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## Digital Platform Simplifies Permits for Culture in Public Space

### Raumsonde Berlin Launches at the Start of the Open-Air Season

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#### Overview

With Raumsonde Berlin, a new digital platform launches to facilitate cultural organizers' access to public spaces. The free tool consolidates permit requirements, location data, and application processes into an integrated system. It responds to the complex, decentralized permitting landscape of the capital.

Particularly at the start of the open-air season, many initiatives face the challenge of realizing events in parks, squares, or urban spaces. Between district offices, environmental regulations, safety requirements, and varying responsibilities, uncertainties and delays frequently arise.

“Cultural initiatives often don't fail because of ideas, but because of processes”, says Lucas Counter from Kollektiv Spieltrieb e.V.. “Raumsonde creates transparency about requirements, structures the application process, and helps submit complete applications that meet administrative standards.”

#### Features and Social Value

Raumsonde guides organizers step by step through the permitting process. At the same time, administrations benefit from better-prepared applications and more clearly documented projects.

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## The platform combines several modules:

- Interactive map – provides spatial overview and shows area types
- Application pre-check – identifies required permits for specific events
- Step-by-step application assistant – guides through complete special use permit creation
- Site plan tool – creates spatial site plans for events
- Support center & community forum – offers practical guides and exchange among Raumsonde users

All features are free of charge, bilingual, and require no prior knowledge.

## Structural Strengthening of Non-Commercial Culture

Non-commercial, non-profit, and international initiatives are particularly affected by administrative barriers. Raumsonde aims to make access to public spaces more transparent and plannable, thereby strengthening cultural participation in urban space.

The project is developed by Kollektiv Spieltrieb e.V. and implemented for the Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion — in close coordination with cultural actors and administrative offices.

## Partnerships Welcome — Raumsonde is open to collaboration with:

- Senate departments and/or district offices
- Public and semi-public space operators
- Networks and associations in the fields of culture, neighborhood work, and community development

**Further information:** <https://raumsonde.org>

**Plan an event:** <https://berlin.raumsonde.org>

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