

News from CityLAB Berlin

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Hi ,

From July onwards, all of Germany talks about virtually nothing else – but we can't seem to find any trace of it anywhere: **the so-called summer slump!** We'll have to get someone to explain to us what that's all about – it's not a phenomenon to be found in CityLAB, that's for sure! This may be because we're still completely **electrified by the aftermath of our summer party**, which is why we're keen to **share some of the highlights with you in text, photos and video** in our review: we hope you enjoy it! If, hypothetically speaking there were a summer slump at CityLAB, our **prototyping team** would probably deserve it the most: after a successful trial run at the summer party, **they now present four new exhibits to try out, which we briefly introduce to you here**. As a further energy boost, **our Kiezlabor will be heading over to Tempelhofer Feld**, where it'll once again be **offering a select program** – this time with a **focus on the climate!** So if there is anyone who has fallen into the summer slump, we'll be more than happy to help them get out again by joining us at CityLAB or going directly to the *Kiezlabor*!

In focus

The ultimate review: our 2023 summer party



Can you feel it too? To us it seems like it was only yesterday that we opened the doors of Von Greifswald on June 29 for a full day of insights and discussion about visions for the future of our city. We've summarized **a few highlights in this blog post** – and as you can see, choosing which ones to put in was by no means easy!

[To the blog](#)

If anyone would like to **click their way through our digital picture gallery** to take a look back at the summer party, we hope you enjoy our Flickr album.

[To Flickr](#)

Still want more? That's the way it should be: for those who want to immerse themselves fully in the day's subject matter once again, **all the talks from the main stage are now available on YouTube**. We'd like to express our sincere thanks once again to everyone who joined us and attended our 2023 summer party!

[To video playlist](#)

News from the projects

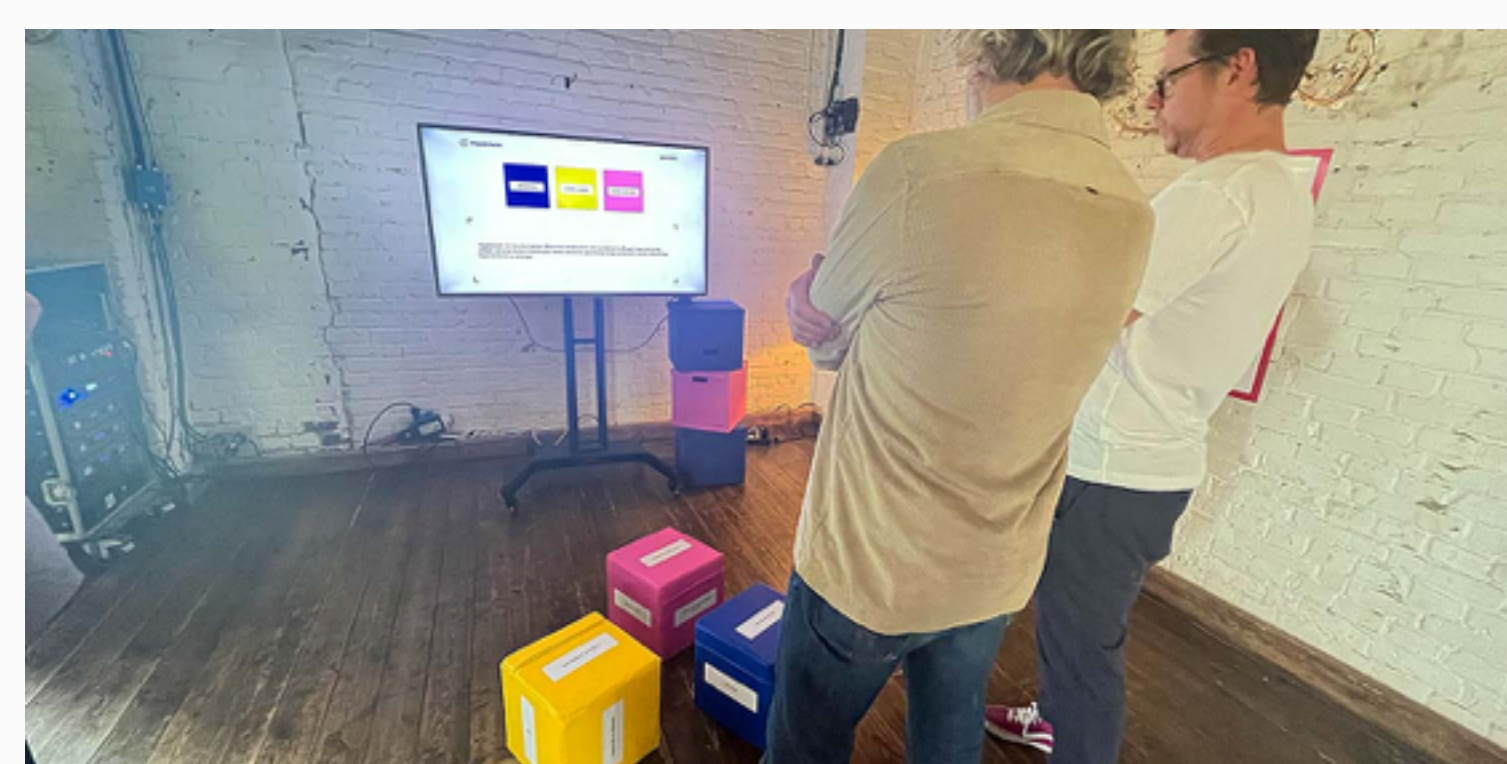
prototyping: these are the new exhibits you can look forward to!

Summer slump? Our prototyping team has never heard of it, too! At our summer party they went into action with no less than four new interactive exhibits – and it's precisely these that will now go directly to CityLAB and into our *Kiezlabor*. The four exhibits have one thing in common – **they all make use of the possibilities of artificial intelligence!** Before you try them out for yourself on a visit, we'll give you a brief introduction here:



The "Public Service Design" handbook – now as a chatbot!

We've often wondered what kind of personality our best-selling book for transforming administration would have. Our new chatbot provides the answer to this question – and many more besides, because it knows the handbook for public service design inside out. So if in addition to the analog and digital versions you fancy a conversation with our friendly and reliable new chatbot, **you can now chat to it for hours about innovation processes, service design and the rest – online, and soon at our exhibition as well!**

[Have a chat](#)


From the cube to the solution – with the Ideas Cube!

Another addition to our CityLAB halls is an interactive dice game that enables you to adopt a playful approach to innovative but not entirely serious digital solutions in an urban context. All you need is two players – the rest happens by chance and by artificial intelligence, which draws on a wide variety of subjects, target groups, and technologies to produce inspiring and entertaining one-liners – dice fun included!



Eye to eye with AI – at >ki.portrait!

Dive into the fascinating world of AI art and let our mysterious box analyze you! While you look deep into the camera's eyes, the artificial intelligence on the other side draws inspiration to create a work of art via facial recognition. The result is a portrait with a difference – which you can even take home with you as a souvenir. Since the format was so well received at our summer party, we are currently working on a technical solution for permanent use. So you'll have to be patient for a while – as soon as you can get blown off, you'll be the first to know here.



The Kiezbot: probably the most unusual chatbot crew in the world

Our three chatbot personalities Ernst, Kiki and Roki already talked their heads off at our summer party: now they've recharged their batteries and are ready and waiting for you in the *Kiezlabor*. From August 16 to 27 you can visit the fun trio on Tempelhofer Feld. Supported by ChatGPT, each of the three is a true expert in their field: Kiki the bee knows all there is to know about climate protection in the city, robot Roki is up-to-date on the latest technology crazes, and Ernst the Currywurst, as a true Berliner, has more to say than just grumble about his home city. We hope you have fun trying it out!

[Plan your Kiezlabor visit](#)

Events

August
16. - 27.

The Kiezlabor on Tempelhofer Feld

After the official opening at the summer party, our *Kiezlabor* will be **hitting Tempelhof-Neukölln next** – directly on Tempelhofer Feld alongside Tempelhofer Dam near the Luftschloss. The program will be green: **we're going to focus on the topic of climate**, so we invite you to engage in direct dialog on the **subject of urban greenery and trees on August 17**. As with any good *Kiezlabor* program, prototypes will definitely be part of the set-up this time, too – in **developing these we'll be drawing inspiration from visions of the future for Tempelhofer Feld** itself. In addition, we look forward to getting **actively involved in the citizens' fair on 19 August**. We will also have **watering and moisture sensors on board**: find out in the *Kiezlabor* what exactly these do and to what extent they help preserve Berlin's green infrastructure! We'll be posting program details on our website soon, so feel free to take a look and sign up for the individual workshops as the mood takes you! We look forward to seeing you there!

[To the Kiezlabor](#)

Oops – we forgot our outro. It probably fell into the summer slump, so if you find it, do give it back to us!

Until then, have a great time – all the best,

your CityLAB Berlin team

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