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## Berlin is different...

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### A solitaire in the region

- Dense city, surrounded by a sparsely populated region
- Located in the middle of Europe, but somewhat detached from other agglomerations
- Need to build up strategic co-operations and make use of location potentials

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### 40 years of separation – 20 years of growing together

**1962**

<http://www.chronik-der-mauer.de>

**2008 Referendum „Pro Reli“**

Yes-votes: > 50%  
Source: Landeswahlleiter Berlin 2008

Yes-votes: < 30%

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### Star-shaped, polycentric city

Berlin

London

Paris

Year: 1998	Berlin	London	Paris
Area	883,4 km <sup>2</sup>	1,579 km <sup>2</sup>	762 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	3.3 Mio.	6.8 Mio.	6 Mio.
Pop. density	3,700 inh./km <sup>2</sup>	4,300 inh./km <sup>2</sup>	9,600 inh./km <sup>2</sup>

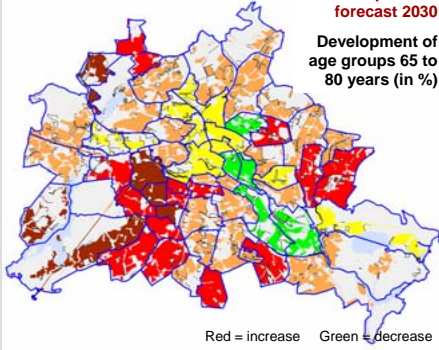
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### A city of contrasts

- Age
  - Ageing periphery
  - Young city centre – highly mobile, young inner city population (students, families)
- Social (in-) equality
  - Spatial concentration of areas with low development dynamics in inner city and (new) in periphery
- Economy
  - Creative cluster
  - Weak economic basis



**Population forecast 2030**

**Development of age groups 65 to 80 years (in %)**

Red = increase Green = decrease

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### New urban design in the inner city

Masterplan Heidestraße



Masterplan Spreeraum




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### The urban laboratory


New Central Station




Hufensiedlung Britz



New Housing (Rummelsburger Bucht)



Karl-Marx-Allee



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### City of mobility – then....



**Modern Times**

Potsdamer Platz 1930  
(In-)Famous as the "the busiest square in Europe"

Photographs: Waldemar Titzenthaler (1869-1937)

**Urban Development follows transport development**


Sign „Building lots for sale“ at Reichskanzlerplatz (today Theodor-Heuss-Platz) 1 year after underground station was opened




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### City of mobility... now



**Central Station**  
Transport node and driver for new urban developments (Humboldthafen, Heidestraße)



**Cycling in Berlin**  
Clean, healthy, efficient... and fun



**Intermodality**  
Closing the gap between individual and collective transport (on-board carriage, public bikes)

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### Berlin is different... or is it not?

Berlin's waterside:  
Café at Spreebogenpark



Urban landscape  
Tempelhof Airfield



Berlin's diversity:  
Carnival of Cultures



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Urban landscape  
Spree area



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