



News from the CityLAB Berlin

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Hi, dear CityLAB-Community!

Take note, dear reader: profound social change is imminent! So profound, in fact, that there's even been a call for a **six-month development freeze** – for which more than **27,000 people signed a petition**, including Tesla CEO Elon Musk, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak and historian Yuval Noah Harari. What is it that's developing so fast that even billionaires are beginning to fear it? The correct answer is, of course: **artificial intelligence**! Speeding ahead at a rapid pace, it appears to be producing a never-ending series of innovations – something that's otherwise only known from CityLAB Berlin! Well, anyone looking to impose a development freeze on us won't get very far: after all, we always communicate the latest sensations to come out of Berlin's most innovative innovation lab in our usual open and transparent way! Here you will find answers to the following questions: When and how will the **CityLAB-summer party** be celebrated and what is new in **public design?** One thing is for sure: you can definitely look forward to profound change if you read our newsletter! Enjoy!

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In focus

We solve Berlin's puzzle: Register now for the CityLAB-summer party!



For every open question mark in Berlin, there is at least one good idea on how to solve it – and it is exactly this potential and knowledge that we would like to bundle once again. For this purpose, we invite you to the **CityLAB-summer party on June 29th** for workshops, keynotes, panels and a brilliant evening program at Von Greifswald. As in previous years, our summer party provides the perfect **opportunity for people from Berlin's urban society**, **administration, academia and business to come together** and share ideas for a smart Berlin – or simply gather inspiration and take away fresh insights! This year we have a very special surprise in store for you, too: we'll be introducing our new *Kiezlabor!*



The *Kiezlabor* takes the prototypical approach of CityLAB Berlin out into the neighborhoods: housed in a container converted into a Tiny House for digital transformation, it provides a platform and a playground for your ideas in the city! We welcome anyone who'd like to face up to the challenges of the present – both big and small – by developing bold ideas and sustainable visions for the future, making the most of the potential offered by digital tools.

The *Kiezlabor* will be ready for you to find out about and tour at the summer party: we look forward to your visit! *Sign up now for the summer party* – see you there!

Sign up for our summer party

More info on our Kiezlabor

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Politics for Tom^orrow

The **manual for public service design** has been with us ever since CityLAB was first established. Together with Politics for Tomorrow, our aim is to provide a **tool for administration employees** to get to grips with **innovation processes** in a self-determined and flexible way. The result remains very popular: we've distributed **almost 2,000 copies** of the manual to date. From now on, this ultimate **free-of-charge bestseller** for innovative work in administration is also available as an **online version** – packed full of new features and designed for even better sharing! Our colleagues Myrian Rigal and Tobias Witt tell us here what new features the online manual has to offer and how it can be used.

To the blog (German only)

First local meetup on public services in Berlin: video out now!



At the **first local public sector meetup in Berlin** we had the chance to share insights from our **project 'Bürgeramt der Zukunft'** where we tested the **prototype of a new check-in-system** for **citizen offices**. For everyone who missed it, please find the presentation of our colleagues Victoria Boeck and Tobias Witt and other very inspiring speakers here.

To the video

Event Highlights



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



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 May the 3rd at CityLAB**. So: be sure to **sign up by March the second** and we'll see you there!

Sign up

We wish you a wonderful month of May and look forward to seeing you soon at our summer party this year!

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