



## Hello dear CityLAB Community,

In February, every Berliner dreams of leaving the city. That's why our newsletter comes at just the right time – CityLAB topics are like spring buds for the brain! Whether it's the origin story of our *Kiezlabor*, insights into our Sommer Konferenz 2026 or a recap of Digitaltag 2026 – everything your heart desires right now is included.

Happy reading!

### Spotlight 1



**Kiezlabor**

#### How an Idea Became a Container

The container is still hibernating, but the *Kiezlabor* team is already busy planning the next locations. But how did the idea even come about to convert a shipping container, equip it with solar panels, and tour it around Berlin? Co-project manager and amateur historian Julian Zefferer looks back at the beginnings of a project that started four years ago as part of the *Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin* strategy and has since become one of the city's most colorful initiatives. A must-read – not just for *Kiezlabor* enthusiasts.

[Read the blog post](#)

### Spotlight 2



**Sommerkonferenz 2026**

#### Close your eyes, Submit, Register

We've all fallen prey to the devil called "procrastination," especially when the weather calls for cozying up. That's why we're now all visualizing the Sommerkonferenz 2026, the sunniest summer day, and right on stage: you and your groundbreaking idea! The dream is just one Open Call away! Do you work in administration or academia and want to contribute your ideas, projects, or research findings? Then go for it – you have three more days! Prefer to imagine yourself quietly in the audience? That's fine too, as registration is open now.

[Submit to the Open Call](#)  
[Register to the Sommerkonferenz](#)

### Spotlight 3



**Blog**

#### A Look Back at Digitaltag

As the saying goes: Rome wasn't digitized in a day. Yet Digitaltag shows how Berlin makes digital administration visible—a day full of insights, exchange, and inspiration. At the second Digital Day of the Senate Department for Science, Health, and Care, staff came together to share and learn from each other. From e-file rollout to AI workshops to the Data Hub Berlin, the event offered insights from projects, practice, and innovation—and CityLAB was right in the middle. Learn on our blog how shared dialogue spaces break down silos and make digital transformation human.

[Read the blog post](#)

### Events



## 24.03. – 27.03.2026

**Conference**

#### CityLAB Berlin @Urban Future 2026

all day, @Ljubljana

Ljubljana is hosting the Urban Future conference this year and, with its car-free city center and abundant green spaces, demonstrates how people-friendly urban development can succeed. Want to see it for yourselves on site? Join the Berlin delegation and be there with us. In the main program, you'll find us covering topics such as AI in cities, leadership in public administration, and service design for optimized public services. With the discount code BerlinDelegation UF26, you will receive a 50 percent reduction on the participation fee. This is a trip you'll still be telling your grandchildren about.

[More Information](#)

## 23.04.

**Event**

#### Girls' Day 2026

@Technologiestiftung Berlin

Girls Just Wanna Code All Day! On Girls' Day, Technologiestiftung Berlin once again opens its doors and invites girls from fifth grade onwards to explore the diverse world of digital technologies. We will provide insights into our work and show how interdisciplinary tech is today – from data analysis and design to the development of digital applications. People with very different backgrounds work together at our organization: computer science, design, social sciences, project management, or communications. We want to make this diversity visible and encourage participants to discover their own interests and strengths in the digital field. So: grab your calendar and save the date!

[More Information](#)

### Looking ahead

Let the buds in your minds blossom – and be sure to submit your ideas to our open call while there's still time.

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