

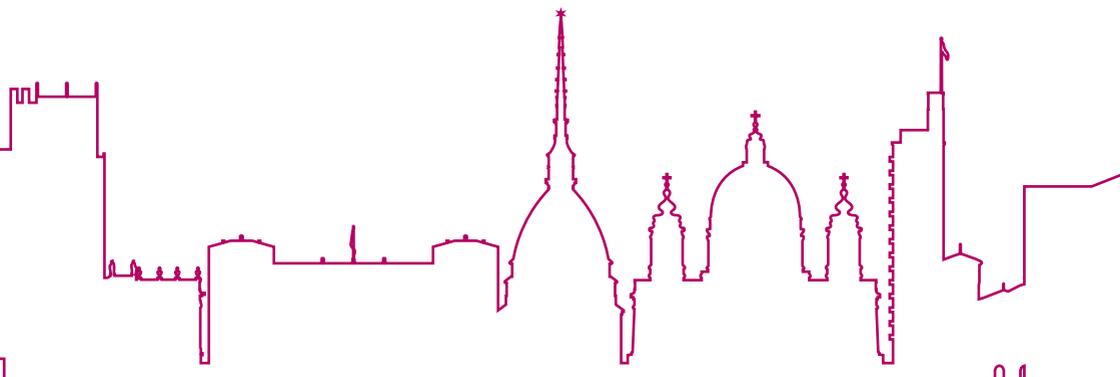


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In a rapidly evolving geopolitical context, urban diplomacy constitutes an essential tool for establishing constructive dialogues and strategic collaborations globally. Cities have taken on an increasingly important role in international politics, developing collaboration networks, forging agreements, sharing knowledge and contributing to global policies.

The City of Torino is continuing to invest in creating and strengthening significant international ties, a commitment that now takes on additional importance in a landscape marked by new challenges but also filled with new opportunities. The city defines itself, in fact, not just as a hub of excellence in the fields of culture, innovation, research and technological development but also as a key actor in the politics of city diplomacy and international cooperation, able to generate synergies that go beyond national borders.

During 2024, Torino continued to make significant steps along the journey towards sustainability and innovation. As a Mission City - one of the 100 European cities committed to reaching climate neutrality by 2030 - it has adopted the Climate City Contract (CCC). This is a contract shared with businesses and citizens that involves a global strategy for climate neutrality in strategic sectors such as energy, construction, waste management and transport. Projects using resources provided by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan and ordinary EU programmes, which concern both Torino and the Metropolitan City, are a unique opportunity for relaunching the local economy, overcoming the economic and social crisis caused by the pandemic and implementing the much hoped-for ecological and environmental transition. Through local plans like Torino 2030 and Torino Cambia, the city is implementing European and national programmes with more than 300 projects. These are both physical and intangible, seeking to transform the region and improve the quality of life for people living, studying and working in Torino or simply visiting it.

During 2024, a development and growth framework saw Torino lead the way with a rich schedule of international and cultural events that further consolidated its global dimension. The Social Innovation Lab, organised in collaboration with Eurocities, was preceded by a political roundtable with the Deputy Mayors for Residential Policies of the main Italian cities to define strategies for combating the housing crisis. The 36th edition of the International Book Fair, the International Festival of Economics, Italian Tech Week, Terra Madre Salone del Gusto, the Nitto ATP Finals, and the Torino Film Festival energised the city, highlighting the dynamism of Torino in sport, culture, economy and technology sectors. Events like the Migration Festival and the Pan-African Festival further underlined Torino's capacity to encourage international dialogue locally, while promoting transnational ties and relations. The international cooperation experiences and projects, in addition, are proof of how the region's commitment can be transformed into a precious resource for the whole country, encouraging social inclusion, dialogue, development and growth.

Torino's ability to reach ambitious milestones was also recognised at a European level with important awards obtained in 2024. These included the title of 2024-2025 European Capital of Innovation and 2025 European Capital of Smart Tourism – proof of the excellence achieved in the smart tourism sector as well.

These achievements do not merely reflect the quality of the work undertaken but also constitute a solid foundation for looking towards the future. In an era in which the work of local institutions is essential to establishing international relations, Torino undertakes to strengthen its position as a reference point for city diplomacy. Thus, it contributes to building a global system of more effective, open and inclusive cooperation. The journey undertaken shows how dialogue, sustainability and innovation are essential ingredients in responding to today's global challenges and building a shared future that is more equitable, sustainable and interconnected.

Stefano Lo Russo,
Mayor of the City of Torino



HIGHLIGHTS



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18 – 20 September

Social Innovation Lab | Political roundtable

In collaboration with Eurocities, the City of Torino has organised a political roundtable in Palazzo Civico that gathered the City's Deputy Mayors and institutional representatives and those of the administrations of Rome, Bologna, Milan, Florence, Naples, Parma, Arezzo, Cesena, Brescia, Bergamo and Padua. Moreover, the Head of CDP Real Asset's Social Housing Funds, Filippo Catena, and the Director-General of Employment and Social Affairs of the European Commission, Ruth Paserman, and Secretary General of Eurocities, André Sobczak, participated. The goal was to gather ideas and suggestions to contribute to building a sounder regulatory and political framework able to effectively respond to the housing crisis and ensure a better future for Italian and European cities. The exchange on the challenges that various administrations are facing revealed five work priorities that will constitute the starting point for developing further ideas and suggestions to present to the European institutions. The debate officially opened the Social Innovation Lab of Eurocities in Torino, three days of themed workshops and local technical visits dedicated to the theme "Cities Leading the Way: Innovative Strategies to Ensure Affordable and Adequate Housing for All".



12 December

International conference: "Narratives of Water"

Palazzo Madama hosted the international conference entitled: "Narratives of Water" co-organised by the City of Torino and the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, together with the Riserva della Biosfera di PoGrande (Po Grande Biosphere Reserve) with the collaboration of Fondazione Torino Musei. The event brought together experts on rivers and river basins, operators of the biosphere reserve sites and representatives of the MaB national committees from all over south-east Europe. The conference opened with the session: "Rivers and cities. Projects and a look at the future. Dialogue between Torino, Rome and Saragozza". This was a great opportunity for exchange between the three cities historically linked by a very close relationship with their rivers and which are investing in projects that combine culture, sustainability and innovation for their revitalisation. There was a conversation between: Sabrina Alfonsi, Deputy Mayor in charge of Agriculture, the Environment and the Waste Cycle of Roma Capitale; Tatiana Gaudes, Deputy Mayor in charge of the Environment of the City of Saragozza; and Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green space, and River Banks of the City of Torino, Francesco Tresso. The latter presented "A river of the future – Let's Po" to the public, the major project for revitalising the Po river as part of the upgrade of Parco del Valentino funded by the NRRP.



1 – 25 February

Black History Month

Torino hosted the third edition of the event dedicated to rediscovering African history and to the historical, cultural, social, and economic contribution of diaspora communities. Shows, workshops, school activities, concerts, conferences and film screenings energised the event that explored the themes of expression, environmental sustainability and not, and female entrepreneurship and not. The event was promoted by the Associazione Donne Africa Subsahariana e II Generazione, with the contribution of Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo and the sponsorship of the City of Torino, in collaboration with many local associations, bodies and Piedmont institutions.

29 February

TOASEAN Business Days

The Castello del Valentino was the backdrop of the third edition of TOASEAN Business Days, the event dedicated to companies interested in getting to know the 10 south-east Asian countries that comprise ASEAN: Brunei, Cambodia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Co-organised by the Torino Chamber of Commerce and the University of Torino, together with T.wai (Torino World Affairs Institute), and with the sponsorship of the City of Torino, the event opened the debate on diplomatic relations, prospects for economic growth and current negotiations.



18 – 21 April

Biennale Tecnologia

“Realist Utopias” was the connecting thread of the fourth edition of the cultural event dedicated to the relationship between technology, humans and society. The event was organised and promoted by the Politecnico di Torino to reflect on the major challenges of a society strongly driven by technology. With an interdisciplinary approach, the rich programme comprised lessons, debates, laboratories, and shows and involved an exchange between 280 speakers from all over the world for a total of 160 events.



2 May – 2 June

EXPOSED Torino Foto Festival

Torino hosted the first edition of the new international photography exhibition, involving the participation of 70 photographers and setting up of 28 shows in 23 locations. “New Landscapes” was the theme around which organisers stimulated reflection regarding today’s development of the photographic medium and the main challenges and innovations of the world of the image. With the involvement of the city’s main cultural institutions and independent organisations, the event offered a rich programme of temporary shows, a specialist fair, teaching activities, meetings, artistic committees and fringe events.

9 – 13 May

International Book Fair

The 36th edition of the International Book Fair took the “Imaginary Life” as its theme – an homage to the creative impulse and imagination of Natalia Ginzburg. There were meetings and debates with more than 800 stands, as well as 2,000 events and 220 thousand visitors. For the 2024 edition, the International Book Fair returned to hosting an Italian region – Liguria – and the guest language was German.

16 May

European meeting on the mediation City

During the International Day of “Living Together in Peace”, the MO-SAICO Association-Actions for Refugees, partner of the European Cre-E.A network – European Association for Social Mediation – hosted the European meeting “The Mediation City as a Factor of Living Together in Peace”. Supported by UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency) and sponsored by the City of Torino, the event opened with a speech by the Deputy Mayor for Social Policies, Rights, and Equal Opportunities, Jacopo Rosatelli.

24 May – 2 June

Pan-African Festival

The eighth edition of the Pan-African Festival, which brought African artists, musicians, writers, directors and intellectuals to Torino, opened at the Polo del '900. Organised by the Panafricando Association and sponsored by the City of Torino, the event was an opportunity to immerse oneself in the richness of African culture and discover its influence in the world.

30 May – 2 June

International Festival of Economics

The third edition of the festival brought together approximately 300 national and international speakers from the most prestigious research centres, 3 Nobel prize winners, historians, journalists and analysts to think about “Who possesses knowledge” – a very current topic involving every single sector of public life. There was a special focus on artificial intelligence and the risks related to it. Directed by Tito Boeri, the festival was devised and planned by the Laterza publishing company and organised with the Torino Local Committee (TOLC), which unites the Piedmont Region, City

of Torino, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Fondazione CRT, University of Torino, Politecnico di Torino, the Torino Chamber of Commerce, Unioncamere Piemonte, Unione Industriali Torino, and Legacoop coordinated by the Collegio Carlo Alberto foundation.



4 – 9 June

CinemAmbiente Festival

The 27th edition of the festival presented 76 films from 27 countries representing 4 continents. The festival offered a look at multiple aspects of the environment crisis, in which the boundary between local and global is increasingly thinning, revealing unresolved and increasingly urgent problems. Organised by the Torino National Museum of Cinema, the festival is a founding member of the Green Film Network, an association that unites the main environment-themed international film events.

6 – 22 September

MITO SettembreMusica

Uniting Milan and Torino in a single musical programme, the festival's 18th edition offered a programme winding among five themed islands, ranging from classical to contemporary music, with concerts accessible to everyone. Internationally famous artists, large orchestras and young talents performed in theatres, piazzas and historical locations in the two cities, recording audiences of more than 40,000 spectators.

12 September – 26 October

TorinoDanza

Created by the Teatro Stabile of Torino – Teatro Nazionale, the event brought the most important contemporary choreographers and the most interesting Italian and international innovations in the dance landscape to the city. The programme presented 38 performances, in 3 different show locations, including 8 first national ones and 1 preview, 3 co-productions, and the participation of 12 companies with internationally famous artists.

18 – 22 September

Migration Festival

Now in its sixth edition, the festival explored the theme “Equilibriums, disequilibriums, falls”, reflecting on contemporary geopolitical scenarios and the complex dynamics of identity and otherness. More than 20 free events – including shows, projections and concerts – energised the festival, a privileged platform for discussing crucial issues like transnational politics, the climate crisis and questions of gender. Devised and organised by the AlmaTeatro, A.M.A. Factory and Tedacà theatre companies, the event took place in city locations symbolising multi-ethnic community.

25 – 27 September

Italian Tech Week

OGR Torino | Officine Grandi Riparazioni Torino hosted presentations by experts, interviews, debates and master classes for three days dedicated to technology. With more than 180 speakers from more than 15 countries, 1,600 participants, 10,600 meetings via the networking app and more than 50 fringe events spread throughout the city, the event also offered the chance to visit a tech expo and discover the most innovative solutions, attracting the attention of both sector professionals and digital fans.

26 – 30 September

Terra Madre Salone del Gusto

956 events and more than 3,000 delegates from 120 countries contributed to the success of the 15th edition of Terra Madre, a large popular festival spanning five days focusing on good, clean and just food. Gathered by the desire to change the food system, producers and farmers met to discuss the need for a new relationship with nature

through food – the most powerful element reconnecting us with the earth – and described the biodiversity of the world through products, conferences, workshops and roundtables.

9 – 13 October

Women & the City

Sponsored and created with the help of City of Torino, the second edition of the festival encouraged a shared reflection on gender perspectives in local policies, making citizens’ spaces and practices accessible, inclusive and equal. The event involved the participation of 150 Italian and foreign guests who presented 12 panels and 50 events in 16 different city locations, thanks to the contribution of more than 60 associations and local Torino networks.

12 – 13 October

Portici di Carta

The 27th edition of Portici di Carta involved more than 120 free events, 2 kilometres of bookshops along the arcades of the Torino city centre, the participation of 68 local bookshops, 62 publishing houses and the presence of 41 exhibitors in the “The book rediscovered” area. It offered the public literary meetings with authors of various nationalities, opportunities to learn more about plural historical-cultural contexts and to engage in an exchange about the most current challenges linked to human rights, migration, questions of gender, colonialism and decolonisation.



13 – 26 October

Torino, UNESCO Creative City of Design

Ten years after the nomination of Torino as UNESCO Creative City of Design, the City organised two weeks of free events to promote recognition and exploration of the different aspects of design in Torino. In addition to meetings describing iconic local businesses and talks with important designers and international guests, the new map dedicated to design locations, and those of related activities, was presented.

14 – 19 October

View Conference

The 25th edition of the international event dedicated to animation, visual effects and emerging technologies presented a dense programme of events in Torino. These included laboratories and 4 exclusive previews with internationally famous guests and speakers including multi-award winning directors, scriptwriters and other writers and producers, as well as the special effects professionals from the latest animated films. There were discussions of recent, highly successful films, as well as of the impact of artificial intelligence in the world of visual entertainment.

24 October 2024 – 24 October 2025

60th anniversary of the ILO (International Labour Organisation)

On the occasion of its 60th anniversary, the ITCILO organised a series of celebrations lasting a year. This opened with the presence of illustrious guests including Italy's Minister of Labour, Marina Calderone, the Director-General of the ILO, Gilbert F. Houngbo, and the Director of the ITCILO, Christophe Perrin. Among the initiatives, the Centre inaugurated a photographic exhibition with an international flavour capturing its development, over time, through images of people who have attended it and the events that have contributed to writing its history.



1 – 3 November

Artissima

"The Era of Daydreaming" was the title of the 31st edition of the most important international fair of contemporary art that hosted 189 galleries from 34 countries and 4 continents in the spaces of Oval Lingotto. Along with numerous other initiatives that opened the week dedicated to contemporary art in Torino, the event attracted art enthusiasts, collectors, gallery owners, art critics and other experts in the sector, registering the participation of 34,200 attendees.

12 – 19 November

Nitto ATP Finals

The fourth edition of the Nitto ATP Finals, organised by FITP (the Italian Tennis and Padel Federation) and ATP (the Association of Tennis Professionals) and held at the Inalpi Arena, met with unparalleled success. The eight best individual players and the eight best pairs, who competed for the final title of the season, excited 210,275 spectators. The event involved the whole city with more than 200 events spread throughout Torino, 7,000 attendees, 50 talks, 150 guests, 64 tastings, 43 guided tours, approximately € 19,000 transferred to the Molinette Research Foundation and 5 million views on social media.

22 – 30 November

Torino Film Festival

121 films, 36,700 attendees, and Hollywood stars of the calibre of Sharon Stone, Angelina Jolie, Ron Howard, Billy Zane, Julia Ormond, Emmanuelle Béart, Rosario Dawson, Alec Baldwin, Matthew Broderick and Vince Vaughn brought a buzz to the 42nd edition of the metropolitan festival. There was a programme divided into three competitive sections, an out-of-competition one dedicated to the most interesting production of the current year and a big retrospective dedicated to Marlon Brando.



28 November 2024

30th anniversary of the ETF (European Training Foundation)

The European Training Foundation, with its headquarters in Torino, turned 30 and decided to celebrate with a whole day of events, reflecting on its successful past and imagining its future of developing skills and education in the regions near the European Union and beyond. The opening event at Green Pea, entitled "Imagining the future", involved 140 participants, including political representatives, experts and education professionals. In the second half of the day, at the Reggia di Venaria, awards were given to the winners of the ETF Green Skills Award 2024, an international initiative that recognises the best projects for developing green skills, from Latvia, Turkey and Madagascar. For the occasion, the Mole Antonelliana was illuminated with the logo of the 30th anniversary, thanks to the City of Torino's sponsorship.

THE BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES FOUNDATION

The Bloomberg philanthropic foundation invests in 700 cities and 150 countries throughout the world to ensure a better quality of life to the greatest number of people. The organisation concentrates on five key areas to create long-lasting change: art, education, the environment, government innovation and public health. The foundation relies on corporate philanthropic donations and personal ones from Michael Bloomberg – Mayor of New York City for 12 years – and promotes non-profit projects supporting the cities in terms of training, urban planning, education and environmental sustainability. In 2024, Bloomberg Philanthropies invested \$ 3.7 billion throughout the world. The foundation has been collaborating with the City of Torino since 2023 through a series of programmes and initiatives.

Bloomberg Associates for the new General Regulatory Plan

Since 2023, Bloomberg Associates has offered its consultancy to the City of Torino to support their work drafting the new General Regulatory Plan. Bloomberg Associates is a philanthropic consultancy that was founded in 2014 as part of Bloomberg Philanthropies. It adopts a strategic, collaborative and results-oriented approach to make cities stronger, safer, more equitable and efficient. In particular, since 2023, the team directed by the urban planner Amanda Burden has been assisting the Administration and Urban Lab to organise civic engagement activities alongside the work of drafting the new General Regulatory Plan. The team has been presenting participatory methodologies and tools and providing support in planning activities based on its extensive experience in similar initiatives in other cities. Bloomberg Associates has also provided resources to set up local consultancy that operates in direct collaboration with the City. The programme aims, among others, to improve citizens information and involvement in the process of developing the new General Regulatory Plan, create shared knowledge of the Torino area and strengthen local expertise to support setting up long-lasting, co-planning processes.

Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

In 2023, the City of Torino joined the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, a higher-training initiative created by the

collaboration between Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School and the Bloomberg Foundation. It was established to provide mayors and top municipal officials with useful tools for dealing with the complex challenges that involve cities and to improve the quality of life of their residents. Every year, the initiative selects a group of mayors from around the world for an intensive training and management programme developed by the Business School of the famous American university, Harvard, and conceived to allow them to promote long-lasting change in their cities, including after the end of the programme. The project also works on researching and developing new study plans and teaching tools to help local administrators solve daily problems. Launched in 2017, the programme has so far involved approximately 470 cities throughout the world. For the first time, the 2023 edition involved the participation of Italian cities like Torino, represented by Mayor Lo Russo, and Verona, with the first citizen Damiano Tommasi, together with Amsterdam, Bern, Calgary, Cape Town, Fortaleza, Los Angeles and even Wellington in New Zealand. In 2024, the programme also involved directors of the City of Torino.

Bloomberg Managing Talent

The City was accepted into the higher-training programme: “Managing Talent in City Government: Recruiting, Retaining and Supporting Employees”, promoted as part of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. The project was created by a collaboration between the Harvard Kennedy School, the Harvard Business School and the Bloomberg Foundation. The programme aims to strengthen the capacity of managers and public administrations to hire, retain and effectively support their employees. It is an important recognition of the City’s commitment to promoting innovative management of human resources and to strengthening the skills of its employees, in line with best international practice. Alongside Torino, one European city took part in the programme (Bratislava), 11 American cities (Boise, Madison, Syracuse, Iowa City, Providence, Lancaster, Peoria, Washington, Louisville, Dallas, Newport news), one African city (Lusaka, Zambia) and the capital of New Zealand, Wellington.

Bloomberg e Johns Hopkins University – City Support Tracks | Data Track per migliorare i processi legati ai permessi edilizi

In February 2024, experts from the Johns Hopkins University were in Torino to launch some training that involved managers and specialists of the council and IT services, as well as representatives of the professional orders, to help the municipal administration simplify its building applications. In particular, the training, which lasted nine months online, concerned the effective use of data to improve the operation of some sectors of the municipal machine and services offered. The challenge was to improve issuing building permits and reduce the backlog by updating digital applications used, involving parties concerned to identify a common language and rationalising and analysing data to check the quantity of behind-schedule construction applications. The goals achieved included adopting new back office management software, preparing the first regulatory technical specifications developed with the stakeholders (professional orders), the detailed identification of various processes and their status and developing a strategy for reducing backlogs.

Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund

In 2024, the City of Torino was selected for two editions of the “Youth Climate Action” call funded by the Bloomberg Foundation to provide technical assistance and funding to young citizens who care about environmental issues. The fund provides technical assistance and funding to 100 cities and 38 countries in six continents and a total of 62 million residents, so that they mobilise tens of thousands of young people to plan, offer and manage urgent climate solutions.

For the first Round, the Bloomberg Foundation provided \$ 50,000. Thirteen applications were received as a result of the public call, which the City of Torino addressed to groups of students from public secondary schools in the Metropolitan area. These groups developed ideas that ranged from mobility and transport to waste management, from the circular economy to energy systems, green infrastructure and nature-based solutions. The 11 projects awarded funding included: ‘Circular Mask’ of the Istituto di istruzione superiore Plana; ‘Vittone ECO-circolare’ and ‘Vittone Green’ of the Istituto di istruzione superiore Bernardo Vittone; ‘Muoviti sostenibile,

muoviti pubblico, muoviti smart' ('Move sustainable, move public, move smart') of the Liceo Artistico Renato Cottini; 'A qualcuno piace fresco e separato' ('Some like it fresh and separate') of the liceo artistico 'Aldo Passoni'; 'Usò e Riuserò' ('Use and Reuse') and 'Riciclo creativo' ('Creative recycling') of the Istituto di istruzione superiore Primo Levi; 'Byike' of the Istituto di istruzione superiore Russel Moro Guarini; 'Il green corner di Ecostaff' ('The Ecostaff green corner') of the liceo scientifico Alessandro Volta; 'AVO- BIKE –INFR: Attrezzatura per la ciclabilità' ('AVO-BIKE-INFR: Equipment for cyclability') and 'AVO – BIKE – FORM: Formazione e comunicazione per la ciclabilità' ('AVO – BIKE – FORM: Training and communication for cyclability') of the Istituto di istruzione superiore Amedeo Avogadro. All the projects were focused on implementing actions aimed at greater environmental sustainability and combating climate change.

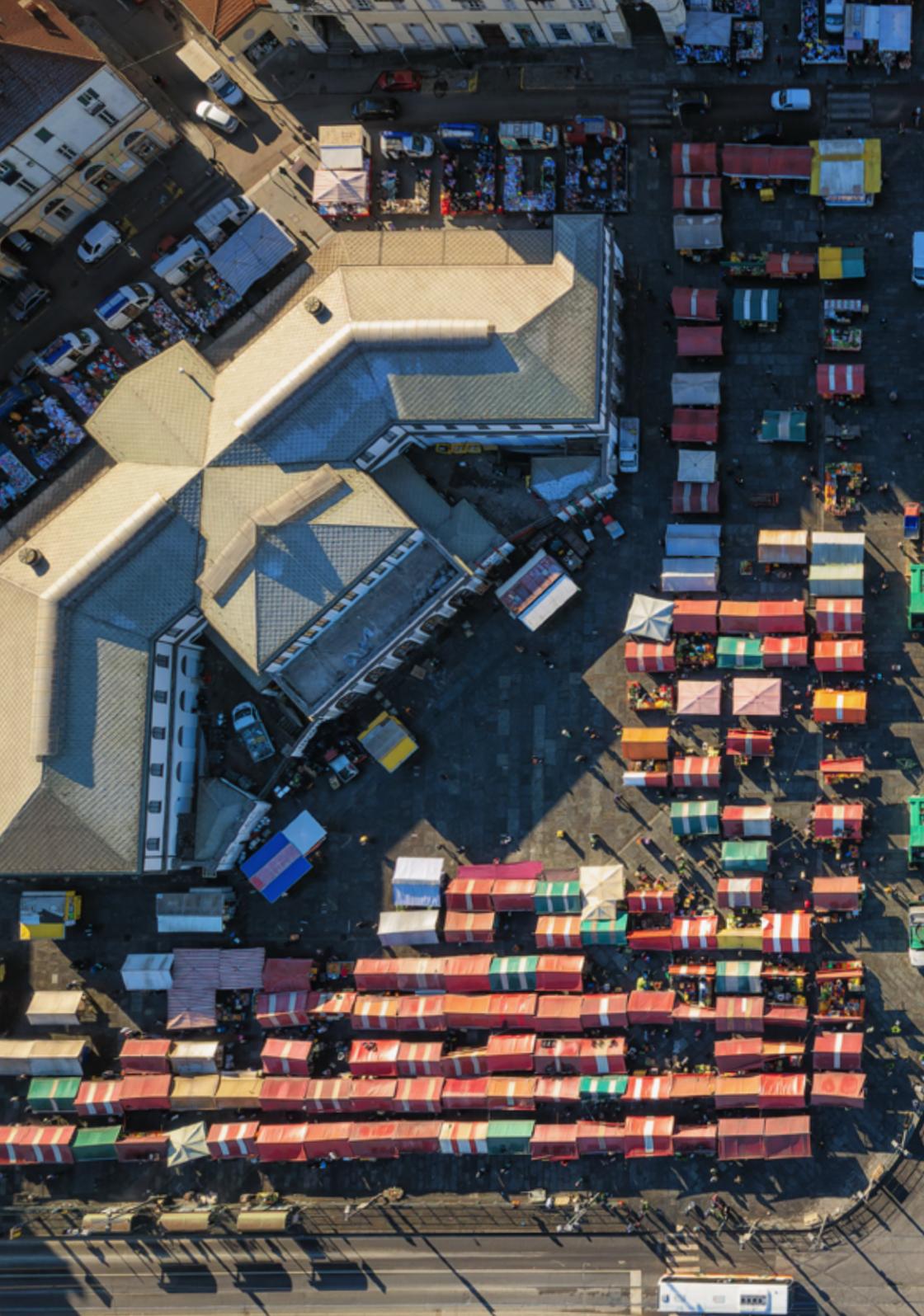
For the second round, the Bloomberg Foundation has provided \$ 100,000 that will be awarded during 2025 following a public call.

Bloomberg Harvard Summer Fellowship

This initiative is the fruit of the collaboration between Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School and Bloomberg Philanthropies to place interns from the two university schools in the city administration. Having examined more than 82 applications, and having paired candidates with the priorities and projects submitted by the cities, the initiative selected 18 highly qualified graduates and PhD students who spent 2 months within local administrations. The scholarship winner selected for the training project presented by the City of Torino collaborated on defining a communication strategy for the actions the administration is implementing for the ecological and environment transition, in particular as part of the Climate City Contract (CCC). The latter actively involves stakeholders and citizens to encourage awareness and widespread participation aimed at strengthening the collaboration and transparency pact with the community and facilitating understanding of political choices.

Since 2018, the initiative has included 139 graduates from Harvard in paid summer programmes in 114 cities in 13 countries. The group of summer scholarship winners this year included graduates and PhD students of the Harvard Kennedy School, the Harvard Graduate School of Design, the Harvard Graduate School of Education and the Harvard Business School.





COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



TWINNINGS AND AGREEMENTS

Bacău | Romania | Agreement (2007)
Bethlehem | Palestinian Territories | Agreement (2024)
Campo Grande | Brazil | Agreement (2003)
Cannes | France | Agreement (2000)
Chambéry | France | Twinning (1957)
Cologne | Germany | Twinning (1958)
Córdoba | Argentina | Twinning (1986)
Detroit | USA | Twinning (1998)
Ekaterinburg | Russia | Agreement (1998)
Esch-sur-Alzette | Luxembourg | Twinning (1958)
Gaza City | Palestinian Territories | Twinning (1999)
Glasgow | United Kingdom | Twinning (2003)
Guangzhou | China | Agreement (2021)
Gwangju | South Korea | Agreement (2024)
Haifa | Israel | Agreement (2005)
Harbin | China | Letter of intent (2003)
Havana | Cuba | Agreement (2021)
Khouribga | Morocco | Agreement (2024)
Liège | Belgium | Twinning (1958)
Lille | France | Twinning (1958)
Louga | Senegal | Agreement (2024)
Lviv | Ukraine | Agreement (2024)
Lyon | France | Agreement (2023)
Nagoya | Japan | Twinning (2005)
Nantes | France | Letter of intent (2013)
Praia | Cabo Verde | Agreement (2024)
Quetzaltenango | Guatemala | Twinning (1997)
Rosario | Argentina | Agreement (2011)
Rotterdam | Netherlands | Twinning (1958)
Saint Petersburg | Russia | Agreement (2012)
Salt Lake City | USA | Twinning (2006)
Salvador de Bahia | Brazil | Agreement (2003)
Shenyang | China | Twinning (1985)
Shenzhen | China | Agreement (2007)
Skopje | Macedonia | Agreement (2012)
Wenzhou | China | Agreement (2021)
Yangon | Myanmar | Agreement (2015)
Zlín | Czech Republic | Agreement (2004)



FOCUS ON... GWANGJU

On 15 April 2024, during the 140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Italy and Korea, the Mayors of Torino and Gwangju signed a three-year Collaboration Agreement celebrating the friendship and strong ties between the two Cities. The agreement seeks to intensify collaborations in the cultural, economic, tourist and academic sectors.

On the occasion of the Korean delegation's visit in April, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Fondazione Torino Musei and the Museum of Art of Gwangju. This involves the opening of a new section of the Museo di Arte Orientale (Museum of Oriental Art) dedicated to Korea, as well as the organisation of shows seeking to introduce the different cultures in the respective regions.

In August, Mayor Lo Russo conducted an institutional mission in South Korea on the occasion of the Future Mobility Forum, held in Gwangju - an important opportunity for discussion on technology, mobility and sustainability.



FOCUS ON... LVIV

In November, the City of Torino and the City of Lviv signed a three-year Friendship and Collaboration Agreement with the goal of promoting shared values like democracy, freedom, the rule of law, human rights and social integration, encouraging constructive dialogue between the respective communities.

The agreement does not just represent an important step towards strengthening ties between the two cities but also symbolises the continuous solidarity with and proximity to the Ukrainian people, involved in the conflict with Russia for three years now. Since the beginning of the emergency in Ukraine, the City of Torino implemented various initiatives both on the institutional and humanitarian level. On 24 February 2022, the internal coordination facility called "Ukraine Crisis" was set up, under the direction of Civil Protection, which involved numerous divisions of the Municipality. In March 2022, the Administration launched an information campaign aimed at guiding Ukrainian citizens present in Torino and needing assistance. In addition, the Deputy Mayor Francesco Tresso, responsible for Civil Protection, went to Przemysl, in Poland, for a humanitarian mission to bring goods and materials to refugees along the Polish border.

Though geographically distant, Torino and Lviv both have a rich historical and cultural heritage, a strong spirit of innovation and plan on building an inclusive and sustainable future focused on the well-being of their communities. The main areas of collaboration involve various strategic spheres. In terms of culture, the commitment will focus on promoting collaborations between artistic, museum and cultural institutions. In the school and academic context, the two cities will work to promote exchange projects addressing students, teachers and training institutes, including schools for higher education in art and music. Special attention will be focused on technological innovation, environmental sustainability and urban mobility, through sharing the knowledge and experience needed to develop advanced solutions in these areas.

The agreement also provides for support to social innovation projects, with the active involvement of organisations and associations operating in the respective areas. During his visit, the Mayor Andriy Sadovyi presented the project "Unbroken" to the City of Torino and the ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities) conference entitled "Facciamo l'Italia giorno per giorno" ("Let's make Italy day by day"). The project consists in a humanitarian hub promoted by the Municipality of Lviv to provide qualified medical assistance to treat, fit prostheses on and rehabilitate Ukrainian citizens wounded in the conflict. The project aims to create a new rehabilitation centre and, in the future, to construct new buildings for surgery, rehabilitation and social housing for patients. During its stay in Torino, the delegation also strengthened its ties with the Don Bosco Missions – active in Lviv since the 1990s – and established new relations with the regional health system, the ETF (European Training Foundation), the Fondazione Torino Musei (Torino Museums Foundation), the Egyptian Museum and the Pinacoteca Agnelli.



FOCUS ON...TORINO AND SOLIDARITY CITIES: BETHLEHEM, KHOURIBGA, LOUGA AND PRAIA

On the last day of the Terra Madre Salone del Gusto ("Terra Madre" Gastronomy Fair), the Mayor, Stefano Lo Russo, signed four Memorandums of Collaboration between Torino and the Cities of Bethlehem (Palestinian Territories), Khouribga (Morocco), Louga (Senegal) and Praia (Cabo Verde). The initiative, entitled "Torino e le Città Solidali" ("Torino and the Solidarity Cities") is a key element in strengthening relations with these cities, already partners in several cooperation projects.

With Bethlehem, the City of Torino implemented various actions in the area of renewable energy, water management and markets, sharing the "Akli Baladi – Mangia locale" ("Eat local") project, which involved the partners Slow Food Italia, the Palestinian cities of Jericho and Beit Jala and numerous Italian Cities.

The relations between Praia and Torino date back more than 20 years and the shared projects mainly concern the issues of urban renewal and redevelopment of the urban suburbs, human rights, fight against gender-based violence and food policies. In addition, Torino shares with Praia the experience of hosting the World Forum on Local Development promoted by UNDP, organised in Torino in 2015 and in Praia in 2017.

As part of a historic collaboration with Morocco, the City of Torino and Khouribga are partners in the Mentor project, which combines international cooperation and circular migration.

The Memorandum signed with Louga represents the renewal of an Agreement signed in 2007 that has its roots in the significant presence of the Senegalese community in Torino and in numerous decentralised cooperation projects implemented since 2001 until today. These projects concern various topics like work and youth creativity, environment and waste, responsible tourism and culture.

While staying in Torino during the Terra Madre Salone del Gusto Fair, the delegations from various cities visited the local respective communities and held meetings with institutions, businesses and non-profit sector organisations, as well as visits to city museums.



TWINNING INITIATIVES

GLASGOW | 5 and 24 January

Musical exchanges

The Ensemble Xenia Association organised a New Year's mini-course in chamber music, in collaboration with the Laboratorio del Suono (Sound Laboratory) – Sermig (the Young Missionary Service) sponsored by the City of Torino. A Glasgow student participated in the final performance of the string quartet in Torino, while the City of Glasgow invited three Torino students to participate in the Holocaust Memorial Day.



NAGOYA | 20 – 28 March

Student delegation

A group of students from various Nagoya high schools came to Torino for a week-long exchange with the students of the Convitto Nazionale Umberto I High School, as part of the twinning signed between the two cities in 2005.

CÓRDOBA | 11 – 12 June

Study tour of recent AVEIT graduates

Thanks to the collaboration with the AVEIT (Asociación Vocacional de Estudiantes e Ingenieros Tecnológicos di Córdoba) Association, the City of Torino welcomed a delegation of students and recent graduates in engineering for study tours linked to technological innovation and the automotive sector.

LYON | 14 – 15 September

MITO SettembreMusica

The Lyon Opera House Orchestra and Choir participated in the MITO SettembreMusica programme with two concerts at the Torino Auditorium, kicking off a first musical collaboration between the two cities.



NAGOYA | 19 November – 1 December

Drawing exhibition

The City of Torino continued its educational exchange with the City of Nagoya, through an exhibition of drawings made by pupils of the Leone Sinigaglia Primary School and Ada Negri Secondary School. This was held at the Nagoya City Museum during the 46th edition of the Sister and Friendship City Youth Painting and Calligraphy Art Exhibition.

CHAMBÉRY | 1 – 6 December

Francophone Week

The City of Torino participated in the Chambéry Francophone Week contributing to the RFDC (Réseau de la Francophonie de Chambéry) project, promoting French as a tool of cultural dialogue and growth. Laboratories, local meetings and opportunities for dialogue took place, aimed at creating new synergies between Chambéry's partner cities, with a focus on French as a bridge between cultures.

FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

The City's numerous international relationships and collaboration with the Consulates and Embassies present locally encourage frequent visits by delegations from foreign cities and countries to Torino. In 2024, the City of Torino carried out an intense welcoming activity, receiving 48 foreign delegations coming from 26 countries.

As a confirmation of its lively and fruitful relations with its sister cities, Torino hosted, among others Anton G. A. Salman – Mayor of Bethlehem, Gi Jung Kang – Mayor of Gwangju, Luo Yunfeng – Mayor of Hefei, Mohamed Zekrani – Mayor of Khouribga, Andriy Sadovyy – Mayor of Lviv, Francisco Carvalho – Mayor of Praia. In addition, the City received technical delegations from the Cities of Cordoba, Detroit, Geneva, Glasgow and representatives of the Hong Kong Design Centre.

On the occasion of the third edition of the TO-ASEAN Business Days, important personalities such as the Ambassador of Malaysia to Italy, the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Italy and the Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines were received. Also welcomed at the City Hall were the Interim Director of UNICRI, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Institute, and the Head of the Unit for Multilateral Global Strategies and Processes of Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



MISSIONS ABROAD

17 – 20 January

Guadalajara

Rosanna Purchia, Deputy Mayor in charge of Culture, attended the annual meeting of the network of UNESCO World Book Capitals held in Guadalajara. The initiative, in close connection with the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Creative Cities Network (CCN) and the Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC), promoted the diversity of cultural expressions and strengthened cultural cooperation between cities.

24 – 26 January

Lille

Francesco Tresso, Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green space, and River Banks led a delegation from Torino on a study visit to the Metropolitan City of Lille as part of the “Urban Transformation, River Reconquest and Park Creation” project, financed by the City-to-City Exchanges programme, on the topic of reconversion and enhancement of river parks.



21 – 23 February

Vienna

In Vienna, the Deputy Mayor for Social Policies, Rights, and Equal Opportunities Jacopo Rosatelli, participated in the meeting of the FEMACT-Cities project, which aims to promote gender equality by involving citizens, communities, local actors, local authorities and institutions to foster initiatives to combat various forms of discrimination.

12 – 14 March

Cannes

The Deputy Mayor for Urban Planning Paolo Mazzoleni visited the MIPIM in Cannes, the annual international trade fair dedicated to the real estate market. The event facilitated institutional meetings with representatives of other European cities, including Bruno Bernard, President of the Metropolitan City of Lyon.

18 – 20 March

Utrecht

Chiara Foglietta, Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation participated in Eurocities Mobility Forum, a conference dedicated to the exploration of innovative approaches adopted in various European cities to redesign urban space through a strategy based on sustainability. Deputy Mayor Foglietta brought the experience of the City of Torino to the panel “Radically reshaping urban space”, shared with the Cities of Utrecht, Rome, Tampere and Ljubljana.

20 – 22 March

Brussels

The City of Torino, within the framework of the European project IcARUS, participated in the eighth edition of the “Security, Democracy & Cities Conference”, an event organised by the EFUS network to discuss the challenges facing local authorities in the field of security. The Deputy Mayor for Municipal Police and Security Policies Giovanna Pentenero spoke at the round table entitled “Cities and Regions for Security, Innovation and Solidarity”.

12 – 14 June

Warsaw

The Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green space, and River Banks Francesco Tresso travelled to Warsaw for a study visit on the topics of river mobility, urban forestation, public space and Nature-based Solutions and to share knowledge, experiences and projects.

25 – 26 June

Liège

Marco Porcedda, Deputy Mayor in charge of Legality and Security, Municipal Police and Security Policies, Information Systems and Cyber Security participated in Liège in the final conference of the European project IcARUS entitled ‘Innovative Approaches to Urban Security: Strengthening Crime Prevention through Social Innovation’.

25 – 28 August

Gwangju

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo attended the Future Mobility Forum in Gwangju, the city with which Torino signed a Friendship and Cooperation Pact in April. The event provided an opportunity for organisations specialising in technology, safety plans for future mobility and autonomous driving to exchange views.



14 – 15 September

Beijing

The Deputy Mayor for Sport and Major Events Domenico Carretta took part in the World Conference on Tourism Cooperation and Development, organised by the World Tourism Cities Federation (WTCF) network.

23 – 27 September

Ho Chi Minh City

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo attended the second Friendship Dialogue on “International cooperation at the local level for the promotion of innovative industries towards sustainable development” and the fifth Ho Chi Minh City Economic Forum - HEF, dedicated to the topic of industrial transformation as a new engine for sustainable



14 – 16 October

Mexico City

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo joined the Bloomberg CityLab, an event that brought together more than 700 mayors, political leaders, innovators and creatives in Mexico City. In this context, urban developments in Latin America’s large cities were presented and some solutions proposed by local municipalities to reshape their nations were described.

21 – 22 October

Strasbourg

Stefano Lo Russo, Mayor of Torino and Chiara Foglietta, Deputy Mayor for Ecological and Digital Transition, Innovation, Mobility and Transport attended the European Mayor’s Summit and the Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission Award in Strasbourg. On this occasion, the City of Torino received the Mission Label from the European Commission in formal recognition of the approval of the Climate City Contract that the City presented together with the Politecnico and numerous other institutional partners.



1 – 3 November

Porto

Jacopo Rosatelli, Deputy Mayor for Social Policies, Rights, and Equal Opportunities attended the General Assembly of the EPOA - European Pride Organisers Association in Porto, where Torino was chosen as the host city for Europride 2027.

3 – 5 November

London

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part in the “Invest in Piedmont” event held in London as part of the World Travel Market, with the aim of promoting the territorial ecosystem for the benefit of attracting quality foreign investment.



10 – 13 November

Lausanne

The City of Torino participated in the annual meeting of the World Union of Olympic Cities held in Lausanne. The event, which brought together Olympic cities from around the world to discuss sustainable development strategies and sports initiatives, was enriched by the Olympic Legacy Forum and the Smart Cities & Sport Summit, with the aim of identifying new ways to enhance the Olympic legacy through citizen involvement and the promotion of urban sport.

11 – 13 November

Lisbon

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo and the Deputy Mayor in charge of Ecological and Digital Transition, Innovation, Mobility and Transport Chiara Foglietta went to Lisbon to attend the award ceremony of the tenth edition of the European Capital of Innovation Awards. Turin was chosen as iCapital - European Capital of Innovation 2024, as a European city at the forefront in providing innovative solutions for the benefit of its citizens.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Local international cooperation projects

ACESSO CIDADES – CITIES WITHOUT BORDERS

More accessible and connected cities (Brazil, Italy, Mozambique, Spain)

AfriFOODlinks

Transforming urban African food environments by strengthening ties between food system stakeholders in African and European cities

AVENIDA ITALIA

Integrated urban renewal for locally strengthening and supporting innovative, organic, sustainable, community-oriented, creative and circular economies (Havana, Cuba)

MENTOR 2

Mediterranean network for training and orientation to regular migration (Morocco, Tunisia)

NUR 2

Torino and Bethlehem for the perennially renewable energy of youth

PRA.TO. PRAIA – TORINO

Young people, the environment and urban spaces towards sustainable development (Praia, Cabo Verde)

NETWORKS AT WORK

Shared Paths for young people and women in Senegal (Louga, Senegal)

SABOR CABO VERDE

Local food and green policies between Torino and Praia (Praia, Cabo Verde)

TORINO – DALOA

Sustainable, regional partnership journeys

Education Projects on global citizenship, peace and food policy

IN CIBO CIVITAS

Empowerment, Actions, Territory for a citizenship nourishing the future

REGION 4.7

Regions for educating the global citizenship

This project aims to improve the mobility and circular migration model for young generations for employment reasons between Italy, Morocco and Tunisia, making it more sustainable. MENTOR 2 will enable young Moroccans and Tunisians to undertake professional internships with Milan and Torino companies before returning to their countries of origin with greater skills. They will contribute to local development and promote greater awareness among migrants regarding existing international opportunities for training and work exchanges.

This process approach is based on cooperation between regions that, by creating multi-stakeholder partnerships led by local authorities, are connected in a network to facilitate and support this type of path.

The project's activities include:

- exchange with other European Union cities on similar practices;
- involvement of Italian companies on mobility/circular migration opportunities;
- cooperative development actions with Morocco and Tunisia;
- detailed monitoring and assessment activities, to learn from the experiences and to provide recommendations that may influence the adaptation of policies, programming and procedures regarding migration/mobility for study/work with a view to sustainability.

PARTNERS: City of Milan (lead partner), City of Torino, APL (Piedmont Work Agency), AFOL Metropolitana (Milan Agency for Training, Orientation, and Work), ANOLF PIEMONTE, Solettere – Peace Strategies (non-profit), Ceipiemonte (Foreign Centre for Internationalisation s.c.p.a.), Promos Italia s.c.r.l. – Italian agency for internationalization, CeSPI (Centre for Politics and International Studies), ANAPEC (National Agency for Employment and Skills Promotion), Region of Beni Mellal – Khenifra, City of Tangier, ANETI (National Agency for Employment and Self-Employment), City of Tunis, City of Sfax.

BENEFICIARIES: young people from Morocco and Tunisia, local authorities, the private sector, employment agencies, citizens.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024

A Torino delegation visited Morocco to meet local stakeholders and launch a Memorandum of Collaboration with the Municipality of Khouribga. The internships in Torino concluded, followed by the launch of mentoring for interns who do not have a regular employment contract, in order to support their professional or entrepreneurial projects in Tunisia, Morocco and Italy. A national conference on circular mobility was held in Rome, while three Local Consultation Committees (CCL) were held in Torino, at the same time as the Morocco Roundtable launch aimed at providing institutional stability to the project. A Tunisian contact person for ANETI was welcomed for a project monitoring visit, similarly to a ministerial delegation from the Kingdom of Morocco, as part of the European project PIAFE. On 30 September, the Torino – Khouribga Cooperation Agreement was signed and, on 12 October, the final conference was organised in Tangier (Morocco), preceded by two job days in Tunisia and Morocco.



The project is intended to contribute to sustainable and inclusive development by supporting local, Senegalese authorities in defining strategies aimed at offering greater opportunities for work placement and dignified work for young people and women. The project is implemented through the involvement of 5 regional partners that are active in Piedmont, Sardinia and Senegal, specifically the Municipalities of Louga and Torino; west Thiès and Cuneo; Coubalan and Asti; Ronkh and Carmagnola and the Municipality of east Pikine with the Sardinia Region. These are assisted by civil society organisations in the areas concerned. The main groups involved are local authorities, public officials, staff of local services dedicated to policies for employment and entrepreneurship, young people and women in the regions identified.

The activities encompass three directives and aim to:

- strengthen local governance systems;
- encourage more inclusive access to the employment world and the creation of dignified work;
- expand and strengthen the network of public services and networks of Regional Partnerships to promote and disseminate the best practices identified and to actively work at a local level on 2030 Agenda issues.

PARTNERS: City of Asti, City of Cuneo, City of Carmagnola, City of Torino, Autonomous Region of Sardinia, ITC ILO, University of Torino – CISAO (Interdepartmental Centre of Research and Technical and Scientific Cooperation with Africa), Coordinamento Comuni per la Pace (Coordination of Municipalities for Peace), ANCI Piemonte, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, COP ETS (Consortium of Piedmont Non-profits – Voluntary Organisation), LVIA (Lay Volunteer International Association), ENGIM Piemonte, CISV (Community Commitment Volunteer Service), ENAIP Piemonte, RE.TE. (non-profit), Comitato Pavia Asti Senegal (Pavia Asti Senegal Committee), City of Coubalan, City of west Thiès, City of Ronkh, City of Louga, City of east Pikine, CEFAM, KDES.

BENEFICIARIES: young Senegalese people (age 18 – 35), officials of the local Senegalese authorities.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024: Online partnership meetings between Torino and Louga were organised to strengthen the work of the two employment centres in Louga (the Municipal one oriented towards employment and the CEFAM one oriented towards professional training) and to set up training programmes for young people and women. Subsequently, scholarships were created to support internships and business initiatives with technical assistance and the distribution of equipment and monitoring starter kits. The sectors involved range from solar energy to fruit, vegetable and poultry processing, from car diagnostics to infographics. In May, the City of Torino participated in the Sud-Sud (South-South) workshop in Louga. The goal was to take stock of the progress in works, capitalise on the experiences of five Italian-Senegalese partnerships involved in the project and share challenges and opportunities regarding employment and labour policies. In addition, the institutional activities between the two municipalities were strengthened, in light of the renewal of the Cooperation Agreement, signed on 30 September.



The aim of the project is to strengthen the skills of the Municipalities of Praia and Torino in regional planning in the green sectors, with a focus on food policies, through cooperation and reciprocal training. Continuing the Pra.To project, which was oriented at creating a sustainable urban environment, the initiative aims to develop new knowledge through dialogue between policy makers, specialists and stakeholders.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECT IS:

- to promote the exchange of knowledge and the mapping of urban contexts that contribute to delineating the food landscape of the City of Praia;
- to promote local products through the mapping of typical farm and culinary products of Praia (actions connected to the Slow Food “Ark of Taste” project);
- to improve knowledge of urban renewal and regional planning tools, with a focus on environmental planning, participatory management of green spaces and related institutional communication;
- to raise citizens’ awareness about the importance of adopting and maintaining lifestyles and consumption patterns that respect the environment.

PARTNERS: City of Torino (lead partner), Urban Lab Torino association, University of Torino – CISAO (Interdepartmental Centre of Research and Technical and Scientific Cooperation with Africa), OrMe (network of community gardens), Slow Food Foundation, ISCOS Piemonte (Trade Union Institute for Development Cooperation), City of Praia.

BENEFICIARIES: residents of run-down areas in the City of Praia, young people and community associations, officials of the Municipality of Praia.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024: A technical mission to Praia was organised with institutional meetings and site visits, involving officials of the Public Green Service of the Municipality of Praia, the network of the Tira Chapéu district associations, some local wine and food producers, and the Jean Piaget University. Three online meetings were also held to exchange good practices and training between Torino and Praia about urban gardens. In particular, these concerned: public green space planning experiences, forms of collaboration between citizens and the administration for the renewal and shared management of shared urban assets, horticultural therapy and the Slow Food Gardens in Africa and Atlante del Cibo (Food Atlas) projects. Finally, as part of Terra Madre, the Collaboration Agreement between the two cities was renewed.





The project aims to strengthen the institutional relations between the cities of Piedmont and the municipalities of the Ivory Coast, specifically launching a regional partnership between Torino and Daloa. A journey of institutional strengthening is envisaged, with the collaboration of civil society organised by the two regions, as well as bolstering social development by supporting initiatives that help women and children in Daloa.

PARTNERS: City of Torino (lead partner), Municipality of Daloa, CoCoPa – Coordinamento Comuni per la Pace (Coordination of Municipalities for Peace), AMMI, Malaika Angels Onlus (Malaika Angels non-profit), Missione Consolata Onlus (a missionary group), Gruppo Abele (Abel Group), Associazione Panafricando (Panafricando Association).

BENEFICIARIES: approximately 50 women in precarious circumstances in Daloa involved in workshops for painting, writing, reading and tailoring, aimed at improving their skills and encouraging their social integration; approximately 50 students in Daloa suffering from food insecurity who will benefit from training and food assistance; the project partners and funders, who will see institutional relations strengthened and local public policies improved.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024: The project was launched with professional training activities for young women in Daloa and food education and scholastic horticulture courses for children and teachers of the Bekiprea school. Online webinars about urban food policies and professional training were organised, as well as several information and awareness-raising events in Italy and were organised in collaboration with the Fondazione Missionari della Consolata, AMMI and CoCoPa partners respectively. In May, an awareness-raising event about the Ivory Coast context and the role of the diaspora was organised in Torino during the Panafricando Festival, benefiting from the presence of a delegation from Daloa. This visit was also an opportunity for discussing and defining the next steps of collaboration between the two cities, in the presence of the Mayor of Daloa and the Vice Mayor of Torino. In December, a monitoring mission confirmed the excellent results achieved by the project and strengthened the institutional dialogue.



The project aims to strengthen institutional relations between Torino and Bethlehem, focusing on the use of renewable energy to stimulate youth creativity. Due to the current, unstable situation in all the cities of the West Bank, the exchange actions originally planned were replaced with empowerment actions and the digitalisation of the archives of the Municipality of Bethlehem, done by young experts.

PARTNERS: City of Torino (lead partner), VIS – Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo (International Voluntary Service for Development), Municipality of Bethlehem, Yunus Social Business Centre at Bethlehem University, schools and youth and cultural associations of Bethlehem.

BENEFICIARIES: young Palestinians, Municipality officials.

ACTIVITIES IN 2024: The initial activities and co-planning of the Bethlehem initiatives kicked off. The Mayor's institutional visit to Torino during Terra Madre was also organised, in order to renew the Collaboration Agreement between the two Cities, which was signed on 30 September.

CONSULATES

HONORARY CONSULATES

- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Ethiopia
- Finland
- France
- Ghana
- Greece
- Haiti
- Hungary
- Ivory Coast
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malawi
- Mexico
- Moldavia
- Monaco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Panama
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Rwanda
- San Marino
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Ukraine
- Vietnam
- Zambia

CONSULATES GENERAL

- Morocco
- Peru
- Romania

The Consular Corps of Torino comprises 3 Consulates General and 45 Honorary Consulates and works to promote economic and cultural cooperation between the countries represented and the territorial realities of Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta.

The main events involving the consulates in the area during the year include:

- the election of the Consul General of Peru in Torino, Ezio Josè Tullio Valfrè Hernandez as Dean for the three-year period 2024 - 2027;
- the reopening of the Honorary Consulate of Belgium in Torino led by Consul Giovanni Vittorio Giunipero di Corterano.



HONORARY CITIZENS

The City Council of Torino can confer two important honours, honorary citizenship and the civic seal, upon personalities worthy of special recognition for the contribution they provided in social, political, civil and religious fields as well as for the commitment shown in defence of human rights with high-level actions at international level.

BELOW IS THE LIST OF FOREIGN HONORARY CITIZENS

- Sepideh GHOLIAN
- Julio GUERRA IZQUIERDO
- Ban KI-MOON
- Jorge Mario Bergoglio PAPA FRANCESCO
- Paul RUSESABAGINA
- ILO - International Labour Organization
- Malala YOUSAFZAI
- Johnson SIRLEAF
- Leymah GBOWEE
- Tawakkul KARMAN
- Aung SAN SUU KYI
- Don Pascual CHÁVEZ VILLANUEVA
- Marisela ORTIZ RIVERA
- S.S.Tenzin Gyatso XIV DALAI LAMA
- Taty ALMEIDA
- Harold KROTO
- Daisaku IKEDA
- Paul David Hewson BONO VOX
- Rigoberta MENCHÚ
- Vytautas LANDSBERGIS
- Chai LING
- Ida NUDEL
- Desmond TUTU
- Nelson MANDELA
- Albert SABIN
- Lech WALESA
- Andrej SACHAROV
- Neville L. DAREWSKI
- John M. STEVENS
- William D. GRAHAM
- Andrew J. MALATESTA
- Hannibal M. FIORE
- Robert P. MARSHALL
- Edgar HUME
- Willis CRITTENBERGER
- L. K. TRUSCOTT
- Mark CLARK



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

OF A GENERAL NATURE

EUROCITIES

The European Union in Piedmont
OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth

CULTURE AND TOURISM

Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue Between Cultures
BJCEM – International Association of the Biennial of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean
City Destinations Alliance
Délice
EFA – European Festivals Association
EMPORION – European Association of Markets
Les Sommets du Tourisme (The Summits of Tourism)
LUCI – Lighting Urban Community International
UNESCO Creative Cities Network
UNESCO World Book Capital Network
WTCF – World Tourism Cities Federation

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Autonomy
Città del Bio (Organic City)
CIVITAS

SOCIAL ISSUES

ECCAR – European Coalition of Cities against Racism
EFUS – European Forum for Urban Security
Fast-Track Cities

EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE

IAEC – International Association of Educating Cities
Platform Network
UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities

INNOVATION

ENoLL
iCapital Alumni Network
6G-IA

SPORT

Cities for Sports
World Union of Olympic Cities



Founded in Nuremberg in 2004, on the initiative of UNESCO, ECCAR (European Coalition of Cities against Racism) gathers 188 European cities wanting to improve their policies to combat racism, discrimination and xenophobia. The network provides numerous operating tools that can be applied in various regional contexts like the 10 Points Action Plan: a programme for macro-goals and actions to which cities can refer in establishing their own policy to fight racial discrimination. The network also offers several opportunities for direct exchange and dialogue among the cities, through themed working groups like: Anti-Muslim racism, Anti-Black racism, Antisemitism, Equality Data Collection and the new Small Cities & Rural Areas.

The City of Torino joined ECCAR in 2020.

ECCAR is also part of ICCAR (International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities) that, with more than 500 member cities throughout the world, supports global solidarity and collaboration to promote inclusive urban development free from any kind of discrimination.

23 – 25 September

Heidelberg | General Meeting

The City of Torino took part in the General Meeting of the network held in Heidelberg, Germany. The City took part in the workshop “Local Action Plans against Racism” to present its Local Action Plan for preventing and combating racism and racist hate crimes, the outcome of the European project Super (SUPporting Everyday fight against Racism).



CityDNA is a non-profit organisation that has the goal of developing and improving tourism competition and the performance of European cities. Tourism Offices, Convention Bureau, and city marketing organisations are part of it. The network has 124 members to which it provides opportunities for training, benchmarking, networking and exchanging good practices to strengthen their local welcoming, promotion and marketing strategies. The City of Torino has been a member of the network since 2019.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2024

Participation in the activities proposed by various themed groups for exchange, dialogue and training among the various destinations.

City Card Knowledge Group

Participation in online meetings relating to managing and marketing tourist cards and analysing sales channels and results, promotional activities and co-marketing agreements with air carriers.

Research & Insights Knowledge Group

Participation in the study of the application of the tourist tax in European destinations, preparation of the "Tourism City Monitor" document with a specific analysis of the tourist trend in Europe and drafting a chapter dedicated to the Italian market trend published within the City DNA Travel Report.

Digital Destinations Knowledge Group

Activities relating to marketing and communication for creating a knowledge hub for the various strategies, inspiring new initiatives based on digital and innovation and improving the promotion of its city.

TIC – Tourist Information Centres Knowledge Group

Participation via videoconference in the discussion entitled "How to keep the TIC staff motivated?"

24 – 27 April

Bologna | International Conference & General Assembly "Reality check! ...On fact and fictions in urban tourism"

Event focused on using AI in tourism, analysing its positive and negative aspects.

6 – 7 June

Tallinn | City Card Expert Meeting

Opportunity for a discussion about strengths and weaknesses in the offering of integrated services and management of tourist cards in various European destinations.

15 – 18 October

Bruges | Autumn Conference & GDS Forum "Let Pigs Fly"

Conference in which particularly challenging topics in terms of tourism, like sustainability, artificial intelligence and overtourism were addressed.

20 – 22 November

Antwerp | 11th TIC Expert Meeting

The event analysed how Tourist Information Centres can contribute to making destinations more sustainable, laying the foundations for more digital tourism. It was also assessed how to better raise awareness among local communities regarding major events that involve cities, so there can be a positive economic impact on peripheral and less well known areas as well.

Délice is an international network of cities that sets itself the goal of promoting culinary treasures and good gastronomy as a driver of economic and tourist development and, more generally, citizen wellness. Founded in 2007 by the City of Lyon, today it unites 26 cities from 3 continents and offers a platform for exchange and meeting among representatives of cities involved in implementing projects and initiatives linked to food and gastronomy. Torino has been a member of the network since 2012.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2024

Turismo Torino e Provincia participated in activities proposed by the network.

8 February

Food Talk “The Nourishing City”

Participation in “The Nourishing City – Urban Farming Projects”, a meeting dedicated to the best urban agricultural practices. During the event, the Torino business Grow Up Urban Farm was presented as one of the projects par excellence. The business illustrated its “aquaponic” method, an innovative and sustainable system for urban cultivation.

22 February

Brussels | Tram Experience

Participation in the new edition of the Tram Experience, a unique gastronomic experience on board a tram moving along the streets of Brussels where the Michelin-star chef Andrea La Rossa represented Torino with a Piedmont menu.

28 May

General Meeting

Participation in the online session of the network’s General Meeting during which the new network regulation, the provisional and final financial statements, as well as new activities for the subsequent year, were approved. The updates presented included the stand-out launch of the new brand “Food Capitals”, with related guidelines for promoting cities as gastronomic capitals.

12 September

Food Talk con esperto videomaker

An expert video maker provided strategic advice on how to promote culinary tradition through video content on social media channels. The meeting provided useful pointers for improving digital communication and increasing the visibility of gastronomic delights.

December

Food Capital Torino

Creation of a micro-video that presents Torino as a Food Capital, highlighting its special gastronomic and cultural qualities. Collaboration in the production of a video on the Délice network, with images and content on the city of Torino.

EUROCITIES is a network of European cities with headquarters in Brussels, founded in 1986 by Barcelona, Birmingham, Frankfurt, Lyon, Milan and Rotterdam. It currently groups together more than 200 European cities and more than 45 city partners, for a total of 150 million citizens involved in 38 countries. Through eight thematic forums, various working groups, activities and events, it offers its members a platform for exchange and sharing experiences, projects, collaborations and good practices. It also actively collaborates with the main European institutions, working to strengthen the role of local bodies as part of the multi-level structure of European governance. The City of Torino has been a member of EUROCITIES since 1992.

11 – 13 March

Berlin | Study tour

The City of Torino participated in the meeting “Strategic cooperation for urban development: an example of social mixing in the Blumengroßmarkt of Berlin”. This event was organised as part of the Living Spaces programme and was hosted by the Berlin Senate Department for Urban Development, Building and Housing.

18 – 20 March

Utrecht | Eurocities Mobility Forum

Chiara Foglietta, Deputy Mayor for the Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation, participated in the Eurocities Mobility Forum in Utrecht. This conference was dedicated to exploring innovative approaches adopted in various European cities to redesigning urban space through a sustainability-based strategy.

29 – 31 May

Cluj-Napoca | Annual General Meeting

The City of Torino participated in the Annual General Meeting of Eurocities in Cluj-Napoca, a chance to reflect on the strategies for meeting cities’ climate goals and on the use of European funding for improving local innovation, stimulating SMEs and retaining talent for the green and digital transformation.

18 – 20 September

Torino | Social Innovation Lab

The City of Torino hosted the Social Innovation Lab, organised by the Eurocities network, to discuss social and accessible construction strategies. The event offered a chance for discussion among experts and administrators about innovative solutions to deal with the housing crisis in Europe.

20 – 21 November

Bologna | 11th Integrating Cities Conference

The City of Torino participated in the meeting of Integrating Cities, the project promoting integration created locally by the collaboration between Eurocities and the European Commission. The meeting involved debates, workshops and visits to the city’s most significant sites, which were the occasion for exploring theoretical issues but also for a discussion about possible, practical strategies for encouraging integration.

The City of Torino is a member of the following network forums and working groups:

- Social Affairs (WG Migration and Integration; WG Social Innovation)
- Environment (WG Noise, WG Food)
- Cooperation
- Culture (WG Public Art)
- Economy
- Digital
- Mobility
- WG Creative Citizens



The network mission is to encourage continuous dialogue between past and future Olympic cities, to ensure the Olympic Games have a positive and long-lasting result, and to share the results of this dialogue with cities all around the world. Through an active collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the network contributes to recording the various initiatives and helping cities to exploit their potential as Olympic sites. Providing stimulating ideas and practical tools, the network supports Olympic cities in building a sustainable, long-term Olympic heritage.

The City of Torino joined the network in 2023.

11 – 13 November

Lausanne | General Meeting and 11th Smartcities & Sport Summit

The City of Torino participated in the General Meeting in Lausanne focused on the following theme: “International [Sports] Federations and Cities: mix and match”. The meeting laid the foundations for stimulating discussions, innovative projects and significant connections between cities and international federations to explore new paths for collaboration to create dynamic sports events and sustainable urban development. The 2024 edition of the “Smartcities & Sport” summit united 280 participants, including representatives of more than 20 international federations and 50 cities and, on this occasion, the 30th anniversary of the Lausanne designation as Olympic Capital was celebrated.

The non-governmental, non-profit organisation was founded in 2012 in Beijing to improve cities’ ability to attract international tourists. The network currently numbers 182 members.

The City of Torino joined the network in 2015.

24 January

Madrid | Fitur fair meeting

Participation in the meeting “New development of the incoming and outgoing Chinese tourist market”, organised during the Fitur fair in Madrid. During the event, the state and prospects for the Chinese tourist market were explored.

11 September

Beijing | World Conference on Tourism Cooperation & Development

The Deputy Mayor for Sport, Tourism and Major Events, Domenico Carretta, participated in the World Conference on Tourism Cooperation & Development in Beijing, bringing the City of Torino’s contribution to the roundtable entitled “Strengthening cross-border tourism to encourage mutual learning between civilisations”.

In addition, Turismo Torino e Provincia published some articles on the network platform, in particular “Torino, what to see in 2 days” and “Torino, what to see in 3 days”.

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network was founded in 2004 to promote cooperation between the cities that identified creativity as a strategic element for sustainable urban development. It is divided into eight areas corresponding to as many cultural sectors: architecture, crafts and popular art, cinema, design, gastronomy, literature, media arts and music. The 350 cities that are currently part of the network collaborate to make creativity and the cultural industry the centre of their local and international development plans. All members are engaged in exchanging innovative good practices to strengthen participation in cultural life and integrate culture into policies for sustainable urban development. The City of Torino joined the network in 2014.

22 – 23 February

Seoul | Design Subnetwork

Online meeting.

4 – 6 July

Braga | XVI Annual Conference

The City of Torino participated in the Annual Conference entitled “Bringing Youth to the Table for the Next Decade” held in Braga, Portugal. More than 600 participants, from more than 250 creative cities, met to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the network and underline the importance of young people’s commitment to urban development, promoting their participation in decision-making processes and local action.

The cities also approved the Braga Manifesto that implements a shared vision of culture as an independent goal of the post-2030 Agenda for sustainable development. Finally, the Torino project: “Cultura di Base: la Creatività Cura” (“Basic Culture: Creativity Cures”) was presented, which facilitated contacts with Dubai and Shanghai.

27 September

Shanghai | World Design Cities Conference

The City of Torino participated in Shanghai in the Forum entitled, “Design Creative Cities in Crossover Perspectives”, as part of the World Design Cities Conference. More than one hundred participants, representing over 30 creative cities from more than 15 countries, shared their best practices and initiatives to explore solutions to critical challenges that the cities must face. Torino presented the New Torino Central Library project, an example of how design and culture can redefine services and facilitate an interconnected city.

26 – 29 October

Asahikawa | Design Subnetwork

Online meeting.





INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



The ETF – European Training Foundation is the European Union agency that supports countries neighbouring and surrounding the EU, in reforming their education, training and labour market systems. It currently works with 28 countries - in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean - mainly in the context of the EU's enlargement and neighbourhood policies. Operating since 1994, with a staff of about 130 people, the ETF is based in Torino at Villa Gualino. In Torino and Piedmont, ETF collaborates in the organisation of initiatives related to vocational training and access to employment.

With an eye on the future of education, in May ETF participated in the International Book Fair with a round table organised together with the City of Torino and the European Parliament Representation Office in Milan, entitled "Festa dell'Europa 2024. Immaginando la scuola del futuro: un giorno in classe nel 2050. Il ruolo dell'Unione Europea e delle organizzazioni internazionali". The discussion aimed to stimulate imagination about the school of the future to address current challenges, considering a number of new factors such as the impact of artificial intelligence on learning modes, the need for new digital and environmental skills and the promotion of education for sustainability, empathy and social inclusion.

In addition, the ETF celebrated its 30th anniversary in November with a day full of events attended by local, European and international institutions, experts and education professionals.

MISSION

The ETF supports countries bordering the EU to improve their vocational education and training systems, analyse skills needs and develop their labour markets. By doing so, it helps them to improve social cohesion and achieve more sustainable economic growth, which in turn benefits member states and their citizens by improving economic relations. The ETF collaborates on a country-specific as well as a multi-country basis, building frameworks for continuity in policy and promoting the design of evidence-based policy and its implementation, frequently operating in uncertain and, at times, unstable contexts.

Its activities with partner countries cover a range of related areas:

- Skills and employment needs analysis
- System governance, including stakeholder engagement
- Social dialogue and private sector participation
- Qualification systems and quality assurance
- Work-based learning
- Teacher training
- Entrepreneurial learning and core competences
- Career guidance

The International Training Centre (ITC-ILO) is the operational skills development arm of the International Labour Organization (ILO), it is a specialised agency of the United Nations System (UN) with the mandate to promote decent work and social justice for all. Founded in 1964 in Torino by the International Labour Organization and the Italian Government, it offers individual and institutional skills development services to support its constituents in implementing the social justice agenda.

The Centre's competence development services are person-centred, promoting fundamental principles and rights at work and strengthening tripartism and social dialogue. The Centre plays a key role in the implementation of the 2019 ILO Centenary Declaration and supports constituents in facilitating transitions towards the Future of Work and promoting the growth of the right to employment, according to the 2030 Agenda of United Nations for Sustainable Development. The Centre has been mandated to provide skills development services at individual, institutional and system levels and is one of the hubs of the innovation ecosystem defined by the ILO Innovation Strategy 2023.

The Centre is at the forefront of extending technical support to constituents under the auspices of the Global Coalition for Social Justice, launched by the Director General in 2023.

Services for individuals focus on training, while those for organisations include strategic advice, teaching material development, communication and advocacy, facilitation of meetings and events, and project management. In 2024, more than 110,000 people from 200 countries benefited from the Centre's services which, as a multicultural hub for learning, welcomes everyone, regardless of gender, race or social class, making inclusion and respect for diversity the strong point of its pedagogical approach.

The Centre favours a mixed, digital and presence-based training approach, allowing participants to start online learning before their arrival in Torino. The teaching equipment is cutting-edge and includes a modern conference centre which hosts conferences, seminars, workshops and multimedia events and a laboratory where the most modern pedagogical engineering techniques and the most innovative learning technologies such as virtual reality, holograms and artificial intelligence are tested.

Since 2010, the Centre has established the Turin School of Development, a partnership with other UN agencies (UNESCO, WIPO, World Bank, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT), the University and the Politecnico di Torino to offer postgraduate courses, gathering about 180 participants from all over the world in Torino every year. The Centre also actively collaborates with the local community and has joined the Grow in the City project, for which 425 students from 21 classes of 7 different lower secondary schools were welcomed in 2024.

On 24 October 2024, the ITC ILO inaugurated its 60th anniversary celebrations, which will consist of a series of events until October 2025.



The United Nations System Staff College, established by the UN General Assembly in 2002, is a centre of excellence for training and knowledge management within the UN system.

Every year, the training initiatives offered by the Staff College, including courses, workshops and conferences, reach over 35,000 beneficiaries. Its learning programmes focus on those leadership and management skills needed to effectively serve as an international civil servant, as well as on thematic issues spanning the three pillars of the UN's work: peace and security, human rights and sustainable development.

Applied learning methodologies combine academic research with UN practical experience, promoting critical thinking and creative problem-solving.

In particular, since 2015, all Staff College training activities aim to promote change and innovation within the UN System in order to provide its staff with the specific skills to best meet the challenges posed by the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute was founded in 1968 and carries out action-oriented research, specialised training and technical cooperation programmes.

UNICRI's work focuses on Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and is centred on promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies, free from crime and violence.

UNICRI promotes the rule of law, the culture of legality and human rights, encourages the adoption of innovative policies and actions in the field of crime prevention and social development, the reform of justice systems and the strengthening of institutions and civil society. It supports governments and the international community in addressing threats to development and political stability and promotes the development of fair and efficient criminal justice systems. It promotes knowledge, the development of new tools, including technological tools, to address emerging challenges and facilitates cooperation, mutual legal assistance and knowledge exchange between countries.

During 2024, UNICRI, also thanks to the support of the Italian Government, continued its activities to counter and prevent transnational threats arising from crime, terrorism, the misuse of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials, illicit financial flows, the illegal exploitation of natural resources and corrupt practices.

At the same time, activities continued to strengthen the most vulnerable communities, prevent child abuse, promote the strengthening of judicial systems, respect for human rights, gender policies and the responsible use of new technologies. In Torino, UNICRI organised meetings and advanced training courses for young graduates and professionals, involving institutions from over 70 countries.

More than 500 students from Piedmont schools attended UNICRI's presentations, which also participated in the Legality Days organised by the City of Torino.



INNOVATION AND EUROPEAN PROJECTS



Launched on 1st March 2021 and active until 30 June 2025, the project CTE NEXT (Casa delle Tecnologie Emergenti – House of Emerging Technologies) of Torino is a crucial reference point for technological innovation and knowledge transfer, both locally and nationally.

Through a public-private partnership involving 11 partners, CTE NEXT has enriched the Torino innovation ecosystem with spaces, services and technologically advanced infrastructure. These tools were designed to support start-ups and SMEs in developing innovative solutions based on 5G and emerging technologies like the IoT, Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence. The strategic sectors of intervention include Smart Road, Urban Air Mobility, Industry 4.0 and Innovative Urban Services. From 2021 until today, CTE NEXT has obtained significant results thanks to initiatives, services and training and acceleration paths.

The main milestones include:

- an infrastructure network composed of 23 5G nodes (19 outdoor and 4 indoor)
- a catalogue of 35 types of services, able to support companies from coming up with an idea to field trials with 5G technologies
- distribution of more than € 447,000 in contributions to companies
- start-ups supported by the project that have collected private funding of more than € 7 million
- 660 companies profiled, 390 qualified and 133 directly served
- more than 70 training courses offered, with more than 1,300 participants trained

CTE Education stands out among the most significant initiatives; it is a training programme for developing soft skills and enhancing young people's entrepreneurial attitudes. The programme involved more than 51 school institutes of various levels and trained more than 870 students.

Thanks to the CTE NEXT project, Torino is consolidating itself as a model of innovation and technological development, able to have a concrete impact on the business and education framework.

CTE NEXT | INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

PA: Cities of Riga, Nagoya, and Baltimore

Corporate: Intesa Sanpaolo, TIM, Altran Capgemini Engineering, Cisco Systems, Consorzio TOP-IX, Immodrome, Iren, Iveco Group, Leonardo, OGR Torino, Planet Smart City, Reale Group, Sellalab, STMicroelectronics, CFRLAB, Fondazione DIG421, Fondazione Amaldi, Torino Chamber of Commerce, Digital Innovation Hub Piemonte, Hermes, Italdesign, DigiSky, APID, Plug & Play Italy Srl, Reply S.p.A., Anfov, EIT Digital Ecosystem Lead South Europe – Italy, Torino National Museum of Cinema

Network: EnoLL

With the ToMove project, Torino was selected to create a Living Lab dedicated to co-developing and testing new autonomous, connected and cooperative mobility scenarios integrated with MaaS – Mobility as a Service – and developed as part of the TorinoMaaS4Italy project.

Supported by the Ministry of Technological Innovation and the Digital Transition (MITD) and the Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility (MIMS), ToMove is aligned with the goals of the European mission: 100 Climate Neutral Cities. Torino joined the latter and aspires to make urban mobility more sustainable, safer, flexible and efficient.

The goal of the project is to promote co-development and experimentation in real conditions, that is, in a restricted geographical context and within a limited period. It also aims to verify the feasibility and value of innovative CCAM services by the local authority and companies associated with the research world, businesses (corporations, SMEs and start-ups) and communities of users/citizens/city users. In particular, three big demonstrators will be tested in the real environment: Digital Twin for Smart Mobility to support the planning of smart and sustainable mobility; a collective, autonomous transport service that can be integrated within the MaaS paradigm and associated with the use of cooperative infomobility services to assist the user to reduce their private vehicle use; and robotics solutions for last-mile logistics for delivering goods. The project supports a participatory approach that integrates analysis, research, co-planning and experimentation in various spheres of action.

In implementing the project, the City of Torino is assisted by a Promotion Committee representing mobility, research and business operators, consisting of GTT S.p.A., 5T S.r.l., University of Torino, Politecnico di Torino, Fondazione Links and Fondazione Piemonte Innova.

Torino Social Impact is an open platform that more than 350 companies, institutions, financial operators and non-profit organisations have joined, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The latter aims to pool ideas, experiences, projects and resources for catalysing and attracting forms of entrepreneurship that aspire to resolve emerging social problems through economically sustainable enterprise models and by exploiting new technological opportunities.

Torino Social Impact's mission is to strengthen the local economy and make it one of the best places in the world to do business and finance, together pursuing economic and financial goals with a social impact as part of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The definition of “impact” for Torino Social Impact is based on three principles:

- intentionality – acting with the purpose of generating a social value
- additionality – operating in under-funded sectors penalised by conventional market mechanisms
- measurability – applying assessment methods beforehand and measurements afterwards

Torino City Lab (TCL) is an urban innovation platform officially launched in 2018 by the City of Torino, the development of an initial urban laboratory experiment launched in the Campidoglio district in 2016. The TCL mission is to co-create and test innovative solutions in real contexts, involving an ecosystem of more than 90 partners, including citizens, businesses, researchers and public administrations. Between 2018 and 2021, TCL oversaw 79 experimental projects in the sectors of intelligent mobility, the circular economy, the environment and space economy.

TCL's technological focus is on cutting-edge solutions like autonomous and connected mobility, urban air mobility, 5G, robotics, the IoT and artificial intelligence. Strategic collaborations with national and international institutions, like ENAC (the Italian Civil Aviation Authority) and the European Space Agency (ESA), consolidated the role of TCL as a pioneering hub of urban innovation.

For the next three-year period, Torino City Lab is relaunching with the paradigm of the smart life, aiming to lead the ecological and digital transition of the region and citizen services. This commitment is an integral part of the City's goal of reaching climate neutrality by 2030 through targeted interventions, like:

- transport decarbonisation
- improvement in building energy efficiency
- investments in renewable energy
- promotion of the circular economy

TCL's innovative approach is realised within a unique administrative context, which assesses the functionality, utility and impact of innovations on the quality of urban life. This system facilitates the collaboration between municipal departments, local businesses and the partner ecosystem, setting itself up as a strategic access point for innovation projects.

Currently, the Torino City Lab ecosystem includes more than 10 private bodies, 45 research organisations, 10 large corporations and 14 venture capital organisations. This international network combines global trends with local needs, positioning Torino as a model of excellence for urban innovation.

Torino City Lab | INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

R&D: The Cambridge Learning Gateway, Baltimore Development Corporation, Opinno, OurCrowd, Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTI Park), Techstars Smart Mobility Acceleration (together with Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center), European Space Agency.
Corporate: Cisco, Intel, STMicroelectronics, Skypersonic.
Network: European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL)

2024 EVENTS

January

Visit to Lille

Thanks to the City-to-City capacity building programme of EUI, Torino has pursued a rich exchange with the Metropolitan City of Lille on the theme of reconverting and enhancing its river parks, through study tours that involved policy makers and officials. After welcoming the French delegation to Torino in November 2023, the Torino group visited the metropolitan area of Lille to explore the important renewal project "Bords de Deule 2040" and to learn about more projects concerning food policies and urban green spaces.

February

DECIDO final conference

In Brussels, the City of Torino participated in the final conference of the DECIDO project, funded by the H2020 programme. Here, the results achieved and the methodologies and tools used for policy design in the area of emergencies were presented.

April

Launch of the B.Right Spaces project

The City of Torino participated in the first meeting of the B.Right Spaces project during which the partners established the priorities to work on and discussed the main steps, deadlines and final results of the project.

May

FUSILLI project meeting

The City of Torino met the FUSILLI project partners in Tampere, thus continuing the exchange about Living Labs and governance actions implemented with respect to food policies.

May

Annual EUROCITIES Conference

Torino participated in the annual Eurocities conference in Cluj-Napoca. This was an opportunity for discussion and for developing partnerships among cities with a focus on involving stakeholders in achieving climate goals and on how to use the European funding to increase local innovation, stimulate SMEs and retain talent for the green and digital transformation.

June

TNOC Festival

The City of Torino presented the case study on the Orti Generali as an example of a nature-based solution as part of the “The Nature of Cities” festival in Berlin.

June

Project meeting

Torino participated in the first meeting among partners of the Interreg Europe project “NEBA – Supporting the integration of New European Bauhaus values and principles into the regional planning processes” in Panevezys, Lithuania. This involved a study tour on applying NEB principles in the host city.

June

INCIT-EV final event

Torino participated in the final event of the INCIT-EV project in Paris, which brought together the main actors in the electrical mobility sector and European policy makers.

June

5Gto6Gfor CitiVerse

The City of Torino hosted the international event organised in collaboration with CTE NEXT of Torino. Here, the debate between public authorities, research and industry on progress in applying emerging 5-6G technological solutions for urban innovation towards the European “CityVerse” paradigm was presented and promoted.

July

Residence week

Torino was among the 10 cities to have taken part in the residence week of the Executive Programme “Urban95 Academy” (U95A), intended for municipalities and policy makers at a global level and organised by the London School of Economics and Political Science / LSE Cities and the Van Leer Foundation. The focus was on public space and the integration of nature, the concept of healthiness and playfulness in politics and citizen interventions, using an integrated and participatory approach.

September

EUROCITIES Social Innovation Lab

The City of Torino hosted the Social Innovation Lab, organised by the Eurocities network, to discuss social and accessible construction strategies. The event offered a chance for discussion among experts and administrators about innovative solutions to deal with the housing crisis in Europe.

September

Open Living Lab Days

At the Timisoara event, the City of Torino presented its strategy for using Living Labs, including for the purpose of achieving greater environmental sustainability. There was a special focus on the Woodcircles project, which concerns the circular economy applied to timber in the building sector.

October

2Nite

The City of Torino took part in Paris in the first meeting of URBACT Innovation Transfer Networks with the 2Nite project. This will enable the City to develop a plan for replicating and scaling the previous ToNite project in a city context, thanks to the discussion and exchange of experiences and good practices with other European cities.

November

ESF+ SI ecosystem

Torino hosted the international meeting of the Community of Practice on Social Innovation, a working group that brings together management authorities of the European Social Fund and Competence Centres for Social Innovation from all over Europe. The event addressed the issue of the centrality of the ecosystem in encouraging collaboration between promoters of social innovation at an urban level.

November

LET'S GOV

The City of Torino took part in the meeting of the LET'S GOV project, held in Bologna, involving 9 city partners and representatives of some Twin Cities (Genoa and Issy-les Molineaux). Over the two days, the theme of involving local citizens in actions implemented to achieve pre-defined goals, among others, was addressed.

December

NEBA

In collaboration with its local partner the "Valter Cantino" Department of Management of the University of Torino, the City of Torino hosted the second meeting of the Interreg Europe project NEBA. Local and European experts shared their experience and knowledge, presenting various best practice cases on the issues of inclusion, sustainability and beauty. The Deputy Mayor for the Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation, Chiara Foglietta, contributed with a speech on her experiences of and vision for the City of Torino on New European Bauhaus themes.

FOCUS ON... European Capital of Smart Tourism



On 27 November, Torino obtained another sought-after international recognition, becoming European Capital of Smart Tourism 2025. Promoted by the European Commission, this prize celebrates cities that excel in combining innovation, sustainability, accessibility and creativity in the tourism sector.

Torino overcame seven finalists, including Genoa, Brussels and Porto, demonstrating its unique capacity to promote its historical, cultural and natural heritage through new technologies and creative projects. It is a city that celebrates its tradition, transforming it into smart and sustainable tourist experiences, offering visitors a mix of discovery, innovation and culture.

Thanks to this recognition, Torino will be able to strengthen its international visibility with communication and promotion campaigns. It will also have the chance to establish new collaborations with other European cities, consolidating its status as a global model of smart tourism.



FOCUS ON... Social Innovation Lab of EUROCITIES

From 18 to 20 September, the City of Torino hosted the Social Innovation Lab dedicated to the theme: "Cities Leading the Way: Innovative Strategies to Ensure Affordable and Adequate Housing for All". The lab was organised in collaboration with Eurocities, the biggest network of European cities.

More than 40 representatives from numerous European cities met in Torino for three days of study tours and discussion about housing accessibility, which is one of the most urgent urban challenges that affects general well-being and limits access to essential services. Providing accessibly priced, high-quality accommodation is an increasing challenge for cities, and local authorities are often producing innovative solutions themselves. This facilitates new forms of collaboration between the public and private sectors and establishes legal frameworks and processes that significantly improve the efficacy of public administration. This occasion offered Torino the chance to showcase its local initiatives and draw inspiration from the best international practices, proposing and refining solutions tailored to our local context. The event facilitated a valuable exchange of ideas and strategies, contributing to the development of more inclusive and resilient urban environments. These discussions also aim to support the EUROCITIES network in its advocacy efforts with European institutions, emphasising the vital role of cities in addressing housing accessibility issues collaboratively and requesting additional support policies.



FOCUS ON... European Capital of Innovation

During the Web Summit in Lisbon, one of the most significant international events dedicated to innovation, the European Commission declared Torino the European Capital of Innovation 2024-2025 on 14 November. Torino beat Espoo (Finland) and the West Midlands (United Kingdom) thanks to its inclusive and innovative approach to urban development, which focuses on citizens and communities. The jury gave weight to iconic projects like Torino City Lab and CTE NEXT of Torino, as well as Torino Social Impact platform initiatives that seek to create social impact and promote advanced urban solutions. These tools allowed the City to effectively deal with challenges like sustainable mobility, the energy transition and inclusive digitalisation, while pursuing the goal of becoming a zero-emissions city generating new opportunities. Torino's application was supported by a strong local ecosystem consisting of the University of Torino, the Politecnico di Torino, the Torino Chamber of Commerce, the Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo and Fondazione Piemonte Innova. Thanks to this recognition, Torino received € 1 million, which will be invested in new, local social and technological innovation projects.



FOCUS ON... EU Mission Label Climate Neutral & Smart Cities

In October, during a ceremony held in Strasbourg, the European Commission approved the Climate City Contract (CCC) of Torino. The Mayor, Stefano Lo Russo, joined by the Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Chiara Foglietta, received the EU Mission Label: the formal recognition of the approval of the contract.

The City worked together with the Politecnico di Torino and numerous other institutional partners on achieving this goal. As well as positioning Torino as a model for other European cities, with experts outside the Commission certifying the projects it presented as serious and significant, it should facilitate access to public and private funding to accomplish climate neutrality, fostering investments in the city.

There are six initial signatories to the Climate City Contract (City of Torino, Metropolitan City, Piedmont Region, Politecnico di Torino, University of Torino and the Chamber of Commerce), 16 main partners (GTT, Iren, Smat, Infra.To, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Fondazione Crt, Csi Piemonte, 5t, Arpa Piemonte [the regional environmental protection agency], Atc [the territorial housing agency], Intesa Sanpaolo, UniCredit, Reale Group, Cassa depositi e prestiti, Sagat, and Italgas) and 60 supporters.

The Climate City Contract puts the concrete and programmatic commitment of various parties, starting with the City, to implementing the climate transition in black and white. It identifies both concrete actions to be implemented to achieve emissions reduction goals and a financial budget necessary for each of these (which will gradually be recovered) and represents a significant event for the City. The Contract reinforces and strengthens the activities undertaken and planned up to this time, relaunching synergies with all city actors, from citizens to industry, from the finance sector to university bodies.

FOCUS ON... Startup Ecosystem Stars Awards

On 4 December, Torino received an additional award at the World's Startup Ecosystem Stars Awards in Paris, establishing itself among the leading cities in the global innovation landscape. Awarded by ICC, Mind the Bridge, the OECD, and the European Commission, this prize celebrates urban ecosystems that actively promote entrepreneurship and innovation.

Torino was recognised for its dynamic and open ecosystem, which encourages close collaboration with the public and private sectors and universities. Projects like Torino City Lab and CTE Next of Torino were recognised for their capacity to generate advanced solutions that combine technology and social impact, helping create a favourable environment for developing start-ups and new companies.

Digitalisation, innovation, competition, culture

5G4LIVES | CEF 5G SMART COMMUNITIES
 CONVINCEN | Horizon Europe
 DECIDO | Horizon 2020
 EMERITUS | Horizon Europe
 IcARUS | Horizon 2020
 PACTESUR 2 | Internal Security Fund
 SEED2SCALE | EaSI
 TrialsNet | Horizon Europe

Inclusion and cohesion

2Nite | URBACT IV
 B.RIGHT SPACES | CERV
 FEMACT-Cities | URBACT IV
 FUSILLI | Horizon 2020
 SEFIT | FSE+
 SPOON | Horizon Europe

Infrastructure for sustainable mobility

ENVELOPE | Horizon Europe

Green revolution and ecological transition

CLIMABOROUGH | Horizon Europe
 COFARM4CITIES | INTERREG
 CONEXUS | Horizon 2020
 DESIRE | Horizon Europe
 EUI C2C | EUI Capacity Building City to City Exchanges
 LET'S GOV | Horizon 2020
 NEBA | INTERREG
 SME4GREEN | COSME-LGD
 TIP4PED | Horizon Europe
 WOODCIRCLES | Horizon Europe



THE PROJECT | 2023 – 2026

Funded as part of the Horizon Europe research programme, the CLIMABOROUGH project seeks to fill the gap between planning and implementing urban innovations, in particular in relation to climate change and the resulting adaptation and mitigation requirements. The project's aim is to test innovative urban planning approaches in 14 European cities (including ClimHub, Climate Sandbox, and Climate Services) that can guide them towards an ecological and digital transition, with the goal of attaining climate neutrality by 2050.

WHY TORINO

Torino is one of the 100 European cities selected by the European Commission to achieve zero-climate impact by 2030 and become a hub for experimentation and innovation for the other cities in achieving the goals of the Green Deal by 2050.

The City of Torino will work as a city leader in the field of the circular economy and waste, by identifying the main critical issues in order to define action priorities and needs. Social and technical solutions that seek to improve the management of RAEE (electric and electronic equipment waste) and textile waste will be sought via a challenge.

At the same time, Torino will be a follower on the issue of urban mobility and energy and will, thus, be able to observe the innovative solutions proposed in the other cities.

CLIMABOROUGH ACTIONS

The city will be a leader of a Living Lab on the issue of the circular economy and waste.

In collaboration with the waste collection operator, Torino identified some key areas to work on: production and collection of significant data for selecting intervention areas along the life cycle of textile products and RAEE, education and involvement of citizens and the main stakeholders, improvement and development of more efficient disposal strategies thanks to the data collected and participation of citizens.

CLIMABOROUGH IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 292,500.00
- 48 months of activities
- 3 local actors involved
- 20 partners

**THE PROJECT | 2024 – 2026**

The project 5G4LIVES is an initiative developed in two geographic clusters: Latvia and Italy.

The goal is to exploit 5G connectivity and cutting-edge technologies, like drones (UAV) and hydrogen-powered systems, to improve public safety and environmental health. The project aspires to optimise emergency management thanks to a real-time, aerial vision and advanced tools for automatically assessing vulnerabilities in areas at risk.

WHY TORINO

In Torino, the project partners are working on developing a 5G-enabled service for situational awareness and vulnerability assessment in real time, with the goal of mitigating the impact of natural disasters in the hilly areas.

This project also involves experimentation with cutting-edge technologies, like an anti-hacking system for drones based on 5G and the integration of satellite data with those collected by drones, ensuring interoperability. These solutions will help improve the control of drones, planning missions and real-time tracking of moving vehicles.

In Torino, the project includes two distinct scenarios. The first concentrates on the use of drones to provide an aerial vision during an emergency that is underway. The second explores the use of UAVs for aerial monitoring and collecting data in strategic sites. These scenarios will be defined during the life cycle of the project, ensuring their alignment with operational and strategic needs.

5G4LIVES ACTIONS

The project involves the use of drones equipped with advanced technologies that can identify people in distress and monitor critical areas in real time. These solutions constitute an essential aid for search and rescue operations, enabling fast and effective operations, especially in lake areas or those at high risk.

The use of UAVs improves efficiency and the chances of success in emergency operations. In addition, these technologies strengthen environmental monitoring and the management of critical situations, supporting local authorities and rescue workers.

In Torino, the collaboration with Wind3 supports experimentation with advanced technologies for controlling drones and analysing vulnerabilities in hilly areas. The goal is not just to improve emergency management, but also to promote sustainable and innovative solutions for the future.

5G4LIVES IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 396,750.00
- 3 years of activities
- 7 partners

THE PROJECT | 2024 – 2027

Funded by the Social Innovation+ Initiative of the European Social Fund Plus, SEED2SCALE aims to set up five National Competence Centres for Social Innovation (NCC) in the following countries: Croatia, Greece, Italy, Romania and Slovenia. The ambition is to reach a more mature phase of National Competence Centres for Social Innovation, which has a well defined legal framework and effective governance and business models.

The actions include:

- definition of and experimentation with essential competencies of each NCC
- collaboration and co-design with public authorities and stakeholders
- development of digital platforms for social innovation nationally
- transnational exchange with other competence centres in member countries

WHY TORINO

Torino sees its role as a city at the forefront of social innovation policies and practices recognised, in part thanks to a rich local ecosystem represented, among other things, by the Torino Social Impact initiative that counts over 350 stakeholders. The process of creating an Italian competence centre includes the involvement of various actors and aims to enhance skills by offering tools for training, learning, exchange and growth. Long term, Torino should, thus, become the operating site for the competence centre.

SEED2SCALE ACTIONS

The goal of the project is to make the five Competence Centres for Social Innovation operational in the partner countries. The Italian NCC has the purpose of supporting the national agenda promoting innovative solutions to deal with social issues through sustainable and inclusive products, services and business models.

SEED2SCALE IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 112,061.00
- 5 Competence Centres for Social Innovation
- 26 partners from 5 EU countries
- 14 associated partners

THE PROJECT | 2023 – 2027

Woodcircles will significantly contribute to reducing the impact of the construction sector, developing innovative circular solutions for using timber in construction. These solutions will help reduce Europe's dependence on non-renewable resources, cut greenhouse gas emissions and reduce waste production. They will also offer a carbon sink in the long term and replace fossil-fuel based and high carbon-intensive products, both with timber used for construction or renovation and in fixtures and furnishings (including those used in public spaces).

WHY TORINO

The City of Torino will work with Rotterdam and Tartu to reduce the production of timber waste, to improve the recovery of these materials in demolition work sites and to acquire new planning methods based on the principles of the circular economy (Design for Manufacture, Assembly and Disassembly) using wood as a construction material.

WOODCIRCLES ACTIONS

In collaboration with Envipark and Iren, the timber from demolishing some work sites in the city will be recovered and will be used to create innovative urban furniture.

A prototype of a wooden building will be co-created and assembled and disassembled in each partner city as an application of a new way of thinking about designing and constructing buildings.

WOODCIRCLES IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 175,000.00
- 4 years of activities
- 18 partners





THE PROJECT | 2023 – 2025

FEMACT-Cities will enable 8 European cities to develop action plans for gender equality in multiple areas and public policies, including education, planning, health and economic development.

The project aims to build the governance capacity of city partners so that, in turn, they can effectively implement sustainable urban development strategies in the context of various political goals relating to their countries' cohesion policy.

FEMACT-Cities will need to involve all the parties concerned in an inclusive, non-gender-based way: it is a social challenge that needs support from the whole population to obtain a strong and broad cultural improvement.

WHY TORINO

The City of Torino is strongly engaged in innovating and implementing the actions outlined by the Gender Equality Plan (GEP) already approved and in creating a Gender Budget. It is applying the principles of equal opportunities both within and outside the Administration, dealing with discrimination and removing obstacles that prevent the achievement of gender equality.

In particular, the project is promoting gender equality in leadership and the decision-making process, hiring and career progression, organisational well-being, the battle against gender violence and disseminating information about equal opportunities, the participation in working groups and integration of gender in development activities and city policies.

FEMACT-Cities ACTIONS

The project's main actions include:

- reviewing the Gender Equality Plan (GEP), a tool for identifying practices that can lead to gender discrimination, recognising innovative strategies for overcoming them and monitoring progress by developing gender indicators;
- the creation and implementation of the Gender Budget, as a valid tool for recognising and assessing the potentially or actually discriminatory effects of public policies on the community. This tool may be used to monitor the Administration's action in encouraging gender equality. If correlated with suitable assessment indicators (with data separated by gender), it will measure the effects of the choices made on men and women, including the economic and financial commitment.

FEMACT-Cities IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 66,618.75
- 2 and a half years of activities
- 8 partners

THE PROJECT | 2022 – 2024

The project will support the implementation of some pilot sub-projects that will act as “lighthouse demonstrators” throughout the European Union and in associated countries. The demonstrators will need to embrace the key principles of the initiative of the New European Bauhaus (sustainability, inclusion, and aesthetics), using architecture, design and culture as essential resources for a sustainable society. They will employ a mission-oriented approach (impactful, measurable, and targeted) in an innovative and exemplary way.

WHY TORINO

In close collaboration with the Kairos consortium, the City of Torino aspires to regenerate the Falchera quarter, starting from Cascina Falchera and involving other areas of the zone, like its lakes. The goal of the project is to revitalise the area and to enhance its historic links with the water and other natural elements, reconnecting its residents, especially youth, with the natural spaces and their biodiversity. To facilitate this, Cascina Falchera is to be transformed into a regional hub, following an open-community perspective, thus becoming a reference point for all citizens.

DESIRE ACTIONS

In collaboration with Kairos and the New European Bauhaus Promoter Committee, the City of Torino intends to produce an action plan for the Falchera district, starting from the Cascina Falchera.

The action plan will be developed across three areas:

- regeneration of the land of Falchera to improve the landscape and quality of life
- high-tech renovation of the 18th-century Cascina Falchera by recovering, in a modern key, the ancient splendour that unites environmental sustainability with the innovative use of technology
- design of new green and eco-sustainable spaces to support local biodiversity and improve the community’s connection with water

DESIRE IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 72,500.00
- 24 months of activities
- 20 partners

CULTURE



200 CULTURAL CENTRES, LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES

MITO SETTEMBREMUSICA

TORINO FILM FESTIVAL

PRIX ITALIA

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CONTEMPORARY ART TORINO PIEMONTE

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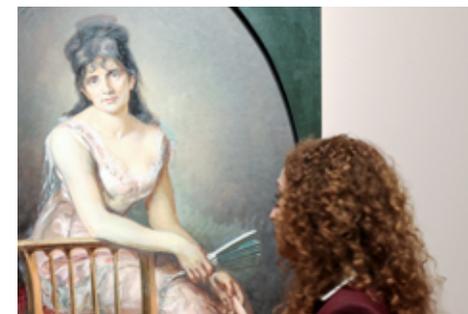
TORINO JAZZ FESTIVAL

TODAYS

In recent years, the City of Torino has greatly expanded its cultural offering promoting a rich programme of events that have made it international and attractive, establishing it as a more and more popular tourist destination. In 2024 as well, the Piedmont capital was transformed into an authentic stage for musical, cultural and sports events, which offered many visitors the chance to discover a city that, in terms of history, tradition, architectural jewels, museums, environment, and wine and food, is a "show" not to be missed. Torino is, in fact, a modern and fascinating city of art, which offers well established events at different times of year, such as the International Book Fair, MITO SettembreMusica, Torino Jazz Festival, Torino Film Festival, and events dedicated to contemporary art enthusiasts, such as Contemporary Art Torino Piemonte, Luci d'Artista and Artissima. 2024 was an exceptional year for the museum sector too, which recorded a significant increase in visitors. The Egyptian Museum reopened to the public with the setting up of the new Gallery of the Kings, opened by the President of the Italian Republic Sergio Mattarella. New exhibition spaces in the GAM – Civic Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art were also refurbished with new displays of the permanent collections. Again, the cultural sector proved to be the driving force of growth. As a result, the City, with its strong cultural fabric consisting of various local institutions collaborating in synergy, decided to apply for European Capital of Culture 2033, an application allowing it to look ahead with renewed hope and optimism.

Palazzo Madama – Civic Museum of Ancient Art hosted the exhibition *Palazzo Madama è Europa* (Palazzo Madama is Europe), a collection of images that, in the imaginative recreation of great illustrators, represent a community of nations with multiple languages, sensibilities and values in continuous dialogue.

GAM, the Civic Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art, with the support of the Marmottan Museum of Monet in Paris, presented the Berthe Morisot: Impressionist Painter exhibition, celebrating the story and artistic journey of the only woman among the founders of the Impressionist movement.



During the 140th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and Italy, the **MAO - Museo d'Arte Orientale** hosted the exhibition *Rabbit Inhabits the Moon*. The project is built around the artist Nam June Paik, considered one of the pioneers of video art.

To celebrate the bicentenary of its founding, the **Egyptian Museum** organised the Festival 200: three days of extraordinary openings with a schedule of exhibitions, happenings, events, free conferences and speed lectures. These concluded with the meeting between the director Christian Greco and the director of the Cairo Egyptian Museum Ali Abdelhalim Ali as part of the series of meetings, "What is a Museum?"

Palazzo Chiabrese hosted the exhibition *Africa: The forgotten collections*, 160 works and objects documenting the relations between Torino and the Congo, Eritrea, Somalia, Ethiopia and current-day Libya.

The **Museo Storico Nazionale D'Artiglieria** – Mastio della Cittadella presented the exhibition *Henri de Toulouse Lautrec: The world of the circus and Montmartre*, comprising an exhibition path of 5 sections with more than 100 works, including posters, illustrations and lithographs coming from private collections in Spain.

Il **Castello di Rivoli** presented *Expanded With*, an exhibition dedicated to the role of photography in contemporary art in recent decades, with pioneering works of Land Art, Arte Povera and Body Art.

The **Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo** presented *When We Were Old: Works from the Sandretto Re Rebaudengo Collection*, a series of photographs representing the youth and imaginary of new generations during the 1990s.

The **Fondazione Merz** hosted Khalil Rabah. Through the Palestinian Museum of Natural History and Humankind, an artistic project that took on the form of an archaeological work site in Torino, where visitors were invited to immerse themselves through testimonies and evidence.

The **Pinacoteca Agnelli** presented *Form Form SuperForm*, a retrospective show dedicated to the work of Thomas Bayrle, a pioneering artist who, from the 1960s, dealt with themes like work, power, the economy and religion, highlighting the relationship between the individual and collective dynamics in society.

For the first time in Italy, the **National Museum of Cinema** hosted the exhibition *The world of Tim Burton*, a journey through the director's visionary universe and creativity across documents, drawings and sketches that gave life to the characters defining his cinematographic world.

The submarine world, the terrestrial world and tribal peoples were the three big themes explored in the exhibition *Cristina Mittermeier: The great wisdom at the Gallerie d'Italia*.

Camera – Centro Italiano per la Fotografia di Torino (Italian Centre for Photography in Torino) presented the exhibition *Robert Capa and Gerda Taro: photography, love and war*, more than 120 shots that retraced one of the crucial moments in the history of 20th-century photography.

On the thirtieth anniversary of his death, the **Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile** paid homage to the legendary Brazilian driver with an

exhibition entitled *Ayrton Senna. Forever*. The show comprised the most iconic cars he was associated with, as well as documents, racing suits, helmets and a selection of publications on the Formula 1 champion.

The **Historical Archive** hosted the exhibition *Universal Torino: Two centuries of major events*, a collection of hundreds of photographs, documents, posters and objects linked to celebrations, discoveries, artistic, cultural and sports events held in Torino from the 19th-century onwards.



The *Era of Daydreaming: daydreaming as an essential tool in the creative process* was the theme of the 31st edition of **Artissima**.

The international contemporary art fair was enriched by 189 galleries with 37 exhibitors from 34 countries. Across the four days' opening, the event recorded 34,200 participants, including guests, visitors and sector professionals.

350 artists presented their work, ranging from the visual arts to new forms of digital expression, at the 20th edition of **Paratissima**, visited by more than 20,000 people.

PAV – Parco Arte Vivente (Living Art Park) hosted *Cambio de Fuerza*, the installation by Adrián Balseca that explores the delicate balance between natural resources, technology and sustainability, inviting the public to reflect on resource extraction and the impact of industrialisation.

The 27th edition of **Luci d'Artista**, the first world's event bringing in the city's public spaces some works of art made of lights by the biggest contemporary artists on the international scene, was enriched by two new light installations by Luigi Ontani and Andreas Angelidakis with their respective lights *Scia'Mano* and *VR Man*.



In its first edition by the artistic director Giorgio Battistelli, **MITO SettembreMusica** was followed by more than 44,000 spectators who applauded the main concerts and fringe events: Milano MITO d'Europa and MITO per la Città. In addition, the concerts given by the orchestra and choir of the Lyon Opera House, directed by Daniele Rustioni, kicked off the new collaboration between the City of Torino and Lyon.

14 works, 8 new stage sets, ballet and the return of Maestro Riccardo Muti with an homage to Giacomo Puccini are only some of the events that defined the 2024 season of **Teatro Regio**.

The **Festival Torinodanza**, promoting multiple artistic expressions, hosted distinguished artists on the international choreography scene, like Emanuel Gat, Marco da Silva Ferreira, Sharon Eyal, Hofesh Shechter and Alonzo King.

Teatro Stabile dedicated its programming to the theme Lo spazio del tempo (The space of time), an invitation to take time for self-care, with the aim of cultivating interests, passions and relationships through a plural and dialectic artistic offering.

The 12th edition of the **Torino Jazz Festival** recorded crowds of more than 13,100 spectators at 17 concerts of the main schedule. Musicians of the calibre of Dave Holland, Christian McBride, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, John Zorn, Roscoe Mitchell and Roberto



Gatto interpreted jazz music in its most varied forms. The final concert was entrusted to Paolo Fresu Quintet, together with the Torino Jazz Orchestra, an original production that was sold out, with the direction and arrangements of Paolo Silvestri.

The 29th edition of **Festival delle Colline Torinesi - Torino Creazione Contemporanea** brought international and Italian shows to the stage to reflect on the theme of the border. A focus on the theatrical avant-garde, curiosity for research into new scenic and dramatic languages, and the discovery of new talents were the defining elements of the theatrical event.

Lingue in Scena!, the European festival of multi-lingual student theatre, involved kids from Italy, France, Greece, Ireland, Romania and Spain in putting on Romeo and Juliet.

In its 31st edition, **Incanti**, the international puppet theatre event, hosted companies and projects from Australia, Germany, Korea, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Switzerland and Belgium.

The 36th edition of the **International Book Fair**, entitled Imaginary Life, registered more than 222,000 visitors who explored the 800 stands. The guest language was German, with 25 participating authors, and Liguria was the guest region, with a space inspired by Ligurian villages and enriched by the drawings of Jean Blanchaert.

3,000 delegates from all over the world and 600 exhibitors energised **Terra Madre Salone del Gusto**, united by the theme We are Nature. The most important international event dedicated to good, clean and just food and to food policies was celebrating twenty years since its creation.

The central streets of the city welcomed the **Salone Auto Torino** (Torino Auto Show), the open-air show that gave the public the opportunity to admire prototypes of great bodyworks, motorsport queens and unique models of 43 international car manufacturers.

Like crooked wood. Imperfection, error, obstacles was the theme animating the **Torino Spiritualità** festival: four days of meetings, lessons and readings to investigate oneself and the meaning of our time.



76 broadcasters from 50 countries, 252 programmes and 90 jury members took part in the **Prix Italia**, an international radio, television and multimedia production competition. The title of the edition: Loud and Clear was chosen to celebrate 100 years of radio and, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Guglielmo Marconi, one of the most visionary Italian scientists of all time.

The **Torino Film Festival**, divided into 6 sections with 120 films in total, consolidated itself as a reference international showcase for cinema. The festival paid homage to Marlon Brando, retracing his career on the centenary of his birth. Sharon Stone, Matthew Broderick and Ron Howard were just some of the big international guests for the 42nd edition.

The 39th edition of the **Lovers Film Festival**, under the artistic direction of Vladimir Luxuria, saw 53 films in competition, divided into the following sections: feature films, short films and documentaries, with 4 world previews, 6 international ones, 3 European ones and 28 Italian ones.

76 films from 27 countries representing 4 continents made up the 27th edition of the **CinemAmbiente Festival**.

The first edition of **EXPOSED Torino Foto Festival** was defined by an events programme including meetings, talks and teaching activities, as well as twenty shows organised in collaboration with the most important cultural organisations in the city and accessible with a single pass.

The 25th edition of **View Conference**, the international conference for computer graphics, digital cinema and video games, involved the participation of Jonathan Nolan, the famous director of *Fallout*, the scriptwriter Fede Alvarez, known for his contribution to the *Alien* saga: *Romulus*, and Kelsey Mann, director of *Inside Out 2*.

Film Commission Torino Piemonte contributed to offering facilities, services and incentives to the national and international cinema and television productions.

The Parco della Confluenza hosted **Today's**, the festival for the meeting and fusion of various musical and cultural genres. The numerous artists from the international independent music scene participating in the event included Massive Attack, Mahmood and Arlo Parks.

The 22nd edition of **Club to Club**, an avant-pop and electronic music festival, entitled *Living With The Gods*, hosted artists such as Mace, Bicep, A.G. Cook, Sega Bodega and Romy. 100,000 visitors from 150 countries listened to 36 hours of uninterrupted music on 5 stages with legendary artists like Skrillex and Tiësto, in the 11th edition of the **Kappa FuturFestival** of contemporary electronic music.

SPORT



For years, the City of Torino has contributed to holding national and international sports events, in collaboration with federations, sports promotion bodies, sports clubs and associations.

In November, the City of Torino presented its Sport Plan. This document outlines the strategic lines for the future of the city's sports practice, underlining its intention to make the city increasingly sports friendly, working with all the local organisations to generally improve quality of life through sport.

Torino has approximately 322,000 sports players with more than 1,200 sports clubs and approximately 60,000 card holders. The city offers more than 1,000 spaces for practising sports, including conventional facilities and urban outdoor areas.

Increasingly attractive and inclusive in terms of sport, in 2024 Torino established itself on the international scene by hosting the third Italian stage of the Tour de France. This was followed by the fourth edition of the Nitto ATP Finals, the most prestigious end-of-season men's tennis tournament, and the rugby match between the Italian team and the much-feared All Blacks of New Zealand – a truly epic and spectacular encounter.

In the near future, the Piedmont region will be the leader of important, international sports events. The year 2025 will open with the 32nd Winter World University Games that will involve student athletes from all over the world competing in nine different winter disciplines in 5 Piedmont towns. In March, Torino will host the Special Olympics World Winter Games with the participation of 1,500 athletes from 102 countries who will compete in eight disciplines. It is an international sports event for countering prejudices towards people with intellectual disabilities and highlighting the determination and courage of the athletes. Finally, next 23 August, the four stages of the "Gran Salida" of the Vuelta will involve the sub-alpine region, starting from Venaria Reale, passing through Torino with the "Km 0" before heading to Novara along a 183-km path.



FOCUS ON... Nitto ATP Finals

10 – 17 November

Nitto ATP Finals

Jannik Sinner, the tennis player ranked world no. 1, consolidated his extraordinary talent beating Taylor Fritz in two sets (6-4, 6-4) and thus winning the Nitto ATP Finals tournament.

Among matches, trainings and opening shows, there were more than 210,275 spectators – an increase of 77% compared to the first edition.

The city celebrated the major sports event with the “Night of Tennis” with rappers Shade, Ensi and Willie Peyote who transformed the central Piazza Vittorio Veneto into a musical tennis arena.

The most highly anticipated sports event of the year proved to be a big celebration that involved the whole city with more than 200 events spread throughout Torino, 7,000 attendees, 50 talks, 150 guests, 64 tastings, 43 guided tours, approximately € 19,000 transferred to the Molinette Research Foundation and 5 million views on social media. For nine days, the city was energised by a rich programme with exhibitions of 120 artists and 200 performances including juggling, music, magic and theatre.

Inalpi Arena, the largest covered sports arena in Italy, proved again to be the perfect place to host the playing court while the Piazzale Grande Torino opposite was the site of the Fan Village.



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Here, the facilities for catering, entertainment, partner service and product promotion were set up. In Piazza Castello, the large geodesic dome that was the headquarters for Casa Tennis was set up, hosting talks with sports players, journalists, writers and artists. Casa Gusto, in the spaces of the State Archives, was dedicated to local wine and food specialties, while Casa Media was reserved for journalists and information operators.

The City of Torino also wished to hold three photographic exhibitions alongside the fourth edition of the tournament. In Piazza San Carlo, the Best of Torino was set up to retrace the most iconic moments of the first three Torino editions of the sports event. Piazza Palazzo di Città housed Court of Champions, dedicated to the great stars of the more than 50 years of the tournament's history. On Via Po, there was Where Champions become Champion, an image-based story introducing the players who qualified for the 2024 edition with the most iconic moments of their careers and the various competitions that established them as “champions”.



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12 January

Monet on Ice

The Palavela track became the canvas on which Claude Monet painted his works, giving life to a new show on ice that combined live sport, art and music. Stars of international figure skating performed to the notes of the orchestra conducted by Edvin Marton, in a scene made even more evocative by mapping technology.

9 – 11 February

Grand Prix FIE – INALPI Cup

More than 1,000 spectators attended the finals of the 14th edition of the men's and women's international foilist competition, which allowed athletes to earn points to qualify for the Olympic Games in Paris. The American Lee Kiefer and the male athlete from Hong Kong, Ka Long Chung, rose to the highest step of the podium.

10 – 11 February

International Regatta D'inverno sul Po

The 41st edition of the 5,000-metre, long-distance rowing competition recorded the participation of more than 4,000 athletes and 134 crews from nine countries for the second year in a row: Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Principality of Monaco, Romania, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland..

8 March

Harlem Globetrotters

The Pala Gianni Asti hosted the most famous basketball players of the American team who combine athleticism and a spectacle-oriented style of play. For the 19th year in a row, Italy was included in the prestigious Globetrotters World Tour, which saw athletes like Wilt Chamberlain and Earvin Magic Johnson perform in the past.

20 March

CEV Volleyball Cup

The young women of the Reale Mutua Chieri '76 Volleyball team won the European cup in front of 4,000 spectators in a one-sided match against the Swiss team Neuchatel.

20 – 23 March

8 Nations Youth Diving Meet

The springboard diving sports event, in which the national youth teams of France, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland participated, was held at the Piscina Stadio Monumentale.

20 April

Thai Boxe Mania

Christian Zahe, one of the best athletes on the international combat sports scene, fought his last match at the Pala Gianni Asti beating the Belgian Tarik Mahillon and winning the 14th edition of the sports event.

4 May

107th Giro d'Italia

Jhonatan Narváez won the first, 140-km stage of the Giro d'Italia, beating the German Maximilian Schachmann and the great favourite, the Slovenian Tadej Pogacar, in a sprint.

11 – 12 May

International cycling race Briko Torino

Reserved for amateur categories between 17 and 75 years, both able-bodied and disabled athletes, this cycle race was held along a 120-km course starting from the new motorcycle and cycle racing stadium and arriving at the Basilica di Superga.



13 – 19 May

Piemonte Open Intesa Sanpaolo

The Italian Francesco Passaro won the ATP Challenger Tour 175 men's singles tennis tournament while the Anglo-Finnish pair composed of Henry Patten and Harri Heliövaara won the double's final.

24 – 26 May

BikeUP – Electric Bicycle Power Festival

Torino hosted the international festival of e-bikes, cycle tourism and light electric mobility. The event was part of the ToRide programme, with which the City celebrated a passion for cycling and the bicycle on the occasion of the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France.



7 June

Torino Fight Night

The best European fighters met in the ring of the Pala Gianni Asti in a series of boxing, Muay Thai, K-1 and grappling competitions.

8 June – 7 July

Balon Mundial Festival

The Colletta sports field hosted the women's 5-a-side soccer competition and men's 11-a-side one between migrant communities residing in Torino. More than 1,000 players and 45 teams participated, representing 38 different nationalities.

11– 12 June

Mille Miglia

The biggest international event dedicated to historic cars stopped off in Torino. 420 vintage race cars and 120 Ferraris paraded through the city streets with participants coming from Europe, America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

1 July

Tour de France

Torino welcomed the arrival of the third stage of the 111th Tour de France. The Eritrean Biniam Girmay triumphed at the finish line, while the Ecuadorean Richard Carapaz won the yellow jersey.

5 – 7 July

Turin Acro Cup

The tenth edition of the international competition for acrobatic gymnastics clubs involved the participation of delegations from England, Finland, America, Azerbaijan, Dubai and Portugal.



15 – 21 July

MaBo Tournament

Promoted by Sport4friends, the thirteenth edition of the tournament involved 14 Italian athletes and numerous international ones battling for \$ 25,000 in prize money.

25 – 28 July

2.0 Mole Trophy

The sixteenth edition of the international wheelchair tennis tournament involved athletes from 14 countries, who competed in the open, quad and women's categories, as singles and pairs.

4 October

Rowing Regatta

Now in its 27th edition, the event organised by CUS Torino saw Torino universities compete on the River Po. Special guest was the French team of the ESCP Business School.

26 October

XXII International Torball Tournament

The Parri gym hosted the 23rd edition of the tournament dedicated to the first paralympic team sport practised by blind and partially sighted people with the use of a sound ball. The competition involved a battle between eight teams, including five Italian ones and three foreign ones from Austria, France and Belgium..

9 – 10 November

33rd Silverskiff

The 33rd edition of the 11-km rowing competition was held at the Società Canottieri Cerea. The race was won by the many-time Olympic champion, the Croatian rower Martin Sinkovic.

23 November

Italy – New Zealand

The Allianz Stadium hosted a rugby match between the Italian national team and the legendary All Blacks, the world's most iconic and famous team. The challenge, which ended with a score of 29-11 for New Zealand, provided unforgettable emotions to the more than 40,000 spectators.



1 December

Torino City Marathon, City Half Marathon and City Run

More than 10,000 runners from 80 countries invaded the Piedmont capital's streets to participate in the marathon, half marathon and city run. Pasquale Selvarolo won the men's marathon, while the Kenyan runner Rael Cherop Boiyo triumphed in the women's competition.

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