Urban Transition Lab 131
Structure of the Urban Transition Lab

MOTIVATION
How we organise our lives in cities decides significantly on the success of global sustainable development. Therefore, the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology is operating the „Urban Transition Lab 131“ (R131) since 2015 in the eastern district (Oststadt) of Karlsruhe. Science, innovation and urban development are linked in a transdisciplinary process, together with CSOs and the local citizens.

OBJECTIVES
Initiating and stabilizing a dense sustainable development in the ‘Oststadt’ is the joint concern of all partners in R131. The main scientific objectives are the production, aggregation and testing of knowledge on systems, objectives and actions for sustainability transformations of existing cities and districts. Therefore, the main concern of the Urban Transition Lab 131 is to merge research, practice and education.

FRAME
R131 is embedded into the earlier project District Future – Urban Lab, which provides a broad and reliable basis for the open and participative research culture of R131 since 2012.

PARTICIPANTS
In R131, scientists of KIT are working together with committed citizens and local CSOs. The science shop in the district Oststadt, named Future Space for Sustainability and Science, serves as a space for participation: personal interaction, confidence building, exchange of ideas, and sharing of knowledge can take place through events, regular meetings of various groups, seminars and exhibitions related to the current projects.

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