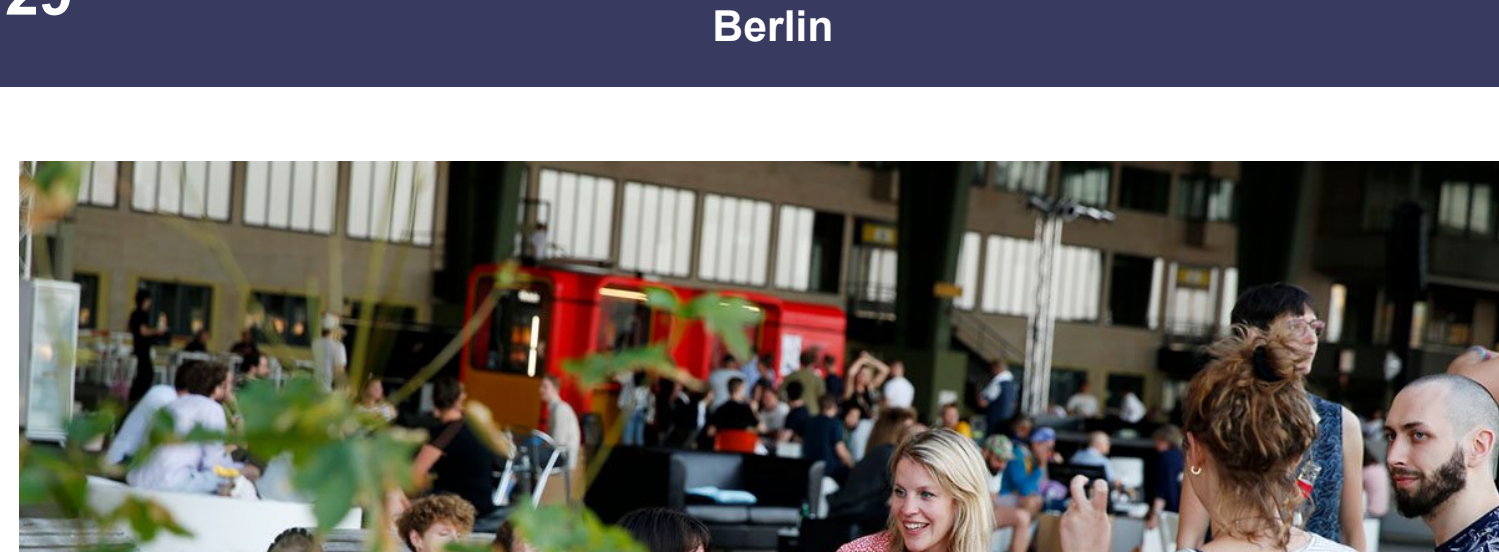
Apr 28 **05:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** **Open Workshop: Round Table**



The **Technologiestiftung Open Workshop** has been held on site at CityLAB Berlin and online since July 2019. From time to time we also send out components by mail and even conduct difficult projects remotely involving numerous participants. One thing is always important to us: staying in touch and making new contacts! For this reason, we invite you to **another round table on April 28 2023 to discuss current electronics projects**. Whether you're an engineer, artist, inventor, teacher or student – everybody from a wide range of contexts (hobby, academic, professional) who has an interest is cordially invited to showcase their project. In addition to giving you the opportunity to admire and try out the **building projects on show, we also offer space for dialog and discussion**. You're also welcome to come along if you don't have a project of your own and are looking for a **little inspiration to create something new!**

[Find out more](#)

June 29 **all day** **Save the Date: Sommerfest CityLAB Berlin**



Did someone say Sommerfest? You bet! The year is saved, because arguably the most beautiful bash of the summer is back! This time we take you to a particularly **beautiful spot right at the heart of Berlin: Van Greifswald!** On **June 29** we invite you to join us for **networking, panels, workshops and dialog** about projects and prototypes for both the present and the future of Berlin! Once again, we look forward to getting together with you to combine the awesome with the even more awesome – partying in the summer with all kinds of new ideas! For those who, like us, can hardly wait for it to happen, here is the **save-the-date as a calendar entry**. In the coming weeks you can look forward to finding out more details about the program-with invited guests! – which will again be highly diverse.

[Save the Date](#)

We very much hope to have aroused some spring fever in you and very much look forward to our date on June 29 – live and in person!

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