



## Hello dear CityLAB Community,

As we rode the escalator up to the workshop room at this year's Smart Country Convention, with our fingers crossed, we could hardly believe our eyes when we saw the large crowd gathered outside: With over 70 participants, the interest in a Meet & Greet with our AI assistant BärGPT was huge, even in the bustling convention atmosphere! We were also able to learn a thing or two about our testers, who mainly come from the administration, via a live survey – namely, among other things, that although most of them use AI professionally and privately, they still often do so secretly in the work context. We would like to thank everyone present for the honest insights and constructive feedback on BärGPT, because that's exactly what it's all about for us during development: the exchange with and the added value for you! Therefore, we would like to use the year that is slowly coming to an end to toast together with you again – so don't miss our LABnight on November 25th for a joint review and outlook!

### Spotlight 1



#### Column

### Courage to say no

Sometimes it's difficult, sometimes it's good, but it's rarely easy to say – saying "no" needs to be practiced. In his five years of project support in the smart city sector at CityLAB, our colleague Dr. Niklas Kossow has learned to tame the short word with great effect and has found a strong partner with backbone: the common good. How this helps him to say yes at the right moments, he reports here in our Stadtgeflüster column.

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### Spotlight 2



#### Summer School

### Digital perspectives on ecological space

At the seventh Summer School, the CityLAB was transformed into a workshop for analogue and digital leaf rustling for two weeks: In cooperation with HTW Berlin, the Reallabor Wald of the TU Berlin, the Technologiestiftung Berlin and the ZK/U – Center for Art and Urbanism, 15 students explored the relationship between people, Machines and trees. In this blog post, you can read why blue helium balloons rose in the two prototypes and trees made everyday objects breathe.

[To the blog post](#)

### Spotlight 3



#### Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin

### Consolidating the exchange

How can we ensure that projects such as the measures of the smart city and digital strategy Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin can also have a long-term effect? An important approach: talk to each other more and regularly. Common challenges and solutions were debated at this year's GD:B annual conference. You can find a detailed review of content, a surprising consensus and impressions in pictures on our blog.

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### Events



## 25.11.2025

#### Open House

### LABnight

CityLAB Berlin

We will let the bear out on 25.11. and gather all the animals that the CityLAB has to offer, because: It's time again for our LABnight! In addition to the review and outlook on developed projects – such as BärGPT – there will be the opportunity to talk to the CityLAB team and stroll through our exhibition. We are very much looking forward to your visit and toasting 2025 together!

[Register now](#)

## 11.11.

#### Forum Interesting Facts

### Long Covid: The Long Shadow of the Pandemic – Data as the Key to Research

Technologiestiftung Berlin

Almost six years after the start of the pandemic, many people are still suffering from the long-term effects of a Covid 19 infection. Chronic fatigue, exhaustion, forgetfulness of concentration problems – Long Covid shows many symptoms. New research approaches, health and metadata, and digital infrastructures are opening up new ways to better understand causes and therapies. How can research and metadata be efficiently linked to improve the care of those affected? In the next Forum Wissenswertes, experts from medicine, data science and immunological research will talk about current findings and new perspectives in dealing with Long Covid.

[More Information \(German only\)](#)

## 12.11.

#### Meetup

### Maptime

CityLAB Berlin

THE classic among the events on open data and map applications (and pizza) returns to the CityLAB and you are invited! So come by on 12.11. and attend the inspiring lectures on visualizations, applications, platforms, tools or hacks. The ODIS Berlin team is looking forward to seeing you!

[To the event](#)

## 04.11.

#### Conference

### Smart City Expo

Barcelona

## – 5.11.

Shortly before the end of the year, we will be able to get a taste of Mediterranean air again and co-host the City Rebels Salon at the Smart City Expo in Barcelona on 4.11. In addition, our director Dr. Benjamin Seibel will give a rebellious impulse on the topic of "Government Beyond Forms – The Future of GovTech and the Agentic State" at the Google booth on November 5 at 2pm and we are looking forward to further unconventional perspectives from the European tech scene. If you are in Barcelona and would like to join the Salon, you can send us an e-mail to [info@citylab-berlin.org](mailto:info@citylab-berlin.org). We will be happy to check whether participation is possible.

[More Information](#)

### Looking ahead

**The best way to get rid of the creeping autumn blues is to exercise:  
So come to the LABnight for a tour of the CityLAB and try your hand at cosiness!**

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