

## **Being present – Informing the citizens**

### **The German allotment gardeners attended the Open Door Day in the Ministry of Transport on 4th September 2012.**

This year for the first time, the allotment gardeners presented a project during the open door days of the federal government. The “Schnippel-Girls”, represented by the allotment garden family Jubelt from Berlin-Neukölln, presented their project: « Discover nature with all your senses – a nature trail in the middle of Berlin » in the Ministry for Transport, Construction and Town Development.

In the room Erich-Klausner of the Ministry the allotment gardeners stuck out among the numerous exhibitors as was acknowledged by Marina Jubelt, chief of the Schnippel-Girls. Between the German weather forecast service and the division for urban planning and urban development the information stand of the allotment gardeners was a big colourful spot.

With the support of the district federation Berlin-South, the national federation of Berlin and the central federation of the German allotment gardeners, the Schnippel-Girls could transmit a little bit of the atmosphere of the Berlin allotment gardens to the visitors (Berliner Laubenpieperatmosphäre).

Next to the information stand was a bare foot path, which could be used by the visitors, an imitation of the different stations of the nature trail as well as a big sized model garden. The latter was an attraction point for the public. Nice prizes could, moreover, be won in a quiz (Baum–Schlau-Quiz).

The information stand was initiated and organised by the division SW 11 of the transport ministry. Both young and old showed a great interest for this project. More than 1.600 Berlin citizens visited our stand on both days. During his visit the Parliamentary State Secretary Dr. Andreas Scheuer had encouraging words for the efforts of the allotment gardeners.

