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Throughout 2025, the City of Torino further strengthened its international profile by expanding its cooperation activities and institutional partnerships, as well as its engagement in international networks and programmes. This work builds on the city's local expertise and experience while encouraging dialogue with other cities through the exchange of knowledge and best practices, and identifying innovative solutions and new development opportunities.

Within this framework, the City of Torino approved its new Master Plan, following an extensive consultation and participation process carried out through the *Voci di Quartiere* initiative. The project engaged technical experts, professionals, academics, and residents, giving local communities a direct voice in shaping decisions about the city's future. The initiative received international recognition in Argentina from the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy and was later highlighted as a case study in the European City Leadership Initiative by Bloomberg Associates.

International cooperation also took on a particularly tangible dimension through Torino's partnership with Kharkiv. The City donated GTT buses that were due to be decommissioned, helping to ensure the continuity of public transport and essential services in a city that has been severely affected by the war. This concrete act of solidarity and cooperation enabled a municipal asset to be repurposed in support of a community facing urgent needs. The same commitment underpinned Torino's accession to the *Climate City Contract*, presented at the *C40 World Mayors Summit* in Rio de Janeiro, and the second edition of the *Youth Climate Action Fund* programme, delivered in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies to directly engage younger generations in climate action.

Innovation policies also benefited from the strengthening of Torino's international outlook. *Torino City Lab* and *CTE NEXT,* both designed to foster the testing of emerging technologies and collaboration among businesses, institutions and local stakeholders, provided valuable opportunities for exchange and cooperation with other cities. Torino's designation as the *2025 European Capital of Innovation* further reinforced this international positioning, creating opportunities to showcase the city's achievements and engage in dialogue in New York through the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative and in Riyadh as part of the dialogue between European and Arab cities.

The international dimension also extended to sport and culture. The *Nitto ATP Finals,* the *FISU World University Winter Games* and the *Special Olympics World Winter Games* brought athletes, delegations and visitors from around the world to Torino, enhancing the city's international visibility while creating opportunities for exchange, inclusion and community participation. In the cultural sphere,

collaborations between Teatro Regio Torino and the Orchestre National de Lyon, as well as between the MAO Museum of Oriental Art and the Gwangju Museum of Art, strengthened ties with leading international institutions and contributed to Torino's broader bid to become *European Capital of Culture 2033*.

Over the course of the year, the City has continued to consolidate and expand its international network, strengthening existing relationships and building new partnerships with cities, institutions, and international organisations. This network is a valuable asset for Torino and its wider region, facilitating dialogue, cooperation, knowledge exchange and the development of new initiatives.

The Report reflects the breadth and diversity of these activities. International engagement has become an integral part of the City's work, enabling it to showcase its expertise, create new opportunities, and contribute to discussions on the major challenges facing contemporary cities.

Through its international partnerships, Torino shares its experience, builds meaningful collaborations, and gains knowledge to support its continued growth and development. This international dimension strengthens the city, its institutions, and its community.

Stefano Lo Russo,
Mayor of the City of Torino



TORINO
AN INTERNATIONAL CITY

A city of cinema and photography

Torino further strengthened its reputation as a leading centre for cinema and visual culture by hosting a vibrant calendar of internationally acclaimed festivals. *The Lovers Film Festival* celebrated its 40th edition with a diverse and inclusive programme focusing on LGBTQI+ themes, welcoming prominent figures from the global film community. Meanwhile, the *Exposed Torino Foto Festival* transformed the city into a showcase of contemporary photography, presenting exhibitions across multiple venues and exploring some of the most pressing issues of our time through the work of renowned international artists. The *CinemAmbiente Festival* reaffirmed its position as a leading platform for dialogue on environmental challenges, while the *VIEW Conference* continued to attract global attention as a premier event for animation, visual effects and emerging technologies in the audiovisual industry. The year culminated in the *Torino Film Festival*, which once again presented a distinguished international programme, enriched by prestigious guests, special tributes, and world-class cinematic talent.

A city of music

Music is an integral part of Torino's cultural identity, brought to life through flagship events that engage diverse audiences and animate the city's public spaces. The *Torino Jazz Festival* transforms the city into a vast open stage, with performances taking place across theatres, clubs, museums and outdoor venues, reinforcing its standing as one of Europe's leading jazz festivals. *MITO SettembreMusica* further strengthens the cultural bond between Torino and Milan through a major celebration of classical and contemporary music. Featouring internationally renowned performers, leading orchestras and emerging talent, the festival offers a rich and accessible programme that attracts tens of thousands of spectators each year. Adding a contemporary dimension to the city's musical landscape, *Kappa FuturFestival* welcomed around 120,000 attendees from approximately 150 countries between 4 and 6 July, setting a new attendance record and confirming its position as one of the world's foremost electronic music festivals.

Together with the activities promoted by Torino's leading musical institutions, including the Teatro Regio, these events form a rich and dynamic musical ecosystem in which genres, traditions, and audiences intersect. From classical music and jazz to cutting-edge electronic sounds, the city offers a continuum of experiences that bridge heritage, innovation and contemporary creativity. More than simply a host for performances, Torino is a living laboratory of musical expression, capable of activating a wide range of cultural spaces and fostering encounters between artists, audiences and ideas. Through its diverse and internationally oriented programme, the city continues to strengthen its reputation as one of Europe's most vibrant and forward-looking music capitals.

Dance, too, plays a vital role in shaping Torino's cultural identity through festivals such as *Torinodanza* and *Balla Torino Social Dance*, which embody two complementary dimensions of the art form. While *TorinoDanza* presents dance as a space for artistic experimentation, innovation and contemporary expression, *Balla Torino Social Dance* brings it into public squares, neighbourhoods and everyday urban life, promoting participation, social connection and intercultural exchange.

A city of contemporary art

In just a few short weeks, Torino transformed itself into a true contemporary art capital, offering an immersive cultural experience across the whole city. This journey took shape through the *Torino Art Week* platform, which successfully brought together the city's entire cultural offering. This created a vibrant atmosphere in which art extended beyond gallery walls to inhabit public squares, historic palaces and regenerated industrial spaces. Contributing to the city's unique atmosphere was *Luci d'Artista*, whose light installations by internationally renowned artists illuminated both iconic landmarks and neighbourhoods across the city centre and outskirts, fostering a dialogue between art and urban space.

Within this framework, a series of events dedicated to experimentation and emerging artistic practices - including *Flashback, The Others,* and *Paratissima* - turned unconventional venues into dynamic and innovative exhibition platforms. The high point of the season was *Artissima*, the leading international fair for contemporary artistic research and emerging talent, attracting collectors, curators, and art professionals from around the world. Further strengthening this ecosystem is Torino's outstanding network of cultural institutions, which includes internationally respected organisations such as Castello di Rivoli Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, and the GAM – Civic Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art. Together, they reinforce Torino's standing as a uniquely integrated cultural system and a leading destination on the international contemporary art scene.

A city of international festivals

The year 2025 saw the *International Book Fair* enjoy renewed success, with the event being held under the theme of *Words Between Us, Lightly Spoken*. With 231,000 visitors and over 2,500 events, the festival reaffirmed Torino's central role in the global publishing landscape and welcomed the Netherlands and the Campania region as Guests of Honour. Meanwhile, the *International Festival of Economics* brought some of the world's leading economic thinkers to Torino, including Paul Krugman and Daron Acemoglu. The festival offered the general public accessible insights into the challenges facing younger generations, as well as the pressing issues of demography, climate change and sustainable development. In June, Torino hosted the *World's 50 Best Restaurants awards* for the first time in Italy. This prestigious event brought together 100 of the world's most influential chefs and saw Maido in Lima crowned the world's best restaurant. It also provided Piedmont's food and wine heritage with unprecedented international visibility. The summer season was filled with wonder and spectacle thanks to the *FISM World Championship of Magic*. Bringing together 150 illusionists from 51 countries, the event transformed Torino into an enchanted stage, combining technical seminars with public performances. In autumn, the focus shifted towards the future with *Italian Tech Week*, which was held at the OGR Torino innovation hub. Global leaders, including Jeff Bezos and Ursula von der Leyen, participated in discussions on artificial intelligence, space exploration and emerging technologies in front of an audience of 15,000.

A city of rights and international solidarity

Torino continues to strengthen its standing as an international hub for human rights, democracy, and civic engagement through a diverse programme of festivals that encourage participation, debate, and social awareness. At the heart of this commitment is *Biennale Democrazia*, whose edition devoted to *Wars and Peace* provided a platform for reflection on the challenges facing democratic institutions, contemporary conflicts, and the protection of fundamental rights. This spirit of dialogue was further enhanced by *Torino Spiritualità*. Under the theme *This Emptiness Around Us: Losing Ourselves // Finding Ourselves and Beyond,* and attracting more than 12,000 attendees, the festival reaffirmed the city's vocation as a place of encounter for interfaith and intercultural exchange. For the first time, Torino also hosted the *National Mission Festival*, which, together with the *Festival of Migration* and the *Festival of Welcome*, brought issues of peace, social justice, migration, and active citizenship to the forefront of public debate.
Black History Month, the *Pan-African Festival*, and the *Slavika Festival* celebrated the cultures, histories, and contributions of the diverse communities that enrich Torino's multicultural identity. Through *ColtivaTo – International Agriculture Festival,* sustainability was explored as both a shared right and a collective responsibility, while *Portici di Carta* and *Women & the City* promoted, respectively, access to culture and gender equality.
Through the *World Summit on Accessible Tourism – Destinations for All,* Torino demonstrated its commitment to accessibility and inclusion, welcoming delegates from more than 30 countries and fostering international discussion on tourism for all.
Together with initiatives such as *Mondi Lontani, Mondi Vicini,* these events position Torino as a dynamic urban laboratory for rights, intercultural dialogue, and social innovation.
Finally, Torino views its international engagement as a practical expression of solidarity among communities, advancing cooperation, peace, and inclusion through partnerships with cities and regions across several continents. Through these collaborations, the city supports sustainable development initiatives, institutional capacity-building, and programmes aimed at improving the lives of vulnerable populations, including in emergency and crisis situations.

A city of great sport

The sporting year got underway in January with the *32nd Winter World University Games*, which saw more than 1,600 student athletes from 54 countries compete across 13 disciplines. In March, the focus shifted to the social value of sport with the *Special Olympics World Winter Games*. Held in Italy for the first time, this event welcomed 1,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities from 100 countries and delivered a powerful message of inclusion, respect and equal opportunities. In the summer, Torino turned red as it hosted the *Vuelta a España*. This prestigious cycling race, now in its 90th year, attracted thousands of fans and culminated in a spectacular presentation of the 23 participating teams, broadcast to more than 190 countries worldwide. The grand finale came in November with the fifth edition of the *Nitto ATP Finals*. This tournament featured the world's top tennis players and recorded outstanding figures, drawing 230,000 spectators to the Inalpi Arena and engaging the entire city. Beyond the action

on the court, an extensive programme of side events showcased the region's finest offerings. With 60 sold-out tasting experiences and around 100 agri-food companies participating, the tournament evolved into a true celebration of the area's culture, excellence and economy, becoming much more than a sporting event.

A city for young people

The City of Torino promotes youth and academic internationalisation through a comprehensive and integrated policy framework. *International Youth Exchanges*, which are co-funded by the European Union, offer young people valuable learning experiences abroad. These experiences encourage intercultural dialogue, active citizenship and non-formal education on important global issues such as sustainability, human rights and inclusion. Meanwhile, the *Torino University City* initiative strengthens the city's position as a leading international study destination by collaborating closely with local universities and organisations dedicated to supporting students. The initiative's activities are designed to attract talent from around the world, ensuring a high-quality student experience through guidance, information and dedicated welcome and integration services.

A city of innovation

By 2025, Torino had further strengthened its position as a leading European innovation hub, fostering collaboration between public institutions, universities, businesses and civil society. The municipality actively supported projects and pilot initiatives in key areas such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, sustainable mobility and social innovation. Through flagship programmes such as *Torino City Lab* and *CTE NEXT,* the city continued to foster a dynamic innovation ecosystem, creating favourable conditions for start-up growth, entrepreneurship, and attracting international talent. Major events and international cooperation networks facilitated the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and best practices with partner cities across Europe. European Union-funded projects also played a significant role in developing innovative solutions to advance sustainability, social inclusion, and urban competitiveness. Thanks to this integrated, forward-looking approach, Torino continues to stand out as a city that successfully turns innovation and international collaboration into tangible opportunities for economic growth, social development and an improved quality of life for its communities.



FOCUS ON...BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES FOUNDATION

Bloomberg Philanthropies Foundation invests in more than 700 cities across 150 countries, working to improve quality of life through initiatives focused on five key areas: the arts, education, the environment, government innovation, and public health. Funded by the personal and corporate contributions of Michael Bloomberg, entrepreneur and former Mayor of New York City, the foundation supports non-profit projects that help cities address challenges related to skills development, urban planning, education, and sustainability. Since 2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies has also partnered with the City of Torino, supporting programmes and initiatives.

Bloomberg Associates for the New General Master Plan

Since 2023, Bloomberg Associates has supported the City of Torino in developing its New General Master Plan, drawing on the expertise of internationally renowned professionals, such as urban planner Amanda Burden. This initiative aims to establish the rules, guidelines and strategic framework that will influence the city's future development and guide the transformation of its existing urban landscape. This complements the city's broader participatory planning process, which engages residents through initiatives such as *Voci di Quartiere*. It also incorporates the expertise of local universities and professional communities coordinated by *InfraTo*, with support from Compagnia di San Paolo. In December 2025, the City Executive Board approved the preliminary draft of the plan, formally initiating the review and approval process within the City Council at the beginning of 2026.

Supporting Climate Action

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo attended the *2025 World Mayors Summit* in Rio de Janeiro, organised by the C40 Cities network. The event brought together mayors and institutional representatives from around the world with the aim of strengthening the role of cities in addressing the climate crisis. Taking place within the framework of the *Bloomberg Philanthropies COP30 Local Leaders Forum,* the summit offered a vital opportunity for dialogue and collaboration on urban strategies for tackling climate change. The discussions focused on sharing innovative ways of protecting communities, speeding up the ecological transition, promoting social equity, and encouraging sustainable local economic development.

Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative

The City of Torino was selected for the inaugural cohort of the *Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative*, a programme developed by Bloomberg Philanthropies in partnership with the London School of Economics (LSE) and the Hertie School. The initiative brings together 30 mayors and 60 senior officials from 17 European cities, representing more than 21 million residents, with the aim of strengthening urban leadership capabilities and enhancing the effectiveness of public policies. Combining academic learning with hands-on experience, the programme focuses on key urban challenges, including mobility, housing affordability, and opportunities for young people.

In October, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo attended the programme's launch in London, identifying Torino's key challenge as *Urban Balance: where housing, commerce, and city attractiveness meet*. Following the launch, two senior municipal officials took part in an immersive leadership experience in Berlin and subsequently coordinated a multidisciplinary working group of ten additional city managers. Together, they developed a replicable action strategy aimed at guiding commercial transformations across the city to ensure a sustainable balance between economic vitality and neighbourhood liveability, while safeguarding long-term housing opportunities for vulnerable residents and maintaining Torino's attractiveness for students, visitors, and new talent.

Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund / Round 2

In 2025, the City of Torino was once again selected for the *Youth Climate Action Fund*, an initiative supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies in partnership with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation (BCPI) at Johns Hopkins University, with financial administration provided by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA). Alongside a network of cities worldwide, Torino was chosen to provide technical assistance and funding for young people committed to addressing environmental challenges and advancing climate action.

The programme allocates USD 100,000 to support youth-led climate initiatives across 90 cities on five continents. In Torino, the call attracted 33 applications, from which 18 projects were selected. These initiatives were developed by 151 young people aged 18 to 25, with the support of 18 partner organisations.

The selected projects addressed key priorities of Torino's Climate City Contract, including sustainable mobility, the circular economy, energy transition, green infrastructure, and social inclusion, delivering tangible benefits across neighbourhoods and community spaces throughout the city. The programme was supported by a broad outreach and capacity-building campaign developed in partnership with the Neighbourhood Houses Network (Rete delle Case del Quartiere), Torino's universities, and organisations involved in European projects, fostering widespread participation across the city.





INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND RELATIONS

Torino positions itself on the global stage as a city of innovation, combining economic, environmental, and social development with a strong commitment to international solidarity. This strategy is implemented through two complementary areas of action, coordinated by the Mayor's Office through the International Cooperation and Relations Service: internationalisation activities, managed by the International Relations Office, and international development cooperation initiatives, led by the International Cooperation, Peace and Global Citizenship Education Office. European projects are coordinated separately by the Ecological Transition and European Funds Service.
Torino's international profile is further strengthened by the prominent roles held by the Mayor, who serves as National Vice-President of ANCI (the Italian National Association of Municipalities) for European and International Policies, Vice-Chair of the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth initiative, Regional Vice-President of Metropolis, and member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

1. International Relations

The City of Torino strengthens its global presence through a network of 36 partner cities and participation in 27 international municipal networks.

- Objectives: To advance the city's internationalisation strategy, manage high-level institutional relations, and promote exchanges in key areas of municipal expertise, particularly technology, culture, and tourism.
- Key Instruments: bilateral agreements; the granting of honorary citizenships and civic awards; the organisation of institutional missions and the reception of international delegations; ongoing cooperation with the consular corps and international organisations; and support for the city's engagement in international networks.

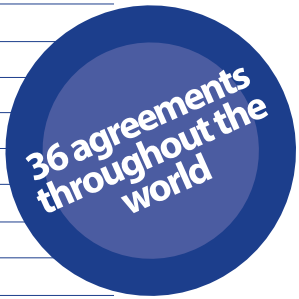
2. International Development Cooperation

With over 25 years of experience, Torino fosters territorial partnerships aimed at promoting sustainable and inclusive development. These activities are guided by the City's 2021–2026 Programme Guidelines and by dedicated municipal strategic frameworks approved by the City Executive Board in 2022, 2023, and 2025.

- Objectives: decentralised (or territorial) cooperation as a distinctive form of international development cooperation carried out by regional and local authorities through territorial partnerships with local institutions in partner countries, wherever possible involving counterpart organisations with similar responsibilities and functions. In line with Italy's Law No. 125/2014, these partnerships are designed to foster mutual, equitable, and sustainable development, while promoting peace, human rights, and international solidarity.
- Key Instruments: strategic partnerships established through Memoranda of Understanding with CODIASCO (Coordination of Diasporas for Development Cooperation), CO.CO.PA. (Coordination of Municipalities for Peace), leading academic and institutional organisations across Piedmont, and other development stakeholders. Activities also encompass international development cooperation projects, Global Citizenship Education initiatives, the management of partnerships with counterpart cities in partner countries, and the promotion of the "We Share a Common World" Award.

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)
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)
Yangon | Myanmar | Agreement (2015)
Zlín | Czech Republic | Agreement (2004)



In 2025, the City of Torino celebrated the 40th anniversary of its twin-city partnership with Shenyang, China. Established in 1985, the relationship has evolved over the decades through cultural exchanges, economic cooperation, educational initiatives, and enduring ties between the two communities.

The milestone was marked by an official meeting at Torino City Hall, attended by Vice Mayor Michela Favaro, Shenyang Mayor Lyu Zhicheng, representatives from Shenyang's Foreign Affairs and Commerce Departments, and the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Milan. The occasion provided an opportunity to reaffirm the shared characteristics of the two cities, both distinguished by a strong industrial heritage and a growing commitment to innovation and sustainability, while highlighting the many areas of collaboration developed over the years, including educational exchanges, cultural partnerships, events dedicated to music, design, and gastronomy, as well as joint initiatives in the fields of the automotive industry and urban regeneration.

During the meeting, the Shenyang delegation expressed its interest in further expanding the partnership, proposing the formalization of new exchange programmes in the fields of youth engagement, culture, sport, and tourism, and extending an invitation to the City of Torino for a future institutional visit. Torino reaffirmed its commitment to continuing and strengthening the collaboration, with a particular focus on technological innovation, smart mobility, green technologies, and cultural exchanges. The city underscored the strategic value of the twinning agreement as a platform for enhancing international relations, fostering mutual growth, and creating new opportunities for cooperation between the two cities.



To mark the 20th anniversary of the twin-city partnership between the City of Torino and the City of Nagoya, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo welcomed an official delegation led by Mayor Ichiro Hirosawa and City Council President Hisashi Nishikawa.

The meeting reaffirmed the strength of a partnership established in 2005 during Expo Aichi and steadily reinforced through institutional exchanges, joint projects, and cooperation in the fields of culture, education, and technology. Rooted in a shared industrial heritage and a common commitment to innovation, education, and culture, the partnership is also reflected in lasting symbols of friendship between the two cities: the playground donated by Torino to Nagoya in 2010 and the thirty Sakura cherry trees planted in Parco del Valentino, gifted by a Japanese delegation in 2011 to mark the 150th anniversary of Italy's unification.

During its visit to Torino, the Nagoya delegation took part in a comprehensive programme of meetings, educational activities, and cultural visits. Highlights included an exhibition of drawings created by students from Nagoya and displayed at the Unified Information Point, the outcome of an exchange project with the Leone Sinigaglia and Ada Negri schools. The delegation also visited the Teatro Regio, the Convitto Nazionale Umberto I, which has hosted Japanese students since 2023, and the Politecnico di Torino, with additional visits scheduled to the Egyptian Museum and the GAM – Civic Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art. Other notable moments included participation in *Degustando Washoku*, a public event hosted at Green Pea celebrating the meeting of Italian and Japanese culinary traditions, as well as *MUSUBI: Torino and Nagoya, Bonds Between Cities and Cultures*, held at the Polo del '900.

Relations between the two cities will continue to grow through major international cultural initiatives. In 2027, the Teatro Regio will host a concert by the Nagoya Philharmonic Orchestra, while the Nagoya City Museum will inaugurate an exhibition dedicated to Antonio Fontanesi, featuring works from the collections of Torino's GAM, to mark the 150th anniversary of the artist's arrival in Japan.





FOCUS ON...CÓRDOBA AND ROSARIO

During an institutional mission to Argentina in September, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo, accompanied by delegations from the Metropolitan City of Torino and the Politecnico di Torino, led by Rector Stefano Corgnati, conducted official visits to the cities of Córdoba and Rosario.

In Córdoba, which has been twinned with Torino since 1986, Mayor Lo Russo met with his Argentine counterpart, Mayor Daniel Passerini, and formally launched the celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the partnership between the two cities. A subsequent meeting with Vice Governor Myrian Prunotto led to the signing of a Letter of Intent aimed at strengthening and expanding cooperation between the Province of Córdoba, the City of Torino, and the Metropolitan City of Torino. On the same occasion, Mayor Lo Russo was presented with the *Best Practice in Citizen Participation* award, conferred during the 24th Conference of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy in recognition of the *Voci di Quartiere* project.

The delegation also met with the local Piedmontese community, represented by numerous associations, including CePiT (Piedmont Centre for Technological Innovation), FAPA (Federation of Piedmontese Associations in Argentina), and Afapieco (Piedmontese Family Association of Córdoba). Their presence stands as a testament to the enduring cultural and historical ties that have connected the two sides of the Atlantic for generations.

In Rosario, the delegation was welcomed by Mayor Pablo Javkin and explored a range of opportunities for cooperation in the fields of governance, urban development, and social policy. The Argentine city has long-standing links with Torino: in 2011, the two administrations signed a Friendship Protocol to promote joint initiatives in areas including urban decentralisation, local democracy, territorial planning and development, education and training, as well as youth, social, cultural, and environmental policies. The partnership was further strengthened in 2013 through a Letter of Intent and, more recently, through the signing of a new agreement in September 2025, representing a significant step towards a future twinning agreement between the two cities.

TWINNING INITIATIVES

GLASGOW | 5 and 28 January | Musical exchanges

The Glasgow-based 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.

LOUGA | February | Reti al Lavoro and Louga PROPRE projects

A technical delegation from the City of Torino travelled to Louga to take part in the closing event of the *Reti al Lavoro* project and the launch of the *Louga PROPRE* project, which was also presented in Torino as part of the initiatives organised to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Senegal's independence.

CHAMBÉRY | 17 – 18 March | Culture Directorate delegation

A delegation made up of representatives of the Chambéry Culture Directorate went to Torino for a series of meetings and exchanges with technicians and directors of important Torino's cultural institutions.

NAGOYA | 21 – 27 March | Students 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.



PRAIA | May | Sabor Cabo Verde and Pra.To projects

A technical delegation from the City of Torino together with project partners Slow Food and Codiasco, took part in a monitoring mission for the *Sabor Cabo Verde* project and in the ex post evaluation of the *Pra.To* project, both co-funded by the Piedmont Region.

LVIV | 26 – 27 May | Delegation from the Educational Services Department

A delegation from Lviv travelled to Torino to learn about the city's educational initiatives and best practices through meetings and technical visits with local stakeholders.

CÓRDOBA | 12 – 13 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 | 8 July | Students delegation

Carlotta Salerno, Deputy Mayor for Suburbs and Urban Regeneration Projects, Education and Youth Policies, and Educational Services, met with a delegation of students from Lyon at City Hall. The students were participating in the project *Europe in the heart of my city*, which aims to raise awareness of the European Union and foster active European citizenship.

GWANGJU | 21 – 23 August | Students delegation

As part of the Cooperation Pact between the two cities, a delegation of students from Chonnam National University in Gwangju performed a concert at the archaeological site of the Roman Theatre within the Royal Museums complex. The concert formed part of the summer programme of the *Torino crocevia di sonorità* (Torino: A Crossroads of Sounds) festival, organised by the Conservatorio di Torino.

BETHLEHEM | 12 September | APLA delegation

At City Hall, Stefano Lo Russo, Mayor of Torino and ANCI Vice President for European and International Affairs, met with a delegation from the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA).

BETHLEHEM | 23 – 24 September | AKLI Baladi project

The City of Torino hosted the kick-off meeting of the AKLI Baladi project at City Hall, where Mayor Stefano Lo Russo met with Bethlehem Mayor Maher Canawati.

COLOGNE | 2 October | Twinning Association

Maria Grazia Grippo, Chairwoman of the City Council, welcomed the President and several members of the Cologne-Torino Twinning Association (Freunde der Städtepartnerschaft Köln-Turin) for an institutional meeting.

LYON | 25 October | Viva Verdi concert

Conducted by Maestro Andrea Battistoni, the Orchestra and Chorus of the Teatro Regio performed *Viva Verdi* at the Auditorium of the Orchestre National de Lyon, attended by Torino's Deputy Mayor for Culture, Rosanna Purchia.



NAGOYA | 18 – 30 November | 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 47th edition of the *Sister and Friendship City Youth Painting and Calligraphy Art Exhibition*.

FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

The City's extensive international relations, together with its collaboration with Consulates and Embassies operating in the local area, encourages a steady flow of visits by delegations from foreign cities and countries to Torino. In 2025, the City of Torino carried out an intense welcoming activity, receiving 64 international delegations coming from 33 countries.

As a confirmation of its lively and fruitful relations with its sister cities, Torino hosted, among others, Stéphane Auguste Gbeuly - Mayor of Daloa, Ihor Terekhov – Mayor of Kharkiv, Kazuhisa Takeuchi - Mayor of Kitakyushu, José Gabriel Garcia Bernabé - Mayor of Alguazas, Zhang Wenjie - Mayor of the Municipality of Wenzhou, Yang Deting - Mayor of Wencheng, Lyu Zhicheng - Mayor of Shenyang, Ichiro Hirosawa - Mayor of Nagoya. Additionally, as part of the AKli Baladi project, Torino welcomed Maher Canawati - Mayor of Bethlehem, Abd Al-Kareem Zubaidi - Mayor of Salfit, Husam Shakhsir - Mayor of Nablus, Mahmoud Barham - Mayor of Beita, Abd Al-Kareem Sedir - Mayor of Jericho, and Ghassan Qabaha - Mayor of Barta'a.

The City also welcomed technical delegations from Buenos Aires, Campo Grande, Chambéry, Cologne, Córdoba, Glasgow, Gwangju, Ho Chi Minh City, Lviv, Lyon, Havana, Montpellier, Nagoya, Nice, Tashkent, and Samcheok.
Among the many distinguished guests received by the City were prominent international personalities, including the President of the European Parliament, the President of the European Innovation Council (EIC), the Cultural Secretary of the International Italian Latin American Organization (IILA), and the Executive Vice-President of the European Commission.



MISSIONS ABROAD

International missions are undertaken to strengthen the City's global standing and attract resources to the local area, as part of a broader strategy to promote the territory on the international stage. These activities are carried out within the framework of Torino's participation in international networks, inter-municipal associations, twinning arrangements, institutional agreements, international projects, and international recognitions.
The following institutional missions in 2025 were attended by the Mayor or by the competent Deputy Mayors acting under delegated authority:

Tashkent | January 26 – 29

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo led a mission to Tashkent together with the Politecnico di Torino, the Industrial Union of Torino, the Torino Chamber of Commerce and the Iren Group to discuss collaborative projects in the fields of education, research, industry, energy and culture. The delegation also met with Italy's Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Piergabriele Papadia de Bottini, and the Mayor of Tashkent, Shavkat Umurzakov.



Lyon | February 6

Deputy Mayor for Urban Planning and Major Infrastructure Projects Paolo Mazzoleni, together with representatives of the Piedmont Region, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur regions, and the Piedmont Mobility Agency, took part in the first steering committee meeting as part of a study focused on planning multimodal mobility across the areas affected by the opening of the Torino-Lyon base tunnel.

Nice | February 7

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part in the second meeting of the Italian-French Cross-Border Cooperation Committee, established under the Quirinal Treaty and organised by the Italian and French Ministries of Foreign Affairs, which was held in Nice. Among the many international cooperation initiatives involving the two countries, the meeting laid the groundwork for collaboration in preparation for the *French Alps Winter Olympics*. Mayor Lo Russo also met with Christian Estrosi, Mayor of Nice and President of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolitan Area.



Lyon | February 18

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo and Piedmont Region President Alberto Cirio attended the ceremony in Lyon marking the establishment of the Organising Committee for the French Alps 2030 Winter Olympics, scheduled to take place from 1 to 17 February 2030. Torino and the Piedmont Region have put forward their bid to host the speed skating events for the Games.

Athens | February 24 – 26

The Flame of Hope and Inclusion was lit in the heart of Athens, marking the start of the journey towards the *Special Olympics World Winter Games Torino 2025*. The official ceremony was attended by senior institutional representatives, including Torino Mayor Stefano Lo Russo. During the mission, Mayor Lo Russo also met with Greece's Minister of Tourism, Olga Kefalogianni, to promote tourism exchanges and strengthen direct air connections between Torino and Athens.

Cannes | March 11 – 14

On the opening day of *MIPIM*, the international real estate market exhibition, the City of Torino, represented by Deputy Mayor for Urban Planning Paolo Mazzoleni, was recognised as the sixth-best large European city for its investment attraction strategy.



Paris | April 14 – 15

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo spoke as a panelist during the *Urban Days* session entitled *Cities for All Ages*, which focused on demographic decline, population ageing, and the need for inclusive policies that support people of all generations. During the event, Mayor Lo Russo was also appointed to the Steering Group of the OECD Champion Mayors initiative, the global network dedicated to advancing economic cooperation and development.



Doha | April 20 – 24

As part of the *Qatar Creates* programme, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part as a speaker in the panel discussion *Driving Urban Futures: The Role of Cultural Industries in Shaping Cities*. He also attended the opening of the Superleggera exhibition, developed in collaboration with Torino's National Automobile Museum and Qatar Auto Museums.

Michigan | April 22 – 25

Vice Mayor Michela Favaro attended the *VTM Michigan* convention alongside key representatives from Torino's automotive sector. The mission also included institutional meetings and discussions with leading figures from the North American automotive industry. The event provided an important opportunity to showcase Piedmont's strengths and highlight Torino's attractiveness as a hub for investment, innovation, and industrial development.



Riyadh | May 11 – 13

At the invitation of the Mayor of Riyadh and the organisers AUDI (Arab Urban Development Institute) and Metropolis, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part in the inaugural *Arab European Cities Dialogue*, a platform aimed at strengthening cooperation between Arab and European cities by fostering dialogue, knowledge exchange and the development of sustainable urban futures. More than 120 cities and over 50 international organisations gathered to promote sustainable, resilient and inclusive urban development. Mayor Lo Russo spoke during the plenary session on the digital transformation of urban governance, where he showcased best practices such as the development of Torino's digital twin and outlined the city's vision for the digital transition. He shared the stage with the Mayor of Ramallah (Palestinian

Territories), the Mayor of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and the Director General of Manama (Bahrain).
On the sidelines of the event, Mayor Lo Russo also held bilateral meetings with the Mayor of Riyadh, Prince Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Muqrin, and with Deputy Mayor Faouzi Achbar, who is responsible for smart city initiatives.



Kiyv | June 5 – 6

At the invitation of the Ukrainian government, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo — who is also Vice President of ANCI (the Italian National Association of Municipalities) — took part in the second day of the *Third International Summit of European Cities and Regions*. The summit was held under the theme of *United for Peace and Security*. While in the Ukrainian capital, he also held a series of meetings to reaffirm the commitment of public institutions to international cooperation and solidarity with the Ukrainian community affected by the war. During a meeting at the Italian embassy with Kharkiv's Mayor, Ihor Terekhov, Mayor Lo Russo announced the immediate availability of around ten buses donated by GTT, along with the necessary spare parts for maintenance. These vehicles will help to restore public transport services in the area and provide essential support to those who have remained in the city.

Gdańsk | June 16

Deputy Mayor for Legality and Security, Marco Porcedda, participated in the General Assembly of the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS), which was held in Gdańsk. During the assembly, the City of Torino's membership of the EFUS Executive Committee was formally ratified. The assembly coincided with the final conference of the European PACTESUR2 project, which focuses on protecting public spaces by strengthening the development and implementation of good local-level practices through specialised training and expertise exchange.

Kraków | June 17 – 19

The Mayor of Torino, who is also Vice President of ANCI (the Italian National Association of Municipalities), attended the sixth *European Cities Forum* in Kraków. The event provided an opportunity to review European policies and funding instruments that support urban development, while encouraging local leaders to share best practices and discuss issues such as the green transition, urban regeneration, and social cohesion. On the second day of the Forum, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo opened the session entitled *Inclusive Urban Futures: Driving Growth through Equity and Opportunity.*

Budapest | June 28

Deputy Mayor for Social Policies and Equal Opportunities, Jacopo Rosatelli, took part in the *Budapest Pride 2025* march. While in the Hungarian capital, he also held a few institutional meetings and engaged in cultural exchanges. Deputy Mayor Rosatelli met with Manuel Jacoangeli, Italy's Ambassador to Hungary, and Gergely Karácsony, the Mayor of Budapest. He also attended the diplomatic reception held at Budapest City Hall, which brought together representatives of the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament, mayors and local government officials from numerous European cities.

New York | July 13 – 17

As part of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo travelled to New York to participate in a plenary session titled *Delivering Results for Residents*, where he spoke as a panellist. During the session, he shared Torino's experience of administrative innovation, data-driven governance, sustainability, and urban regeneration. The European Commission has recognised Torino's achievements in these areas by awarding it the title of *European Capital of Innovation 2024*.

Nice | July 15 – 17

Deputy Mayor for Legality and Security Marco Porcedda travelled to Nice with several members of the local police to strengthen cooperation on urban security issues within the framework of the PACTESUR2 project and launch the new Digipol Academy European project.

Vilnius | July 24 – 26

Marco Porcedda, Deputy Mayor for Legality and Security, travelled to Vilnius with several Local Police officers to continue collaborating on urban security issues within the framework of the PACTESUR2 project.

London | July 30 – 31

Chiara Foglietta, Deputy Mayor for Ecological and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies and Innovation, and Alessandra Cimadom, Director General of the City of Torino, presented the guide *Innovation Districts and Local Communities*, developed by Bloomberg Associates in collaboration with London-based institutions. The event brought together public officials, academics, private sector representatives and local community members to discuss urban development models driven by innovation and inclusion.

Argentina | Córdoba, Rosario, Buenos Aires | August 31 – September 7

An institutional mission to Argentina was carried out by Mayor Stefano Lo Russo, together with a delegation from the Metropolitan City of Torino and a delegation from the Politecnico di Torino led by Rector Stefano Corgnati, intending to strengthen relations with the cities of Córdoba, Rosario, and Buenos Aires. The mission's objectives included promoting Torino as a centre for innovation and culture, fostering academic partnerships, creating new opportunities for cooperation across various sectors, strengthening historic ties with the Italian community, particularly the Piedmontese diaspora in Argentina, and consolidating institutional relations with Córdoba and Rosario, with which two cooperation agreements were signed.

Japan | Nagoya, Tokyo, Osaka | September 24 – October 3

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo travelled to Japan to take part in the celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the Friendship Agreement with the City of Nagoya, the inauguration of the new Politecnico di Torino Japan Hub in Tokyo, and the Piedmont Region's week at Expo 2025 Osaka. The programme included institutional meetings with several important Japanese figures, including Nagoya Mayor Ichiro Hirosawa, Nagoya City Council President Hisashi Nishikawa, Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike and Filippo Manara, the Italian Consul General in Osaka. As Vice President of ANCI (the National Association of Italian Municipalities), Mayor Lo Russo also met Takashi Watanabe, Vice President of the Japan Association of City Mayors and Mayor of Higashi-Murayama. The trip also included cultural and musical events, meetings with representatives from Japan's business and academic communities, and visits to key companies to support internationalisation efforts and attract new investment opportunities to Torino.



London | October 5 – 9

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part in London in the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative, a programme designed for 30 European Mayors and 60 senior municipal executives, which is funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and delivered by LSE Cities at the London School of Economics and Political Science in collaboration with the Hertie School in Berlin. The challenge chosen by the City of Torino was *Urban Balance: where housing, commerce, and the city's attractiveness intersect.*

Lyon | October 25

Rosanna Purchia, Deputy Mayor for Culture, attended Viva Verdi, a concert performed by the Orchestra and Chorus of the Teatro *Regio di Torino* under the direction of Maestro Andrea Battistoni and held at the Auditorium of the Orchestre National de Lyon. The event presented a valuable opportunity to foster closer cultural ties between Torino and Lyon.

Rio de Janeiro | November 3 – 5

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part in the *C40 World Mayors Summit,* which was held as part of the *Bloomberg Philanthropies COP30 Local Leaders Forum*. The summit emphasised the vital role of cities in global climate negotiations and brought local priorities to the forefront of the COP30 agenda. Mayor Lo Russo participated in the panel discussion *Energy Transition in Practice: Decarbonising Cities by 2030 and in the European Mayors United: Strengthening Europe's Role in a Changing World,* which focused on enhancing cooperation among European cities and advancing shared solutions to climate and urban challenges.



Barcelona | November 5 – 7

The City of Torino was named Top MaaS City at the *2025 MaaS Star Awards*, which recognise the world's most innovative Mobility as a Service (MaaS) projects. Chiara Foglietta, Deputy Mayor for Ecological and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies and Innovation, attended the award ceremony, which took place during the *Smart City Expo World Congress* in Barcelona.

Lyon | December 3 – 5

Francesco Tresso, Deputy Mayor for Civil Protection, Public Green Spaces, and Riverbanks, attended *Paysalia* one of Europe's leading trade fairs dedicated to landscape design, urban greenery, and public space planning. This visit presented a valuable opportunity to engage with local government representatives, industry professionals and businesses, focusing on innovative approaches to the sustainable management of green spaces, climate resilience and the enhancement of urban environments.

HONOURS

Under Article 7 of the Charter of the City of Torino, the City Council may, by means of a reasoned motion, confer the City's highest civic honours: Honorary Citizenship, the Civic Seal, and the Civic Merit Award. These honours are bestowed upon individuals deemed worthy of special recognition for their contributions in the social, political, civic, or religious spheres, or for exemplifying a life inspired by the principles of peace, justice, and solidarity.

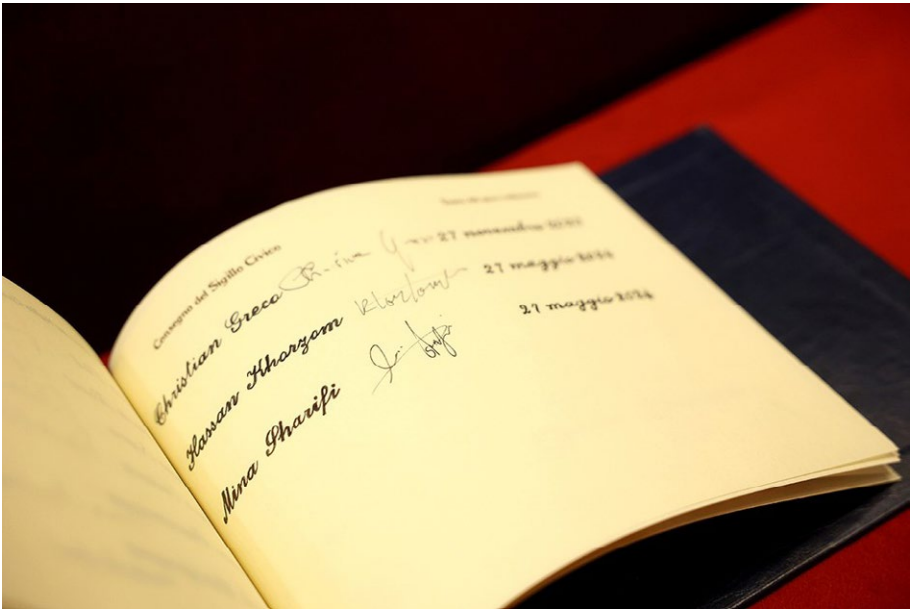
Honorary Citizenship may be conferred upon distinguished Italian or foreign nationals who are not residents of Torino. When awarded to internationally prominent figures, this honour is often linked to a twinning arrangement or institutional partnership agreement, either preceding or following its formal establishment. Notable recipients include Rigoberta Menchú, Taty Almeida, and Aung San Suu Kyi.

The following is a list of foreign Honorary Citizens:

Sepideh GHOLIAN
Julio GUERRA IZQUIERDO
Ban KI-MOON
Jorge Mario Bergoglio - Pope Francis
Paul RUSESABAGINA
International Labour Organization – ILO
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 CLARKII

The **Civic Seal**, by contrast, may be conferred upon residents of Torino who have distinguished themselves through exceptional achievements and have contributed to enhancing the city's prestige.

On 27 May, the City Council conferred the honour on Hassan Khorzom, described as “a symbol of the reintegration and social inclusion of war refugees”, and on Mina Sharifi, “an advocate for the right to education in Afghanistan”.



The **Civic Merit Award** is a civic honour granted as a mark of the City's appreciation and recognition of individuals and organisations that have distinguished themselves through meritorious actions benefiting the Torino community.

On 16 June, the President of the City Council and the Mayor conferred the Civic Merit Award on:

- Navid Tarazi, a young Iranian photographer and student at the Politecnico di Torino, founder of the *DoggoDaily* project, which uses social media to promote animal welfare, encourage responsible pet adoption, and raise funds to support shelters and dogs in need.

- James Erupakkattu, a yoga teacher and founder of the Yoga Shanti School in Torino, who has spent more than 35 years promoting events throughout Italy aimed at fostering dialogue between Indian traditions and Western culture. During the 2020 public health emergency, he provided more than 200 hours of free online classes, offering tangible support to the community and helping many people find balance and wellbeing through yoga.

CONSULAR CORPS

Torino hosts one of the largest and most active Consular Corps in Italy, comprising 3 Consulates General and 47 Honorary Consulates. It plays a central role in promoting economic and cultural cooperation between the countries represented and the local communities of Piedmont and the Aosta Valley Regions.

CONSULATES GENERAL

Morocco
Peru
Romania

HONORARY CONSULATES

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

Among the main events that involved the consulates in the area over the year, the following should be highlighted:

May 5

Inauguration of the new premises of the Honorary Consulate of the Slovak Republic in Torino, attended by His Excellency Peter Pellegrini, President of the Slovak Republic and Honorary Consul Stefano Buono.

May 7

Appointment of Paolo Pomé as Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Thailand in Torino.

May 9

Piano concert organized by the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, together with the Polish community of Torino, at the Italo Calvino Library on the National Constitution Day.

June 3

Reopening ceremony of the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Belgium in Torino and installation of Consul Giovanni Vittorio Giunipero di Corteranzo.

June 10

On the annual reception of the Consular Corps of Torino, the conference T*he Consulates of the Kingdom of Sardinia in the Mediterranean* was held, organized by the Subalpine Deputation of National History. The event was attended by local authorities as well as the Consuls General and Honorary Consuls for the Piedmont area.

July 8 – 11

Red and White Week, an initiative dedicated to promoting Peruvian gastronomy, was organized by the Consulate General of Peru on the Independence Day and under the patronage of the City of Torino. During the event, four Peruvian restaurants organized cooking workshops and offered special menus, providing the public with an opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of Peru's national culinary tradition.

International territorial cooperation projects for sustainable development

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

AKLI BALADI
Local food policies for Italian and Palestinian cities

WORKING CORRIDORS: FROM PROJECTS TO PROCESS

E.S.P.R.I.T.
Exchanges between public services in the network for work inclusion in Senegal

LOUGA VILLE P.R.O.PR.E
Collection, disposal, and composting of waste in Senegal

NETWORKS AT WORK
Shared paths for young people and women in Senegal

SABOR CABO VERDE
Local food and green policies between Torino and Praia

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

INNOVATION IS COMPETITIVENESS
Training and networking paths for Diaspora Communities in Torino

REGIONE 4.7
Regions for educating the global citizenship

The project, funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), aims to promote inclusive, sustainable, and resilient urban food policies in the governorates of Bethlehem, Beit Jala, and Jericho in the West Bank. The initiative stems from the collaboration between Italian cities and their twinned Palestinian municipalities. Activities are structured around three main areas: strengthening rural-urban links; enhancing the governance capacity of Palestinian local authorities and their multi-stakeholder networks, in coordination with their Italian counterparts; and developing educational and training opportunities on urban food policies in the West Bank.
The strategy is being implemented through a partnership of cities, associations, universities, and civil society organizations from Italy and Palestine, with a total investment of approximately €1.75 million, more than 90% of which is funded by AICS. The project will run for 36 months, starting on September 1st, 2025.

PARTNERS

City of Torino (lead partner), City of Assisi, City of Bergamo, City of Bra, City of Caltagirone, City of Pavia, City of Reggio Emilia, City of Sesto Fiorentino, National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI) Lombardia, FELCOS Umbria – Fund of Local Authorities for Decentralized Cooperation and Sustainable Human Development, Confcooperative Bergamo, Slow Food Italy, University of Torino, University of Pavia, Municipality of Beit Jala, Municipality of Bethlehem, Municipality of Jericho, Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA), Arab Center for Agricultural Development (ACAD), Bethlehem University.

ACTIVITIES IN 2025

On September 12, Torino City Hall hosted a meeting between Stefano Lo Russo, Mayor of Torino and ANCI Vice-President for European and International Policies, and a delegation from the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA), a partner in the Akli Baladi project. The delegation included: Abd Al-Kareem Zubaidi, President of APLA and Mayor of Salfit; Abdallah Anati, Executive Director of APLA; Husam Shakhsir, Mayor of Nablus; Mahmoud Barham, Mayor of Beita; Abd Al-Kareem Sedir, Mayor of Jericho; Ghassan Qabaha, Mayor of Barta'a and Mohammed Isayed, Executive Director of the Municipality of Jericho. The visit to Torino took place just a few days after the closing event of the international cooperation project L.A.N.D. in Perugia. The meeting was also inspired by the City of Torino's participation in the Arab European Cities Dialogue in Riyadh, which focused on strengthening cooperation and dialogue between European and Arab cities.
On September 23 and 24, the City of Torino organized the project's kick-off meeting at the City Hall, during which Mayor Lo Russo met with the Mayor of Bethlehem, Maher Canawati. The kick-off meeting was preceded by a presentation of the project within the framework of Cheese, the international event organized by the City of Bra and Slow Food.

The project aims to support Senegalese Local Authorities in developing strategies to offer greater employment opportunities for young people and women. The initiative involves five territorial partnerships: Louga–Torino; Thiès Ouest–Cuneo; Coubalan–Asti; Ronkh–Carmagnola; and Pikine Est–Sardinia Region, as well as local civil society organizations. The main beneficiaries are local authorities, public officials, employment and entrepreneurship service providers, and young people and women in the target areas.
The activities are structured around three main pillars:

- Strengthening local governance and permanent consultation frameworks on active labour market policies in the intervention areas;
- Promoting inclusive access to employment and the creation of decent work, through the implementation and support of local services aimed at improving the employability of young people and women;
- Expanding and consolidating the network of public services and territorial partnerships, by promoting best practices and addressing the challenges of the 2030 Agenda at the local level.

PARTNERS
Autonomous Region of Sardinia, City of Torino, City of Asti, City of Cuneo, City of Carmagnola, ENAIP Piemonte, RE.TE (non-profit), CISV (Community Commitment Volunteer Service), LVIA (Lay Volunteer International Association), Comitato Pavia Asti Senegal onlus (Pavia Asti Senegal Committee), ENGIM Piemonte, CISAO – Università degli Studi di Torino (Interdepartmental Centre of Research and Technical and Scientific Cooperation with Africa), ITC–ILO Torino, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Coordinamento Comuni per la Pace (Coordination of Municipalities for Peace), ANCI Piemonte, Consorzio delle Ong Piemontesi, City of Thiès, City of East Pikine, City of Louga, City of Koubalan, City of Ronhk, CEFAM, KDES Association.

PERIOD
01/05/2022 – 30/04/2025

FUNDING
1,750,240.00 € out of which 1,400,000.00 € by AICS

ACTIVITIES IN 2025
The training, internship, and start-up support activities on solar energy, automotive diagnostics, poultry farming, infographics, and the processing of local products have been successfully completed. The Louga local consultation framework has been institutionalized as a permanent mechanism, providing a stable platform for dialogue and support to employment and vocational training policies. The service centres of the Municipality of Louga and the CEFAM training hub have been strengthened.
In February, the City of Torino took part in the project's final meeting in Thiès, contributing to the presentation of lessons learned, supporting the monitoring activities carried out by AICS, and visiting the service centres and start-ups established through the project.

TORINO - DALOA

The project aims to strengthen institutional relations between cities in the Piedmont Region and municipalities in the Ivory Coast by establishing a territorial partnership between Torino and Daloa. It also includes an institutional capacity-building programme involving civil society organizations, as well as the strengthening of initiatives designed to support women and children in Daloa.

PARTNERS

City of Torino (lead partner), City of Daloa, Co.Co.Pa – Coordination of Municipalities for Peace, AMMI, Malaika Angels non-profit, Missione Consolata onlus (a missionary group), Gruppo Abele (Abele Group), Panafricando Association.

BENEFICIARIES

Approximately 50 vulnerable women participated in painting, writing, reading, and tailoring workshops aimed at improving their skills and encouraging their social inclusion in Daloa. Around 50 students in Daloa facing food insecurity benefited from training and food assistance. The project is also strengthening institutional relations among partners and donors while contributing to the improvement of local policies.

ACTIVITIES IN 2025

The latest institutional capacity-building activities included the organization of a webinar between the two municipalities, a solidarity and cultural dinner organized by Co.Co.Pa., a series of awareness-raising events held during the Panafrican Festival, and the completion of the activities planned within the workshops for women and children in Daloa.

Several delegations from the Ivory Coast visited Piedmont and met with public and private stakeholders, thereby strengthening institutional, economic, cultural, and academic ties. During one of these visits, a meeting took place between Stefano Lo Russo, Mayor of Torino, and Gbeuly Stéphane Auguste, Mayor of Daloa, as well as the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Torino and the Jean Lorougnon Guédé University of Daloa.



REGIONE 4.7
Territories for Global Citizenship Education (GCE)

The initiative, funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), aims to promote the dissemination of Global Citizenship Education (GCE), strengthening the concept of citizenship as belonging to a global community and as an expression of international solidarity.

The project is structured around three main areas of intervention:

- Establishing and implementing a regional governance system that adapts and pilots the national strategy, integrating it with international cooperation instruments and strategies, sustainable development objectives, and the 2030 Agenda;
- Testing effective practices to foster the cognitive, socio-emotional, and behavioural competencies of teachers and students;
- Increasing the integration of GCE into the actions of educational communities, with the aim of building a shared vision for sustainability and international solidarity, in cooperation with local institutions.

PARTNERS

Piedmont Region (lead partner); USR Piemonte – Piedmont Regional School Office; IRES Piemonte – Piedmont Institute for Economic and Social Research; University of Torino; ANCI Piemonte – Piedmont Section of the National Association of Italian Municipalities; Metropolitan City of Torino and Co.Co.Pa – Coordination of Municipalities for Peace; COP ETS – Consortium of Piedmontese NGOs; ACMOS – Aggregation, Awareness-Raising and Social Mobilisation, MOvimentazione Sociale; C.I.FA. ETS – International Centre for Childhood and Family; MAIS – Movement for Self-Development, Interchange and Solidarity; Association of technicians for solidarity and international cooperation – NGO network; Amici del Mondo – World Friends Onlus; ISCOS Piemonte – Trade Union Institute for Development Cooperation; ENGIM PIEMONTE ETS; APDAM – A Proposito di Altri Mondi Social Entreprise; ASHAR GAN Onlus; EUFEMIA Cultural Association; RENKEN Onlus; CODIASCO – Diaspora Coordination for International Cooperation in Piedmont.

BENEFICIARIES

Educational institutions, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), local authorities, public officials, teachers, students, and citizens in the territories involved.

ACTIVITIES IN 2025

The City of Torino established an interdepartmental working group, involving the International Cooperation and Peace Office of the Mayor's Cabinet and ITER – Torino Institution for Responsible Education, with the aim of adding value to Global Citizenship Education (GCE) initiatives.

The process resulted in three main achievements:

- Approval of *Torino for GCE*, a three-year strategic framework document on Global Citizenship Education in Torino for the period 2025–2027. The document identifies the following priority themes: education, peace and global security; gender, intersectionality, diversity and anti-racism; sustainable food systems, circularity and climate justice; partnerships and networks;
- Creation of a dedicated section within the *Growing Up in the City* (Crescere in Città) catalogue, bringing together educational opportunities related to Global Citizenship Education;
- Continuation of the interdepartmental working group, responsible for implementing the strategic framework and monitoring the activities promoted.

Over the last decade, Torino and Bethlehem have developed many cooperation projects, including Akli Baladi, an initiative aimed at promoting sustainable and resilient urban food policies in the West Bank, with particular attention to city markets and the olive oil, honey and date value chains. Project partners include APLA (Association of Palestinian Local Authorities), the Municipalities of Jericho and Beit Jala, as well as several Italian and Palestinian institutions.

In April, the International Cooperation, Peace and Global Citizenship Education Service of the Mayor's Office organized a workshop entitled International *Cooperation Behind the Scenes of a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Taking care of squares, streets, mosaics, and churches.* During the event, the results and impact of several international cooperation projects promoted by the City of Torino were presented. These projects, in addition to improving living conditions of communities in the Holy Land, contributed to enhancing the accessibility of pilgrimage routes and the preservation of cultural heritage sites linked to religious traditions. Emphasis was placed on the role of vocational training for young people and on the importance of cooperation projects that accompany religious pilgrimages, highlighting how these efforts support both the quality of pilgrimage routes and local development.

In September, the Mayor of Torino and ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities) Vice President Stefano Lo Russo, welcomed a large delegation from the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA). On the kick-off meeting of the Akli Baladi project, he also met at the City Hall with Maher Canawati, Mayor of Bethlehem and APLA Vice President. These meetings were apart of the objectives behind the City of Torino's participation in the *Arab European Cities Dialogue* in Riyadh, an initiative dedicated to strengthening cooperation and dialogue between European and Arab cities, attended by several members of the Palestinian delegation.



In 2025 the City of Torino strengthened institutional, cultural, and academic relationships with Argentina, promoting strategic dialogue and opportunities for multi-level cooperation.

In September, Mayor Lo Russo led an institutional mission accompanied by a delegation from the Metropolitan City and the Politecnico di Torino, aiming to consolidate relations with Argentina's major cities and positioning Torino as an international hub for innovation, culture, sustainability, tourism, research, and higher education. During the mission, the delegation held meetings with representatives from Buenos Aires, including the Mayor of the Autonomous City Jorge Macri, and supported the Politecnico di Torino in setting up agreements with local universities such as the Buenos Aires Technological Institute, the National University of Córdoba, and the National University of Rosario. These discussions highlighted new opportunities for academic collaboration and exchange programs for students and researchers.

The visit also strengthened the long-standing ties with the large Piedmontese community in Argentina, bonds that are deeply valued and actively preserved by local associations. These historical connections are one of the main reasons for the twinning with Córdoba and the Cooperation Agreement with Rosario, further reinforced through the signing of new institutional protocols.

Particularly significant were the meetings held with some Argentine cultural institutions, including the Museo Nacional de la Inmigración (MUNTREF), dedicated to the history of migrations to Argentina, as well as the visit to the Monumental Stadium in Buenos Aires, where the Torino delegation celebrated the sports friendship between River Plate and Torino FC.

The mission provided an opportunity to monitor the impact of cooperation projects developed between Torino and Córdoba, such as the Memorial of the Disappeared, established in 2011 at the Córdoba cemetery and still a center for educational programs on memory and human rights.



Throughout 2025, the City of Torino significantly strengthened its commitment to Ukraine, actively participating in solidarity and international cooperation initiatives aimed at the country's recovery. The municipal action was carried out through three main initiatives, within the framework of institutional relations promoted by ANCI and the Italian Government, which highlight the direct role of local authorities in the national reconstruction process.

In May, the City of Torino took part in the preparatory event *On the Road to Ukraine Recovery Conference,* organized with the involvement of ANCI and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In Verona, around 100 representatives from Italian and Ukrainian cities and regions, along with utility companies and international organizations, met with the aim of developing partnerships between local authorities and identifying concrete areas of cooperation for the reconstruction of infrastructure and urban services.

In June, Mayor Lo Russo, together with the President of the Piedmont Region Alberto Cirio, took part in the third International Summit of European Cities and Regions *United for Peace and Security*, held in Kyiv. The institutional mission provided an opportunity to engage with local authorities and international partners, reaffirming the key role of cities in the reconstruction process and promoting potential collaborations in the areas of local public services, urban infrastructure, and economic and academic cooperation.

In July, the City of Torino participated in the international *Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025 (URC2025)* held in Rome, dedicated to Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction, co-organized by the Italian and Ukrainian governments and focused on four main areas: economic development, human capital, local governance, and European integration. In this context, the City of Torino presented its contribution to supporting Ukrainian municipalities, including the donation of dismissed city buses to the city of Kharkiv, thus helping restore local public transport service.

The City of Torino has launched several project initiatives with different Ukrainian municipalities. An agreement was signed between GTT – Gruppo Torinese Trasporti and Municipal Enterprise Saltivske Tramvaine Depo, the municipal public transport company of Kharkiv. Through this initiative, an initial fleet of 10 dismissed buses from Torino was delivered to Kharkiv to support the restoration of local public transport, followed in the coming months by additional deliveries for a total of 60 vehicles.

The activities launched with the City of Lviv focused primarly on educational policies. In March, a delegation of high school principals visited Torino for institutional meetings and discussion sessions, aimed at sharing best practices between the two cities. The initiative represented one of the first concrete outcomes of the Friendship

and Collaboration Pact signed between Torino and Lviv in November 2024 in various areas, including education, culture, and innovation.

Finally, a project-based dialogue was started with the City of Mykolaiv, following the meeting between Mayor Oleksandr Senkevych and Mayor Stefano Lo Russo, held on the sidelines of the *U20 Mayors Summit 2025* in Rio de Janeiro.



On October 30th, the *Territorial Protocol for the implementation of Working Corridors for refugees and asylum seekers* was signed at the City Hall, in the presence of Deputy Mayor Michela Favaro. The signing institutions and organizations include the City of Torino, the Piedmont Region, the Prefecture of Torino, the Torino Industrial Union, UNHCR – the UN Refugee Agency, the Archdiocese of Torino, the Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation, Reale Foundation, Don Mario Operti Foundation, Piemonte Lavoro Agency, IRES Piemonte, Diaconia Valdese, Talent Beyond Boundaries, and Pathways International. Torino is the first city in Italy to sign a local protocol dedicated to this issue, confirming its commitment to building a community that places employment at the heart of inclusion and development pathways. Thanks to the protocol, new entrepreneurial ventures in Piedmont will be able to welcome and value the skills of refugee workers, contributing to a virtuous model of cooperation among public, private, and third-sector organizations.

As part of the project, the City of Torino will pilot an international work mobility programme that connects refugees in Uganda and other countries with job opportunities in Italy. In collaboration with the private sector, they will offer placement services, pre-departure training, language support, and full assistance, testing an innovative model of ethical and sustainable migration pathways.

The collaboration between local institutions, the business world, and international organizations has been recognized as a global best practice through the project *Working Corridors: from projects to process,* led by the City of Torino. Torino is one of six cities selected by the Global Cities Fund for Migrants and Refugees of the Mayors Migration Council (MMC). The City received a grant of $450,000, provided through Rockefeller Philanthropies, one of the fund donors, aimed at supporting the implementation of solutions to promote the economic inclusion of migrants, refugees, and host communities. As part of the project, the City of Torino will pilot an international labor mobility program connecting refugees in Uganda and other countries with job opportunities in Italy. In partnership with the private sector, they will offer placement services, pre-departure training, language support, and full assistance, testing an innovative model of ethical and sustainable migration pathways.

The other beneficiary cities that Torino will be able to talk with and exchange best practices with are Boston (United States), Kanifing (Gambia), Koboko (Uganda), Manta (Ecuador), and Quezon City (Philippines). The projects were selected by an independent Steering Committee made up of international experts based on criteria including expected impact, community involvement, leadership commitment, and replicability potential. In addition to financial support, the City will receive tailored technical assistance from the MMC and its strategic partners: C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40 Cities), Metropolis, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), International Organization for Migration (IOM), United

Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Since its launch, the Global Cities Fund has raised $28 million, supported migration-related solutions in 26 cities, and improved the lives of over 100,000 migrants, refugees, and local community members. 90% of the beneficiaries were able to unlock additional resources to sustain and expand their projects.

The Mayors Migration Council is a mayors-led coalition that promotes ambitious global action on migration and displacement, with the goal of creating a world where urban migrants, displaced people, and host communities can thrive. To learn more: www.mayorsmigrationcouncil.org





INNOVATION AND EUROPEAN PROJECTS

The City of Torino played a leading role in a process of international consolidation, operating simultaneously as the European Capital of Innovation and the European Capital of Smart Tourism. The Ecological Transition and European Funds Service coordinated a portfolio of 26 active projects, focused on the pillars of ecological transition, social inclusion, and digitalization. Through the Torino City Lab platform, the area has been a hub for cutting-edge initiatives in urban robotics and digital twins. Meanwhile, the conclusion of the CTE NEXT program left behind an ecosystem strengthened by over 40 technological pilot projects and the establishment of an Ethical Board for responsible innovation, especially in artificial intelligence development.

In the field of mobility, the ToMove Living Lab launched advanced autonomous driving test through the AutoMove shuttle, integrating MaaS services to create a more connected city. At the same time, the launch of the Torino Talent Gateway established a structured framework to attract international talent, offering soft-landing services for startups and researchers. The social dimension was driven by Torino Social Impact, which brought together over 400 partners toward sustainable business models. Internationally, cooperation took shape through technical exchanges with Riga on 5G security and with Grenoble on circular economy and climate policies. The year wrapped up with a strong networking agenda, including the *Cities Innovate Summit,* which facilitated the handover to the 2026 capitals, confirming Torino as a European living lab able to transform EU funding into tangible benefits for both citizens and the local business ecosystem.

TORINO CITY LAB
www.torinocitylab.it

Torino City Lab (TCL) is the City of Torino's urban open innovation platform, launched in 2018 to enable companies, startups, universities, and research centers to test innovative solutions in a real urban environment.

Over the years, TCL has established itself as one of the main urban living labs in Europe, with over 90 partners including companies, universities, research centers, and public and private organizations. Between 2018 and 2025, the program enabled dozens of experiments in smart mobility, urban robotics, space technologies, the circular economy, artificial intelligence, and digital services.

The Torino urban lab stands out for its ability to combine technological experimentation and public governance, providing simplified administrative procedures, urban testing environments, and the direct involvement of citizens and stakeholders.

In 2025, Torino City Lab further strengthened its role as a gateway to Torino's innovation ecosystem, also contributing to the launch of international talent and business attraction initiatives. These include the Torino Talent Gateway, a single access point providing guidance, soft-landing support, and connections to local universities, incubators, businesses, and research centers.

Through TCL, the City continues to promote testing with emerging technologies such as:

- Connected, Cooperative and Automated Mobility (CCAM)
- urban air mobility and drones
- urban robotics and autonomous logistics
- urban digital twins and data analysis
- artificial intelligence applied to urban services

The goal is to make Torino a European laboratory for responsible innovation, able to anticipate the impact of emerging technologies and support the city's ecological and digital transition.

Torino City Lab I INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

FOCUS on Network: European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL), OASC, Eurocities, EIT Urban Mobility, Icapital Alumni Network, Urban AI, UIC2 Civitas, DUT Partnership, Urban Agenda for Public Procurement Partnership.

Torino Talent Gateway
https://www.torinotalentgateway.it

As part of its international outreach strategy to attract talent and innovative businesses, Torino City Lab contributed to the launch of the Torino Talent Gateway, the platform promoted by the City of Torino to facilitate the establishment and integration of talents, startups, and tech companies within the local ecosystem.

Torino Talent Gateway servers as the single access point for guidance, relocation, and soft-landing services, providing information and operational support to individuals and organizations seeking to develop research, innovation, or business activities in Torino. The platform connects new talent with universities, research centers, incubators, companies, and local institutions.

Among the main services available:

- Hello Torino – guidance and relocation support services for international talents, researchers, and professionals moving to the city;
- Totem for Founders – a dedicated pathway for founders and startups to facilitate entry into Torino's innovation ecosystem and access to incubators, acceleration programmes, and investors;
- Ignite Torino - a networking and matchmaking initiative that promotes connections between international talents, businesses, and local organizations.

Through Torino Talent Gateway, the City strengthens its international positioning as an innovation-friendly ecosystem, capable not only of testing emerging technologies through initiatives such as Torino City Lab and CTE NEXT, but also of attracting high-value skills and entrepreneurship.



LIVING LAB ToMove
https://torinocitylab.it/to-move/

With the ToMove project, Torino established a Living Lab dedicated to the development and testing of connected, cooperative and automated mobility (CCAM) solutions, integrated with MaaS – Mobility as a Service – services, developed as part of the TorinoMaaS4Italy project.

The Living Lab enables companies, startups, and research centers to test innovative solutions in a real urban environment, combining digital infrastructure, mobility data, and simulation tools such as the Digital Twin for Smart Mobility. The activities mainly focus on developing autonomous mobility services, integrating MaaS systems, and testing advanced solutions for managing urban flows and last-mile logistics.

In 2025, the project kicked off testing the AutoMove autonomous shuttle, a pilot automated public transport service aimed at testing how self-driving technology can fit into the urban mobility system and assessing how these services could help improve last-mile connectivity and cut down on private car use.

The project is developed with the support of a Promoting Committee made up of GTT, 5T, the University of Torino, the Politecnico di Torino, LINKS Foundation, and Piemonte Innova Foundation.



Launched on March 1, 2021, and active until June 30, 2025, the CTE NEXT project – The House of Emerging Technologies in Torino – was one of the main national programmes focused on developing and testing applications based on 5G and emerging technologies, playing a key role in strengthening Torino's innovation ecosystem.
Through a public-private partnership made up of 11 partners, the project has provided spaces, services, and advanced technological infrastructure to support startups, SMEs, and companies in developing innovative solutions based on 5G, IoT, Blockchain, and Artificial Intelligence, with applications in sectors like Smart Road, Urban Air Mobility, Industry 4.0, and Innovative Urban Services.

Among the project's main achievements were:

- 23 5G nodes activated (19 outdoor and 4 indoor);
- a catalogue of 63 types of technological services offered;
- over 1,000,000 euros allocated to support businesses;
- 776 companies profiled, 500 qualified and 200 directly served;
- over 40 technological experiments activated;
- 18 calls for proposals carried out;
- over 400 events organized;
- 70 training courses offered, with more than 2,200 participants trained;
- more than 2,000 individuals engaged through training and acceleration programmes;
- supported startups that raised over 7 million euros in private investments.

One of the most remarkable initiatives was *CTE Next Education*, a programme focused on training young people in emerging technologies and developing entrepreneurial skills. The initiative involved over 2,000 students from 40 schools and 90 classes.

A distinctive feature of the project was the establishment of an Ethical Board on emerging technologies, an independent body dedicated to assessing ethical, social, and safety implications associated with the development and testing of new technologies. This initiative represents one of the first experiences of ethical governance of emerging technologies at a national level and contributes to positioning Torino as a European frontrunner in developing responsible innovation models.

Alongside the conclusion of the project, the City of Torino launched an assessment of the economic and social impact of CTE NEXT, highlighting how the programme played a key role in strengthening the local innovation ecosystem, supporting the creation and growth of new tech companies, and generating new opportunities for skilled jobs.

At the same time, a process has been started to design future initiatives, to capitalize on infrastructures, skills, and networks developed throughout the project and to outline a possible evolution of the programme (CTE NEXT 2.0) as a platform for urban innovation and technology transfer to support cities and public administration.

Thanks to the results achieved, CTE NEXT has helped position Torino as a European hub for testing emerging technologies and developing deep-tech startups.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

January | 5G4LIVES | Workshop

CTE NEXT hosted a two-day working session focused on urban air mobility, mission planning, and preparing test areas for BVLOS flights. The programme included technical workshops, updates on Work Packages, and a public webinar dedicated to the future of drone technologies in Piedmont.

March | Mobile World Congress

With a delegation made up of project partners and pilot companies, CTE NEXT took part in the *Mobile World Congress* in Barcelona, the world's largest fair dedicated to mobile technology and connectivity.

March – April – May | SMAU | London, Paris and Stockholm

CTE NEXT took part in *SMAU's international roadshow*, a key event for Italy's innovation ecosystem and a hub of opportunities globally, with stops in London, Paris, and Stockholm. With the support of the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy, Torino promoted its tech ecosystem through pitches, B2B meetings, and conversations with the international entrepreneurial and financial community.

May | Chairman of the EIC Executive Committee

By coordinating two days of meetings focused on deep tech, research, and local startups to strengthen the connection with Europe, CTE NEXT hosted the visit of Michiel Scheffer, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the European Innovation Council (EIC).

June | Delegation from Fomento San Sebastián

CTE NEXT welcomed a delegation from the City of San Sebastián and Fomento San Sebastián, the city's economic development and innovation agency, presenting strategies and actions linked to the Torino City Lab programme. The events kicked off with a plenary session followed by an innovation meeting with startups, encouraging

direct exchange through mutual pitches and business dialogues, culminating in B2B meetings organized in collaboration with Fondazione Piemonte Innova, to explore new opportunities for international collaboration.

September | TRIALSNET and CONVINCE | Torino Easy to Visit

CTE NEXT hosted the event *Torino Easy to Visit: Innovation for Culture and Tourism,* dedicated to presenting the results of local trials of the TRIALSNET and CONVINCE projects. Around 70 participants from institutions, museums, businesses, and citizens came together to focus on accessibility, inclusion, and the digital transformation of cultural heritage.

CTE NEXT | INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Delegations received: Fomento San Sebastián (Basque Country); Copenhagen Business School (Denmark); Digital Economy Promotion Agency (Thailand), Korea Evaluation Institute of Industrial Technology (South Korea), Al Ahsa Municipality (Saudi Arabia), Enterprise Ireland (Ireland), Serviço Brasileiro de Apoio às Micro e Pequenas Empresas (Brazil);

International exchanges within the Cities Innovate series: Lisbon, Riga, Barcelona, Birmingham, London, Espoo, Hamburg, Valencia, Vilnius and Sofia;

Network: SMAU, Eurocities, iCapital Network, UIC2 Civitas, Urban AI, EIT Urban Mobility and the DUT Partnership, European Network of Living Lab, Urban Agenda for Public Procurement Partnership.

Torino Social Impact is an open platform bringing together over 400 organizations, including businesses, institutions, financial operators, and third-sector entities, all signing a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at pooling ideas, experiences, projects, and resources. The aim is to spark and attract forms of entrepreneurship that, using new technological opportunities, aim to tackle emerging social issues through economically sustainable business models.

The mission is to strengthen the local ecosystem and position it among the world's leading environment for business and finance, pursuing both economic-financial and social impact goals, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

The definition of impact is based on:

- intentionality – acting to create social value;
- additionality – working in underfunded sectors that are overlooked by traditional market mechanisms;
- measurability – applying evaluation methods beforehand and measuring results afterward.

Torino Social Impact accelerates, strengthens, and promotes projects, activities, and events led by local actors working to find solutions to social needs in the area. Together, these organizations form a dynamic cluster rich in skills, initiatives, opportunities, and services.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

January | FEMACT Cities | Workshop

For two days, representatives from eight European cities exchanged ideas and shared best practices to promote gender equality through concrete action plans. Torino worked on implementing the Gender Equality Plan (GEP) and developing a Gender Budget.

March | TRIALSNET | XR trials

Palazzo Madama, GAM, Pietro Micca Museum, and Museo del Risorgimento hosted the XR trials of the TRIALSNET project, involving over 200 students and numerous technical partners. Activities included augmented reality, virtual reality, historical avatars, and immersive environments focused on tourism and culture.

April | Move21 and Scale-up | Final event

The City of Torino took part in the final event of two projects held in Brussels. Participants discussed strategies to improve urban mobility and Sustainable Mobility Plans, with a particular focus on cooperation opportunities related to hubs dedicated to passenger transport and logistics, in relation to the new TEN-T network regulations.

April – May | Scale-up | TEN-T network workshops

The City of Torino took part in the workshops organized by Eurocities as part of the European Scale-up project related to TEN-T networks, entitled Cities as TEN-T urban nodes: Governance, integration, & policy coherence.

May | Cofarm4cities | Project meeting

At Cascina Falchera, the City of Torino organized a series of meetings on sustainable agriculture as a strategy to counter urban expansion. Participants visited the new community's gardens, and the day ended with a hands-on demo of circular recipes using produce grown in the gardens themselves.

May | International Book Fair

Deputy Mayor for Ecological and Digital Transition and Innovation, Chiara Foglietta, kicked off the meeting Reading Innovation. Visions and Technologies for the Future of Torino, at the *International Book Fair*. This was followed by a talk from Martin Olczyk, Managing Director of Techstars, who offered an international perspective on Torino's positioning as a city of talent, highlighting the role of local ecosystems, public-private synergy, and global openness. The event wrapped up with an immersive VR 360 demo-showcase, dedicated to an exploratory vision of Torino's future, blending cultural heritage, urban development, and new mobility.

June | PACTESUR2 | Project meeting

Local police forces from across Europe met in Torino, at the ITC ILO, for the final event of the European project PACTESUR 2, focused on urban safety tools, bringing together and exchanging experiences among European communities.

June | SEFIT | Final event

The Open Innovation Center hosted the final event of the SEFIT project, dedicated to the development of social innovation solutions aimed at addressing and mitigating current and future impacts of climate change. The project promotes the active participation of people living in socio-economic disadvantaged conditions, while ensuring a fair and inclusive transition.

September | CLIMABOROUGH | Trials closure

At the Casa del Quartiere in San Salvario, the project's closing event took place, during which the results of the RiVestiTO and TracciaTo initiatives were presented. These two projects were developed to improve the collection of textile waste and WEEE, promoting an increasingly circular approach based on reuse and recovery of materials before they become waste.

September | European Mobility Week

The City of Torino co-organized several initiatives focused on future mobility, including the pilot MoTO event, Torino smart destination, and various debates hosted at Urban Lab.

October | 5G4LIVES | Demo Day

A live demonstration of the 5G4LIVES project took place on the Superga hill, featuring BVLOS drone flights integrated with the DROMThub platform and the WindTre 5G network. Real-time video streams and telemetry data were transmitted to the Civil Protection control room, testing search and rescue scenarios in complex terrain.

October | Italian Tech Week

The City of Torino presented the Talent Attraction Program during a side event of the *Italian Tech Week,* launching the Landing in Torino platform, a unique hub for guidance, relocation, and soft-landing services for talent and innovative companies.

November | Shift2sustain | Kick-off meeting

The City of Torino took part in the project's kick-off meeting, held in Oeiras (Portugal). The meeting was a chance to exchange ideas on good Mobility Management practices.

November – December | TRIALSNET | Trials

At the Pietro Micca Museum and the National Museum of the Risorgimento, augmented reality activities continued, with public demonstrations and technological tests aimed at enhancing cultural experience.

December | CONVINCE | Palazzo Madama

Palazzo Madama hosted the final test session of the European project, dedicated to testing the humanoid robot R1, developed by the Italian Institute of Technology in Genoa. The museum opened its halls to check in real conditions the robot's ability to operate independently, adapt to the museum environment, and interact with the public. During the testing, R1 led visitors on short, guided tours, moving among people, adjusting its route based on obstacles and visitor flow, and modulating the timing and content of the guide according to the group's dynamics.

In 2025, the collaboration between Torino and Riga in the framework of the European project 5G4LIVES became one of the most dynamic partnerships among the City of Torino's European and international activities. The project, active in the national clusters of both Italy and Latvia, aims to develop advanced services for emergency management based on 5G networks, BVLOS drones, sensors, and data analysis, with a specific focus on search and rescue operations in recreational areas around Riga and on natural risk prevention in the hills surrounding Torino.

In January, Torino hosted the General Assembly where project partners shared updates on the progress of their work, with a special focus on methodologies for autonomous drone flights in emergency scenarios. Technical sessions and workshops allowed Torino and Riga to align the operational aspects of their respective use cases, strengthening methodological convergence between the two ecosystems.

In June, the *Mid-Term Partner Meeting* took place in Riga, where consortium members worked on a multimedia training video package published on the 5G4LIVES YouTube channel. The contribution of the City and the Politecnico di Torino was particularly significant in producing the modules dedicated to *Mission Planning Essentials, Safety and Cybersecurity*, and *Social Benefits for Citizens*. They explain the key elements of BVLOS mission planning, the critical aspects of 5G-UAV system safety, and the social impact of new drone-based monitoring and rescue solutions.

The collaboration continued in September, when a delegation from the Civil Protection of the City of Torino took part in the *Demo Day* in Riga, held at Lake Ķīšezers. The event marked a crucial step towards real-world testing of the 5G4LIVES services, with demonstrations of drones equipped with thermal cameras, a BVLOS flight corridor, and real-time data transmission to the command center.

Finally, in October, demonstration activities were carried out on Superga hill. Supported by the WINDTRE network, they showed BVLOS autonomous drone flights, video streaming to the Civil Protection operations center, and the system's ability to quickly identify a target in a simulated emergency scenario.



In 2025, the collaboration with the City of Grenoble and Grenoble Métropole became more concrete, starting with two cities' joint participation in the European projects COMMONAIR and CLIMABOROUGH.

The COMmon Measurements ONsite in the Alpine Region (COMMONAIR) project, funded by the Alpine Space program, began in January 2025 and will last for two years. It promotes new governance models based on a bottom-up citizen science approach to monitor the urban microclimate on a local level, with and for citizens. The project involves Politecnico di Torino, Vienna University of Technology, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, and the Cities of Torino and Grenoble. In Grenoble, in line with the other partners, the City launched thermal comfort measurements involving citizens and students, and in May it organized the *Biennale of Cities in Transition,* showcasing the region's commitment to sustainability.

As part of the CLIMABOROUGH project, representatives from the City of Torino visited a new metropolitan hub in Grenoble focused on the circular economy. It brings together about fifteen companies and associations specialized in repairing and reusing everyday items, as well as initiatives committed to fighting food waste and reducing packaging. The goal is to support citizens, businesses, and organizations in transitioning to new sustainable production and consumption models.

Building on this structured exchange with the French city and an increasingly shared vision and projects, a further significant milestone in the partnership was the *Cities Innovate Summit*, held in Torino on December 3 and 4. On that occasion, alongside the *iCapital Award ceremony*, the City of Torino — designated European Capital of Innovation 2025 — officially handed over the title to Grenoble Alpes Métropole, named European Capital of Innovation 2026.



The collaboration was further strengthened through the admission of both cities to *iCapital Alliance,* the European network that brings together the European Capitals of Innovation and finalist cities, promoting the exchange of best practices, strategic cooperation, and the development of joint projects at the European level.

In 2025, Torino held the title of *European Capital of Innovation (iCapital),* strengthening its position as a European hub for urban, technological, and social innovation, and significantly boosting the City's international relationships.

The iCapital year featured over 70 events, including initiatives promoted by the municipality, institutional participation, and major international events. Among these, the City took part in fairs and conferences such as the *Mobile World Congress* and *Smart City Expo* in Barcelona, *SMAU* (with missions to London, Paris, and Stockholm), *EXPO Osaka, Italian Tech Week, and the Startup Italia Open Innovation Summit.*

A key initiative was *Cities Innovate – Series 1.0,* a cycle of eight online peer learning dialogues that involved cities and innovation stakeholders including Lisbon, Barcelona, London, Hamburg, Espoo, Valencia, and Vilnius, with the support of European networks such as Eurocities, iCapital Network, and EIT Urban Mobility. The series attracted about 180 participants, helping to strengthen cities' cooperation and generate valuable insights for the ongoing debate on European urban innovation policies.

In December, Torino promoted and hosted the *Cities Innovate Summit,* an international forum bringing together cities, European institutions, innovation networks, and global stakeholders to discuss on urban transformation and public policies for sustainable development.

Within this context, the *European Capital of Innovation Awards 2026* ceremony took place, organized with the European Innovation Council (EIC) and EISMEA. The event welcomed about 300 guests, representing over 70 cities and more than 30 countries, including mayors and officials, experts, businesses, startups, and key actors from urban ecosystems. At the same time, the City hosted the annual meeting of the *Eurocities Economic Development Forum,* with over 120 delegates focused on topics like talent attraction, city branding, and public procurement of innovation.

To wrap up the Cities Innovate Summit, four thematic study visits were organized - focusing on talent attraction, social innovation, Mobility 5.0, and industrial reconstruction. Designed to offer international partners firsthand experience of Torino's living labs and innovation hubs, the initiatives gathered a total of 161 pre-registrations, confirming a strong interest in the city's model.

Throughout the year, Torino iCapital welcomed eight international delegations - 153 participants from Denmark, Brazil, Latvia, the Basque Country, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Thailand, and European networks — all interested in topics like innovation governance, living labs and CTE NEXT, advanced mobility, artificial intelligence and data ethics, startup policies, and talent attraction.

The City of Torino was named *European Capital of Smart Tourism 2025*, a title granted annually by the European Commission to the city that stands out the most as an excellent tourist destination based on four criteria: sustainability, accessibility, digitalization of cultural heritage, and creativity.

Torino received this recognition for successfully enhancing its historical, cultural, and natural heritage through digital innovation and creative projects. The award was officially presented at Palazzo Madama in the presence of Mayor Stefano Lo Russo during an event dedicated to promoting the title. To celebrate the achievement, a sculpture depicting the award logo was unveiled in Piazza Carlo Felice.

Ten journalists from various European countries, interested in discovering the city's highlights, were welcomed in September at the City Hall by the Deputy Mayor for Tourism, Domenico Carretta, and for Innovation, Chiara Foglietta. During their stay, they visited the Royal Museums and the GAM, as well as urban regeneration projects like the OGR-Officine Grandi Riparazioni and the Barriera di Milano district through the Barriera Design District Tour, concrete examples of a city capable of blending history and innovation. The program, organized by Turismo Torino e Provincia in collaboration with the City of Torino and the European Commission, also included a focus on nature, with a visit to the Torino hills recognized by UNESCO as part of the Collina Po Biosphere Reserve. Finally, there were meetings centered on taste and traditions of Piedmontese food and wine, along with an in-depth overview of projects by the Torino Chamber of Commerce.

The programme of initiatives wrapped up with a European workshop focused on smart tourism, held at the Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center, which saw the participation of over 20 European destinations aiming to contribute to the future European Smart Tourism Strategy. On that occasion, Torino passed the baton to the City of Tampere, which was awarded the title of European Capital of Smart Tourism 2026.



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5G4LIVES I CEF 5G SMART COMMUNITIES
AMAZING-6G I Horizon Europe
CONVINCE I Horizon Europe
DIGIPOL ACADEMY I INTERREG
EMERITUS I Horizon Europe
PACTESUR 2 I Internal Security Fund
SEED2SCALE I EaSI
TrialsNet I Horizon Europe

Inclusion and cohesion
2Nite I URBACT IV
B.RIGHT SPACES I CERV
FEMACT-Cities I URBACT IV
PROSECO I INTERREG
SEFIT I FSE+
SPOON I Horizon Europe

Infrastructure for sustainable mobility
ENVELOPE I Horizon Europe

Green revolution and ecological transition
CLIMABOROUGH I Horizon Europe
CLIMAGEN I Horizon Europe
COFARM4CITIES I INTERREG
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NEBA I INTERREG
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2NITE
https://urbact.eu/networks/2nite

THE PROJECT | 2024 – 2026

The project aims to transfer and spread to other European cities innovative practices and inclusive approach to urban safety tested in the previous European project ToNite, with a view to being replicated in other urban contexts.

WHY TORINO

In Torino, the ToNite project worked to improve the livability of public spaces along the Dora River, during evening hours, with a focus on social innovation and urban regeneration. The 2Nite project will allow innovative practices and the inclusive approach to urban safety, tested in Torino, to be shared and spread to other European cities. At the same time, it will give Torino the chance to compare itself with other approaches and learn from the experiences of other cities. In 2025, the ToNite project won *the Inspiring City Initiative* category at the Eurocities Awards.

2NITE ACTIONS

The City of Torino will develop a ToNite Replicability and Scalability Plan at the local level (Continuity Plan), integrating both tangible and intangible actions included in other programs, like PN Metro Plus. In particular, the main case study will be the social innovation initiative ImpatTO, which supports non-profit organizations in creating community spaces in public areas that can respond to residents' social, cultural, and educational needs while providing local services.

2NITE IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: €111,670.00
- 2 years of activities
- 4 partners

B.RIGHT SPACES
https://www.revesnetwork.eu/b-right-spaces

THE PROJECT | 2024 – 2026
The project aims to improve the collective ability of local public authorities and civil society organizations to support, promote, and protect local civic spaces, which play a key role in safeguarding citizens' values and rights, with reference to the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

WHY TORINO
The project deals with analyzing current state of civic spaces to understand how local public authorities can promote and protect them within their legal and administrative framework, investigating and evaluating the factors that contribute to the success or failure of related initiatives.

The project also focuses on developing the EU Charter for civic spaces defenders, with the aim of contributing to their safeguarding and promotion. This document will provide valuable resources and guidance to promote inclusive civic spaces that ensure access to rights for different groups, considering factors such as social status, employment, gender, age, ability/disability, nationality, and culture background.

B.RIGHT SPACES ACTIONS
Local participatory processes will be launched and facilitated through political workshops, bringing together interested parties (institutions, civil society organizations, NGOs, education and research agencies, citizens) to reflect on the factors that enable or hinder the development and maintenance of vibrant civic spaces. Participants will identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats associated with each civic space. Workshops and focus groups will foster inclusive exchange and mutual learning.

B.RIGHT SPACES IN FIGURES
- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 80,791.00
- 24 months of activities
- 10 partners

THE PROJECT | 2025 – 2026

COMMONAIR (COMmon Measurements ONsite in the Alpine Region) promotes new governance models based on a bottom-up citizen science approach to monitor the urban microclimate on a local level, with and for the citizens. The project involves Politecnico di Torino, Vienna University of Technology, Zurich University of Applied Sciences, and the Cities of Torino and Grenoble, aiming to bridge the gap between scientific research, public participation, and policy implementation by local governments. Temperature and air quality measurements, carried out by target citizen groups including students and NGOs, with expert support, will serve as the starting point for an informed local debate and for developing appropriate policies. The data collected will be a valuable resource for developing governance models, pursuing research purposes, and increasing citizens' willingness to undertake climate adaptation actions.

WHY TORINO

Torino, together with Grenoble, serves as a pilot city where microclimate data will be collected, analyzed, and discussed. Specifically, users of the Casa del Quartiere, Bagni Pubblici in via Agliè, and students from the San Carlo Collegio Universitario are involved, as well as the municipalities of Avigliana and Torre Pellice. The collected data will serve as the starting point for thematic workshops, aiming to increase the community's awareness of climate change and the necessary adaptation policies. All selected partners and observers will participate in meetings and workshops with representatives from different levels of government to develop governance models on climate-related issues.

COMMONAIR ACTIONS

The main project activities shared by all partners will be:

- simulations and measurements carried out in pilot areas and partner cities' public spaces: squares, open-air markets, green areas, schoolyards, private open spaces, residential buildings;
- participatory activities to encourage new actions (e.g., workshops with schools, citizens) and governance principles for climate adaptation;
- sharing of results at a transnational level, including Action Group 8 of the Alpine Region EUSALP Risk Governance and the Climate Adaptation Platform for the Alps (CAPA).

COMMONAIR IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 93,750.00
- 24 months of activities
- 5 partners

GREENHANCE

https://www.biodiversa.eu/2025/04/08greenhancenbt

THE PROJECT | 2025 – 2027

The project aims to promote nature-based solutions (NBS) by exploring the enhancement of urban agriculture (UA) as a tool for biodiversity conservation and human well-being in urban areas. Target cities include Barcelona (Spain), Malmö (Sweden), and Torino (Italy), serving as case studies for integrating NBS in urban settings. The project is structured around the new Nature-Based Thinking (NBT) framework, which highlights the connections between nature, organizational governance, and community involvement. By analysing these relationships, the project will develop guidelines for the sustainable governance and management of Urban Agriculture, aiming to boost biodiversity, community well-being, and social cohesion. Key outputs will include policy recommendations, best practice guides, and simplified protocols for community-based biodiversity monitoring.

WHY TORINO

The City of Torino will address both ecological and social objectives through the governance and promotion of the UA, including education for young people and community engagement. Citizen science initiatives will monitor local biodiversity, especially butterfly populations.

GREENHANCE ACTIONS

The project implements five work packages (WPs) focused on analyzing biodiversity indicators, community engagement, and UA governance.

The actions include:

- development of community-based biodiversity monitoring protocols;
- running citizen science workshops in Torino, Malmö, and Barcelona;
- collaborating with local stakeholders to design UA governance models in line with NBT principles;
- creation of educational materials and participatory activities to engage different demographic groups, including the elderly in Barcelona, young people in Torino, and migrant communities in Malmö.

GREENHANCE IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 49,892.00
- 36 months of activites
- 7 partners

THE PROJECT | 2023 – 2026

The project's main goal is to promote inclusion and equal opportunities by developing a model of cooperation between public and private sectors and the social economy, through sharing experiences and practices to introduce, implement, and improve inclusion policies via social procurement, social outcomes contracting, and other innovative approaches.

WHY TORINO

The action ranges from including social clauses in public procedures to promote employment for disadvantaged people, to more ambitious models aimed at incorporating additional elements that generate positive impact on communities and the environment. These tools offer new opportunities to attract, combine, and direct public and private resources towards a positive social impact, ensured by the active role of the social economy. They also enable greater investment even in proactive and preventive actions, based on data analysis and sharing.

The City of Torino approved Regulation 307 in 1998, a forward-thinking tool that established that at least 3% of the total value of municipal contracts for the supply of goods or services should be awarded to companies employing disadvantaged people and/or people with disabilities.

PROSECO ACTIONS

The Project is divided into two phases:

- the main phase, dedicated to exchanging experiences among partners and integrating lessons learned from cooperation activities into the regional development policy tools addressed by the project;
- the follow-up phase, dedicated to applying a shared monitoring framework and a measurement methodology, to identify and share the effects of policy improvements, of exchange practices (lessons learned), and ongoing exchanges. follow-up phase, dedicated to applying a shared monitoring framework and a measurement methodology to identify and share the effects of policy improvements, of exchange practices (lessons learned), and ongoing exchanges.

PROSECO IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 65,111.20
- 48 months of activites
- 11 partners

SPOON
https://spoonproject.eu/

THE PROJECT | 2024 – 2028
The project aims to make food systems healthier, more sustainable, and inclusive through a Citizen Science approach. It involves Germany, Greece, Italy, Belgium, Spain, and Slovenia, where Citizen Science Labs, digital tools, and behaviour change interventions will be implemented to collect real data and co-create solutions with communities.

WHY TORINO
As the only Italian pilot site, the City of Torino, plays a central role in improving access to healthy food, reducing the stigma associated with solidarity-based initiatives, and promoting sustainable food habits through collaboration with local organizations like the *Torino Solidale* network. The *Citizen Science Lab* will operate in line with the right to food established by the City Charter, following the guidelines of the *Milan Urban Food Policy Pact*, which Torino has signed, and the *Guide for a Food Policy of the City of Torino*, in synergy with social inclusion policies.

SPOON ACTIONS
Together with the Torino Solidale network, the local group of citizen scientists (volunteers, migrants, sector professionals, citizens, people in vulnerable situations, and other stakeholder groups) will be involved in the participatory collection and analysis of data, the testing of integrated digital technologies, and the development and implementation of small-scale behavioral change interventions.

SPOON IN FIGURES
- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 96,750.00
- 48 months of activites
- 16 partners

THE PROJECT | 2025 – 2028

The project promotes sustainable urban mobility by improving the quality, spread, and evaluation of Mobility Management Plans (MMP) and Mobility Management Measures (MMM) in European cities. It maps and analyses solutions adopted across Europe, develops evaluation methods based on environmental, economic, and social KPIs, experiments with innovative approaches (including gamification, serious games, behavioural incentives) in 7 cities, and produces guidelines and toolkits that can be replicated for public authorities, schools, large organizations, and administrations.

WHY TORINO

Torino is involved in the project as a pilot city in two strategic areas:

- school mobility: testing behavioural measures and digital services to reduce private car use and promote active mobility and public transport;
- major event mobility: testing new tools for crowd flow management and citizens engagement, connected to home-to-event transfers and congestion reduction.

The City contributes to the project with its experience in urban Living Labs (Torino City Lab, CTE Next) and reaffirms its commitment to ecological transition policies and sustainable mobility.

Shift2Sustain ACTIONS

The actions, still being defined, include mapping and evaluating MMP/MMM through shared indicators, co-creation activities with schools, stakeholders, and local communities, developing school mobility plans and event mobility strategies, using serious games and digital participation tools, gamification activities and incentives for sustainable mobility choices, and producing guidelines, training toolkits, and replicable materials for use across Europe.

Shift2Sustain IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 217,125.00
- 3 years of activities
- 17 partners

THE PROJECT | 2024 – 2027

TIPS4PED designs, develops, and tests the effectiveness and technical-economic feasibility of a platform based on creating a digital twin model to help municipalities implement positive energy districts (PEDs). The project takes a people-centered approach, involving, training, and empowering citizens and potential stakeholders. Positive Energy Districts require integration between buildings, users and energy, mobility, and IT networks. An urban positive energy district – which is a self-sufficient urban area in terms of energy and CO2 emissions – combines the built environment, mobility, and sustainable production and consumption to boost energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create added value for citizens.

WHY TORINO

As part of the project, the selected district will test the 3 IAP TIPS4PED tools (Feasibility, Design/Road Mapping, and Operational), with the goal of paving the way for the creation of the first PED in Torino and showing the potential to increase installed renewable energy capacity in densely populated urban areas and buildings with limited space. The Municipality expects to have synergistic communication with stakeholders, involving students and residents, and building on ongoing initiatives like Torino City Lab and Torino Social Impact.

TIPS4PED ACTIONS

The TIPS4PED solutions will be tested in Torino, a Light House city, where the Integrated Action Plan will be linked to a monitoring system for real-time asset management, while replication studies will be carried out in the three follower cities of Cork, Kozan, and Budapest. The testing and replication phase will lead to the creation of 4 digital twin cities and decarbonization maps.

TIPS4PED aims to suggest scalable and easily replicable technologies as well as digital optimization, as key solutions to achieve the EU's 2030 targets, while considering different market conditions such as environmental, safety, and regulatory aspects. The implementation, monitoring, and operation of PED solutions will focus on 2 test areas:

- Test Area 1 – Energy Center consisting of 5,000 sqm of offices, hosting around 200 occupants and an auditorium for 120 people;
- Test Area 2 – Office area of the City of Torino, made up of 2 buildings with more than 150 employees and 1 parking area, covering about 5,000 sqm.

TIPS4PED IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 305,000.00
- 42 months of activities
- 17 partners

WOODCIRCLES

https://woodcircles.eu/

THE PROJECT | 2023 - 2027

Woodcircles will significantly contribute to reduce the construction sector's impact by 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, reduce waste production. They will also provide long-term carbon sinks 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 activites
- 18 partners



CULTURE AND RIGHTS

Thanks to its integrated network of leading museums, internationally renowned events and a cultural offering capable of attracting a broad and diverse audience, Torino once again confirmed its position as one of the most vibrant cultural cities in Italy and Europe in 2025. The city's prominence in the cultural sector is reflected in both visitor numbers and the quality of its exhibitions and events. This reinforces Torino's role as not only a tourist destination, but also an international platform for cultural production and engagement.

Torino's museums achieved record-breaking results. The Egyptian Museum welcomed over 1.27 million visitors during the year — an increase of more than 22% compared to 2024 — reaffirming its status as one of Europe's most popular cultural institutions. The National Museum of Cinema recorded over 760,000 visitors, and civic museums such as Palazzo Madama, the Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art (GAM), and the Museum of Oriental Art (MAO) attracted a combined total of over 650,000. Together, they contribute to an urban museum system that engages more than one million people through local visits and exhibitions presented abroad.

In addition to its museums, Torino hosted a variety of internationally acclaimed cultural events, including the *International Book Fair, MITO SettembreMusica,* the *Torino Jazz Festival* and the *Torino Film Festival*. The city also held significant contemporary art events such as *ContemporaryArt Torino Piemonte, Luci d'Artista* and *Artissima*.

Once again, culture has proven to be a driving force for growth. Building on the strength of its cultural ecosystem, which is supported by close collaboration between institutions across the region, the City of Torino is actively pursuing its bid to become the 2033 European Capital of Culture. This ambition provides an opportunity to look to the future with renewed confidence and optimism.

A strong international commitment to the promotion and protection of rights is deeply embedded in Torino 's cultural identity. This ethos is reflected in a rich programme of festivals and events dedicated to dialogue, participation, and active citizenship. At the heart of this cultural landscape is the *Biennale Democrazia* festival, which focuses on the theme of *Wars and Peaces*, and is complemented by initiatives that foster intercultural and interfaith exchange, such as the *Torino Spiritualità* festival. Festivals focusing on migration, inclusion, humanitarian engagement, and diasporic cultures further strengthen the city's inclusive vision. Alongside programmes addressing sustainability, access to culture, gender equality and civil rights, these initiatives establish Torino as an open urban laboratory that embraces diversity and looks confidently to the future.

Lovers Film Festival

40th Edition | April 10 – 17

The 40th edition of the *Lovers Film Festival*, the longest-running film festival of its kind, took place at the Cinema Massimo, the multiplex cinema of Torino's National Museum of Cinema. Since 1986, the festival has showcased LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and intersex) short and feature films in Torino. The festival is directed by Vladimir Luxuria.

The event opened with Karla Sofía Gascón, the first transgender woman to win the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival, which she received for her role in Emilia Pérez, for which she was recently nominated for an Academy Award. Numerous guests were also welcomed at the festival, including the French actor, director and screenwriter Gaël Morel, as well as the renowned drag queen duo Karma B. There was a particularly strong audience response to the panel discussion featuring Vladimir Luxuria and Marziano Marzano on the history of the festival, the session dedicated to EuroPride 2027 (which will be hosted in Torino), and meetings with international guests such as actor James Duval (the focus of a retrospective devoted to filmmaker Gregg Araki).

The *Stella della Mole* award, which recognises individuals who have made a significant impact on the world of cinema, was presented to Alan Cumming. The acclaimed Scottish actor and producer was also in Torino as a cast member of Michael Clowater's *Drive Back Home*.

During its eight-day programme, the festival screened 70 films from 26 countries, welcomed 70 national and international directors and actors, and attracted a total audience of over 6,000.



The festival featured three main competitive sections: All the Lovers for feature films, Real Lovers for documentaries, and Future Lovers for short films.

The Lovers Film Festival was organised by the National Museum of Cinema in Torino, with support from the Italian Ministry of Culture (MIC-DG Cinema), the Piedmont Region, the City of Torino and the CRT Foundation.
The event also received an extraordinary contribution from the San Paolo Foundation.

Exposed Torino Foto Festival

2nd Edition | April 16 – June 2

The second edition of the international festival entirely dedicated to contemporary photography opened at the Albertina Academy of Fine Arts.

Entitled *Beneath the Surface,* the festival enlivened the city with 12 free exhibitions across seven venues, bringing together 16 international artists whose work explored some of the most pressing issues of our time, including climate change, social inequality, collective memory, and the relationship between humans and technology.

The Albertina Academy once again served as the festival's beating heart, hosting works by five artists. With *Décalquer*, photographer Georges Senga examined the forgotten roots of a Japanese-Congolese community shaped by the legacy of neo-colonial mineral exploitation. Meanwhile, Gregory Halpern presented *Omaha Sketchbook*, a visual narrative of Omaha, Nebraska, portraying a city suspended between rural life, social challenges, and future aspirations.

Among the featured artists at the Academy, emerging photographer Valeria Cherchi stood out with *RE:Birth*, while Silvia Rosi, through *Disintegrata*, offered a reflection on the representation of second-generation Italian Africans and the broader African diaspora in Italy.

The festival also extended to several other venues across the city. At the State Archives, Sheng-Wen Lo presented *Not Bad Intentions. Attempts to Coexist*, a project reflecting on environmental anthropocentrism. At the GAM – Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art, Bolivian artist River Claure revisited the mythology of the Amazon through *Once Upon a Time in the Jungle,* blending Western cinema, Indigenous culture, and postcolonial imagery. OGR Torino hosted the group exhibition *Almost Real. From Trace to Simulation*, which examined the relationship between photography and artificial intelligence through works by Alan Butler, Nora Al-Badri, and Lawrence Lek. Finally, at Palazzo Carignano, artist Paolo Cirio presented *Climate Tribunal,* an installation that symbolically transformed glaciers into legal entities in order to expose corporate responsibility for climate change.



Festival CinemAmbiente

28th Edition | June 5–10

The festival featured 77 films from 26 countries, inviting audiences to reflect on long-standing environmental issues such as climate change, the destructive impact of humans on the planet, the loss of biodiversity, the exploitation of natural resources and the threat of pandemics. It also addressed emerging topics, including nuclear energy and space colonization in response to the predicted uninhabitability of our own world.

The competition programme maintained its traditional structure, comprising two competitive sections dedicated to documentaries and short films, as well as two non-competitive sections: *Made in Italy* and *Panorama*.

The festival opened on World Environment Day with a screening of the silent film *Wonders of the Sea*, one of the earliest works in cinema history to feature authentic underwater footage. This screening emphasized the significance of the topics at the core of the *Third United Nations Ocean Conference*, which took place in Nice.

The event concluded with an awards ceremony and a screening of *2073 – Last Call,* a film by Asif Kapadia exploring the challenges that humanity is expected to face over the next fifty years as a result of climate change.

Alongside the film programme, the *Ecoevents* section offered a diverse schedule of panels, talks, installations, performances and live shows. These events covered a variety of subjects, including sustainable cooking and food recovery practices led by responsible chefs, science communication through cinematic storytelling, green careers, and Piedmont's eco-museums. All activities were organised in collaboration with the many organizations, associations and institutions that continue to support the festival and contribute to its broadening scope.



View Conference

26th Edition | October 12–17

Now in its 26th year, the VIEW Conference is one of the world's leading events dedicated to animation, visual effects, video games, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies for film and audiovisual media. This year, it showcased the latest innovations and most advanced applications in virtual reality and interactive technologies.

The central theme of this edition was innovation in the digital arts, with a particular focus on storytelling, virtual production, artificial intelligence, VR, AR and XR, the metaverse, and state-of-the-art animation and VFX techniques. Attendees were invited to consider how technology is reshaping creative processes by combining artistic expertise with digital tools to create new forms of visual storytelling.

The event attracted over 6,500 participants from 57 countries, further confirming its growing international reach. The programme featured 76 talks, 22 workshops, 14 panel discussions and nine masterclasses, as well as screenings, portfolio reviews and numerous professional networking opportunities.

Torino welcomed over 150 speakers, including Academy Award-winning directors, VFX supervisors, digital artists and leading figures from Hollywood, Silicon Valley and some of the world's top animation studios. Distinguished guests included Pixar director Domee Shi, Academy Award winner for the short film Bao; Doug Chiang, Academy Award winner for *Forrest Gump* and Production Design Supervisor for the *Star Wars* franchise; and renowned visual effects specialists Pablo Helman, Hal Hickel, and Ian Hunter.

The programme also featured several exclusive previews, including Warner Bros *The Cat in the Hat, In Your Dreams* from Netflix and Sony Pictures Animation, and Universal Pictures' *Wicked: For Good*.



Torino Film Festival

43rd Edition | November 21–29

Organised by the National Museum of Cinema in Torino and under the artistic direction of Giulio Base, the festival presented a rich and diverse programme designed to explore new frontiers in cinematic language, as well as the relationship between film, memory and contemporary society.

The central theme of the 2025 edition was deeply rooted in film history and cultural engagement. This focus was reflected in a special retrospective celebrating the centenary of Paul Newman's birth. This featured a curated selection of 24 films that highlighted the enduring legacy of one of cinema's most iconic actors.

The official programme included 120 films spanning feature-length productions, documentaries and short films. These were divided into six sections: three competitive and three non-competitive, including *Out of Competition, Zibaldone* and the *Paul Newman Retrospective*. Screenings were complemented by talks, panel discussions and masterclasses, which brought together directors, actors, critics and audiences, thus reinforcing the festival's role as a hub for cultural exchange and creative dialogue.

An impressive lineup of internationally acclaimed guests walked the red carpet, including Spike Lee, Antonio Banderas, Juliette Binoche, Franco Nero, Vanessa Redgrave, Claude Lelouch and Jacqueline Bisset. Many of these distinguished figures received the prestigious *Stella della Mole Award* during the opening ceremony at the Teatro Regio, which underscored the festival's international outlook and commitment to celebrating artists who have made a lasting contribution to cinema history.

The 43rd edition saw significant growth in attendance and media visibility, with 38,000 spectators attending, an average theatre occupancy rate of 83% being achieved, and 65 screenings selling out. The festival also reached a record audience on social media, generating more than 7.3 million views and reaching 3.3 million people.



Torino Jazz Festival

13th Edition | April 23–30

Over eight days, Torino was transformed into a citywide stage, with performances taking place across 58 venues, including theatres, clubs, museums and public spaces. This further strengthened the festival's reputation as one of Europe's leading jazz events.

The 2025 edition was guided by the theme *Free the Music,* inviting audiences to explore jazz beyond its conventional boundaries and embrace its fluid, ever-evolving nature. As Artistic Director Stefano Zenni noted, the festival aimed to celebrate music in all its forms, crossing genres, languages, and artistic disciplines.

The festival was also part of the celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of Italy's Liberation, offering a programme rich in cultural and civic significance. Alongside concerts, audiences enjoyed talks, book presentations, dance performances, special events and film screenings, including the new Jazz Cinema strand.

The festival welcomed 289 Italian and international artists, presenting a total of 71 concerts, including eight original TJF productions. The opening performance featured the renowned trumpeter Enrico Rava with his quintet at the Teatro Colosseo. The closing event starred the internationally acclaimed pianist Jason Moran, who presented a special project dedicated to James Reese Europe, accompanied by the TJF All Stars ensemble.

The festival achieved record attendance, attracting 19,184 visitors overall. The main concerts drew 11,384 spectators, while the participating jazz clubs welcomed around 3,300 people. The *Jazz Blitz* series also enjoyed strong participation, with 21 events attracting around 2,000 people. Complementary initiatives such as *Jazz Cinema* and *Jazz Talks* brought in a further 2,500 attendees.



KAPPA FUTURFESTIVAL

12th Edition | July 4 – 6

Kappa FuturFestival has firmly established itself as one of the world's leading events dedicated to electronic music and contemporary culture. It successfully combines artistic experimentation, tourism appeal and urban regeneration. Held in the regenerated industrial spaces of Parco Dora, Kappa FuturFestival is the only Italian event to be ranked alongside globally renowned festivals such as *Glastonbury* and *Coachella*. Building on more than a decade of success, the festival has achieved this status thanks to the quality of its artistic programme, its commitment to innovation and its increasing focus on sustainability.

The 12th edition featured over 110 international DJs and artists performing across six stages and in a variety of themed areas. The festival attracted over 120,000 attendees from around 150 countries.

Prominent names on the global electronic music scene were also present, including Carl Cox, Adam Beyer, Maceo Plex, Charlotte de Witte, Peggy Gou, Diplo, Meduza and Pawsa.

The festival programme began with a series of preview events held across the city, including the *Warm-Up Party* at OGR Torino and the *Opening Party* at Centralino. This was followed by a series of after-parties hosted in some of Torino's most iconic music venues, including Audiodrome, Q35, Azimut, and Bunker. A total of 13 satellite events were held in these venues.

Beyond its musical offerings, Kappa FuturFestival was notable for its strong commitment to environmental sustainability, inclusion, and intercultural dialogue. The festival promoted responsible practices and served as a model for large-scale events that consider their social and urban impact.



MITO SettembreMusica

19th Edition | September 3–18

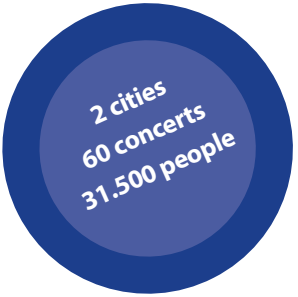
A total of more than 31,500 people took part in the 19th edition of the festival, combining attendance figures from Torino and Milan. They attended 60 concerts held in concert halls, churches and alternative venues, as well as the free events presented as part of *MITO per la Città*.

Titled *Revolutions* and directed by Maestro Giorgio Battistelli, the 2025 edition invited audiences to explore how music can interpret and illuminate historical, social and cultural change.

The programme featured 67 events, ranging from symphonic concerts and chamber music performances to family-friendly productions and multidisciplinary projects. Spanning different eras and musical styles, it combined well-known works with world premieres, enabling audiences to design their own personal journey through the festival.

The repertoire was organised around four main themes: *Shostakovich and His Time* explored the artistic and political tensions of the 20th century through the works of the great Russian composer. *Berio 100* celebrated the centenary of Luciano Berio, a leading figure in contemporary music and the avant-garde. *Revolutions: Times of War, Times of Peace* combined musical performances with reflections on historical memory and the pursuit of peace. Finally, *Seeing with the Ears* brought together music and visual arts through immersive and interactive experiences.

Among the festival's leading performers were the Filarmonica della Scala, conducted by Myung-Whun Chung, the London Symphony Orchestra, and a distinguished roster of internationally acclaimed conductors and soloists, who appeared in both open-air performances and concerts at the principal venues of Milan and Torino.
The Torino programme was further enriched by *MITO per la Città*, a community-focused music series comprising more than 100 events across the city. Performances took place in both iconic and peripheral locations with strong social significance, including the Candiolo Cancer Institute (IRCCS), Lorusso e Cutugno Prison, Regina Margherita Children's Hospital, and Parco della Pellerina. Through these initiatives, the festival brought the beauty and emotional power of music to places associated with vulnerability, waiting, care, and human connection.





Torinodanza and Balla Torino Social Dance represent two complementary dimensions of dance as a cultural, social, and artistic language, helping to define Torino as a open creative, and inclusive city. Together, the two events foster a vibrant dance ecosystem in which movement becomes a powerful means of artistic expression, active citizenship, and international dialogue.

Torinodanza

September 5 – October 5

Presented by the Teatro Stabile di Torino, Torinodanza explored dance as a form of artistic research and contemporary expression, showcasing both leading choreographers from the international dance scene and emerging trends in global creativity.

The 2025 edition, entitled *Dance First*, celebrated the freedom of artistic expression through 32 performances across four venues, featuring 15 dance companies from 11 countries. Alongside its performance programme, the festival placed a strong emphasis on education and audience development through Esperienze, a dedicated strand offering a rich programme of workshops and masterclasses for both professionals and dance enthusiasts alike.

Balla Torino Social Dance

October 11 - 18

The event brought dance into public spaces and everyday life, celebrating social dancing as a powerful tool for connection, inclusion, and intercultural dialogue. Squares, markets, museums, and workplaces were transformed into shared spaces where movement fostered encounters between different generations, communities, and cultures. Over the course of eight days, the programme engaged approximately 15,000 participants through 70 events held across 42 venues. The initiative involved 60 dance schools and associations and brought together more than 900 dance instructors and performers.

Luci d'artista

28th Edition | October 24, 2025 – January 11, 2026

First launched in 1998 as an open-air exhibition of contemporary, light-based artworks in an urban setting, *Luci d'Artista* was curated in 2025 by Antonio Grulli. He further enhanced the visibility of the event's unique and outstanding collection on both the national and international stages and made it more inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

The 28th edition featured five new installations created by internationally acclaimed artists. These included *Sex and Solitude,* the first and only public artwork in Italy by British artist Tracey Emin; *Mummer Love*, created by Soundwalk Collective in collaboration with legendary singer-songwriter Patti Smith and composer Philip Glass; *Swarms* by Chiara Camoni, a choreography of light suspended between natural and artificial worlds produced using only disco lighting technologies; *Bouncing the Ball* by Riccardo Previdi, inspired by the opening movement of a tennis serve and conceived in dialogue with the churches of Piazza San Carlo; and *Untitled*, a neon installation by Lithuanian artist Gintaras Didžiapetris displayed on the Regional Museum of Natural Sciences' façade.

The new *DUET* section expanded the exhibition's international reach through collaborations with foreign public and private institutions, including the Lithuanian Culture Institute, which partnered on Didžiapetris's installation, and MACLYON (the Museum of Contemporary Art of Lyon).

The *Accademia della Luce* (Academy of Light) programme also continued in 2025. Through this initiative, the education departments of six Torino museums developed educational projects and discussion opportunities with local schools. The exhibition further strengthened its commitment to sustainability through a partnership with Metrotrail, which created four urban trekking itineraries that promote environmentally conscious ways of experiencing the city and its artworks.

Luci d'Artista is promoted by the City of Torino in cooperation with the Teatro Regio di Torino Foundation, with technical sponsorship from IREN S.p.A., and with the support of the Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation and the CRT Foundation.



28 artworks installed across the city

Paratissima

21st Edition | October 29 – November 2

For the first time, the event was hosted at the Real Collegio Carlo Alberto in Moncalieri. This nineteenth-century landmark provided over 12,000 square metres of exhibition space, which was transformed into a vibrant creative hub for art, performances, installations and talks.

The guiding theme of the 2025 edition was *KOSMOS*, conceived as a symbolic universe of harmony, connections, and relationships between different artistic languages. The festival's visual identity was created by internationally acclaimed Piedmontese artist Elisa Seitzinger, whose poster depicted Gaia, the primordial goddess, emerging from a celestial shell in a state of perfect cosmic balance.

The programme featured a rich selection of main exhibitions and curated sections, including projects such as *Formal Disobedience, Algorithms, The Colour of Lavender: Liminal Visions, Nice & Fair / Contemporary Visions, and Unpredictable – Untitled.* Alongside the indoor exhibitions, the event presented *Art in the City*, a programme spread throughout Moncalieri's urban fabric that transformed streets, squares, and shop windows into open-air exhibition spaces, integrating contemporary art into everyday city life.

The 2025 edition welcomed a number of internationally renowned guests, including Alex Braga, who presented an audiovisual performance, and Bruce Sterling, the celebrated author and theorist known for his reflections on the relationship between technology, culture, and the future of art. Additional contributions came from leading figures in the fields of contemporary art and science, who took part in talks, masterclasses, and performances throughout the festival.

With more than 18,000 visitors, the event reaffirmed its role as a dynamic platform for experimentation, inclusion, and discovery, fostering dialogue among artists, curators, audiences, and institutions through a rich and engaging cultural experience.



Artissima

32nd Edition | October 31 – November 2

Under the direction of Luigi Fassi, the 32nd edition of *Artissima* attracted 34,500 visitors over four days, reaffirming its position as one of Europe's leading fairs for experimental, research-driven and cutting-edge contemporary art. A wide range of dedicated initiatives continued to draw some of the most influential galleries, artists, collectors and curators from across the international art world to the fair.

Inspired by the ideas of Richard Buckminster Fuller, the theme of the 2025 edition, *Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth,* provided a unifying thread throughout the curatorial project. This concept informed the fair's main sections: *Main Section, New Entries, Monologue/Dialogue and Art Spaces & Editions*; as well as the curated sections: *Present Future, Back to the Future and Disegni (Drawings)*. It also shaped projects presented by participating institutions, encouraging collective reflection on shared responsibility and the vital role of imagination in addressing contemporary challenges.

The fair brought together 176 galleries from 36 countries across five continents, including 63 presenting monographic projects. It welcomed over 700 collectors and curators, engaging more than 13,500 key figures from the international art community.

The 2025 edition further strengthened dialogue with international institutions, museum networks and emerging figures in the collecting world, fostering discussions on the civic and symbolic value of contemporary art. Of particular note was the participation of *Anonymous Art Project,* an initiative dedicated to promoting contemporary Japanese art, as well as the collaboration with the City of Vilnius and the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Italy through the *Vilnius Residency Prize*.



International Book Fair

37th Edition | May 15–19

Over its five-day run, the *Torino International Book Fair* welcomed more than 231,000 visitors, bringing together authors, publishers, and readers from around the world to share new perspectives, discover new stories, and celebrate their membership in a vibrant global community of book lovers.

The 2025 edition, entitled *Words Lightly Between Us,* borrowed from the title of Lalla Romano's novel, invited audiences to reflect on the value of language, storytelling, and dialogue as essential tools for understanding one another and making sense of the contemporary world.

The fair hosted 2,647 events and conferences as part of its main programme, in addition to more than 800 Salone Off events held throughout the city. The Dutch language was featured as the Guest Language, while Campania was the Guest Region. The programme also introduced a new thematic section, *Growing Up*, dedicated to young people and focused on topics such as personal development, emotions, challenges, and aspirations.

The programme offered an exceptionally rich array of literary events, book presentations, panel discussions, conversations, and workshops. Across more than 70 venues, audiences had the opportunity to meet internationally renowned authors including Emmanuel Carrère, Joël Dicker, Mircea Cărtărescu, Tracy Chevalier, Javier Cercas, David Quammen, Valérie Perrin, and Etgar Keret.

Alongside its literary programme, the fair hosted debates on social and cultural issues, meetings with translators, initiatives for young readers, and dedicated spaces addressing inclusion and sustainability. Strong participation from visitors under the age of 35 highlighted the Fair's continued ability to engage new generations of readers and strengthen the culture of reading.



International Festival of Economics

4th Edition | May 30 – June 2

Organised by Laterza Publishers and the Collegio Carlo Alberto – Torino Local Committee (TOLC) and overseen by economist Tito Boeri, the festival engaged the entire city of Torino with a programme of over 100 events hosted across numerous cultural venues.

The 2025 edition's theme, *The New Generations of the World,* placed young people at the centre of the discussion, highlighting their crucial role in a period marked by profound economic, social and demographic transformations. The festival addressed urgent issues such as declining birth rates, demographic policies, labour market changes, evolving family structures, social inequality, migration and sustainability, taking a rigorous, multidisciplinary approach.

It brought together internationally renowned economists, including several Nobel Prize laureates such as Paul Krugman, Michael Spence, James Heckman, Christopher Pissarides and Daron Acemoglu, as well as scholars, sociologists, psychologists, demographers and writers. This diversity of perspectives enriched discussions on the challenges facing younger generations, who are increasingly confronted with difficulties related to employment, mental health, education, and social life.

Through various formats such as *Dialogues, Visions, Debates, Author Talks and Intersections*, Torino became a hub for open, participatory reflection. The city hosted over 120 events, with significant participation from students and young people. More than 1,500 individuals actively contributed to the programme, showcasing a growing interest in the economic and social issues that will define the future.



World's 50 Best Restaurants

June 17 – 21

Torino hosted one of the world's most prestigious fine dining events, which was held in Italy for the first time. The city welcomed over 1,300 guests, including more than 250 specialist food and wine journalists, 89 participating restaurants and over 100 leading chefs from around the world. They took part in a rich programme of events held across some of the region's most iconic venues. *Maido* in Lima, led by chef Mitsuharu "Micha" Tsumura — widely regarded as one of the foremost exponents of Nikkei cuisine, renowned for its sophisticated fusion of Japanese and Peruvian culinary traditions — was awarded the top position in the prestigious ranking.

FISM World Championship of Magic

July 14 – 19

The Lingotto Congress Centre hosted the event in Italy for the first time, welcoming more than 150 magicians from 51 countries and thousands of professionals, enthusiasts, and spectators from around the world. Over the course of a week, the programme featured world-class performances, official competitions, and innovative acts showcasing the latest developments in the art of illusion. Alongside lectures, workshops, and professional seminars, the event extended into theatres and public spaces across Torino, bringing magic to a wider audience and transforming a traditionally niche art form into a shared cultural experience.



Italian Tech Week

October 1 – 3

Hosted at OGR Torino – Officine Grandi Riparazioni, the tech conference reaffirmed its position as one of Europe's leading innovation events. Under the theme *The Wave Ahead*, the 2025 edition explored future challenges and opportunities, featuring global leaders including Jeff Bezos, John Elkann, and Ursula von der Leyen. The event further strengthened Torino's reputation as an innovation hub, attracting 15,000 participants, 150 speakers from 15 countries, hosting 70 events across the city, and facilitating more than 4,000 networking meetings.

Biennale Democrazia

9th Edition | March 26 – 30

Since 2009, the cultural festival, promoted by the City of Torino and conceived and chaired by Gustavo Zagrebelsky, has been held under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic.

The ninth edition, entitled *Wars and Peaces*, invited audiences to reflect on one of the most pressing issues of our time: the prospects of peace, the persistence of conflict, and the role of democracy and fundamental human rights.

The festival opened at the Teatro Carignano with *How Wars End*, a dialogue between Alessandro Barbero and Manuela Ceretta.

The programme featured 150 events, including lectures, conversations, readings, performances, workshops and public discussions, which were hosted across 46 venues throughout the city. Many events sold out, including Gabriele Del Grande's monologue *The Century Is Mobile*; a keynote lecture by Gustavo Zagrebelsky; a discussion with Michelangelo Pistoletto and Francesco Manacorda on art as a tool for preventive peacebuilding; notable sell-out events included *The Land of Jasmine: What Is Happening in Syria?,* featuring Asmae Dachan, Annalisa Camilli, and Gabriele Del Grande; *Democracy and Conflict:* A View from Gaza, with Atef Abu Saif and Francesca Mannocchi; a conversation on Israel and Palestine with Paola Caridi and Anna Foa; *The West in the Mirror,* a dialogue between Francesca Mannocchi and Matteo Nucci; a live recording of the popular podcast Tintoria, hosted by Daniele Tinti and Stefano Rapone with special guest Pif; and *What Russian Literature Tells Me About War and Peace,* a lecture by Paolo Nori.

A particularly significant aspect of the festival was the participation of over 2,000 young people from across Italy in *Democrazia Futura*, a programme dedicated to schools, families, and younger generations. Through workshops, games, performances and the public flash mob *Asking for Peace* in Piazza Carignano, the initiative encouraged active civic participation and reflection on democratic values.

The festival's reach was further expanded through *Democrazia Diffusa,* a series of events held throughout the city in collaboration with Torino Social Impact, ARCI Torino and Torino's civic libraries.

Torino Spiritualità

21st Edition | October 15 – 19

Organized by the Fondazione Circolo dei lettori, the festival presented a programme of lectures, dialogues, readings, and discussions in the heart of the city, fostering reflection and exchange among people, cultures, and faiths from around the world.

The 21st edition, entitled *This Emptiness Around Us. Losing Ourselves / Finding One Another*, offered a profound exploration of the concept of emptiness, an elusive yet pervasive presence in contemporary life that can both unsettle and inspire.

In an age shaped by information overload and constant stimulation, theologians, scientists, and philosophers guided audiences through a journey that examined emptiness not as mere absence, but as a space of possibility, a threshold of transformation, and a fundamental dimension of human existence to be inhabited, contemplated, and rediscovered.

The festival opened with a special preview event, *Concert in the Dark*, an immersive sensory experience created by musician and sound designer Teho Teardo, inviting participants to reflect on silence and its potential.

The official opening evening took place at San Filippo Neri Church with a dialogue between physicist Guido Tonelli and theologian Vito Mancuso. Other highlights included a trilogy of lectures devoted to the "masters of suspicion" Nietzsche, Marx, and Freud, whose ideas challenged established certainties and opened new horizons of thought.

International guests included Iranian-Dutch writer Kader Abdolah, pastor Cristina Arcidiacono, and Buddhist monk Lama Michel Tulku Rinpoche, alongside prominent voices from Italy's cultural and philosophical landscape, such as Enzo Bianchi, Fabio Geda, and Adriana Valerio.

The festival attracted 12,000 participants, both in person and online, across 80 events featuring 120 speakers.

Black History Month | February 1 – 28

Torino hosted the fourth edition of the event dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of people of African descent while promoting a more inclusive understanding of contemporary society and challenging discriminatory narratives. The programme featured a wide range of events, including concerts, theatre performances. The initiative was promoted by the Association of Sub-Saharan African Women and Second Generation (ADASS), with support from Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo and under the patronage of the City of Torino, in collaboration with a large network of local associations and community organizations.

Slavika Festival | March 14 – 16

Torino hosted Italy's first festival dedicated to Slavic cultures, offering a diverse programme of talks, translation workshops, book presentations, and musical performances. The festival welcomed international guests from Russia, Poland, and the Balkan region, and it was organized by the Polski Kot Association, with the support of Italian and Polish institutions.

Coltivato, International Agriculture Festival | March 20 – 23

In its second edition, the festival transformed Torino into a city-wide platform for dialogue and cultural engagement, with the aim of exploring agriculture through a scientific and educational lens. The central theme, water, chosen in connection with World Water Day on March 22, guided discussions on water scarcity, climate change, sustainable resource management, and food security.

Pan-African Festival | May 23 – June 2

The ninth edition of the festival, organised by the Panafricando Association and held under the patronage of the City of Torino, celebrated the more than 30 African communities living in the area and their second-generation participants. Distinguished guests in attendance included the Ambassador of Burkina Faso and delegations from the Ivorian city of Daloa. Alongside live performances, the festival featured art exhibitions, traditional craft workshops, and a culinary journey through a vibrant ethnic street food programme.

Festival of Migration | September 10 – 14

The seventh edition of the festival, entitled *The Heart Beyond the Obstacle* and curated by A.M.A. Factory, Alma Terra and Tedacà, brought more than 30 events to some of Torino's most emblematic multicultural venues. With over 100 artists, writers and cultural practitioners in attendance, the festival attracted more than 5,000 visitors.

Welcome Festival | September 16 – October 31

The fifth edition of the festival dedicated to migration and multiculturalism featured more than 100 events over 40 days, including debates, performances, workshops,

film screenings, photography exhibitions, book presentations, youth activities, and spiritual journeys. The festival was organised by the Migrant Ministry of the Archdiocese of Torino and the Generazioni Migranti Association, in collaboration with Fondazione Migrantes, and was supported by Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo and Fondazione CRT. It fostered dialogue, inclusion, and intercultural understanding.

National Mission Festival | October 9 – 12

Hosted for the first time in Torino, the National Festival was organised in partnership with the Welcome Festival and promoted by Fondazione Missio, the Conference of Missionary Institutes in Italy, and the Archdiocese of Torino. The programme addressed major contemporary issues, including peace, dialogue, global crises, ecological conversion, social marginalisation and economic justice. A highlight of the festival was *Disarmed: Faces of Resistance*, which featured internationally renowned speakers and witnesses including Kim Aris, Taghi Rahmani, Basel Adra, Yonatan Zeigen, Don Luigi Ciotti and Sister Azezet Habtezghi Kidane.

Portici di Carta | October 4 – 5

Booksellers, publishers, and thousands of books lined a route stretching nearly two kilometres through the city centre, enriched by 46 literary events, including 26 free public talks and 20 activities for children in the dedicated Mini Portici area. Among the international guests, Mexican writer Valeria Luiselli was a standout presence, appearing at the festival preview event as recipient of the Mondello Prize for Foreign Author.

Women & the City | October 22 – 26

Entitled *Where there is equality, there is a future*, the third edition of the festival, supported by the City of Torino, transformed the metropolitan area into a platform for discussion on gender equality. Through events held in libraries and in public squares, the programme explored key issues such as the safety of urban spaces, gender medicine, and the STEM gender gap. A highlight of the festival was the participation of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi, whose testimony on women's resistance and empowerment provided one of the event's most powerful moments.

Mondi lontani, Mondi vicini | October 27 – April 13, 2026

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the free film series organised by the City of Torino's Intercultural Centre in collaboration with the National Museum of Cinema, a new selection of Italian and international films was presented, exploring themes of identity, intercultural dialogue and diversity. Hosted at Cinema Massimo, the programme reaffirmed its role as a vibrant forum for discussion and cultural exchange, uniting intellectual, creative and artistic perspectives on a variety of contemporary issues.



SPORT, YOUTH AND UNIVERSITY

TORINO, A CITY OF GREAT SPORT

The City of Torino once again played a leading role on the international panorama of organized sport in 2025. Its legacy, rooted in hosting high-profile events such as the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, continues to evolve with an ongoing commitment of local institutions, sports federations and associations to promote events that not only celebrate competitive spirit but also foster inclusion, tourism and urban development.

Torino further strengthened this vocation by hosting a series of major international sporting events, reinforcing its reputation as a city capable of welcoming athletes, fans and delegations from all over the world.

From January 13 to 23, the city hosted the 32nd *Winter World University Games*, an event dedicated to university athletes from all over the world. More than 1,600 student athletes from 54 countries took part, competing in 13 winter sports disciplines. Competitions were held at various venues in Torino and throughout the Piedmont region, with the opening ceremony taking place at the Inalpi Arena, the heart of the event.

For the first time in Italy, the *Special Olympics Winter World Games* were held from 8 to 15 March, featuring athletes with intellectual disabilities from over 100 countries. With more than 1,500 participants competing in disciplines such as alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, snowboarding, floorball and others, the Games had a significant impact not only on sport but also on society, promoting values such as inclusion, respect and equal opportunities.

Finally, the Piedmontese capital confirmed its position as an international hub for professional tennis, attracting extensive media attention and a growing audience of enthusiasts for the *ATP Finals*, scheduled from November 9 to 16 at the Inalpi Arena.

Overall, 2025 was a year marked by major organizational challenges, sporting achievements and cultural impact for Torino, confirming the city not only as a venue for elite sporting events but also as a laboratory for inclusion, participation and cultural development through sport.

Torino's commitment to promoting sport will continue in 2026 with the *Men's European Volleyball Championship*, scheduled for September, and the traditional November appointment with the *ATP Finals*.

January 13 – 23

More than 10,000 people travelled to Piedmont to take part in the *32nd FISU Winter World University Games Torino 2025*, a remarkable celebration of university sport.

The six competition venues that hosted the 13 sports disciplines — Torino, Pinerolo, Pragelato, Torre Pellice, Bardonecchia and Sestriere — welcomed 2,500 athletes and staff members from 54 countries. More than 15,000 accreditations were issued for the event, while attendance exceeded 100,000 spectators. The opening and closing ceremonies, the Exhibition Gala at Palavela, as well as the semi-final and final competitions, were all sold out.

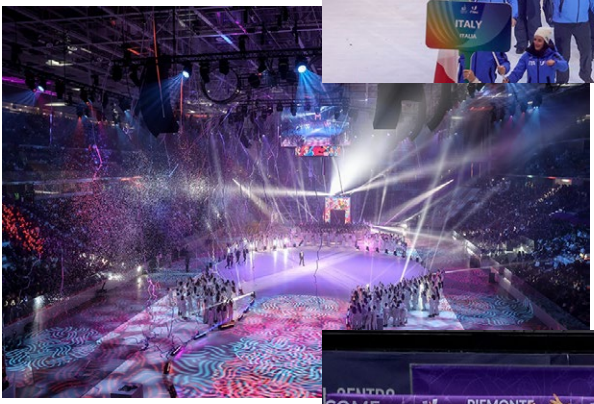
In terms of medal achievements, the 89 Italian athletes competing at the Games won a total of 15 medals: four gold medals — two won by Martina Vozza, together with her guide athlete Ylenia Sabidussi, in the Para Alpine Skiing Super-G Vision Impaired event; one by Elisa Fava in the Parallel Giant Slalom Snowboard event; and one by Nathalie Bernard in the Women's Freestyle Ski Cross. Italy also secured five silver medals and six bronze medals, improving on its performance at the 2023 Lake Placid Universiade, where the team earned a total of ten medals.

The *Torino 2025 Winter World University Games* were undoubtedly a record-breaking edition, particularly on environmental and social sustainability. For the first time in the history of the Universiade, able-bodied student-athletes and para student-athletes competed on the same slopes in alpine skiing and cross-country skiing events, reaffirming the role of sport as a powerful tool for integration and inclusion. Moreover, this edition stood out for its reuse of the sporting venues from the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games, giving new meaning to the concept of circular economy in sport as well.

The Organising Committee also achieved significant success in the educational sector. The *BoscoTO* 25 project involved 360 children aged between 5 and 10, who planted 123 trees, raising awareness among younger generations about sustainability and environmental care. The *TO Art In Motion* project, developed in collaboration with the Regional School Office, brought together 250 students from schools located in the competition municipalities. The initiative promoted and celebrated history, culture and identity of each venue while educating participants about urban regeneration, leaving the redevelopment of these facilities as a concrete legacy of the Games.

The extinguishing of the cauldron symbolically marked the end of the event, whose next edition will take place in Changchun, Jilin Province, China, in 2027.


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March 8–15

In March, Torino and the entire Piedmont region hosted the *Special Olympics World Winter Games*, one of the most significant sporting events of the year in the field of inclusion. From March 8 to 15, athletes with intellectual disabilities and their unified partners came together to celebrate sport, determination, and solidarity in an international setting that combined competition with profound human values.

The event brought together approximately 1,500 athletes from 102 countries, a figure that reflects the truly global scale of the Games and Torino's ability to attract delegations from all continents. Athletes and their teammates without intellectual disabilities were supported by over 2,000 volunteers, more than 1,000 coaches and delegation officials, as well as hundreds of family members and international guests.

Public attendance was equally remarkable: around 100,000 spectators attended competitions and side events held across Torino and the province's mountain resorts. Their presence greatly contributed to the festive atmosphere of the Special Olympics and helped in increasing the visibility of a sporting event that often receives limited coverage by traditional media.

Competitions took place in eight winter sports disciplines, selected to showcase the athletes' technical skills, endurance, and artistic expression. Events were held across several venues: Torino hosted ice sports competitions, including floorball, figure skating, and short track; Sestriere staged alpine skiing and snowshoeing events; Bardonecchia welcomed sport dance and snowboarding competitions; while Pragelato hosted cross-country skiing events.



The Opening Ceremony at the Inalpi Arena was an emotional highlight, featuring the parade of the 102 national delegations and the participation of public authorities, families, and supporters. Likewise, the Closing Ceremony celebrated athletes, volunteers, and spectators, honouring their achievements, friendships, and individual stories of courage and progress.

The *Special Olympics World Winter Games Torino 2025* provided a unique opportunity to promote inclusion, break down barriers, and foster a culture of sport based on respect, equality, and the joy of participating.





August 21–23

In August, Torino took on a central role in the international cycling scene by hosting the official start of *La Vuelta a España*, an event that transformed the city into a major sporting, cultural, and media stage.

From August 21 to 23, Torino and the Piedmont region welcomed the caravan of the 90th edition of the race, attracting thousands of spectators and extensive coverage from national and international media. The team presentation, held in Piazzetta Reale, brought together more than 180 cyclists from 23 teams, welcomed by an audience of 3,000 people and media crews from around the world. The event was broadcast live on television and streaming platforms in over 190 countries. The festive atmosphere was further enhanced by a vibrant Spanish-themed celebration featuring spinning classes, music, and a performance by singer Antonio Orozco.

On August 23, the race officially started at the Motovelodromo, with a rolling start taking place in front of the monument dedicated to cycling champion Fausto Coppi and then finished after 186.1 kilometres later in Novara.

To celebrate the Spanish race, Torino dressed up with red decorations—the symbolic colour of La Vuelta—culminating in the spectacular lighting of the Mole Antonelliana and the historic bridges over the River Po.

The event was much more than a sports competition. Torino celebrated La Vuelta with a three-day festival combining entertainment, culture, and passion for cycling, engaging both residents and visitors in a unique and memorable experience.

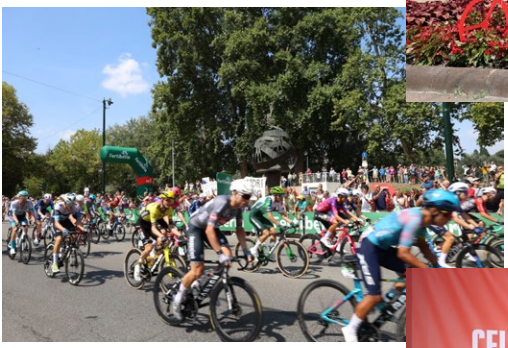
More than 200 associations and over 9,000 people, including athletes, staff, media representatives, volunteers, and event operators, contributed to the success of the event, strengthening community spirit and actively involving students and local sports organisations. The decision to host the Salida Oficial represented an extraordinary opportunity for international promotion, capable of attracting spectators, journalists, athletes, and business operators while generating significant direct and indirect benefits for the region.

Among the many accompanying initiatives, a special food and wine itinerary was also created, involving local producers and restaurateurs. The programme featured dishes and tastings inspired by the colours and flavours of both Spain and the Piedmont lands crossed by the race.




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November 9–16

Torino hosted the *Nitto ATP Finals* for the fourth consecutive edition, the prestigious tennis tournament that officially concludes the men's professional ATP season. Held at the Inalpi Arena from November 9 to 16, the event once again brought international attention to the Piedmontese capital, reinforcing Torino's position as one of the most vibrant European cities for major global sporting events.

The ATP Finals annually bring together the top eight singles players and the top eight doubles pairs of the ATP season. The 2025 edition featured a top-level field, including stars such as Jannik Sinner (Italy), Carlos Alcaraz (Spain), Alexander Zverev (Germany), Ben Shelton (USA), and other leading figures of world tennis competing for the final trophy.

Attendance figures were outstanding: every session at the Inalpi Arena was sold out, with approximately 229,879 spectators from 110 countries attending throughout the tournament week, marking a significant increase compared to previous editions.

The tournament followed the traditional round-robin format during the group stage, followed by semi-finals and finals. Jannik Sinner successfully defended his title, defeating Carlos Alcaraz 7–6(4), 7–5 in the final and confirming an extraordinary season in front of his home crowd. In the doubles competition, the pair Harri Heliövaara (Finland) and Henry Patten (Great Britain) claimed the title by defeating fellow Britons Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski 7–5, 6–3.

Torino successfully transformed the tennis tournament into a city-wide celebration of sport, with events, activities, tastings, and special initiatives involving residents and visitors alike. Casa Tennis, located in Piazza Castello, welcomed more than 5,000 visitors who attended a rich program of talks and meetings featuring guests from the sporting world. Casa Gusto, hosted at the State Archives, brought together 100 food and agri-food companies, offering tastings of local products, while information stands and tourist promotion points recorded approximately 10,000 visits, distributing promotional materials and information about the region.

These initiatives helped create a festive atmosphere, combining sport with culture, entertainment, gastronomy, and tourism. As a result, the ATP Finals became an event capable of engaging not only tennis enthusiasts but the entire city, generating widespread participation and reinforcing Torino's reputation as a premier host destination for international events.


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OFFICIAL BALL


Nitto ATP FINALS


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January 12 |Kings World Cup Nations

The final between Brazil and Colombia of the first edition of the international 7-a-side football tournament was held at the Allianz Stadium. Conceived by Gerard Piqué, former FC Barcelona and Manchester United star, the competition brought together former football champions, YouTubers and influencers. Following a series of matches involving 16 nations, the final not only crowned Brazil as tournament winner but also offered a complete entertainment experience featuring music, live performances and top-level football.

January 25 | Thai Boxe Mania

Le Cupole hosted the Endas Fight Night, a must-see event for combat sports fans. For the first time, the event also featured a women's match, as well as the highly anticipated bout between Thai world champion Yod PT and Lingkhao Andrany.

January 30 | Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique

More than 60 cars, with crews from Europe, America and Asia, set off for Monte Carlo for the 27th edition of the historic motor racing event organised by the Automobile Club of Torino and the Automobile Club of Monaco.



February 7 – 8 | Van Gogh on ice

Internationally acclaimed and multi-medal-winning skaters – including Italians Lara Naki Gutmann and Matteo Rizzo, as well as international athletes Javier Lopez and Yannick Bonheur – performed on the ice at PalaTazzoli in a unique show combining figure skating with 3D video mapping inspired by Vincent van Gogh's works.

February 7 – 9 | FIE Grand Prix – INALPI Trophy

Two Italian athletes dominated the men's and women's international foil competition, a European stage of the Fencing World Cup circuit. Martina Favaretto defeated Canadian Eleanor Harvey in the women's final, while reigning world and European champion Tommaso Marini overcame Czech fencer Alexander Choupenitch in the men's event.

February 7 – 9 | International Regatta D'Inverno sul Po

The 42nd edition of this long-distance rowing race attracted more than 3,800 athletes from over 143 rowing clubs to Torino. Participants from more than nine foreign countries, including Uganda and Israel, competed along the 5-kilometre course on the River Po.

March 15 – 16 | Judo Turin Cup

1,000 athletes from across Italy, as well as from Russia and Switzerland, competed for the prestigious international youth judo trophy, which was also a qualifying event for the FIJLKAM Grand Prix (Italian Judo, Wrestling, Karate and Martial Arts Federation).

April 13 | Torino Half Marathon

Now in its tenth edition, the international running race passed through some of the city's most picturesque locations and was dominated by Kenyan runners Elvis Chebor Tabarach and Naomi Kakoko Limamurei.

May 11 | International cycling race Briko Torino

Starting from the Motovelodromo, the 115-kilometre cycling race, was won by Manuele Caddeo and Roberta Bussone. The event, held under the patronage of the City of Torino, attracted over 1,000 participants.



May 12 – 16 | Piemonte Open Intesa Sanpaolo

Kazakh Alexander Bublik triumphed in the third edition of the Challenger 175 tennis tournament, hosted at the historic Circolo della Stampa Sporting, defeating Chinese Yunchaokete Bu with a score of 6–3, 6–3.

May 22 | Kings League European Finals

The Inalpi Arena became the vibrant centre of European sports entertainment, welcoming more than 11,590 spectators attending three contemporary finals: the Kings League France, Kings League Spain and Kings League Lottomatica.sport Italy, the latter won by TRM FC.



May 25 – June 29 | Balon Mundial Festival

The event, dedicated to citizenship and Torino's sporting and migrant communities, reached its 17th edition. The festival featured 24 teams representing over 38 migrant and local communities. For the third consecutive year, the USPR (Russian-speaking Sports Union) team took part in the tournament, bringing together Ukrainian, Russian and Kazakh players to convey a powerful message of peace through sport.

July 23 – 27 | 2.0 Mole Trophy

The 17th edition of one of the most prestigious wheelchair tennis tournaments saw the participation of 53 athletes from 11 countries, competing in the Open, Women's and Quad categories, both in singles and doubles events.

August 2 – 10 | Twirling World Championships

The Inalpi Arena hosted the Twirling World Championships, combined with the Nation Cup and the Majorettes World Championships. Torino welcomed over 2,400 athletes from 20 countries, competing in individual, team, junior and senior events with performances showcasing exceptional skill and entertainment.



August 29 | Fipav Cup Elite Man

The PalaVela hosted the international men's volleyball quadrangular tournament featuring the national teams of Italy, Türkiye, Germany and the Netherlands, serving as their final test event before the World Championships in the Philippines. Torino spectators responded enthusiastically, with more than 11,000 attendees over three days of competition.





September 20 | Sebago Rowing Cup

Crews from international universities competed in an exciting 500-metre sprint format in the first international regatta on the River Po inspired by American East Coast university competitions.

September 26 – 28 | Salone Auto Torino

Torino's city centre was transformed into an open urban showcase, welcoming automotive companies, concept cars, installations, talks, test drives, prototypes, exhibitions and business-to-business meetings, bringing together over 40 automotive brands as well as industry professionals and enthusiasts.

October 25 | 24th International Torball Tournament

The Parri Sports Hall hosted the 24th edition of the tournament dedicated to torball, the first Paralympic team sport played by blind and visually impaired athletes using a sound ball. The competition featured eight teams: five from Italy, two from Belgium and one from Austria.

November 8 – 9 | Silverskiff

The 11-kilometre time trial race, held along the city's stretch of the River Po, involved over 700 athletes, including master rowers, Olympic champions and world champions from 25 countries, among them Italy, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United States and France.

November 15 | Italy vs South Africa Rugby Match

More than 32,000 spectators attended the Quilter Nations Series match at the Allianz Stadium. The South African world champions defeated the Italian national team 32–14, confirming their dominance on the international stage.



November 23 | Torino City Marathon, City Half Marathon and City Run

More than 10,000 runners, including internationally renowned athletes, took to the city streets to compete in the marathon, half marathon and non-competitive 7 km race. Kenyan runners Elvis Chebor Tabarach and Naomi Kakoko Limamurei claimed victory in the marathon, while Gianluca Ferrato and French athlete Solene Binet won the half marathon.

November 23 – 30 | European Sports Week

The slogan "Move More, Scroll Less" was at the heart of the event, launched by the European Commission to promote sports and healthy and active lifestyles to improve physical and mental well-being of European citizens. Through debates, interviews and round-table discussions, key values such as well-being, inclusion and a sense of belonging were highlighted.

YOUTH - INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

https://www.torinogiovani.it/estero/scambi-internazionali-con-il-comune-di-torino

International Exchanges are mobility experiences abroad, co-financed by the European Union, which allow groups of young people from different parts of Europe to meet, make new friends, discover each other's cultures, and exchange knowledge and ideas under the supervision of group leaders. Each exchange focuses on a topic considered essential to the European Union, such as sustainability, the environment, interfaith dialogue, human rights, employment, traditions, and active citizenship. These themes are approached through non-formal education methods, including role-playing, simulations, workshops, and outdoor activities.

The International Exchanges Office of the City of Torino provides tutoring and advisory services for organisations promoting youth exchanges. It cooperates with local institutions and associations and annually offers a 7-15 programme of opportunities in various European countries addressed to young people aged 13 to 30 living in Torino.

In 2025, the following outgoing exchanges were organised:

April 7–12 | Prishtina, Kosovo | Act for the Future
Active citizenship and youth empowerment

April 7–13 | La Rochelle, France | What's on My Plate?
Creativity, health, and food awareness

April 11–20 | El Quinto Pino, Talayuela, Spain | Circus in Nature
Circus arts, creativity, and connection with nature

July 5–20 | Wrocław, Poland | Healthy, Wealthy and Wise
Cooking and healthy, conscious lifestyles

July 12–19 | Bouillon, Belgium | Nature4Life
Nature, sustainability, and outdoor living

July 18–26 | Bouillon, Belgium | Youthcracy
Democracy, role-playing games, and active citizenship

July 20–26 – Session I (Eurovisionen) and July 27– August 2– Session II (Freizeit Kreativ Gestalten) | Neuerburg, Germany | Neuerburg
Creativity, art, and intercultural exchange

July 28 – August 3 | Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg | Esch Youth Olympiad
Sport, citizenship, and intercultural exchange

August 3–9 | Larochette, Luxembourg | MediaOnTour
Multimedia content creation during a journey exploring the meaning of a borderless Europe.

TORINO A UNIVERSITY CITY

http://www.studyintorino.it

The relationship between the City of Torino and its two main universities—the University of Torino and the Politecnico di Torino—was further strengthened through an agreement signed in 2023, with the aim of promoting excellence in scientific research and fostering an innovative culture in areas of shared interest. From an international perspective, this cooperation follows two main directions: on the one hand, attracting international students to Torino, supported by joint institutional missions with the universities, such as those carried out in Uzbekistan and Argentina in 2025; on the other hand, enhancing services made available by the City to international students.

In the 2024/2025 academic year, the University of Torino recorded 3,958 international students, while the Politecnico di Torino welcomed an international student population representing 22.4% of total enrolment, equivalent to approximately 8,560 students.

Launched in 2012 through the collaboration between the City of Torino, the University of Torino (UniTo), the Politecnico di Torino (PoliTo), and EDISU Piemonte, the Torino Città Universitaria (Torino University City) project aims to consolidate the city's role as an academic and scientific hub of national and international importance. Thanks to a highly developed and qualified university system, Torino welcomes a large and varied student population, contributing to the cultural, economic, and social development of the area.

The initiative promotes coordinated governance among universities, public institutions, research centres, foundations, and businesses, with the aim of enhancing the attractiveness of Torino's university system and ensuring favourable conditions for study, research, and innovation. Through strategic actions and integrated policies, the project seeks to improve services for the academic community, enhance spaces dedicated to university life, and support internationalisation processes.

Its main areas of intervention include improving university infrastructure and student housing, supporting sustainable mobility, promoting cultural and sporting initiatives, expanding guidance and career support services, developing the Campus Diffuso project, and strengthening dialogue between higher education and local economic system. Attention is devoted to welcoming international students and creating conditions that encourage talented young people to remain in Torino and contribute to its future development.



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Torino's internationalization strategy is based on its participation in international networks and associations that foster cooperation, joint projects, the exchange of best practices, and the promotion of local resources. The city also takes part in the following initiatives: Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, Global Coalition for Social Justice, and the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth initiative. Through ANCI, Co.Co.Pa. (Coordination of Municipalities for Peace), and Hydroaid (the Water School for Development), Torino engages in inter-municipal pathways for international cooperation and peacebuilding.

The international networks the City participates in can be grouped into different categories:

OF A GENERAL NATURE
EUROCITIES
The European Union in Piedmont

CULTURE AND TOURISM
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
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
MUFPP - Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

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 Education Cities
Platform Network
UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities

INNOVATION
ENoLL
iCapital Alumni Network
6G-IA

SPORT
Cities for Sports
WUOC - World Union of Olympic Cities



MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

January and April | OASC network – Open & Agile Smart Cities

Participation in the conference and the summit, to define working standards and to elect the Council of Cities' coordinator.

February 2 – 3 | Città del Bio

Participation in the Climate, Food, and Culture conference held in Florence together with the cities of Paris, Vienna, Nuremberg, and Munich.

April 2 | ENoLL Summit

The event brought together European innovators, researchers, and policymakers, highlighting Torino's experience in urban innovation and showcasing experiments in smart mobility, creative industries, and social innovation.

May 26 – 29 | Saint Étienne | UNESCO Design Creative Cities

The City took part in the network's annual meeting, strengthening existing relationships and laying out the groundwork for future collaborations.

June 14 – 22 | Lisbon | Euro Pride

The City of Torino took part in the event as a way to get ready for *Euro Pride 2027,* which will be held in Torino.

September | IURC

Operational activities have been launched, including the development of pilot projects and participation in thematic networks aligned with the City's strategic priorities, such as urban regeneration, energy transition, and social inclusion.

September 30 – October 3 | Andorra | Open Living Lab Days

The commitment of the City of Torino, together with Eindhoven, as coordinator of the Digital Urban Systems & Solutions for Transitions working group, dedicated to the topic of technological innovation in urban areas, has been confirmed.

October 9 – 12 | Barcelona | EPOA General Assembly

The meeting brought together the leading organisations responsible for organizing Pride events across Europe, featuring thematic workshops, elections for leadership positions, and a welcoming ceremony hosted by Mayor Jaume Collboni and representatives of the Catalan Government.

December 3 | Bruxelles | Città del Bio

Meeting of the member cities of the Association, currently chaired by the City of Paris.

December 4 | iCapital Awards

The City of Torino organized the *iCapital Awards 2026* ceremony, hosted as part of the *Cities Innovate Summit,* and handed over the baton to the next innovation capital, Grenoble Métropole.

BJCEM was founded in Sarajevo in 2001. The Association, which has 47 members from 16 countries, oversees promoting the Biennial of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean, held every two years in a different city. It promotes and values intercultural dialogue, contemporary artistic research in various expressive forms, supports young creativity, mobility, and meetings between young artists. Furthermore, it advocates the role that art and culture can play in society, allowing people to discover and learn the values of different cultures while enriching their own.
The City of Torino is a founding member of the network and has been a member since 2001, hosting the Association's executive offices.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

May 30 – June 30 | Nova Gorica, Vipava, and Gorizia I Mediterranean Biennale 20

Participation in the opening of the 20th edition of the *Mediterranean Biennale* organized by GO! 2025 – European Capital of Culture and the ŠKUC Association, entitled *Our Collective Limits,* an invitation to reflect on the visible and invisible boundaries that shape our societies, identities, and future. The City of Torino supported the participation of the artist Oleksandra Horobets.

May 31 | Nova Gorica | General Assembly

Participation in the General Assembly provided an opportunity to discuss the Association's activities and communication strategies. Special attention was devoted to *Mediterranean Biennale 20*, support for artists, and planning of future editions and international collaborations.



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 2025

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 focused on the use and governance of the tourist tax in European destinations, in collaboration with Bologna Welcome and the Genoa Tourism Office; creation of the Tourism City Monitor document with a specific analysis of tourism trends in Europe; writing a chapter on the Italian market trend published in the City DNA Travel Report; updating data on arrivals/stays in Torino within the Tourmis platform.

TIC – Tourist Information Centres Knowledge Group

Partecipation via videoconference in the discussion *Mobile tourist information services: paid employees or volunteers?*

April 9 – 11 | Budapest | Conference and General Assembly

The *Beyond Boundaries. Driving Tourism's Business Transformation* event focused on innovation and sustainable growth, the well-being and pride of local communities, as well as rethinking the visitor experience. For the City of Torino, Turismo Torino e Provincia took part in the panel *Business Without Boundaries? Try Tourism Without Blinkers!*, a roundtable discussion that also involved Helsinki, Lausanne, and Gdańsk.

June 4 – 6 | Gdańsk | City Card Expert Meeting

Opportunity to discuss the weaknesses and strengths in the offering of integrated services and the management of tourist cards across various European destinations.

The European Forum for Urban Security is the European network dedicated to promoting discussion, cooperation, and support among local and regional authorities in the field of crime prevention and urban safety. Founded in 1987, it brings together nearly 250 cities and regions from 17 countries.
The City of Torino joined the network in 2018 and is a member of the Executive Committee.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

June 17 – 18 | Gdańsk | General Assembly

The Deputy Mayor for Legality and Security, Marco Porcedda, took part in the General Assembly, during which the City of Torino's membership in the Executive Committee of the European Forum was officially ratified. The Assembly was also held with the final conference of the European PACTESUR2 project, on the protection of public spaces.

October 22 – 23 | Torino | Executive Committee

The City of Torino hosted the meeting of the Executive Committee of the network as well as the conference *Disabling Fear: The Use of Bladed Weapons Among Teenagers. European Cities Compared, Between Reality and Moral Panic* held at the ITC ILO. Marco Porcedda, Deputy Mayor for Legality and Security, and Willy Demeyer, Mayor of Liège, participated in the event.



Founded in Nuremberg in 2004 on the initiative of UNESCO, ECCAR – the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism – brings together 188 European cities that aim to improve their policies against racism, discrimination, and xenophobia. The network provides numerous practical tools, such as the 10 Points Action Plan, which cities can use as a reference when shaping their own anti-racial discrimination policies. The network also offers various opportunities for exchange and direct dialogue between cities, through thematic working groups like Anti-Muslim Racism, Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Equality Data Collection, and Small Cities & Rural Areas.
ECCAR is also part of ICCAR – the International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities, which, with over 500 member cities worldwide, supports global solidarity and collaboration to promote inclusive urban development free from all forms of discrimination.
The City of Torino joined ECCAR in 2020.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

February 27 | Online meeting

Meeting dedicated to the presentation of a questionnaire aimed at providing an overview of the characteristics of participating cities and of the work carried out in the field of anti-racism, as well as describing the practices implemented to counter discrimination.

March 20 | Working Group Equality Data first workshop

Dedicated to the legal and regulatory framework governing the collection of data related to specific grounds of discrimination.

April 9 | Working Group Roma Equality, Inclusion, and Participation workshop

Participation in the first meeting with representatives from the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

May 26 – 27 | Steering Committee meeting

Online participation in the Steering Committee in Lausanne, opened with a presentation on the Swiss context, including a study on structural racism and the countermeasures promoted by the Swiss Service for Combating Racism. The results of a research study on discrimination in Lausanne and Barcelona were also shown, and the new Working Group on the role of Artificial Intelligence in local administrations and its associated discriminatory risks was introduced.

June 26 | Working Group Equality Data second workshop

Participation in the meeting dedicated to the presentation of the Toolkit for Equality Data Collection and the anti-discrimination best practices of the cities of Valencia and Bologna.

October 23 – 24 and November 5 | Zurich | General Assembly

Participation in the General Assembly held in two sessions in Zurich and in the workshop on the role of public administration staff training in driving institutional change on the issue of racism. Finally, the event also included a discussion on anti-discrimination practices implemented in Nuremberg, Leuven, Bologna, and Bordeaux.

November 13 | Working Group Equality Data third workshop

Participation in the meeting dedicated to exploring methods and tools to collect and organize data, and presentation of the mapping tool developed by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

November 27 | Working Group AI first workshop

Participation in the meeting dedicated to the rapid spread of Artificial Intelligence tools, with the presentation of the *Toolkit to reduce inequalities* connected to the use of artificial intelligence and the work carried out by EQUINET to promote the ethical and non-discriminatory use of AI.

Founded in 1986, EUROCITIES is a network of European cities based in Brussels. It brings together over 200 European cities and more than 45 partner cities, involving a total of 150 million citizens across 38 countries. Through thematic forums, working groups, activities, and events, it offers its members a platform to exchange and share experiences, projects, collaborations, and best practices. It also works with major European institutions to strengthen the role of local authorities in European governance.
The City of Torino has been a member of the network since 1992.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

April 1 – 2 | Working Group Migration & Integration meeting

Presentation of *Integrating Cities*, which brings together cities committed to developing policies for welcoming and integrating migrants. Discussion on European integration policies and presentation of contributions from the participating cities.

April 2 – 4 | Bordeaux | Digital Forum

As a result of exchanges between Torino, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Cologne, and Amsterdam, a guide was bringing together key concepts and practical tools to support cities in managing the ethical aspects of using new technologies. The occasion also provided an opportunity to present the work of the City of Torino's Ethical Board on emerging technologies.

May 21– 23 | Sarajevo | Study visit

Organized as part of the *European Heritage Hub*, the study visit focused on cultural heritage as a driver of urban resilience provided valuable insights into the memory of cities, the role of community participation, and the use of cultural heritage as a tool for social cohesion.

June 4 – 6 | Braga | General Assembly

During the annual meeting, the City of Torino received the *Inspiring City Initiative* award for the ToNite project, which was a finalist alongside Gaziantep, Gothenburg, Nice, and a consortium of Finnish cities. The project addressed the livability of public spaces and the perception of safety from the perspective of social innovation and urban regeneration.

September 25 – 27 | Brno | Culture Forum

Torino shared its experience called *Culture on the Move* dedicated to the projects *Culture Around the Corner* and *Bookmobile* as examples of local culture and traveling services.

December 3 – 4 | Torino | Economic Development Forum

Part of the *Cities Innovate Summit,* the Forum brought together local and European institutions, businesses, startups, and research centers to discuss growth strategies aimed at strengthening innovative urban ecosystems and supporting the competitiveness of cities in the global context.

Founded in 1986 in Luxembourg, the network promotes youth cooperation among regions, municipalities, and European countries. Its aim is to facilitate the development and exchange of activities addressed to young people aged 13 to 30, encouraging mobility in Europe and the exchange of experiences. Member organizations work together to develop projects funded or co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ program. The network also provides an ideal setting to develop new initiatives to be submitted to the respective National Agencies, helping to find experienced, reliable, and collaborative project partners.
The City of Torino joined the network in 2007.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

The City of Torino took part in 6 international exchanges out of a total of 13 proposed and in 3 European Volunteering projects.

October 20 – 24 | Malbun | General Assembly

The City of Torino took part in the annual General Assembly entitled *From Okay to Slay. Pathways to high-quality international youth projects*. During the event, training workshops were held focused on learning methods and activities supporting project management across different stages of development. Thematic meetings and discussion opportunities were organized to highlight key issues and address the main bureaucratic, operational, and situational challenges that arose over the year. The Assembly provided a platform for presenting new youth mobility projects developed by participating associations, as well as introducing new European organizations applying to join the network. This contributed to the expansion of the range of projects, skills, and experiences available to network members.



In 2016, the City of Torino received the title of UNESCO Learning City, becoming the first Italian city to earn this recognition. Currently, 425 cities are part of the global network, all committed to promoting lifelong learning as a pillar of inclusive and sustainable urban development.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2025

March | Webinar

Participation in the three sessions of the webinar *Education for Sustainable Development in Learning Cities: Promoting green and climate-resilient communities,* organized by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in Hamburg.

April 16 | Torino | Pioneers Forum

Participation in the forum entitled *Building the Future of Learning and Skills Development with a Focus on Social Justice and Sustainability*, promoted by ITC ILO. The topics covered included mismatch and school guidance, networks and collaborations, mobility to attract workers and retain talent, enabling conditions for the local area, and the transition from initial to lifelong training.

November | Torino | Workshop

Organization of the workshop *Learning Cities, Building a Pact for the Future*, an opportunity to discuss and explore the role of lifelong learning in Educating Cities. Participants included representatives from the Italian UNESCO Learning Cities network and the AICE – International Association of Educating Cities network, as well as local stakeholders and a youth delegation under 25, with scientific support from the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning in Hamburg.

FOCUS ON...CIRCULAR CITIES DECLARATION

https://circularcitiesdeclaration.eu

In 2025, the City of Torino joined the Circular Cities Declaration (CCD), which brings together 71 signatory cities committed to promoting circular economy at urban level.

Joining the Declaration represents an important opportunity to speed up Torino's transition towards a more sustainable and circular development model, according to the priorities of the European Union and the goals of the Green Deal. The declaration, promoted by ICLEI and supported by organizations such as ENEA, Circle Economy, and Eurocities, provides cities with practical and methodological tools to monitor, assess, and improve circular economy initiatives. It also supports a more integrated approach to urban management and better coordination among municipal departments.

Joining the CCD also allows Torino to become part of a structured European network focused on knowledge exchange, collaboration, and benchmarking with leading cities such as Amsterdam and Oslo. Participating in the declaration highlights initiatives that are already underway, boosting their international visibility and facilitating access to best practices, advanced tools, and thematic updates through workshops, webinars, and dedicated resources. ICLEI and the CCD partners also provide technical support and guidance for implementing concrete projects locally.

In the medium to long term, joining the Circular Cities Declaration could thus strengthen cooperation with local, national, and international stakeholders, consolidating Torino's role as an innovative, sustainable city focused on the ecological transition, with positive effects on social and environmental well-being and urban quality of life.

FOCUS ON...MILAN URBAN FOOD POLICY PACT

https://www.milanurbanfoodpolicypact.org/

The City of Torino received a special mention at the Awards promoted by the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), during the *Global Forum* in Milan, which saw the participation of over 500 delegations from around the world. The recognition highlights the *Torino School Feeding Programme*, through which the City Administration has strengthened and innovated its school catering service, providing over 35,000 children every day with high-quality, healthy, appealing, and affordable meals.

The international jury of the MUFPP selected the Torino's project among approximately 300 submissions from around the world, recognizing the innovative standards and regulations introduced by the City Administration in its most recent procurement process. These measures were designed to consolidate a catering model based on nutritional quality, sustainability, and social inclusion. The award was accepted by Deputy Mayor for Educational Policies, Carlotta Salerno, who highlighted how the right to food in schools represents not only a response to children's nutritional needs but also a concrete expression of democracy, equity, and social justice.

Around the same time, the Mayor of Torino received a proposal to be appointed as Champion Mayor for School Meals, an initiative that is part of the broader international framework of the School Meals Coalition, which includes Italy among its member countries and is led by over 100 governments with the goal of ensuring that every child in the world has access to a healthy school meal by 2030. Within the Coalition, the MUFPP coordinates the Cities Feeding the Future initiative, aimed at supporting cities in implementing and improving school meal programs, recognizing their strategic role in urban food policies.

Torino's membership in the MUFPP, active since 2015, reflects a long-standing commitment to urban food policies. This international recognition confirms the strength of an administrative pathway built over time, based on collaboration among public institutions, operators, schools, and the wider educational community. It also strengthens Torino's position as a leading urban authority in public school food policies.



INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The signing of the European Social Charter in Torino in 1961 paved the way for the creation of international and European institutions specialising in vocational education and training in various fields. This has firmly positioned Torino as a leading international hub for promoting social rights, particularly workers' rights and skills development, through a political and symbolic strategy.

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Established in 1968, the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) carries out activities in applied research, specialised training, and technical cooperation programmes.

The Institute's work is closely aligned with the United Nations 2030 Agenda, particularly Sustainable Development Goal 16, which promotes the rule of law and the development of peaceful, just and inclusive societies that are free from crime and violence.

UNICRI promotes a culture of legality and respect for human rights. It supports the adoption of innovative policies and strategies for crime prevention, social development, and justice system reform, and it also supports the responsible use of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, and the strengthening of institutions and civil society. The Institute assists governments and the international community in addressing threats to development and political stability while fostering innovative tools to respond to emerging challenges through cooperation, judicial assistance and the exchange of expertise and knowledge.

With the support of the Italian government, UNICRI continued its efforts throughout 2025 to prevent and counter transnational threats related to organised crime, violent extremism, the misuse of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) materials, illicit financial flows, counterfeiting, the illegal exploitation of natural resources and corruption. At the same time, the Institute advanced initiatives aimed at strengthening vulnerable communities, preventing child abuse, and promoting inclusive gender policies. Several high-level meetings on transnational threats were held in Torino, including events focused on CBRN risks which brought together representatives from over 80 countries. UNICRI also organised advanced training programmes and specialised courses for young graduates and professionals, involving institutions from over 70 countries. Additionally, over 700 students from schools across the Piedmont region took part in presentations about the Institute's work, including a media literacy exercise on disinformation designed for secondary school students in Torino.

UNICRI also supported several international initiatives hosted in Torino in partnership with local institutions.

The European Training Foundation (ETF) is a European Union agency that supports neighbouring and partner countries in reforming their education, training and labour market systems. Currently working with almost 30 countries ranging from Ukraine and the Western Balkans to the Southern Mediterranean, Central Asia and the African Union, the ETF helps to strengthen competitiveness and security within the wider European context while addressing the demand for skilled workers among European businesses. Established in 1994, the ETF employs around 130 staff members and is headquartered in Villa Gualino in Torino .

Throughout 2025, the Foundation strengthened its role in Torino and the Piedmont region further, establishing itself as a platform that connects European policymaking, international cooperation, and local innovation. This has contributed to the city's growing recognition as a globally significant skills city.

In March, the ETF organised a study visit for a Ukrainian interministerial delegation to explore the potential implementation of the Youth Guarantee in Ukraine. The visit involved engagement with local authorities, employment services, and vocational training centres across Piedmont. In April, Villa Gualino hosted a delegation from the European Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL), facilitating discussion between European policymakers, local institutions, and training stakeholders.

In a year that saw Torino welcome both the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, and the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, the ETF also hosted the European Commission's Executive Vice-President, Roxana Mînzatu, at Villa Gualino, thereby further strengthening its links with the European Union of Skills initiative.

Between October and November, Torino hosted three high-level international events organised by the ETF and held under the patronage of the City of Torino . These events focused on Europe–Central Asia cooperation, lifelong learning, and the relationship between skills, finance, and sustainable competitiveness. During this period, the Foundation also expanded its collaboration with local authorities and stakeholders through the Pact for Employment with the City of Torino and partnerships with the Politecnico di Torino. Preparations were also made for new cooperation agreements with the University of Torino and the ILO International Training Centre (ITCILO). These initiatives further strengthened the connection between the Piedmont region and the strategic priorities of the European Union.

MISSION

The ETF promotes social cohesion and more sustainable economic growth by supporting countries neighbouring the European Union in improving their education and vocational training systems, analysing skills needs and developing their labour markets. These efforts also benefit EU Member States and their citizens by strengthening economic ties and fostering mutually beneficial partnerships. Working at both the national and regional levels, the ETF helps to create conditions for policy continuity and supports the design and implementation of evidence-based policies. The ETF's activities often take place in complex and rapidly evolving environments, including contexts marked by uncertainty and, at times, instability.

Its activities with partner countries cover a wide range of interconnected areas, including:

- Analysis of skills and employment needs
- System governance, including stakeholder engagement
- Social dialogue and private sector participation
- Qualification and quality assurance systems
- Work-based learning
- Teacher training
- Entrepreneurial learning and basic skills
- Career guidance

The International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO) is the ILO's operational arm for learning and capacity development, as well as being a specialised agency within the United Nations system. Founded in Torino in 1964 by the ILO and the Italian government, the Centre offers capacity-building services to individuals and institutions to help them promote decent work and social justice for all.

ITC-ILO plays a pivotal role in translating the ILO's strategic priorities into action. It supports governments, employers' organisations and trade unions as they navigate the transitions that are shaping the future of work, all the while strengthening tripartism and social dialogue. The Centre implements ILO initiatives in the fields of skills development, learning and innovation. In particular, it contributes to the *Global Coalition for Social Justice*, which was launched by ILO Director-General Gilbert Houngbo in 2023, and to the innovation ecosystem promoted through the ILO Innovation Strategy.

The Centre offers a combination of personalised learning opportunities and comprehensive organisational support, including strategic advisory services, instructional design, communication and advocacy, event facilitation, and project management. In 2025, ITC-ILO's activities benefited more than 100,000 people from 190 countries. The Centre operates as a multicultural learning hub, founded on the principles of inclusion, diversity and international cooperation.

ITC-ILO takes a multimodal approach to learning, combining digital and face-to-face training, and enabling participants to begin their learning journeys online before arriving in Torino. Its physical and virtual campuses are conceived as a single learning environment, combining innovative pedagogical methodologies with advanced training technologies.

Since 2010, the Centre has hosted the *Torino School of Development* (TSD), established in partnership with the University of Torino, the Politecnico di Torino, and several United Nations agencies. The TSD delivers postgraduate programmes that engage around 180 participants each year from all regions of the world. Its mission is to strengthen the capacities of future leaders in the world of work to promote the social dimension of sustainable development, serving as a bridge between the multilateral system and academia while integrating theory and practice.

In 2025, the Centre continued its 60th anniversary celebrations, using the occasion to recognize six decades of commitment to training for social justice, and to reflect on its future role in an ever-changing world of work. Highlights included the *Pioneers Forum* in April, which brought together global and local stakeholders to discuss the

future of learning and social justice, and the *Torino School of Development's Academic Day,* when the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, visited the Torino UN Campus, highlighting the strong institutional recognition of the Centre's work. The anniversary programme concluded with a series of initiatives of international and local significance, including events held alongside the *International Labour Conference* in Geneva and the presentation of a study on the ITC-ILO's economic impact.

The Centre maintains close ties with the City of Torino and the local ecosystem. In 2025, as part of the *Crescere in Città* programme, it welcomed 534 students from 22 classes in 13 lower secondary schools. A pivotal moment in this collaboration occurred on the second day of the *Pioneers Forum*, titled *Torino: Learning City for Social Justice*, when the city was transformed into a living laboratory for dialogue and social innovation. During this event, the City of Torino, alongside the University of Torino and the Politecnico di Torino, announced their accession to the *Global Coalition for Social Justice*, making Torino the first city in the world to join the initiative. The Centre further strengthened its local engagement by cooperating with the Torino Chamber of Commerce and by organising a variety of cultural events open to the public. This has established the Torino UN Campus as an integral part of the city's cultural landscape.



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