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Europe Makes Berlin – Fit for the Future

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The EU Regional Development Fund (ERDF) supports regions across the EU to promote joint development. Berlin, its businesses and residents also benefit from EU funding policy. By 2027, 680 million euros will flow into the Berlin ERDF programme, which, together with national co-financing, will grow to around 1.7 billion euros.

These funds specifically go towards promoting sustainable growth, strengthening future-oriented industries, and further developing our city as a hotspot for highly innovative start-ups. Comprising more than one-third of the budget, climate protection and energy efficiency are more firmly anchored in the ERDF programme than ever before. Another focus is on measures to develop disadvantaged urban neighbourhoods.

There are exciting EU-funded projects just waiting to be discovered all over the city!

CHILDREN’S CIRCUS CABUWAZI - AN OASIS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The idea of a colourful traveling circus named “CABUWAZI” was born in 1994 as a small project in Berlin Kreuzberg. Today, the circus has a total of six locations in Berlin and invites around 10,000 children and young people between four and nineteen years of age every year to actively participate in creating an enchanting world full of dance, drama and acrobatics. Since 2010, the project is sponsored by “Grenzkultur gGmbH” and is part of a large national and international network of social and circus associations. An important goal of “CABUWAZI” is to be inclusive. The initiative offers children and youth a place to develop their own strengths and potentials, regardless of their social or cultural background, financial and physical attributes, or sexual orientation. This includes courses and activities in which young people can learn individual expressions, strengthen their social competences and improve skills, for example by developing and presenting circus shows together.

“We also see our work as a commitment to equal opportunities and a more equitable society”.

Jessy Meden, site manager “CABUWAZI” Kreuzberg

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) supports “CABUWAZI” as part of the “Future Initiative City District II”, thus providing children and young people with their families a protected place that they can help shape themselves.



The circus tent from the outside



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Whether balancing, climbing or jumping, whether as a clown, or a trapezoidal artist – “CABUWAZI” offers children and adolescents a wide range to try out, to get to know their own limits and sometimes to overcome them and gain self-confidence. As cultural exchange occurs in the circus, the activities also promote togetherness, tolerance for others and the reduction of prejudices.

ERDF PROMOTES EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF “CABUWAZI”

In addition to actively promoting children and young people in their strengths and talents, “CABUWAZI” also stands for further education in circus education, further education for young people, teachers, and educators. With the project “Beyond Borders”, the initiative is also committed to helping refugees and facilitates international encounters. In this way, the project has the effect of strengthening the sense of community and social cohesion in the neighbourhood.

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Furthermore, the promotion of tolerance is part of an active effort in the prevention of violence and addiction featured in the “CABUWAZI” programme. The initiative therefore also contributes to more understanding and coexistence and contributes to improved living conditions for people in social, ecological and economic terms.

The ERDF makes Berlin fit for the future by

- Strengthening social cohesion in disadvantaged urban areas.
- Ensuring sustainable urban development is taking place, in which all citizens participate.

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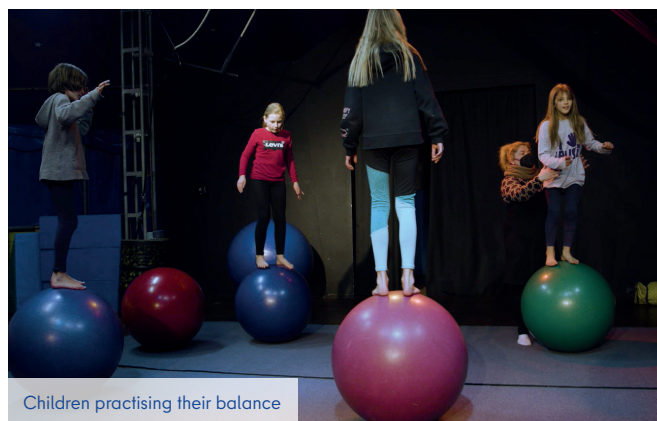
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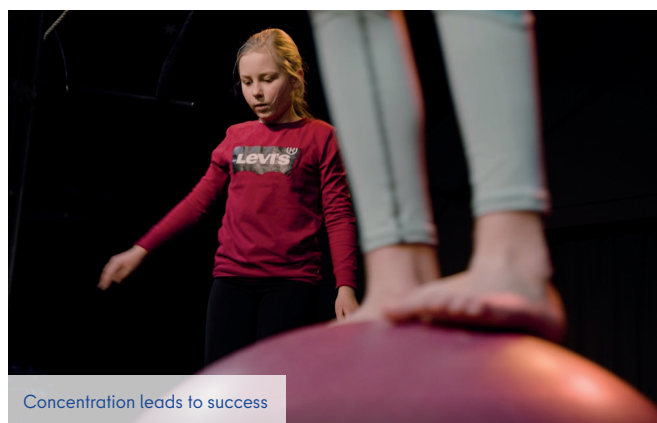
Children practising acrobatics with medicine balls



Rehearsing a ribbon dance choreography



Children practising their balance



Concentration leads to success