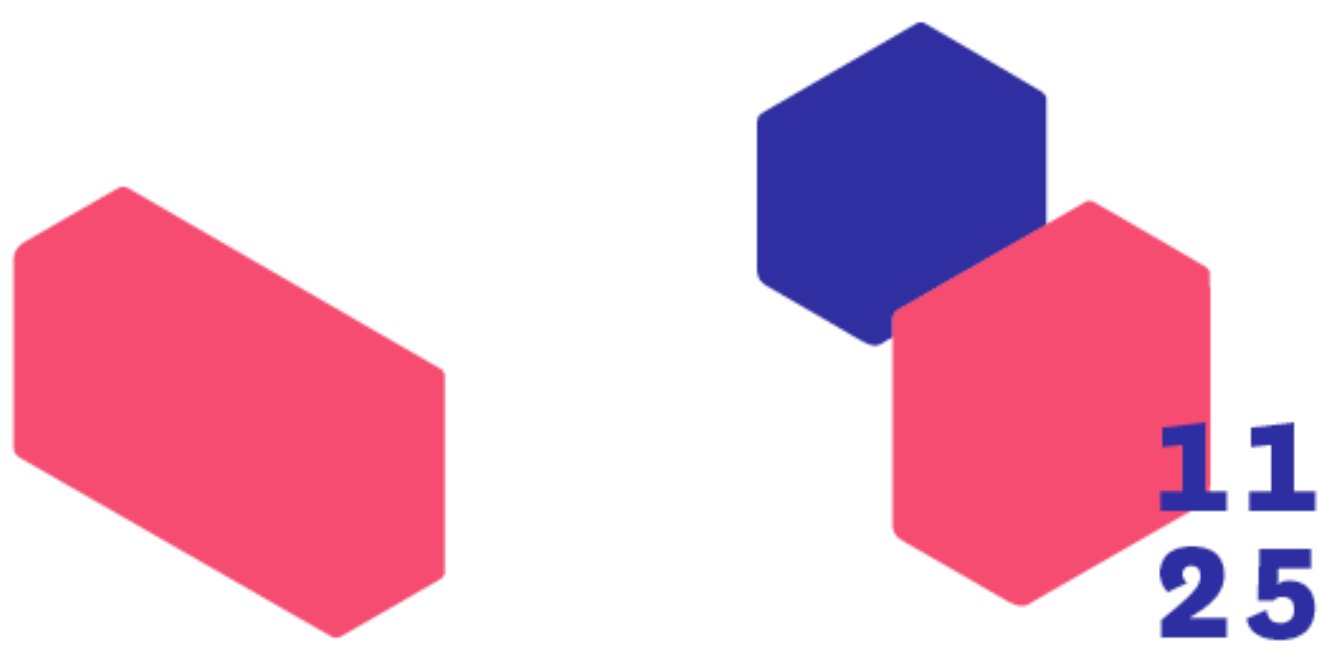


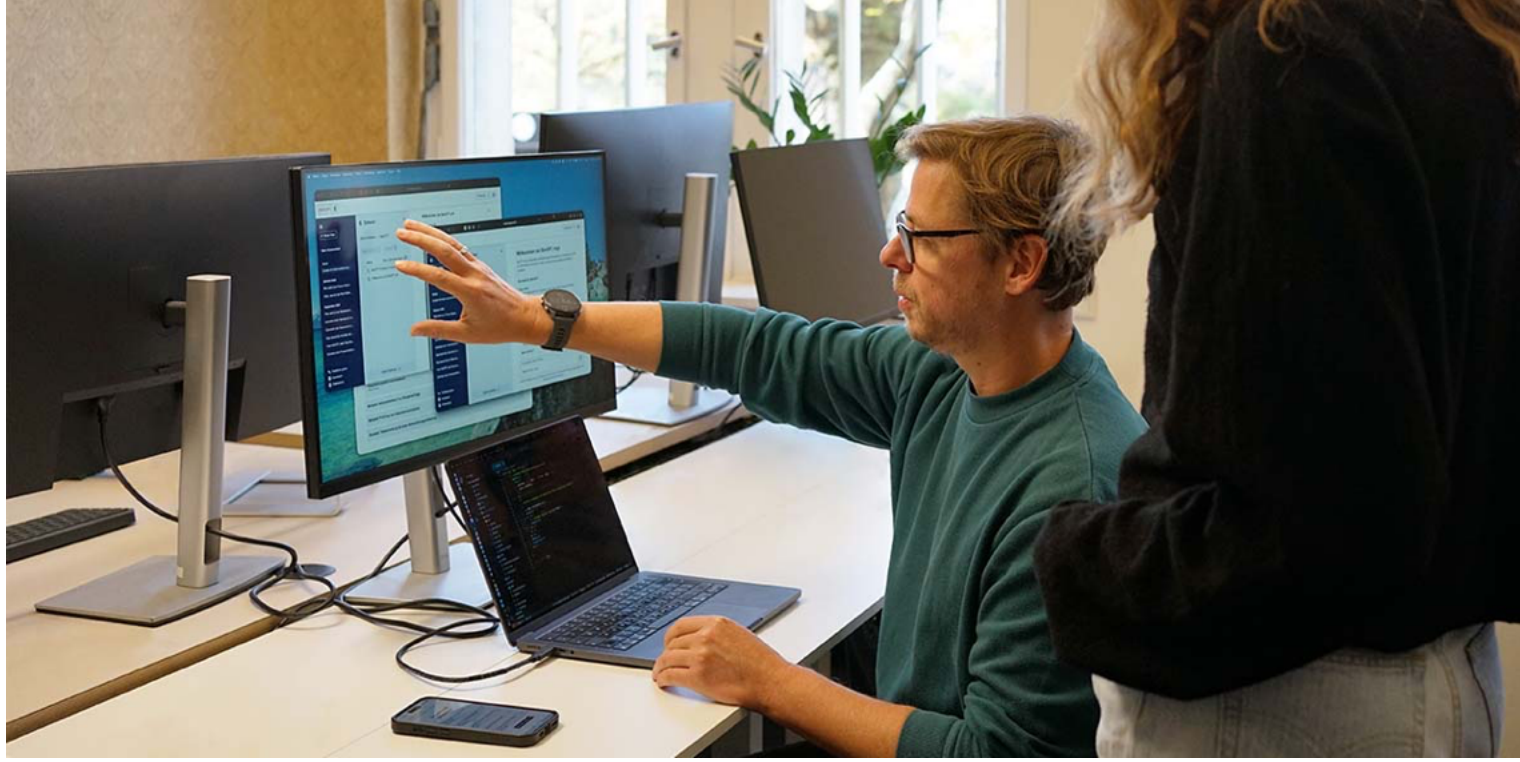


Hello dear CityLAB Community,

Countless well-known bears show us that bears are cozy, friendly, and have funny names. Whether it's Pooh, Paddington, or Baloo – a bear is always there, offering support and guidance. But what happens when we combine bears with AI? The companion remains, but "The bare necessities" turns into "The efficient essentials"! With BärGPT, a new AI assistant is launching to help administrative staff complete routine tasks more efficiently and make information quickly accessible.

Need more bear in your life? Then tonight's LABnight is the perfect place for you!

Spotlight 1



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Read for duty: BärGPT

Of course, we don't want to do anyone a disservice – but onboarding a bear for service? That's something entirely different! Unlike standard chatbots, BärGPT was developed specifically for the Berlin administration in close collaboration with the Senate Chancellery, continuously tested, and tailored precisely to users' needs. A particular highlight is the integrated administrative knowledge database, which makes relevant documents directly accessible in the chat and thus eases everyday work. BärGPT helps staff complete routine tasks more efficiently, manage documents, and access information quickly — all in a friendly, understandable, and data-protection-compliant way. What else can this bear do? Let our prototyping team lead, Ingo Hinterding, show you!

[Read the article](#)

Spotlight 2



[BärGPT / Blog](#)

Not Your Average Bear – How we teach BärGPT not to guess

Our bear has learned to look at the right books! In **Devlog #2**, Data Scientist Malte Barth shows how BärGPT cites sources so that its answers remain traceable and no wild guesses are made. Thanks to the **RAG search**, our AI bear can sift through documents and display the most relevant passages in a sources list – transparency included! This way, users know exactly where the information comes from and can rely on their furry colleague. Check out the full article!

[Read the article](#)

Spotlight 3



[Kiezlabor / Blog](#)

La Deutsche Vita – The Kiezlabor travels to Italy

First, the bear's hunger was satisfied – now it's time to turn our attention to other things! At the Placemaking Week Europe in Reggio Emilia, experts from across Europe exchanged ideas on urban challenges such as vacant spaces, climate adaptation, and social infrastructure, and developed concrete, locally tailored solutions. Local solutions? Of course, our Kiezlabor team was there. From official interventions to playful experiments that actively involve people, Henriette Nürger reports on the experience. If you want to get involved yourself, you can now apply through the [Open Call](#) for new Kiezlabor locations in 2026.

[Read the article](#)

Events



25.11.2025

LABnight – TODAY

from 5:00 PM @CityLAB Berlin

Today is finally the day – we're all coming together! Meet us, the community, and experience BärGPT live in action. Stroll through the exhibition, use the enhanced audio guide, and discover in our mini-workshop how data can be turned into tangible keychains. The Kiezlabor team will share insights from the neighborhoods, give a preview of 2026, and invite you to co-create. Enjoy pre-Advent vibes, snacks, networking, and inspiring conversations well into the evening. Will there be a real bear on stage? Find out for yourself! See you later.

[Sign up quickly here](#)

24.03.



27.03. 2026

Urban Future Conference

@Ljubljana

Ever wanted to attend an extraordinary conference with a delegation? We have something planned! From March 24 to 27, 2026, we're planning to go to the Urban Future Conference in Ljubljana. Together with participants from administration, science, business, and civil society, we want to showcase the Berlin ecosystem on-site and network with international urban makers. More info coming in January – save the date!

[Save the date](#)

Looking ahead

So, how many bear puns could you spot? The answer will be revealed tonight at LABnight, where we'll celebrate many more projects together with you.

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