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Europe makes Berlin – fit for the future

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In order to promote joint development, the EU Regional Fund (ERDF) supports regions across the EU. Berlin, its companies and people also benefit from EU funding policy. By 2027, EUR 680 million will be allocated to the Berlin ERDF programme, which, together with the necessary national co-financing, will grow to around EUR 1.7 billion.

These funds are used specifically to promote sustainable growth, strengthen future-oriented industries and further expand our city as a hotspot for highly innovative startups. With more than a third of the budget, climate protection and energy efficiency are stronger than ever in the ERDF programme. An additional focus lies on implementing measures to develop disadvantaged urban areas.

Exciting ERDF projects can be discovered everywhere in the city!

Library as a learning place for the future

Getting acquainted with new technologies and digital tools opens up new opportunities for education, communication and entertainment. Learning digital skills is important for people of all ages to participate in today's increasingly connected and digital world. This works excellently in libraries, which have long since become places of study and residence as well as "Kiez"- meeting points. The project "Digital Lokal" enabled the public library Spandau to modernize its digital equipment; the library now offers a wide range of services to strengthen digital and media literacy for young and old. The library Spandau now focuses on the areas of coding and gaming. Elementary schools can sign up for coding workshops, which playfully teach children programming. The library also provides various game consoles where children and adolescents can try out games in a safe environment and learn how to handle them responsibly.

“Through the ERDF-funded project “Digital Lokal”, the public library Spandau has received a unique opportunity to reduce equipment deficits in the digital sector.”

Heike Schmidt, Head of the Department of Libraries in Spandau

The ERDF-funded project "Digital Lokal" is part of the ZIS II future initiative and aims to promote attractive educational opportunities in socially disadvantaged districts. "Digital Lokal" contributes to supporting media literacy as well as the integration of citizens in Spandau.



The courses of the public library Spandau

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A LIBRARY

Today's public library Spandau provides a space to acquire digital skills. In order to improve the accommodation, learning and working opportunities, modular interim solutions are to be installed, e.g. sound insulation cabins, media cabinets, and adaptable furnishing. This way, the changing necessities of visitors can be flexibly addressed.

THE ERDF PROMOTES EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATION

Libraries play an important role in learning, culture and integration, particularly for residents with limited resources. In Berlin, libraries have a special responsibility in enabling access to digital media and accompanying citizens on the path to digital education. The project "Digital Lokal" contributes to transforming libraries from traditional book places to centers of digitization.

THE ERDF IN ACTION IN BERLIN

Within the framework of the District II Future Initiative, education, integration, leisure and counselling services are promoted and expanded in disadvantaged districts. Digital literacy is essential for life and career opportunities, and the ERDF helps to compensate for the disadvantages faced by certain groups of people. The offer of the public library Spandau - funded by the ZIS II sub-programme "Libraries in the District" (BiST) - ensures equal access to information and digital education for all social groups and strengthens education and training potential regardless of age, origin, gender, and financial circumstances.

The ERDF makes Berlin fit for the future by

- preserving the importance of libraries for the community,
- creating a common place for learning and play for people of all ages,
- promoting extracurricular services for media and digital literacy

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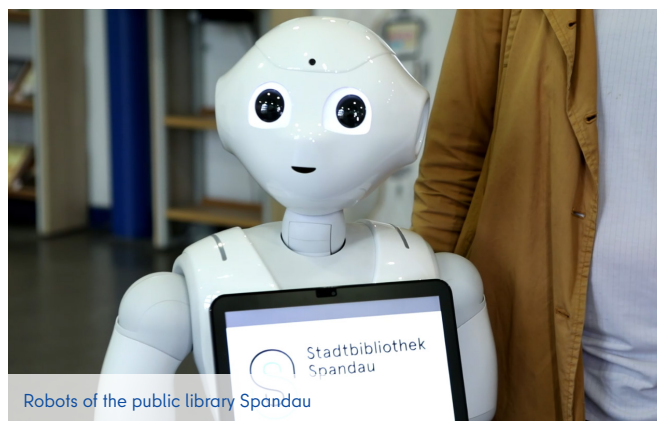
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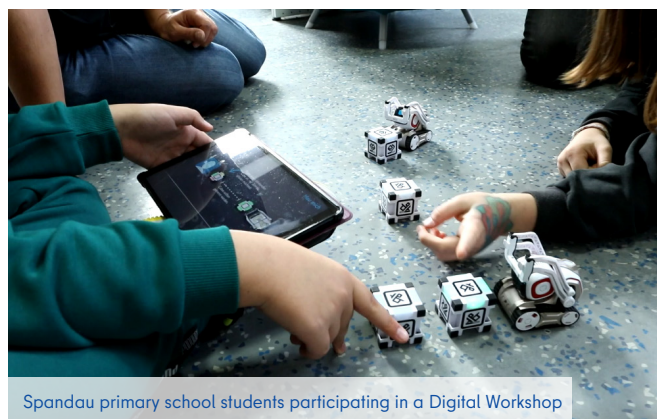
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Robots of the public library Spandau



The public library Spandau from the outside



Spandau primary school students participating in a Digital Workshop



Students learn how to program