Kiezlabor
CityLAB *Berlin*

What is Kiezlabor?

The *Kiezlabor* is **Berlin's mobile city lab** and has been touring Berlin's neighborhoods since summer 2023. Whether as an energy-self-sufficient shipping container or a compact cargo bike, the *Kiezlabor* creates a **temporary meeting place for citizens, local organizations**, and the **administration** that is tailored to the location. With a diverse program, the *Kiezlabor* makes **local issues of the future tangible** and strengthens cooperation between urban society and Berlin's administration **through participatory approaches—free of charge and directly in the neighborhood.** The *Kiezlabor* is a project of the Smart City and Digital Strategy Gemeinsam Digital: Berlin and was implemented by CityLAB Berlin on behalf of the Berlin Senate Chancellery.

What are the goals of Kiezlabor?

The *Kiezlabor* from CityLAB aims to **explore new formats for citizen participation**. To this end, it facilitates **direct exchange** between local actors from **civil society and the administration** and offers residents a low-threshold, playful opportunity to participate in current participation processes. The aim is to **strengthen the co-production of the city** and at the same time bring it together with digital transformation – for **contemporary, fair, and realistic urban design**. In doing so, the *Kiezlabor* uses **CityLAB's prototypical and user-centered approach** and shows how **digital tools, AI-supported models, or analog methods** can shed new light on transformation processes and neighborhood development.

Although the interventions are temporary, the *Kiezlabor* aims to have a **lasting impact**. For each location, data from workshops, participation tools, discussions, and **on-site observations is collected, qualified, and analyzed**. This results in a **well-founded location analysis** with recommendations for action that can serve as a basis for further planning by the administration and partners. Another overarching goal is to put together as diverse a program as possible in order to reach neighborhood **residents of all ages**, from locally active to newcomers.

What is the program like in each neighborhood?

The program is planned specifically for each location and in collaboration with **strong local partners.** This results in formats that combine **information, participation, and co-creation**: from tangible exhibits based on open data and consultation hours with district mayors, for example, to co-design processes in which **AI-supported urban visions, designs, and visualizations** are created and **tested as prototypes in urban spaces**. In addition, selected services offered by the citizens' offices can be used directly at the *Kiezlabor* without an appointment at almost all locations.

About CityLAB Berlin

CityLAB is **Berlin's public innovation laboratory**. At the interface of **urban society, public administration, the private sector and academia**, we tap into the **potential of digitalization** to promote hands-on, **impact-oriented urban development** that is geared towards the **common good**. CityLAB is operated by Technologiestiftung Berlin and funded by the Berlin Senate Chancellery.

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