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International openness is one of Torino's great axes of development. It is a deeply rooted vocation, a strong point of a city that is more and more open to the world, thanks to a vast network of relations, which continues to grow and be consolidated.

In an increasingly globalised world, the capacity to position oneself in a transnational context is essential, including in light of the role that cities are called upon to occupy in dealing with huge, shared challenges.

Against this background, 2023 was a crucial year for strengthening this vocation: the international position of Torino was consolidated, our city once again proved to be the ideal stage for major events and a very attractive area for companies, tourists, and foreign students.

Our city is increasingly present on the map and continues to consolidate its position in the middle of international routes involving culture, sport, politics, education, tourism, wine and food, economics, music, and events.

Torino wishes to be a reference point, recognisable and recognised in the world and for this reason we have continued to work hard, locally and in the field of relations and missions abroad.

The start of the collaboration with Bloomberg opened up great perspectives, broadening horizons, and giving us the chance to establish a partnership based on very high-level professionalism. And the fifth edition of Cities Forum brought the most important event dedicated to European cities to Torino, another signal of how our city is included within an expanding network of collaborations, exchanges, and planning.

Participation in COP28 in Dubai reaffirmed the great value of Torino, its potentialities and the ever increasing importance that our city is acquiring in an international context.

Strengthening the sister-city relationships and exchange with cities and regions is, then, another point in the journey of opening up, together with continuous support for international organisations like the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and the United Nations System Staff College (UNSC). All have premises in Torino and chose to pursue projects rooted in our region.

The 2023 edition of the Nitto ATP Finals allowed our city to again be a point of reference for big tennis: a very high level sports event during which Torino welcomed visitors from all over the world, reaffirming its ability to place high level organisational know-how at the service of global events.

Torino truly looks to the world and will continue to do so, convinced that the future is moving towards allowing our city to lead on the international stage, a strategic point of intersection for cultural, commercial, and social routes.

An open and welcoming place, able to create wide and solid networks of relations and promote changes, which can generate positive repercussions, including for our region, rich in treasured products, skills, and technical and human resources.

Stefano Lo Russo,
Mayor of the City of Torino

Highlights



16 – 17 March Cities Forum

The OGR Torino | Officine Grandi Riparazioni Torino hosted the fifth edition of the Cities Forum, the main European Commission event dedicated to urban policies. The forum facilitates dialogue and exchange of good practices between administrators, with a special focus on the ecological transition, urban renewal, and social cohesion. More than 900 Mayors and delegates from 160 cities internationally met to discuss policies, actions, and initiatives to put in place to confront the most current urban challenges, for greener and more just cities. The various illustrious guests who participated included the Vice-President of the European Commission Frans Timmermans and the European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms Elisa Ferreira. The event shone a spotlight on recent developments in policies and key initiatives that involve cities, like the Urban Agenda for the EU, the EU Mission for 100 climate-neutral cities, and the New European Bauhaus manifesto. The latter was previewed during the panel entitled “Will beauty save the world?”, as a model for inclusive, sustainable, and beautiful development.



31 October Franco-Italian Cross-Border Cooperation Committee

At the Museo Nazionale del Risorgimento Italiano, the City of Torino hosted the first meeting of the Franco-Italian Cross-Border Cooperation Committee, a body set up pursuant to art. 10 of the Quirinal Treaty signed in 2021 by the two countries.

Co-led by the Deputy Prime Minister of Italy and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Tajani, and by the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, Catherine Colonna, the meeting was hosted by the Mayor of the City of Torino, Stefano Lo Russo, and the President of Piedmont Region, Alberto Cirio.

Numerous dossiers were at the centre of the work: from mobility to managing water resources and risks, from emergency services, civil protection to strengthening and setting up European groups for local cooperation. The meeting was also the chance to check medium- and long-term projects on enhancing the natural heritage and environmental protection, as well as developing sustainable tourism, language and education topics, youth exchange and cooperation in health.



1 – 26 February

Black History Month

Torino hosted the second edition of the event dedicated to rediscovering African history and to the historical, cultural, social, and economic contribution of diaspora communities. Through exhibitions, workshops, school activities, concerts, meetings, and film screenings, the event explored the topics of identity, African art, and empowerment. The event was promoted by the Association of Sub-Saharan African and Second Generation Women, with the contribution of Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo and the patronage of the City of Torino, in collaboration with many local associations.

22 – 26 March

Biennale Democrazia

“At the Edge of Liberty” was the theme of the cultural event that, now in its eighth edition, proposed a discussion on freedom as an essential value, along with equality, of our democratic societies. More than 100 meetings, over 220 Italian and international guests, and five shows enabled a reflection on the complex relationship between freedom and democracy, within and beyond the borders of our society. Since 2009, the event, promoted by the City of Torino and devised and headed by Gustavo Zagrebelsky, has taken place under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic.



8 May

Europe Day

The Chair of the City Council celebrated “Europe Day” together with students from the Altiero Spinelli school. The event was an opportunity for an encounter between politics and younger generations in the presence of the Mayor of Torino Stefano Lo Russo, the Representative of the European Parliament in Milan Maurizio Molinari, and the Chairwoman of the City Council Maria Grazia Grippo. The Consul General of Romania Ioana Gheorghias, the Secretary of the European Federalist Movement, Torino Division, Claudio Mandrino, and the Consul Generals and Honorary Consuls of the European Union countries in Torino were also present.

16 May

European meeting on the mediation City

During the International Day of Living Together in Peace, the MOSAICO Association-Actions for Refugees, partner of the European CreE.A network – European Association for Social Mediation – hosted the European meeting “The Mediation City as a Factor of Living Together in Peace”. Sponsored by the City of Torino, the event opened with a speech by the Deputy Mayor for Social Policies, Rights, and Equal Opportunities Jacopo Rosatelli.

18 May

Roots halfway – 30 years of Romanian immigration to Italy

The presentation of the book, dedicated to Romanian immigration to Italy and the fruit of research conducted by the Centro Studi e Ricerche IDOS and promoted by the Istituto di Studi Politici S. Pio V, with the sponsorship of the Romanian Embassy in Rome and the Consulate-General of Romania in Torino, was held at the City Hall. The Romanian Ambassador Gabriela Dancau, visiting Torino for the opening of the International Book Fair, participated in the presentation.

18 – 22 May

International Book Fair

The 35th edition of the International Book Fair had as its theme “Through the Looking Glass”, a homage to the imaginative universe of Lewis Carroll. As every year, the fair was characterised by a rich programme of events and debates, with 573 stands, more than 1,600 events, and 215,000 visitors. For the 2023 edition, the Book Fair returned to hosting both an Italian region and a foreign country: Sardinia and Albania, with a schedule dedicated to the Mediterranean culture that they share.



26 May

Final conference of the SUPER project

At the Polo del '900, Torino hosted the final conference of the SUPER project – SUPport Every day fight against Racism. The project was funded by the European programme REC – Rights, Equality and Citizenship – to strengthen the role of local authorities in fighting racism and xenophobia, improving their ability to apply existing legislation and providing effective support to victims of hate crime. The Local Action Plan, approved by the Municipal Executive Committee, comprising proposals for active policies fighting discrimination was the fruit of an exchange among partners.

1 – 4 June

International Festival of Economics

170 guests, 43 international speakers coming from the most prestigious global research centres, 4 Nobel prizes, journalists, historians, and analysts got together in Torino during the International Festival of Economics. The theme for the second edition, “Rethinking globalisation” was analysed and discussed by sector experts. The festival, directed by Tito Boeri, was devised and planned by the Laterza publishing company and organised with the Torino Local Committee (TOLC), which unites the Piedmont Region, City of Torino, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Fondazione CRT, University of Torino, Politecnico di Torino, the Torino Chamber of Commerce, Unioncamere Piemonte, Unione Industriali Torino, and Legacoop coordinated by the Collegio Carlo Alberto foundation.



5 – 11 June

CinemAmbiente Festival

The 26th edition of the CinemAmbiente Festival presented 82 films from 38 countries representing 5 continents. The festival offered a global look at the state of the planet and issues at the centre of the international environment debate. Organised by Torino National Museum of Cinema, the festival is a founding member of the Green Film Network, an association that unites the most important environment-themed international film events.



8 June

Final workshop of the ProGReg project

The City of Torino hosted the final workshop of ProGReg, the project funded by the European Commission as part of the Horizon 2020 programme. Through so-called Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) – actions that use green and nature to improve the environmental quality and quality of life in cities – the project has encouraged urban renewal of post-industrial areas in Europe and China. As well as presenting the outcomes of the project, the meeting represented the chance to start to think about the future of the works created and new collaborations.

22 – 25 June

Pan-African Festival

The seventh edition of the Pan-African Festival, which brought African artists, musicians, writers, directors, and intellectuals to Torino, opened at the GAM. Organised by the Panafricano Association with the sponsorship of the City of Torino, the event was an opportunity to be immersed in the richness of African culture and to discover its influence in the world. The theme of connections among different African communities and their influence on society was at the centre of the event.



6 July

Final event of the ToNite project

Campus Einaudi hosted the event “Results of the Urban Innovative Actions project and future perspectives”, organised by the City of Torino and ANCI to highlight the results obtained and the goals achieved by the European ToNite project. This project aimed to improve the liveability and perception of safety in the evening in the areas around the Dora river.

29 July – 5 August

World Esperanto Congress

More than 2,000 scholars and intellectuals from 67 countries met at the Politecnico di Torino on the occasion of the 108th World Esperanto Congress. The 2023 edition explored the theme “Confluence of human values and immigration, the inclusive experience of Torino” and was organised by the Italian Esperanto Federation and the Universal Esperanto Association, with the sponsorship of Turismo Torino e Provincia and the Torino Chamber of Commerce.



8 – 22 September

MITO SettembreMusica

Uniting Milan and Torino in a single musical programme, the festival’s 17th edition offered a genuine trip around the world, guiding the public from Buenos Aires to Cambridge, from Madrid to Venice, from Australia to Votkinsk for a new reading of the history of music. More than 50,000 spectators enjoyed the concerts offered with Italian and foreign artists, big orchestras and shows for young people in various areas of the two cities.

14 September – 25 October

TorinoDanza

The event, created by the Teatro Stabile of Torino – Teatro Nazionale, brought the most important contemporary choreographers and the most interesting Italian and international innovations in the dance landscape to the city. The programme presented 33 representations, in 3 different show locations, including 4 first national ones and 1 preview, 7 co-productions, 15 companies with artists from 8 different countries: Australia, Belgium, Germany, Israel, Italy, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Switzerland.



20 – 24 September

Migration Festival

“What a climate” is the theme chosen for the 2023 edition of the festival, which gave voice to new perspectives and stories on the migration phenomenon, through theatre, art, and literature. Devised and organised by the AlmaTeatro, A.M.A. Factory, and Tedacà theatre companies, the event took place in city locations symbolising multi-ethnic community.

27 – 29 September

Italian Tech Week

For three days on the stage of the OGR Torino the most visionary innovators took turns talking about technology, public health, transport, finance, philosophy, and music. Torino became a space for reflection, dialogue, and exchange among experts and entrepreneurs in the international tech sector, with a record attendance that reached 13,500 attendees and the participation of more than 160 guests from more than 10 countries.

12 – 15 October

Women & the City

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



2 – 3 November

Final conference of the LAiPS project

More than 100 participants coming from 19 countries, members and guests of the international LUCI network, met in Torino to celebrate the completion of the LAiPS – Light & Art in Public Spaces | Creative Europe Programme project during the conference “Bringing Life to Public Spaces with Light Art”. They also launched the Light & Art Map, a new digital tool in which information on light art from 2021 to 2023 was collected and shared by project partners during the Light & Art Labs in Torino, Lyon, Oulu, Amsterdam, and Rotterdam. The laboratories made it possible to experience the profound impact that light and permanent art have on the identity and atmosphere of urban spaces in order to increase the sensation of safety and well-being and develop placemaking.



3 – 5 November

Artissima

The thirtieth edition of the most important international fair of contemporary art hosted, in the spaces of Oval Lingotto, 181 galleries coming from 33 countries. Along with many other initiatives that opened the week dedicated to contemporary art in Torino, the event attracted thousands of art enthusiasts, collectors, gallery owners, art critics, and other experts in the sector resulting in accommodations in the city being fully booked.

12 – 19 November

Nitto ATP Finals

For the third consecutive year, Torino welcomed the Nitto ATP Finals, organised by FITP – Italian Tennis and Padel Federation – and ATP – Association of Tennis Professionals – at the Pala Alpitour. The eight best singles players and the eight best pairs fought it out to win the last title of the season, in one of the most important men’s tennis tournaments in the world. The 2023 edition called attention to the wine and food and tourist-cultural highlights of Torino and all of Piedmont and recorded significant numbers: +40% events and more than 8 thousand attendees (+80% compared to 2022), 50 talks, 150 speakers, 200 events throughout the city, 63 tastings, 36 guided tours, approximately 17 thousand Euro donated to the Piedmontese Foundation for Cancer Research and more than 3 million interactions on social media.

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TWINNINGS AND AGREEMENTS

Bacău | Romania | Agreement (2007)

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)

Haifa | Israel | Agreement (2005)

Harbin | China | Letter of Intent (2003)

Havana | Cuba | Agreement (2021)

Liège | Belgium | Twinning (1958)

Lille | France | Twinning (1958)

Lyon | France | Agreement (2023)

Marseille | France | Agreement (2020)

Nagoya | Japan | Twinning (2005)

Nantes | France | Letter of Intent (2013)

Praia | Cape Verde | Agreement (2003)

Quetzaltenango | Guatemala | Twinning (1997)

Rosario | Argentina | Agreement (2011)

Rotterdam | Netherlands | Twinning (1958)

Salt Lake City | USA | Twinning (2006)

Salvador de Bahia | Brazil | Agreement (2003)

Saint Petersburg | Russia | Agreement (2012)

Shenyang | China | Twinning (1985)

Shenzhen | China | Agreement (2007)

Skopje | Macedonia | Agreement (2012)

Volgograd | Russia | Agreement (2020)

Wenzhou | China | Agreement (2021)

Yangon | Myanmar | Agreement (2015)

Zlín | Czech Republic | Agreement (2004)

FOCUS ON...

LYON AND TORINO RENEW THEIR FRIENDSHIP

Because of their rich network of activities that involve various local parties, Lyon and Torino have signed various collaboration agreements over the years that embrace issues of shared interest like the smart cities strategies, urban transformation, culture and tourism promotion, food and wine, safeguarding health, as well as social and economic development policies.

Supporting the actions already undertaken, in particular in the cultural and tourism spheres and in the battle against climate change, on 29 June a new Friendship and Collaboration Agreement was signed between the City of Torino, the City of Lyon, and the respective Metropolitan Cities.

Over the year, there were various occasions for meeting and discussion among the representatives of the two cities and administrations. Sylvain Godinot, Deputy Mayor for the Ecological Transition, participated in the panel entitled “Cohesion and recovery in cities” as part of the Cities Forum. The Lyon Vice Mayor, Audrey Hénocque, came to Torino for the final conference of the European project LAiPS – Light & Art in Public Spaces, exploiting the occasion to hold various institutional meetings of a cultural nature. Pierre Athanaze, Vice President of Greater Lyon responsible for the Environment, Green, Animal Protection and Risk Prevention, took part in the meeting organised by the City of Torino “Let’s plant trees. Towards 2050: the role of trees in changing cities”, dialogue and debate on managing public green spaces in cities.

The City of Torino led three missions to Lyon. In June, on the occasion of the second edition of the “Entre Rhône et Saône” Festival, Francesco Tresso, the Deputy Mayor for Civil Protection, Public green areas, and River banks, took part in a series of institutional meetings for an exchange on managing the river, revitalising banks, and various solutions adopted to fight water pollution. In October, Mayor Lo Russo attended the France – Italy match for the Rugby World Cup and met Mayor of Lyon Grégory Doucet and the President of the Metropolitan City Bruno Bernard. Finally, Deputy Mayor Tresso took part in the round table entitled “Torino and Lyon, a dialogue on public green space and the urban landscape”, as part of Paysalia 2023, the landscape fair addressing professionals and companies of the whole green supply chain.



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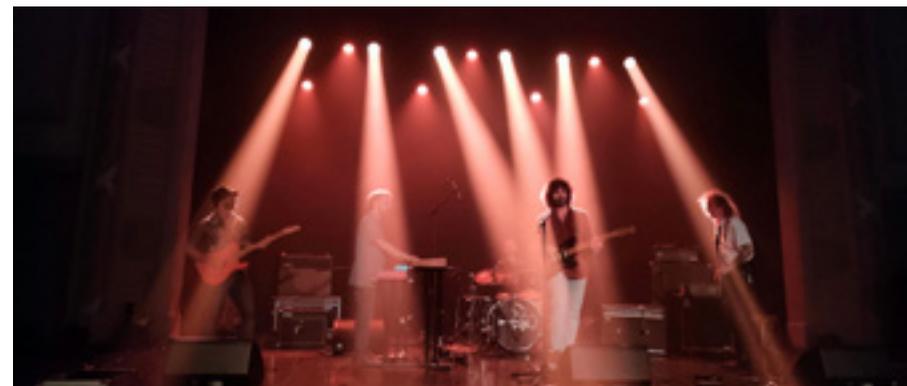
65th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RING OF TWINNED CITIES AGREEMENT

On 3 July 1958 in Liège, a twinning agreement between the Cities of Cologne, Esch-sur-Alzette, Liège, Lille, Rotterdam, and Torino was signed, representing the 6 founding countries of the European Economic Community, set up in Rome with the Treaty signed on 25 March 1957. This multilateral sister-city relationship, called “Ring of twinned cities”, was based on the spirit of solidarity existing between the cities involved. All had a strong sense of belonging to the European community and deep feelings of affinity in numerous sectors, such as economy, history, and culture.

In 2023, some of the six cities of the Ring decided to celebrate the 65th anniversary of this multilateral sister-city relationship with special events.

In June, the City of Esch-sur-Alzette organised a round table entitled “Resilient cities, a shared approach to shared challenges”, followed by an official celebration in which Georges Mischo – Mayor of Esch-sur-Alzette, Henriette Recker – Mayor of Cologne, Jerome Pianezza – Deputy Mayor for International Relations of Lille, Tiziana Ciampolini – Torino City Councillor, and the representatives of Liège and Rotterdam took part. At the end of the meeting, the six cities signed a shared declaration in which they reaffirmed support for European values such as solidarity, diversity, and freedom, defining defending human rights and those of minorities, fighting climate change, and the commitment to dealing with energy questions as specific goals of the sister-city relationship.

In the month of May dedicated to Europe, the City of Lille devised a wide-ranging artistic programme that represented an occasion for celebrating and involving all citizens by giving space to each city. The City of Torino was represented by the rock group Est-Egò, winner of the Stati Generali del Rock/Arezzo Wave 2021. The Torino musicians held a concert as part of the musical event “Bal à Fives”.



FOCUS ON...

LOUGA

Louga, the capital of the region with the same name in north-west Senegal, has more than 82,000 inhabitants spread across a surface area of 18 km². The region's economic activities are dominated by agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing, forestry, crafts, and commerce. Louga is the site of FESFOP (Festival of Folklore and Percussion), a folklore festival of popular music that is very popular in Senegal, where the National Percussion Museum was opened.

The City of Torino has collaborated with the City of Louga since 2007 on various international cooperation activities.

On 23 October, Michela Favaro, Vice Mayor of the City of Torino for International Cooperation, met Mor Syll, Deputy Mayor of the City of Louga, in the presence of various actors involved in cooperation between the two regions with a view to institutional strengthening of the partnership.

The Senegalese Vice Mayor went to Torino as part of the Networks at Work - Shared paths for young people and women in Senegal project. The project is led by the Piedmont Region and promoted by the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation - MAECI (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation).

The project's main goal is to contribute to sustainable and inclusive development by supporting local Senegalese authorities in defining strategies aimed at offering greater opportunities for dignified work to young people and women.

In addition, from 18 to 25 October, a Senegalese delegation from various cities, including 4 representatives of the Louga area, participated in a first training on topics related to dignified work, women's empowerment, and youth entrepreneurship at the United Nations Campus in Torino. This was followed by a week of study tours and learning.

For a panorama of the activities and projects concerning labour and youth policies managed by the City of Torino and by the regional labour agencies, the Senegalese delegation visited, among others, the Centro Informagiovani, North Torino Job Centre, and Youth Protagonism Centre Cecchi Point.



RIGHT TO A HOME

Torino a signatory to the "Housing for All" Declaration

The Metropolitan City of Lyon, the City of Barcelona, the URBAN Intergroup of the European Parliament, FEANTSA – European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless, and Housing Europe – European Federation of Public, Cooperative and Social Housing invited the City of Torino to support the "Housing for All" declaration, presented to the European Parliament and to the European Commission. In the document, the signatories request new tools to achieve the goal to eliminate homelessness in Europe by 2030, which was declared in Lisbon. This will involve implementing Housing First solutions that put the right to a house for homeless people at the centre, strengthening the offering of houses at accessible prices and housing support services, and ensuring access to the most vulnerable people. The "Housing for all: a call for a renewed European ambition" declaration, also signed by the City of Torino, recalls that housing is a human right. It asks European Union institutions to place access to suitable housing at accessible prices at the centre of priorities for the next mandate of the European Parliament and of the European Commission, so that Cities are supported in their actions. The document was presented to the European Parliament in Brussels on 19 September.

Brussels Blueprint for Affordable Cities and Housing for All

During the sixth meeting of the OECD network Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth, on 13 June the Mayors of the member cities approved the "Brussels Blueprint for Affordable Cities and Housing for All", committing to accelerating efforts to alleviate cost of living pressures and to resolve the housing crisis. The meeting was organised as part of the Brussels Urban Summit, a week of meetings, workshops, and panels promoted by the Brussels-Capital Region and co-organised by three important international networks of Mayors and Cities: the Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth initiative of the OECD, EUROCITIES, and Metropolis. The numerous topics addressed included issues relating to the housing crisis in the urban environment and the cost of living, as well as economic inequality, trust in democracy, and climate resilience.

CULTURE

"Call to Action for low carbon and more inclusive culture"

Represented by Vice Mayor Michela Favaro, Deputy Mayor for Culture Rosanna Purchia, and Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition and Environmental Policies, and Innovation Chiara Foglietta, the City of Torino signed the "Call to Action for low carbon and more inclusive culture" launched by the City of Lille as part of the EUROCITIES network Culture Forum.

The call to action is structured around 16 priorities, classified into two pillars: the ecological transition of policies and local cultural events and inclusion in culture and through culture.

The signatory cities of the document committed to facilitating access to cultural activities and events, removing any barrier – socio-cultural, geographic, economic, technological – and rethinking mobility so as to make both the handling of equipment and works of art and the movement of artists and the public more sustainable during concerts, festivals, and shows. The member cities committed to developing and implementing at least one principle for each pillar, providing concrete examples of their initiatives every year.



PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Barcelona Declaration: “European Cities for European Policymaking and Democracy”

During the Spanish meeting of the European Mayors, the Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation Chiara Foglietta signed the Barcelona Declaration. In the document, more than thirty leaders of big cities, including Athens, Paris, Bilbao, Milan, Brussels, Budapest, Helsinki, Torino, and Vienna ask to strengthen their participation in the European Union policy decision-making and democratic process. In particular, the Mayors urge the creation of a Council of cities to define a role for them within EU governance, for all sectors that have an impact on urban areas. In recent years, the cities have in fact dealt with broad challenges, from the application of pandemic countering measures to welcoming refugees. Thus, they have demonstrated how urban spaces will continue to have a strategic and operational role in managing EU and national goals, centred on the ecological transition and the climate neutrality of new smart cities, in the future too.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Framework agreement between City of Torino and Co.Dias.Co for Piedmont

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo and President Abderrahmane Amajou signed the partnership framework agreement between the City of Torino and Co.Dias.Co for Piedmont (Coordination of the Diasporas for International Cooperation). The aim of the agreement is to promote and support international cooperation and sustainable development initiatives as well as encouraging a culture of peace within the Torino community and in the native cities of new Torino residents, under the banner of democratic freedoms, human rights, non-violence, and solidarity.



FOREIGN DELEGATIONS

The City’s numerous international relationships and collaboration with the Consulates and Embassies present locally encourage frequent visits by delegations from foreign cities and countries to Torino. These meetings facilitate a continuous exchange of experiences and are occasions to plan and develop collaboration agreements and projects.

In 2023, the City of Torino carried out an intense welcoming activity, receiving 63 foreign delegations coming from 26 countries.

As a confirmation of its lively and fruitful relations with its sister cities, Torino hosted, among others Adriana Mira – Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador; Alec Von Graffenried – Mayor of Bern; Audrey Hénocque – Vice Mayor of Lyon; Mor Syll – Vice Mayor of Louga; Beatriz Johnson Urrutia – Governor of Santiago de Cuba; Dejan Črnek, Mayor of Ljubljana; Turgay Erdem – Mayor of Nilufer; Zhang Guangyong – Mayor of Luliang; Yu Yingjie – Vice Mayor of Beijing. In addition, the City received technical and political delegations from the Cities of Lviv, Lille, Lyon, Liverpool, Ho Chi Minh City, Nagoya, Rotterdam, Santiago de Cuba, Tbilisi, Tokyo, Toronto and Vienna.

The numerous guests welcomed included significant personalities such as Frans Timmermans – Executive Vice-President of the Commission’s work on the European Green Deal; Nicolas Schmit – European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights; Iliana Ivanova – European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth and Elisa Ferreira – European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms.

In 2023, Torino was the protagonist of two major events of international importance. The Cities Forum, the European Commission’s main event dedicated to urban policies, took place in March, with over 900 participants from all over Europe. In addition, Torino was chosen as the venue for the first meeting of the Italian-French Border Cooperation Committee, on the occasion of which the Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Antonio Tajani, and the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs French, Catherine Colonna, arrived in the city.



MISSIONS ABROAD

17 – 22 January United States

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo led, together with the Piedmont Region, a mission to New York and Lake Placid. The trip represented an important chance to promote the tourism and economic offering of Torino and of the Piedmont region and made it possible to create synergies both in the cultural and museum sphere, and in terms of urban renewal and sustainability. During his stay in the Big Apple, the Mayor held high-level institutional meetings and was received by Mayor Eric Adams. The delegation then went to Lake Placid for the closing ceremony of the 2023 FISU World University Games, ahead of the next edition that will be held in 2025 involving five municipalities in the Piedmont Region.



29 January – 1 February Liverpool

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo participated in the key exchange ceremony that officially sanctioned the handover between Torino and Liverpool, the location for the 67th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest on behalf of Ukraine. Many institutional meetings were held, which ranged from culture to urban renewal, from city branding to innovation.

27 – 29 March Nagoya

As part of the IURC (International Urban and Regional Cooperation European) programme, a delegation of the City of Torino led by the Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation Chiara Foglietta visited the City of Nagoya. The Deputy Mayor was able to have a dialogue with the main Japanese innovation and research hubs, engaged in supporting experiments and new solutions that contribute to improving the quality of life of citizens.

20 – 21 April Sofia

In Sofia, Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green areas, and River Banks Francesco Tresso participated in NEXT! Conference, an event that is part of the EFUA (European Forum for Urban Agriculture) project. Deputy Mayor Tresso presented the experience of the City of Torino that, for a long time, has developed innovative practices and initiatives in urban agriculture.

1 – 3 June Esch-sur-Alzette

The City of Torino, represented by the city councillor Tiziana Ciampolini, participated in the official celebrations organised by Esch-sur-Alzette on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the multilateral twinning agreement with the cities that, in 1958, were chosen to represent the six founding countries of the European Economic Community: Cologne, Lille, Liège, Rotterdam, Esch, and Torino.



25 – 26 June Berlin

At the end of the Special Olympics World Games, the Mayor Stefano Lo Russo and the Minister for Sport Andrea Abodi received the flag for the next edition. In 2025, the Special Olympics World Winter Games will take place between 8 and 16 March in Torino, Bardonecchia, Sestriere, and Pragelato, involving more than two thousand athletes from one hundred nations in eight different sports disciplines.



26 – 27 June Brussels

The Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation Chiara Foglietta participated in the European conference “Mission in Progress: Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities”, an opportunity for dialogue between the cities selected to achieve climate neutrality by 2030.

29 June – 1 July Lyon

On the occasion of the second edition of the Festival "Entre Rhône et Saône", Francesco Tresso, Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green space, and River Banks, took part in a series of institutional meetings for a dialogue about managing the river, revitalising river banks, and the different solutions adopted for combating water pollution.



4 – 6 July

Oslo and Bergen

Innovation Norway, the Norwegian government tourism promotion body, invited the Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green areas, and River Banks Francesco Tresso to visit the naval shipyards to illustrate zero-emissions maritime navigation solutions adopted by the sector industries. The tour highlighted actions that can be replicated in the Torino river system, the subject of a renewal and innovation project.

16 – 19 July

New York

The Mayor Stefano Lo Russo went to New York after having been selected, together with 40 other Mayors from all over the world, to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, the advanced training programme of Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Bloomberg Philanthropies. The aim of the initiative is to provide local administrators with useful tools for dealing with the complex challenges that involve cities and to improve the quality of life of their residents.

22 – 23 July

Paris

Welcomed by the Mayor Anne Hidalgo and accompanied by the Italian Ambassador to France, Emanuela D'Alessandro, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo and the Piedmont Region President Alberto Cirio participated in the 2023 Tour de France prize giving ceremony. On this occasion, it was officially announced that in 2024 the Tour will start from Italy for the first time, making a stop in Torino.

6 – 7 October

Lyon

At the invitation of the Mayor of Lyon, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo attended the France – Italy match as part of the Rugby World Cup. On this occasion, he held a series of institutional meetings including one with Bruno Bernard, President of the Metropolitan City of Lyon, following the signing of a Friendship and Collaboration Agreement between the two cities and the two metropolitan cities last 29 June.

11 October

Brussels

The Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green areas, and River Banks Francesco Tresso participated in the meeting “European Urban Initiative: supporting peer learning in post-industrial regions” in Brussels, during the annual European Week of Regions and Cities. On this occasion, the exchange of the European Urban Initiative (EUI), supported by the City-to-City capacity building programme, was presented. This involves the City of Torino and the Metropolitan City of Lille. The main topics of discussion are the renewal of parks and river areas in former industrial areas, the exchange of experiences and good practices on issues of developing green spaces along the river banks, and the involvement of communities in the post-industrial renewal processes.

18 October

Washington

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo participated in the Bloomberg CityLab, the most important global cities summit organised by Bloomberg Philanthropies in collaboration with the Aspen Institute. The initiative, which gathered more than one hundred Mayors from all over the world, innovators, corporate leaders, urban planning experts, artists, and activists, was a chance to discuss and share replicable solutions to the problems of urbanisation, emerging technologies, economic development, and housing accessibility.



25 October

Paris

Together with a delegation of Italian cities, Mayor Stefano Lo Russo participated in the official presentation of the 2024 Tour de France in Paris. The most prestigious, multi-stage bicycle race in the world will start in Italy for the first time and, on 1st July, will arrive in Torino at the end of a 225 km route.



7 – 9 November

Barcelona

The Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation Chiara Foglietta participated in the Smart City Expo World Congress, the main global event on smart city and urban innovation organised in Barcelona. The conference gathered sector leaders and experts, involving more than 600 speakers and more than 800 cities from 140 countries.



10 November

Paris

In Paris, the Deputy Mayor for Culture Rosanna Purchia presented the new international festival of photography in Torino that, from 2024, will bring temporary shows, a specialised fair, teaching activities, meetings, artistic commissions, and numerous fringe events to the city.

26 – 29 November

Paris

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo and the Deputy Mayor for Sport and Major Events Domenico Carretta took part in the General Assembly of the World Union of Olympic Cities and in the 10th edition of the Smartcities & Sport Summit in Paris, the city that is ready to host the Summer Olympics in 2024.

The meeting explored the multi-form theme of the Olympic heritage through various initiatives presented by the City of Paris, by other Olympic cities, and by the IOC. The meeting proved to be an invaluable chance for exchange and dialogue on the incredible possibilities offered by sports and big events as vehicles for inclusion, growth, education, and development for host cities.

30 November – 5 December

Dubai

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo participated in the Local Climate Action Summit in Dubai that was held as part of the 28th edition of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change. Hosted by Bloomberg Philanthropies and by the COP 28 Presidency, the meeting gathered representatives of the government, young people, companies, investors, and communities engaged in reducing emissions and fighting global warming. The Mayor also took part in “Mayors Innovation Studio”, an opportunity for dialogue and discussion among mayors on innovative strategies for fighting climate change with international experts. There was a special focus on the tools to use to actively involve communities for joint and shared planning of new local climate policies.



4 – 6 December

Lyon

Francesco Tresso, Deputy Mayor in charge of Civil Protection, Public green areas, and River Banks, participated in the round table entitled “Torino and Lyon, a meeting on public green space and the urban landscape”, as part of Paysalia 2023, the landscape fair for professionals and companies of the whole green supply chain.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Local international cooperation projects

ACESSO CIDADES – CITIES WITHOUT BORDERS

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

AVENIDA ITALIA

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

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN MYANMAR – SUMP 2

Humanitarian aid for the Burmese people (Myanmar, Thailand)

MENTOR 2

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

NUR

New Urban Resources, Renewable Energy for Bethlehem

PRA.TO. PRAIA – TORINO

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

NETWORKS AT WORK

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

SABOR CABO VERDE

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

Education projects on global citizenship, peace, and food policy

FOOD WAVE

Empowering urban youth for climate action

IN CIBO CIVITAS

Empowerment, Actions, Territory for a citizenship nourishing the future

RECOGNIZE AND CHANGE

REGIONE 4.7

Regions for educating the global citizenship

AVENIDA ITALIA



The project aims to strengthen the expertise of the City of Havana government (Cuba) in terms of integrated planning of urban and socio-economic development.

The project's activities include:

- strengthening and exchanging good practices for urban and administrative management of the district, while also encouraging strategic planning action;
- studying the comparison of sustainable models to enhance real estate assets in order to attract investors and resources; enhancing urban renewal practices as a lever for integrated local development;
- assisting the City of Havana in researching and drafting a public food policy that makes it possible to maximise the value of agricultural supply chains;
- improving expertise and strengthening the presence and visibility of creative and cultural economies.

PARTNERS: Unioncamere Piemonte (the Piedmont association of the Chambers of Commerce), City of Havana, City of Torino, AICEC (Agency for Cultural and Economic Interchange with Cuba).

BENEFICIARIES: officials and technicians of the City of Havana and other local and national public bodies involved; managers, directors, and workers of the companies involved in managing the showcase experience; manufacturers; parties active in the social and cultural sphere; local actors belonging to sensitive categories; young Cuban artists; local stakeholders involved in defining fundraising strategies.

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

Welcoming the Havana delegation for an exchange on urban solid waste management policies, local policies regarding energy with a special focus on “Luci d’Artista” (Artists’ Lights), local food policies, and urban renewal policies.



MENTOR 2



The MENTOR 2 project, continuing the activities of MENTOR 1, aims to improve the mobility and circular migration model for youth employment between Italy, Morocco, and Tunisia, making it more sustainable. This project will enable young Moroccans and Tunisians to carry out professional internships with Milan and Torino companies before returning to their countries of origin with greater skills. They will contribute to local development and spread greater awareness among migrants on existing international opportunities for training and work exchanges. This process approach is based on cooperation between regions that, by creating multi-stakeholder partnerships led by local authorities, are connected in a network to facilitate and accompany this type of path.

The project's activities include:

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

Welcoming 20 Moroccan and Tunisian interns to Torino to begin their professional internships with the Piedmont companies belonging to the project; language training, workplace safety, and soft skills courses; institutional meeting between Michela Favaro, Vice Mayor of the City of Torino, and stakeholders of the local coordination committee; study tour in Milan and Torino for all project interns.

NETWORKS AT WORK



The project is intended to contribute to sustainable and inclusive development by supporting local, Senegalese authorities in defining strategies aimed at offering greater

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

The activities encompass three directives and aim to:

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

From 18 to 25 October, a Senegalese delegation from various cities, including 4 representatives of the Louga area participated in a first training event on topics related to dignified work, women's empowerment, and youth entrepreneurship at the United Nations Campus in Torino. This was followed by a week of study tours and learning.

On 23 October, Michela Favaro, Vice Mayor of the City of Torino for international cooperation, met Mor Syll, Deputy Mayor of the City of Louga, in the presence of various actors involved in cooperation between the two regions with a view to institutional strengthening of the partnership.

SABOR CABO VERDE



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

The aim of the project is to:

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

Project kick-off meeting, online seminar on community gardens, launch of planned training courses.

FOOD WAVE



The goal of the project is to improve the knowledge, awareness, and commitment of European citizens to adopting sustainable food consumption and production models, in order to mitigate the effects of climate change and encourage adaptation to it.

PARTNERS: City of Milan (Lead Partner), City of Torino, ActionAid Italia, ActionAid Hellas, Fondazione ACRA, Mani Tese, ALDA, BJCEM (International Association of the Biennial of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean), City of Almería, Bra ov Metropolitan Agency, City of Malmo, Lisbon DLBC Network, City of Bruges, City of Molenbeek, Wcycle Institute Maribor, City of Nea Smyrni, City of Warsaw, City of San Paolo, Local Government of Pest County, City of Sofia, City of Madrid, City of Murcia, City of Zagreb, Alliance for Solidarity, Groundwork Greater Manchester, Risteco.

BENEFICIARIES: young people between 15 and 35 years old.

ACTIVITIES IN 2023

The main activities undertaken in Torino were: participation in CinemAmbiente with the organisation of the eco-talk “A three-zero world”, with special guest the Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus; organisation of the “Pranzo dei Popoli” (“Peoples’ Lunch”) in collaboration with SERMIG; organisation of two events as part of “Venti mediterranei” (“Mediterranean winds”) – “Buoni come il pane! Cena sotto le stelle” (“Good as gold! Dinner under the stars”) in collaboration with “Eco dalle Città” and AICS - Torino provincial committee and the talk “Food Wave: a reflection on local food policies and youth policies”; and participation in the project’s concluding event in Milan with a delegation of representatives of the Torino partner youth associations.

HONORARY CITIZENS

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

On March 6, the City Council conferred honorary citizenship to the Iranian journalist and activist Sepideh Gholian, imprisoned since 2018, for documenting strikes and protest actions, and symbol of the struggle for democracy and for the affirmation and exercise of individual freedom.

Below is the list of foreign honorary citizens.

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



CONSULATES

HONORARY CONSULATES

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

CONSULATES GENERAL

Marocco
Peru
Romania



In 2023, five new honorary consular offices were inaugurated in Torino: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Greece and Latvia.

The “Torino pays homage to the world” project also continued, to honour the national holidays of the countries that Torino is bound to via affinities and elements of brotherhood, neighbourhood, and cooperation through the themed lighting of its most globally recognised monument: the Mole Antonelliana. The initiative paid homage to Greece on 25 March, on the occasion of the commemoration of the Greek revolution and on 29 April to El Salvador for the 162 years of friendship between Italy and the South American country. The Mole was also illuminated on 9 May to celebrate Europe Day and on 25 May for International Africa Day, attended by 10 African Consulates.

During the year, important celebratory events involving some foreign countries took place in Torino. In particular, on 29 April, at the Royal Palace, the celebration of 162 years of diplomatic relations between Italy and El Salvador took place, organised by the Honorary Consulate with the support of the Embassy of Rome. On this occasion, a delegation from the Salvadoran Government, led by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Adriana Mira, arrived in Torino and met the Prefect Raffaele Ruberto and the City Councilor Simone Fissolo. During the meeting, both confirmed the willingness of local institutions to strengthen relations and develop fruitful cooperation between the two countries.

On 19 May, as part of the usual annual reception of the Consular Corps of Torino, the event entitled "Role of Consulates in economic and commercial relations" took place. The initiative was attended by, among others, representatives of local institutions, the Deputy Chief of the Ceremonial of the Italian Republic Claudio Miscia and the Dean of the Consular Corps of Torino and Consul General of Romania, Ioana Gheorghias, who expressed satisfaction with the important synergy existing between the Piedmontese territory and foreign states represented in the city by 45 Consulates, 3 career and 42 Honorary.



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OF A GENERAL NATURE

EUROCITIES

The European Union in Piedmont

OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth

CULTURE AND TOURISM

Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue Between Cultures

Art Nouveau European Route

Association of Cities Hosting an International Exhibition

European Festivals Association

BJCEM – International Association for the Biennale of Young Artists from

Europe and the Mediterranean

City Destinations Alliance

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EMPORION – European Association of Markets

Les Sommets du Tourisme (The Summits of Tourism)

LUCI – Lighting Urban Community International

Pépinières Européennes pour Jeunes Artistes

UNESCO Creative Cities Network

UNESCO World Book Capital Network

WTCF – World Tourism Cities Federation

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Autonomy

Città del Bio (Organic City)

CIVITAS

SOCIAL ISSUES

ECCAR – European Coalition of Cities against Racism

EFUS – European Forum for Urban Security

Fast-Track Cities

EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE

IAEC – International Association of Educating Cities

Platform Network

UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities

INNOVATION

ENoLL

iCapital Alumni Network

WICCO

6G-IA

SPORT

Cities for Sports

EPSI

World Union of Olympic Cities



City Destinations Alliance

<https://citydestinationsalliance.eu/>

CITY DESTINATIONS ALLIANCE

CityDNA is a non-profit organisation that has the goal of developing and improving tourism competition and performance of European cities. Tourism Offices, Convention Bureau, and city marketing organisations are part of it. The network has 122 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 2023

Turismo Torino e Provincia participated in the activities proposed by various themed groups for exchange, dialogue, and training among the various destinations.

City Card Knowledge Group

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

Digital Destinations Knowledge Group

Activities oriented at marketing and communication for creating a knowledge hub for the various strategies, to inspire new initiatives based on digital and innovation, and to improve the promotion of its own city.

TIC – Tourist Information Centres Knowledge Group

Participation in the competition: “TIC Hostmanship Award 2023” to award a Tourism Office member that distinguished itself in helping tourists at its destination.

19 – 22 April | Sofia | The Elephant in the Room

An event in which particularly difficult topics in terms of tourism, like sustainability, artificial intelligence, and overtourism were addressed.

25 – 26 May | Lubiana | City Card Expert Meeting

Opportunity for dialogue on the weaknesses and strengths of each destination and exchange of experiences on international platforms specialised in city of art offerings and services.

3 – 8 October | Valencia | Autumn Conference & GDS Forum “Building Blocks for Destination Positive”

Torino won the “VIVACITY challenge”, an award that will allow the city to take advantage of a strategic advice to become a more tourist, sustainable, holistic, compact, and tangible city.

23 – 24 November | Bologna | 10th TIC Expert Meeting

The event analysed how the TICs contribute to making destinations a better place to live in and visit, laying the foundations for more conscious tourism that respects local communities and can sustainably contribute to the local economy.



AUTONOMY

www.autonomy.paris



Founded in Paris in 2016, the network has the goal of promoting a sustainable transition in the mobility area to contribute to limiting global heating to 1.5 °C.

AUTONOMY gathers those passionate about mobility who share the purpose of getting cities moving in a sustainable way and involves international influencers to facilitate transformations towards global change. The network participates in the transition towards sustainable mobility creating a community of innovators and expert political managers in smart city mobility and development.

The City of Torino joined the network in 2023.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2023

22 – 23 March | Paris | Autonomy Mobility World Expo

The City of Torino took part in the annual event that gathers the main public and private actors in charge of sustainable urban mobility, with more than 200 exhibitors, 300 speakers, and more than 8,000 participants. The City of Torino brought its experience to the “City voices” panel, together with other city representatives and private operators in the sector, regarding regulating and governance of micro-mobility services that the various cities are adopting.

During the conference, the City also had the opportunity to promote the MaaS trial project called “Buoni Mobilità” (2020-2022), developed in collaboration with 5T Srl and co-funded by the Ministry of Ecological Transition.

Thanks to contacts developed during the Autonomy Mobility World Expo, in 2023 it was possible to undertake a continuous dialogue with numerous bike sharing companies to swap experiences and effective business models in other contexts, preparatory to writing the new tender planned for 2024.



OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth

www.oecd-inclusive.com/champion-mayors.eu



In 2016, the OECD launched the “Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth” initiative, a coalition of Mayors engaged in countering inequality and promoting more inclusive growth in cities. Directly communicating with other local administrators from around the world, the Mayors have the chance to share strategies for more inclusive cities, access an interactive web platform of good policies and practices, and ensure that the local perspectives contribute to moulding national strategies and international agendas.

The initiative counts on a series of supporting institutions, including the Ford Foundation, Cities Alliance, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Bloomberg Philanthropies, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and United Way Worldwide.

The City of Torino joined in 2023.

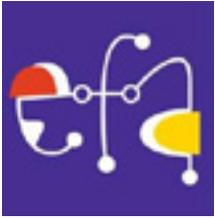
MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2023

13 June | Brussels Blueprint for Affordable Cities and Housing for All

During the sixth meeting of the network, as part of the Brussels Urban Summit, the Mayors of the member cities approved the “Brussels Blueprint for Affordable Cities and Housing for All”, committing to accelerating efforts to alleviate cost-of-living pressures and resolve the housing crisis.

16 – 20 October | Washington | CityLab

As part of the Bloomberg City Lab, the Mayor Stefano Lo Russo took part in the discussion organised by the OECD on the cost of living in cities, an opportunity for exchange between members of the network to join forces and find solutions for dealing with this crisis hitting cities worldwide together.



The EFA association, founded in Geneva in 1952, gathers important music, dance, theatre, and multidisciplinary arts festivals coming from Europe. It currently encompasses more than 100 festivals and festival associations, operating in 40 countries. The European Festivals Association mission is to connect the creators of festivals so as to inform, inspire, and enrich the panorama of festivals contributing to artistic life in Europe. In addition, by supporting and enabling artistic creation, production, and participation, EFA ensures that access to the culture and arts is a right and becomes a reality for all citizens.

Torino, through the MITO SettembreMusica festival, has been part of the Association since 1988.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2023

The MITO SettembreMusica festival obtained the EFFE label, the European quality label for important artistic festivals that demonstrate their commitment in the field of arts, community involvement, and international openness. As of today, more than 1,550 festivals throughout Europe have received the EFFE label.



EUROCITIES is a network of European cities with headquarters in Brussels, founded in 1986 by Barcelona, Birmingham, Frankfurt, Lyon, Milan, and Rotterdam. It currently groups together more than 200 European cities and more than 45 city partners, for a total of 130 million citizens involved in 38 countries. Through eight thematic forums, various working groups, activities, and events, it offers its members a platform for exchange and sharing experiences, projects, collaborations, and good practices. It also actively collaborates with the main European institutions, working to strengthen the role of local bodies as part of the multi-level structure of European governance.

The City of Torino has been a member of EURO CITIES since 1992.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2023

14 June | Brussels | Annual General Assembly

The annual conference was organised as part of the Brussels Urban Summit, a partnership between the Brussels-Capital Region, EURO CITIES, Metropolis, and the OECD Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth initiative.

The BUS allowed participants to discuss various urban solutions to global challenges, city making models, and urban governance in various regional contexts. Despite their diversity, cities throughout the world share common challenges and are drivers of innovation necessary for a greener and more inclusive future. The Brussels Urban Summit offered the chance to all cities to engage in dialogue with each other and with European institutions, including ahead of the 2024 European Parliament elections.

During the General Assembly, the Cities of Athens, Helsinki, Nantes, and Vienna were elected as new members of the Executive Committee, while Stockholm and Warsaw ended their mandate. Burkhard Jung, Mayor of Leipzig, was elected the new President of EURO CITIES and Mathias De Clercq, Mayor of Ghent, became the new Vice President. The Executive Committee also appointed the City of Florence for the role of Secretary and the City of Tallinn as network Treasurer.

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

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



The LUCI – Lighting Urban Community International Association was created to multiply exchanges of information and experiences regarding urban lighting. Currently, it gathers 70 cities and more than 40 lighting professionals, engaged in using light as a tool for sustainable urban, social, and economic development.

Torino has been part of the network since 2002, thanks to its Luci d'Artista event.

In addition, since 2021, the City of Torino has been a member of the European project LAiPS – Light & Art in Public Spaces as part of the Creative Europe programme. The project, which involves the LUCI Association as its head, and the Cities of Lyon and Oulu, aims to strengthen the cities' capacities in terms of permanent light art installations in public spaces, by exchanging best practices, promoting transnational cooperation, and using innovative digital tools.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2023

27 February – 1 March | Oulu | LAiPS project meeting

The project partners were hosted by the City of Oulu for tours, laboratories, reflections, and exchanges of good practices on the potential impact that artistic lighting in public spaces can have on the communities involved.

12 – 14 April | The Netherlands | LAiPS project meeting

The City of Torino participated in a study tour to Rotterdam and Amsterdam to explore the experiences of these two Dutch cities in terms of artistic lighting in public spaces.

2 – 3 November | Torino | Final conference of the LAiPS project

The City of Torino hosted the “Bringing life to public spaces with Light Art” conference, the final event of the European LAiPS project, in which the partners compared knowledge gathered in three years of collaboration. The participants could also admire Torino's light installations, as part of the Luci d'Artista festival. Finally, the Light & Art Map app was presented, a digital tool for raising the awareness of residents, tourists, and cultural operators about the art of light in the cities and for offering everyone the chance to explore the extraordinary range of light art works in seven European cities online and on foot.



The network mission is to encourage continuous dialogue between past and future Olympic cities, to ensure the Olympic Games have a positive and long-lasting result, and to share

the results of this dialogue with cities all around the world. Through an active collaboration with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the network contributes to recording the various initiatives and helping cities to exploit their potential as Olympic sites. Providing stimulating ideas and practical tools, the network supports Olympic cities in building a sustainable, long-term Olympic heritage.

The City of Torino joined the network in 2023.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2023

26 – 29 November | Paris | Annual General Assembly and 10th Smartcities & Sport Summit

Mayor Stefano Lo Russo participated in the General Assembly that had “The Olympic heritage” as its main theme and extended across various discussion and working sessions. During the meeting, the members who joined the network in 2023 were also presented: Dakar (Senegal), Salt Lake City (USA), Torino (Italy), and Zhangjiakou (China).

In the subsequent two days, the Deputy Mayor for Sport and Major Events Domenico Carretta took part in the Smartcities & Sport Summit, a chance to meet with various international sports federations and to engage in dialogue with the more than 300 participants who met to learn, think, and discuss how to best use sport in cities.

The IOC president Thomas Bach opened the Paris summit's work. In its tenth edition, the summit was dedicated to sports events as catalysers of transformation in cities.

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ETF

www.etf.europa.eu



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

In November, the City of Torino took part, for the first time, in the meeting of the ETF Board of Directors as an Observer.

The ETF cooperates locally in organising all those initiatives connected to education, training and access to the labour market.

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MISSION

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

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

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



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

The Centre's competence development services are person-centred, promoting fundamental principles and rights at work and strengthening tripartism and social dialogue. The Centre plays a key role in the implementation of the 2019 *ILO Centenary Declaration* and supports constituents in facilitating transitions towards the Future of Work and promoting the growth of the right to employment, according to the 2030 Agenda of United Nations for Sustainable Development. The Centre has been mandated to provide skills development services at individual, institutional and system levels by the 2019 *ILO Skills Development Strategy*. It is one of the network hubs in the envisaged innovation ecosystem from the 2020 *ILO Innovation Strategy*. The Centre is at the forefront of extending skills development services to constituents, to support the socio-economic recovery of Member States after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Services for individuals focus on training, while those for organisations include strategic advice, teaching material development, communication and advocacy, facilitation of meetings and events, and project management. In 2022, 99,000 people from 190 countries benefited from the Centre's services. As a multicultural hub for learning, the Centre welcomes everyone, regardless of gender, race or social class, making inclusion and respect for diversity the strong point of its pedagogical approach.

The teaching equipment is cutting-edge and includes a modern conference centre which hosts meetings, seminars, workshops and multimedia events and a laboratory where the most modern pedagogical engineering techniques and the most innovative learning technologies such as virtual reality, holograms and artificial intelligence are tested.

Since 2010, the Centre has established the Turin School of Development, a partnership with other UN agencies (UNESCO, WIPO, World Bank, UNCITRAL, and UNIDROIT), the University and the Politecnico di Torino to offer postgraduate courses, gathering about 180 participants from all over the world in Torino every year. The TSD's vision is to contribute to social justice and decent work for

all and its mission is to consolidate the capacity of future leaders in the world of work, to strengthen the social dimension of sustainable development. The TSD aims to be a bridge between international organisations and academia and, by combining solid theory with practice, ensures that participants are not only exposed to the most up-dated thinking and research in their fields, but also that they can acquire practical skills and knowledge necessary to apply them in real situations.

The Centre, through a consolidated pedagogical collaboration with the United Nations System and other centres of excellence in the world, offers programmes aimed at responding to local and global development agendas. The Centre favours a mixed, digital and presence-based training approach, allowing participants to start online learning before their arrival in Torino. In this way, the campus of the Centre integrates with the virtual one, creating a multimodal training experience, capable of integrating innovative and adaptable pedagogical approaches.

The Centre also actively collaborates with the local community and has joined the *Grow in the City* project, for which 446 students from 21 classes of 7 different lower secondary schools were welcomed.



UNICRI

<https://unicri.org/>



The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, established in 1968, is an autonomous institution based in Torino that carries out action-oriented research and training and implements technical cooperation programmes.

UNICRI's work focuses on Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and is centred on promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies, free from crime and violence. Justice, crime prevention and the rule of law are the basis for fighting poverty and reducing inequalities while enhancing economic growth and stability and protecting the environment.

58 UNICRI promotes the rule of law, human rights and the culture of legality. It fosters the implementation of improved policies and actions in the field of crime prevention and social development, supporting justice system reforms and strengthening the capacity of institutions and civil society. It supports governments and the international community at large in tackling criminal threats to social peace, development and political stability and it promotes just and efficient criminal justice systems. It facilitates international law enforcement cooperation and judicial assistance. UNICRI facilitates the exchange and dissemination of information, cooperation in international law enforcement and judicial assistance.

In order to achieve its goals, UNICRI cooperates with governmental organisations and civil society, the private sector, universities, regional and international organisations and with several UN agencies.

UNICRI'S CURRENT PRIORITIES

- Preventing and countering transnational security threats, terrorism and crime-terrorism nexus
- Countering organised crime, all forms of illegal trafficking and illicit financial flows
- Promoting the rule of law and ensuring access to justice
- Promoting the responsible use of new technologies to combat crime and exploitation
- Preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalisation
- Prevenire e contrastare l'estremismo violento e la radicalizzazione

UNSSC

www.unssc.org



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

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

Applied learning methodologies combine academic research with UN practical experience, promoting critical thinking and creative problem-solving. 59

Since 2015, the Staff College's learning and training activities have been geared towards enabling the UN system and its partners to address the challenges posed by the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

THEMATIC AREAS

- Leadership & Management
- Peace & Security
- Sustainable Development

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TORINO CITY LAB

www.torinocitylab.it



Torino City Lab is the open-air laboratory of the City of Torino for co-developing and testing solutions to urban challenges. It is a model of open and inclusive innovation that involves a thrust towards the future deriving from public-private collaboration and from the creation of a solid, “glocal” innovation ecosystem that is both global and local. With the ambitious goal of positioning Torino as one of the international nodes for innovation and emerging technologies, the administration has united the needs of the urban matrix with the European and global dynamics of exponential technologies, which constitute the present and future of smart cities and their relationship with citizens and regional enterprise.

TCL's audacious initiative has been promoted since 2018 by the City of Torino and is supported by a network of more than 90 partners, divided into various categories: industrial partners, public utility, research world and entrepreneurial support parties, international accelerator networks and partners, venture capital, and media partners. It is the main support initiative for urban innovation, increasingly open to international exchanges aimed at promoting privileged communication channels among innovation ecosystems.

For the next three-year period, Torino City Lab is relaunching with the paradigm of smart life and the goal of contributing to the ecological and digital transition of the region and citizen services. All in the name of realising the city's commitment to climate neutrality by 2030 as well, with the following priorities:

- Green and smart mobility
- Green, climate resilience, and the circular economy
- Innovative urban services
- Culture and education

TORINO CITY LAB | INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

R&D: The Cambridge Learning Gateway, Baltimore Development Corporation, Opipno, OurCrowd, Sharjah Research, Technology and Innovation Park (SRTI Park), Techstars Smart Mobility Acceleration (together with Intesa Sanpaolo Innovation Center), European Space Agency.

Corporate: Cisco, Intel, STMicroelectronics, Skypersonic.

Network: European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL)

LIVING LAB ToMove

In May, the Living Lab ToMove project was launched, spread locally within the city and focused on the development of new smart and sustainable urban mobility options, using innovative cooperative, connected and autonomous mobility solutions that are integrated into the “Mobility as a Service” paradigm.



The CTE NEXT project, launched on 1 March 2021 and lasting four years, promotes the acceleration of start-ups and transfer of technology to SMEs thanks to a close collaboration with Torino universities and with other select strategic, significant, and expert partners of Torino City Lab.

CTE NEXT aims to transform Torino into a technology transfer centre spread across emerging technologies in sectors identified as strategic for the Torino region: smart mobility, industry 4.0, and innovative urban services. The development of all the 5G connectivity implementations, such as IoT, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Blockchain will also be central.

CTE NEXT will be integrated with Torino City Lab and represents an additional and fundamental piece in the vision of a Torino that may truly return to seeing its main development levers in enterprise and manufacturing, looking to the future, and governing current change.

The city has identified 4 strategic vertical sectors for developing and innovating according to which the CTE NEXT action lines and its services will be directed:



Smart Road

Innovative solutions for developing advanced, safe, and intelligent mobility: connected vehicles, V2X Vehicle-to-everything communications, integration with mobility scenarios, self-driving algorithms.



Urban Air Mobility

Innovative solutions for using aerial platforms to support the sustainable and safe mobility of goods and people, from monitoring and control applications to their integration as transport means.



Industry 4.0

Innovative solutions for connecting machines, objects, resources, and people in a productive environment and along the corporate distribution chain, for improving efficacy and efficiency in production and in the supplier-customer relationship.



Innovative Urban Services

Innovative solutions for the public administration: service delivery, management of resources, goods, and public spaces, regional enhancement and business development thanks to public and private sector collaboration.

Since 2022, CTE NEXT has become fully operational with its multi-service 5G infrastructure available for demonstration activities on behalf of companies and the research world. It also has more than 35 services in its catalogue able to assist companies from the business idea to 5G development, to field trials. It has held more than 50 community events, involving more than 350 companies, both Italian and foreign.

With CTE NEXT, Torino opens up to collaboration and field trials with an “urban testing” programme that addresses companies and research actors globally.

CTE NEXT | INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Local Authorities: Cities of Riga, Nagoya, and Baltimore

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

Network: EnoLL





Torino Social Innovation is the City of Torino programme for supporting the creation of companies able to respond to emerging social needs in various fields, from education to employment, from mobility to quality of life, from health to social inclusion, and to transform innovative ideas into services, products, and solutions also able to create

economic and social value for the region and the community.

The programme is supported by a broad ecosystem of public and private partners who unite various skills and experiences to create synergies, to increase the impact and capacity to act, and to construct occasions for dialogue to disseminate the culture of social innovation.

Torino Social Innovation comes together with **Torino Social Impact**, an open platform to which more than two hundred companies, institutions, incubators, financial operators, and charity parties have joined, since 2017 until today, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The latter aims to pool ideas, experiences, projects, and resources for catalysing and attracting forms of entrepreneurship that resolve emerging social problems through economically sustainable enterprise models, by exploiting the new technological opportunities.

GOALS

- Promoting a culture of social innovation
- Supporting creative community creation processes
- Supporting the development of new forms of collaborative economy
- Facilitating the development of entrepreneurial projects for a more dynamic, inclusive, and sustainable market economy

MAIN PROJECTS

HOMES4ALL

Homes4All - the right to housing innovates in Torino - is an impact finance project to address the housing crisis. The project takes action on the issue of housing deprivation, providing the City with preventive action tools to reduce wait times for housing and expand the private real estate offering at accessible costs. This is achieved thanks to the capacity of private partners to mobilise unrented real estate and develop a global acceptance system for beneficiary households, in order to strengthen their ability to achieve stable housing. The goal is to enable social innovation processes to give a more effective response to the needs of citizens and one that is more efficient in terms of allocating and using public resources.

The project also focuses on the promotion of participatory, collaborative, and inclusive mechanisms that finds the ideal context for development in Torino Social Impact.

www.homes4all.it

MAIN EVENTS IN 2023

February | Launch of Climaborough project

The first meeting launched the activities of the project that aims to encourage the exchange of good experimental practices, experiences, and lessons learned in the field, in order to help cities achieve climate neutrality.

February | Launch of TrialsNet project

The City of Torino participated in the launch meeting of the project whereby, in collaboration with Fondazione Torino Musei and Fondazione Piemonte Innova, it will carry forward 3 application cases, promoting experimentation in using the 6G network.

March | Cities Forum

Torino hosted the Cities Forum, the main event of the European Commission dedicated to urban policies. Among the participants, coming from all over Europe, Mayors and representatives of the city met to discuss policies, actions, and initiatives to cope with urban challenges in the ecological transition and social inclusion.

March | Territorial Cohesion Agency

As part of the SEED project and in collaboration with the Territorial Cohesion Agency, the City of Torino hosted a meeting dedicated to the 39 medium cities of the South that will benefit from the Metro Plus National Programme supporting social innovation projects.

March | Visit to Nagoya

As part of the IURC - International Urban and Regional Cooperation European programme, a delegation led by the Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Environmental Policies, and Innovation Chiara Foglietta visited the City of Nagoya to pursue collaboration between the two cities.

April | SEED final conference

The final conference of the SEED project entitled "From SEED to the Future" took place in Athens, where the future of the National Skills Centres for Social Innovation, created with a planning path supported by the European Commission, was discussed.

June | ProGireg final event

Torino hosted the final workshop of the project in which the outcomes of the work undertaken were analysed and participants began to think about the future of the works created and new collaborations.

June | Fusilli project event

The City of Torino hosted the sixth regular meeting of the partnership to analyse the progress of the activities implemented in the 10 pan-European cities engaged. The event involved training and opportunities for dialogue, laboratories, and a tour of the Turin Food Innovation Living Lab, in the Mirafiori Sud district.

July | Final event of the ToNite project

The event, co-organised by the City of Torino and ANCI highlighted the results obtained by the European project, which aimed to improve the liveability and perception of safety during evening hours in the areas around the Dora river.

October | COFARM4CITIES first meeting

The international partners of CoFarm4Cities met in Torino for the first project meeting.

October | Final CONEXUS meeting

The final meeting of the project was the chance to discover what has been achieved in Torino's Valdocco district and to learn about the numerous transformations in Mirafiori Sud aimed at accelerating the ecological transition and combating the effects of climate change in the urban environment.

October | Femact-Cities

The Lead Expert and Lead Partner of the Femact-Cities network gathered in Torino to learn about the policies, strategies, and initiatives of the City on issues relating to gender equality.

October | Launch meeting of SEFIT project

Open Incent, Social Innovation Centre of the City of Torino, hosted the launch meeting of the SEFIT – Social Ecosystems for Fair and Inclusive Transitions project, which has the goal of promoting the development of social ecosystems for a green and digital transition that is more just and inclusive in the two countries involved (Italy and Ireland), and in all Europe.

November | Delegation from Lille

As part of the exchange project "Urban Transformation, River Reconquest and Park Creation" supported by the capacity building programme of the European Urban Initiative (EUI), the City of Torino welcomed a delegation of Mayors and technicians from municipalities of the Metropolitan City of Lille. For the occasion, some Torino projects for renewing green spaces in connection with the rivers were illustrated.



FOCUS ON... Cities Forum

More than 900 delegates, coming from 160 cities in Europe and around the world, participated in the fifth edition of the Cities Forum, hosted at Officine Grandi Riparazioni di Torino, from 16 to 17 March 2023.

Organised by the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission, the event is a biennial occasion that unites the main urban actors, including Mayors and representatives of large, medium, and small cities to discuss policies, actions, and initiatives to cope with the urban challenges of the ecological transition and social inclusion. The goal is to make our cities more and more green and just.

Two intense days of work and events offered high-level debates, participatory sessions, and interactive workshops on cities' cohesion and recovery.

The Forum was a unique opportunity for the participants to network and discuss recent developments of various EU initiatives and policies, as well as to explore the host city through various tours. More than 400 people in fact enrolled in the site visits and were accompanied in discovering the sites of Torino's main urban transformations, funded by European funds over the last 20 years.

The forum also shone a spotlight on recent developments in policies and key initiatives that involve cities, like the Urban Agenda for the EU, the EU Mission for 100 climate-neutral cities, and the New European Bauhaus applied as a paradigm for inclusive, sustainable, and beautiful development.



FOCUS ON... Torino Delegation to Nagoya

As part of the IURC (International Urban and Regional Cooperation) programme promoted by the European Commission, the City of Torino and the City of Nagoya are engaged in a two-year path of mutual exchange and learning on issues of urban innovation.

After the Japanese delegation's visit to Torino, which took place in November 2022, a Torino delegation composed of: Chiara Foglietta, Deputy Mayor for Green and Digital Transition, Innovation, Environment, Mobility, and Transport of the City of Torino; Gianfranco Presutti, Director of European Funds and PNRR of the City of Torino; and Elena Deambrogio, Head of Innovation at CTE NEXT and Head of the Smart City Office, European Projects and Innovation of the City of Torino, visited the City of Nagoya in order to consolidate the collaboration between the two cities.

During the meetings, some key sectors were identified where the collaboration between Torino City Lab/CTE NEXT and Nagoya could be developed:

- the 5G demonstration activities, pilot projects and technological demonstrations that enable the testing of the new functionalities and performance of the 5G mobile network technology in real situations;
- the CCAM (Cooperative, Connected and Automated Mobility applications), advanced technologies like connectivity, automation, and cooperation between vehicles and infrastructure to improve road safety, sustainability, and efficiency of transport systems;
- entrepreneurship programmes in schools and universities;
- the definition of "structures" to promote bridges for start-ups and SMEs from Torino to Nagoya and vice versa.



Digitalisation, innovation, competitiveness, culture

5G4LIVES | CEF 5G SMART COMMUNITIES

APPRAISE | Horizon 2020

CONVINCE | Horizon Europe

DECIDO | Horizon2020

EMERITUS | Horizon Europe

IcARUS | Horizon2020

PACTESUR 2 | Internal Security Fund

Pop-AI | Horizon2020

SEED | EaSI

TrialsNet | Horizon Europe

Inclusion and cohesion

FEMACT-Cities | URBACT IV

FUSILLI | Horizon 2020

SEFIT | FSE+

TO-NITE | UIA

Infrastructure for sustainable mobility

ENVELOPE | Horizon Europe

INCIT-EV | Horizon 2020

Green revolution and ecological transition

COFARM4CITIES | INTERREG

CLIMABOROUGH | Horizon Europe

CONEXUS | Horizon 2020

DESIRE | Horizon Europe

LET'S GOV | Horizon 2020

PROGIREG | Horizon 2020

RESPONDET | COSME-SEM

SME4GREEN | COSME-LGD

TIP4PED | Horizon Europe

WOODCIRCLES | Horizon Europe



THE PROJECT | 2023 – 2025

TrialsNet aims to undertake large-scale trialling to implement a heterogeneous and complete set of innovative 6G applications based on various technologies like Cobots, Metaverse, massive twinning, Internet of Senses and more. This will cover three significant domains of the urban ecosystems in Europe, identified as:

- Infrastructure, transport, safety, and protection
- Electronic health and emergencies
- Culture, tourism, and entertainment

WHY TORINO

The goal in Torino is to demonstrate how the deployment of XR solutions and Metaverse/Digital twins can test the capacity of 5G/6G technologies to improve visitors' experience of cultural and public heritage sites in terms of educational entertainment, as well as to help safety and security operators in training, simulations, and activities to prevent and manage emergencies. These large-scale trials should enable real-time demonstration of an innovative technological framework, which can advance the shared practices of tourism operators and local police.

TRIALSNET ACTIONS

TrialsNet consists of 13 innovative use cases that leverage B5G networks to improve the urban environment in different ways. In short, the key goals of TrialsNet include:

- trialling of 6G applications (Cobots, Metaverse/XR, Massive Twinning, Drones, Sensors/IoT, Pervasive UHD Cameras, AI), supporting them in large scale environments, as well as introducing new applications into the B5G ecosystem;
- the enhancement of B5G networks to support 6G applications, by understanding the requirements of the 6G applications and developing the network components supporting them;
- the introduction of social benefits in different areas, thanks to 6G apps;
- large scale deployment of B5G networks, providing pervasive performance indicators in different scenarios for a better understanding and enforcing the sustainability of the deployed system;
- achievement of industrial impact by leveraging the B5G network deployment to lead to a new generation of products and achievement of scientific and standardisation impact;
- creation of an ecosystem of verticals and technology providers in the trial sites.

TRIALSNET IN FIGURES

- EU contribution to the City of Torino: € 188,750.00
- 36 months of activities
- 23 associated partners

THE PROJECT | 2021 – 2023

Funded by the European programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI), the SEED project has the goal of creating four competence centres for social innovation in the partner countries: Italy, Greece, Romania, and Slovenia. These will support the national authorities for managing the European Social Fund in integrating an approach oriented to encouraging social innovation in the public sector and implementing FSE+ operating programmes. The four competence centres have the ambition of working in a network together, and with similar organisations that are being set up in other EU member countries, to share methodologies, approaches, best practices, and know-how. By analysing the national needs and challenges, every centre concentrates on the national priorities, including innovation in the Public Administration in the Italian case, through pilot projects.

WHY TORINO

Torino sees its role as a city at the forefront of social innovation policies and practices confirmed, in part thanks to a rich local ecosystem represented by the Torino Social Impact initiative, among other things, that counts more than 200 stakeholders. The process that leads to the creation of an Italian competence centre for social innovation involves the extensive involvement of local and national actors and organisations. The purpose is to enhance already existing, recognised competences and to offer tools for training, learning, exchange, and growth. In a long-term perspective, Torino should, thus, become the operating site for the competence centre.

SEED ACTIONS

As the head of the project, the City of Torino leads the Italian partners that include universities, research foundations and bodies, in creating the competence centre to support the authorities managing the European Social Fund. The development of a Design Policy Lab is anticipated for Italy. This will be based on innovative, public-private partnership models as an effective tool for providing public services and, specifically, for enabling authorities managing the European Social Fund to co-design policies to be implemented in the next operating programmes with the whole ecosystem of actors involved. The City of Torino provides experience in designing and managing collaborative processes and in co-designing policies and programmes for innovation developed in recent years.

SEED IN FIGURES

- € 900,000.00 budget for the project
- 4 competence centres for social innovation
- 16 partners from 4 EU countries
- 38 associated partners
- 2 years of activities

THE PROJECT | 2021 – 2024

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

WHY TORINO

Torino is one of the 100 European cities selected by the European Commission to achieve zero-climate impact by 2030 and become a hub for experimentation and innovation for the other cities in achieving the goals of the Green Deal by 2050. The City of Torino will work as a city leader in the field of the circular economy and waste, by identifying the main critical issues in order to define action priorities and needs. This will be done via a challenge to find social and technical solutions aimed at improving the management of RAEE (Electric and electronic equipment waste) waste and textiles.

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

CLIMABOROUGH ACTIONS

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

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

CLIMABOROUGH IN FIGURES

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

THE PROJECT | 2021 – 2024

The main ambition of FUSILLI is to overcome the barriers for developing and implementing integrated and systemic food policies that support the transition to sustainable food policies in urban and peri-urban areas, and the nearby countryside. FUSILLI is connecting 12 European cities in a network to share knowledge and to cope with the challenges of transforming the food system. These cities will integrate food as a part of their urban-rural agenda and will identify and create opportunities for transforming food systems into sustainable, healthy, and inclusive ones. Through a community of open knowledge, the cities will be authorised to implement innovative and customised policies and actions, placing citizens at the centre of the process.

WHY TORINO

The City of Torino will be responsible, including via their third parties and in collaboration with the partner Fondazione Comunità di Mirafiori, for setting up the Food Innovation Living Lab, with cross-cutting actions such as:

- strengthening the “Torino Città del Cibo” (Torino: City of Food) policy, implementing coherent and integrated policies and initiatives;
- creation of a “Food Council”, understood as a form of multi-sector coordination dedicated to promoting a quality food system in all its dimensions and aimed at promoting concrete legal actions, communication, and experimentation in some key areas.

FUSILLI ACTIONS

The main demonstration activities of the “Food Policy Living Lab” of Torino are divided into four main areas of action:

- Food Lab: support in experimenting with circular business models for the production/transformation of foods for local commerce;
- Food Hub: study and experimentation with a widespread hub for collecting and redistributing unsold edible food for social/community purposes;
- Food Policy Training: the Torino living lab will strongly focus on the issues of training and information activities to trigger a process of awareness and growth, in support of the most vulnerable categories;
- Food Tech Testing: activities for testing above-ground agricultural techniques and Tech for Food will be promoted, in collaboration with companies according to the “Torino City Lab” model.

FUSILLI IN FIGURES

- € 556,875.00 budget of the Municipality of Torino, 100% funded by the European Union
- 47 mesi di attività
- 12 living labs
- 34 partners
- 2 partners in Torino



THE PROJECT | 2019 – 2023

Funded as part of the European Programme UIA - Urban Innovative Actions, ToNite stems from the desire to analyse urban social phenomena deriving from a perception of insecurity and to address them through collaborative solutions aimed at improving the liveability of public spaces and promoting care of the region and its enhancement. Local communities and the potential of the region are placed at the centre of the project, with a view to social innovation and urban regeneration. The project is concentrated along the Dora River, with research, analysis, local activity, and co-design actions aimed at defining actions in public spaces and supporting the implementation of new local services, with a social impact mainly focused on the evening, through technical and financial assistance.

WHY TORINO

78 Over the years, the City of Torino has experimented with numerous social innovation and civic participation actions. ToNite continues the experience of civic involvement launched by the previous project UIA Co-City with the goal of encouraging the participation of residents and actors in the region in setting up projects able to create a tangible impact locally.

TONITE ACTIONS

- Ethnographic and social research activities in the quarters concerned, with the involvement of local stakeholders, to analyse residents’ perception of security;
- Activation and empowerment of regional actors and local communities;
- Development of a technological platform that makes it possible to integrate and analyse data relating to urban insecurity;
- Actions to regenerate public spaces in the project areas;
- Activation of new local services able to generate a social impact, especially in the evening, through a support path and financial assistance;
- Assessment of the impact of project actions in the quarters concerned.

TONITE IN FIGURES

- 7 partners
- 2 local areas of intervention
- 6 actions
- € 4.5 million funded by UIA



THE PROJECT | 2022 – 2024

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

WHY TORINO

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

DESIRE ACTIONS

The City of Torino, in collaboration with Kairos and in common agreement with the New European Bauhaus Torino Promotion Committee, aims to produce an action plan to act in Falchera starting with the Cascina Falchera, which was recently leased to the Kairos consortium by the City of Torino.

The action plan will be developed across three areas:

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

DESIRE IN FIGURES

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



CULTURE



In recent years, the City of Torino has greatly expanded its cultural offering promoting a rich programme of events that have made it more and more international and attractive, establishing the city as a popular tourist destination.

In 2023 as well, the Piedmont capital was transformed into an authentic stage for musical, cultural, and sports events, which offered many visitors the chance to discover a city that, in terms of history, tradition, architectural jewels, museums, environment, and wine and food, is a “show” not to be missed.

Torino is, in fact, a modern and fascinating city of art, which offers well established events at different times of year, such as the International Book Fair, MITO SettembreMusica, Torino Jazz Festival, Torino Film Festival, and events dedicated to contemporary art enthusiasts, such as ContemporaryArt Torino Piemonte, Luci d’Artista, and Artissima.

According to the Piedmont Region Tourism Observatory, in the first nine months of 2023, the tourist movements in the City of Torino remained stable in arrivals, while they grew by 2.6% in attendance. This was strongly driven by the foreign segment that recorded +9% of arrivals and +11.3% of attendances compared to summer 2022.

Again, the cultural sector proved to be the driving force of growth. As a result, the City, with its strong cultural fabric consisting of various local institutions collaborating in synergy, officially announced its candidacy for European Capital of Culture 2033, thus looking to the future with renewed hope and optimism.



JR collective performance

9 February

More than 1,200 people took part in the collective public art performance created in Torino by the artist JR, to bring to Piazza San Carlo five enormous canvases depicting children met during visits to refugee camps, from Rwanda to Greece.

Recorded by drones, the event saw the five canvases with images of the children – Valeriia (Ukraine), Thierry (Rwanda), Andiara (Colombia), Jamal (Mauritania), Mozhda (Greece) – together for the first time. It anticipated the opening of the first solo show of the artist, who is famous around the world for his projects that combine photography, public art, and social commitment.

From 9 February to 16 July, the show, entitled **DÉPLACÉ·E·S**, occupied approximately 4,000 square metres at Intesa Sanpaolo's Gallerie d'Italia – Torino and was curated by Arturo Galansino.

84 With this project, which started in 2022, the artist reflected on the difficult conditions in which thousands of people find themselves today due to conflicts, wars, famines, and climate change, involving audiences normally excluded by the artistic and cultural circuit. Combining various expressive languages, JR brought his personal touch to Torino in describing reality and stimulating reflections on social fragility.



Seeyousound - 9th edition

24 February – 2 March

The ninth edition of the festival brought an exciting programme of 79 films, including feature films, documentaries, shorts, and video clips to Torino with the best of music-themed international film-making.

The programme involved 8 locations in the city with 54 events, including 22 live music and sound tracking shows and dj sets and the exhibition *The Sun Has No Shadow* by Rebecca Salvadori.

In the 2023 edition, 4,250 tickets were sold and more than 60 guests from all over the world enriched the screenings with their presence.

5 world premières, 2 European premières, and 26 Italian premières were presented on the big screen in the programme of competitive sections: *Long Play Doc* and *Long Play Feature*, *7Inch*, *Soundies and Frequencies* and the screenings *Rising Sound - Music is the weapon* and *Into the Groove*.

The festival opened, precisely one year from the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, with the Italian première of *Tchaikovsky's Wife* by the dissident Russian director Kirill Serebrennikov, in exile since last March.

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Biennale Democrazia - 8th edition

22 – 26 March

Since 2009, the cultural event promoted by the City of Torino, devised and headed by Gustavo Zagrebelsky, has taken place under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic.

The eighth edition brought spectators “**At the Edge of Liberty**”, with the aim of reflecting on the complex relationship between freedom and democracy, within and beyond the borders of our society.

The work Red Square by the artist Federica Landi was chosen to represent freedom and its borders, thanks to the collaboration with CAMERA (Italian Centre for Photography in Torino). The event opened at the Teatro Carignano with *How a dictatorship is born*, a dialogue between the Turkish journalist and activist Ece Temelkuran and the reporter and writer Francesca Mannocchi.

The programme involved more than 100 meetings, with more than 220 international speakers, 5 shows, and 4 themed itineraries spread throughout the city. The most well-known participating international guests included: Stéphane Grumbach, who discussed the impact of digital technologies on democracy and relations between states; Rahel Jaeggi, who analysed the crisis of liberalism; and Mikhail Minakov, who offered a reflection on the evolution of the concept of liberty after the end of the Cold War and on the role of Eastern democracies in Europe's destiny.

The 2023 edition introduced two new sections: *Democrazia Futura (Future Democracy)*, dedicated to young people and schools with free educational activities, and *Democrazia Diffusa (Democracy Disseminated)*, a programme of cultural events spread out locally to promote active participation of city quarters and the people living there.



Lovers Film Festival - 38th edition

18 – 23 April

Cinema Massimo, the multiplex of the National Museum of Cinema in Torino, hosted the 38th edition of the Lovers Film Festival, the oldest film event that, since 1986, has brought short and long, LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and inter-sex) features to Torino directed by Vladimir Luxuria.

The event was inaugurated by the film and theatre actress Ambra Angiolini and welcomed numerous guests including Alessia Crocini, an LGBTQI+ rights activist and president of the Associazione Famiglie Arcobaleno that fights for the rights of children with LGBTQI+ parents.

Kodo Nishimura, a Tokyo Buddhist monk who started his career working as a make-up artist in the United States, presented his latest book coming out in Italy. The book explains his mission: to encourage and enrich others' inner self using Buddhist wisdom and a touch of make-up.

More than 50 films, 9 world previews, 4 international ones, 3 European ones, and 41 Italian ones enriched the programming across six days of the event with an overall attendance of 4,500 viewers.

The festival comprised three main competition sections: *All The Lovers for long features*, *Real Lovers* for documentaries, and *Future Lovers* dedicated to short films.

The 2023 edition of the film event paid homage to Maurizio Costanzo, a few months after his death, and Lucy Salani, the Italian activist known for having been the only Italian transgender woman who survived the Nazi concentration camps.



Torino Jazz Festival - 11th edition

22 – 30 April

The eleventh edition, which saw the return of Stefano Zenni as artistic director, offered 9 days of programming with 93 events organised in 62 locations scattered throughout the city, with international artists who played a vast panorama of all jazz languages.

One of this edition's keys to success was the widespread nature of the festival locally. The biggest jazz artists performed on the stages of the OGR Torino, the Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi, the Polytechnic's Aula Magna, the Auditorium Giovanni Agnelli, Teatro Vittoria, and numerous jazz clubs around the city.

Since 2022, the Torino Jazz Festival has been supported by the Ministry of Culture and the record numbers of the 2023 edition resulted in an increase of 21% in funding that the Ministry will give to the initiative for next year.

88 The original production of Peppe Servillo & TjF All Stars *Natura morta con custodia di sax (Still life with sax case)* officially opened the festival, with huge public attendance.

234 artists performed unforgettable moments of great music. Historical jazz figures like Kenny Barron Trio and Steve Coleman alternated with current innovators like Nilssen-Love, Shabaka, and Sarathy Korwar.

On 30 April, UNESCO International Jazz Day, Stefano Bollani concluded the festival with a double event at the Auditorium del Lingotto, recording almost 4,000 spectators.

The festival's fringe events included the **Jazz Blitz**, which brought music to support, reception, and meeting places involving 2,000 people in 33 music events offered by students of the Conservatorio Giuseppe Verdi, the Jazz School Torino, ArCoTe Jazz Torino, and City of Torino music education courses.



International Book Fair - 35th edition

18 – 22 May

The Torino International Book Fair celebrated thirty-five years of stories, narrated by Italian and international authors, recording an attendance of more than 215,000 visitors.

The 2023 edition, entitled **Through the Looking Glass**, invited the community of readers to leap into new worlds, with their feet anchored on Earth and in the present but their head among the pages, as described in the manifesto by the artist Elisa Talentino.

The words of the journalist and writer Svetlana Aleksievi, born in Ukraine in 1948 to a Belarusian father and Ukrainian mother and winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2015, inaugurated the fair.

The event's rich programme also involved the participation of prestigious guests from around the world, including writers like Peter Cameron, Mark Z. Danielewski, and the Nobel Prize for Literature winner Wole Soyinka.

The Adriatic and the Tyrrhenian Seas were perfectly united, promoting the extraordinary culture of the Mediterranean, thanks to the choice of Sardinia as the guest region, in conjunction with Albania, guest country of this edition.

Bookstock consolidated its success, recording the participation of more than 24,800 students, including 1,304 classes coming from 18 different regions in Italy.

Finally, the positive experience of the **Salone Off** continued, through 600 meetings in 300 locations, bringing culture to all 8 Torino boroughs, to 26 municipalities of the metropolitan area and 15 towns in Piedmont.



Festival CinemAmbiente - 26th edition

5 - 11 June

The festival presented 82 films from 38 countries representing 5 continents and cast its gaze on the state of the planet, inviting the public to reflect on issues at the centre of the international environmental debate.

The competition proposed the usual division between documentaries and short films in addition to the two, non-competition sections *Made in Italy* and *Panorama*.

On its opening day, coinciding with World Environment Day, the festival analysed the relationship between man and nature, combining current events and addressing issues as climate and social justice, soil protection, global warming, and the ecological transition.

Guest of honour of the final day of the festival and the awards ceremony was Muhammad Yunus, inventor and creator of the modern microcredit and Noble Peace Prize winner in 2006. In an open talk to citizens, the famous Bangladeshi economist presented his vision of *A World of Three Zeros*: zero poverty, zero unemployment, and zero emissions.

During the film-making event, the “Stella della Mole” award was given to the Russian director Victor Kossakovsky, whose film entitled *Gunda* was shown.



T0days Festival - 9th edition

25 - 27 August

Promoted by the City of Torino and created by the Fondazione per la Cultura Torino, the festival hosted 121 national and international artists and 12 bands coming from 29 different countries, including the United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Belgium, Germany, and France.

The programme brought more than 30 hours of music, art, meetings, exclusive productions, previews, performances, and educational events to the city with the best of the contemporary music scene.

The cornerstones of the festival were the impartial investigation of opposites and the creation of new equilibriums, the anticipation of ideas and trends, and the mixing of different genres, the intersection of attitudes, emotions, and sounds that weave the present, past, and future of music.

More than 10,000 people of all ages and origins attended some unforgettable festival events, like the concert of Jeff Tweedy of Wilco, the performance by Marten Devoldere, in Warhaus art, and of Tim Harrington of Les Savy Fav.

TODAYS for Torino Futura, a project for actively involving young people in education and cultural life, also met with great success in terms of participation.

The programme encompassed six meetings dedicated to “Sessant’anni dagli anni Sessanta” (“Sixty years since the Sixties”), in which young artists, journalists, producers, and professionals met at the Mercato Centrale Torino to describe the changes of the last six decades in the musical, artistic, and social fields.

In addition, for the first time the festival was enriched with laboratory activities, masterclasses, contests and workshops devised and created by local bodies and organisations.



MITO SettembreMusica - 17th edition

7 - 22 September

Approximately 50,030 spectators, adding the attendees in Torino and Milan, were at the seventeenth edition of the festival, with 45 sold-out concerts out of 70 and an extraordinary public reception, even in the more peripheral areas of the two capitals.

The 2023 edition, entitled “**Cities**”, highlighted the relation that links a song to the area where it was created, rediscovering its traditions, habits, styles, and fashions.

The bill opened with the concert at the Teatro alla Scala in Milan by the Orchestra del Teatro Regio of Torino conducted by the passionate Wayne Marshall and closed with the Filarmonica della Scala led by Andrés Orozco-Estrada and with the virtuoso cello player Mario Brunello at the Auditorium Giovanni Agnelli - Lingotto in Torino.

New York was the starring city of the concert by the Orchestra Sinfonica Nazionale della Rai, conducted by Juraj Valčuha, with the creative pianist Stefano Bollani.

The Torino programme was further enriched by **MITO per la Città** (MITO for the City), the event that involved libraries, schools, markets, hospitals, rest homes, reception centres, and penitentiary institutes with its musical offering, thus involving a public that wouldn't otherwise have been able to enjoy it.



Torino Spiritualità - 19th edition

27 September - 1 October

Promoted and organised by the Fondazione Circolo dei Lettori, the festival offered a programme of lessons, talks, readings, and meetings in the heart of the city, encouraging reflection and exchange among consciences, cultures, and religions coming from every corner of the world.

The 19th edition was dedicated to the **Absent**, inviting intellectuals, writers, actors, and thinkers to discuss death, or life. The scheduled events, spread across the Circolo dei Lettori, theatres, and cultural spaces in the city, prompted a reflection on the ties that not even physical death eliminates, the hypothesis of the Beyond, and nexuses that indissolubly unite death and life.

The guiding image of the festival, created by the illustrator Laura Giorgi, focused on the absent. It translates their distance and our nostalgia, their belonging to another place that we don't know but to which we keep turning our eyes, into a vision.

As a preview of the festival, the actor Francesco Pannofino interpreted *Death with Interruptions* by José Saramago at the Teatro Carignano. The international guests included Björn Larsson, Stefano Massini, Éric-Emmanuel Schmitt, Chiara Valerio, Chandra Livia Candiani, Chiara Alessi, Vito Mancuso, and Massimo Recalcati.

Torino Spiritualità met with great success in terms of participation: 13,000 people attended 75 meetings with 126 guests, both Italian and international.



View Conference - 24th edition

15 - 20 October

View Conference offered the most cutting-edge innovations and up-to-date applications of virtual reality and interactive techniques, with a special focus on the most recent innovations achieved in the sectors of animation, visual effects, computer games, and computer graphics.

The event gathered more than 5,600 participants at ITS ICT Piazza dei Mestieri and the futuristic spaces of the OGR - Officine Grandi Riparazioni Torino.

Over six days, an extraordinary programme of talks, presentations, workshops, masterclasses, and discussions unfolded with illustrious professionals from the sector, Think Leaders, students, and passionate people looking for inspiration and new stimuli.

The 2023 edition, entitled **The Future that we want**, boasted the involvement of various Oscar winners and ten directors who made the animated films with the biggest earnings of the year, as well as visual effects supervisors of successful films like *Barbie*, *Oppenheimer*, and *Avatar - The Way of Water*.

Four previews of works not yet distributed were also presented, like the next feature film of Universal Pictures Migration by the director Benjamin Renner, *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget* by Sam Fell, the 62nd classic Disney film entitled *Wish*, and the new film produced by DreamWorks Animation and Universal Pictures *Trolls 3 - Band Together*.

The sector professionals invited to describe their experiences in the field of special digital effects and the latest technological and artistic developments included the five-time Oscar winner Joe Letteri - *Avatar: The Way of Water* - and the Sound Engineer Mark Ulano - Oscar winner for best sound for the film *Titanic* - who took turns speaking.



Luci d'artista - 26th edition

27 October 2023 - 14 January 2024

The event, which started in 1998 as an exhibition of contemporary art installations created with *en plein air* light in the urban space, was curated by Antonio Grulli for the first time. He was entrusted with the task of developing the event, promoting a unique and extraordinary collection, giving stable national and international visibility, and making the event more inclusive and ecologically sustainable.

The twenty-sixth edition was enriched with one new work: *Orizzonti (Horizons)*, created by Giovanni Anselmo, composed of four blue lights that represent the words North, East, South, and West. With this work, installed in Piazza Carlo Alberto, the artist intended to place Torino in relation with a wider, more global, and cosmic space, overcoming the horizons of the city.

In the 2023 edition, the project *Accademia della Luce (Light Academy)* took on a fundamental role. Thanks to this, the Education Departments of six Torino museums (Castello di Rivoli Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, Fondazione Merz, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, GAM - Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, MAO Museo d'Arte Orientale, and PAV - Parco Arte Vivente) promoted opportunities for debate and educational offerings with the local schools.

Finally, for the first time this year, 4 urban trekking routes were proposed that allowed visitors to discover ecologically significant environments in Torino, like rivers, parks, gardens, and simple flowerbeds, following urban green paths punctuated by the Luci d'Artista installations.

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



Paratissima - 19th edition

1 – 5 November

Hosted for the last year in the evocative spaces of the Cavallerizza complex, Paratissima **Eye contact - Match with art** invited the public to make eye contact with 10 sections, over 400 artists, performances, live events, dj sets, and children's laboratories within a setting of more than 8,000 square exhibition metres.

The expression, rendered in Italian with “contatto visivo” and chosen as the theme of the 19th edition of the event, aimed to underline how the gaze, the eyes, and their expression represent a universal method of communication capable of transmitting a vast range of emotions, intentions, and meanings.

The 2023 edition presented three main artistic projects: Sticky Eyes by Arthur Du and Breathing Room by Beyond, as part of the Spazio alle ARTI schedule, both curated by Laura Tota and Francesca Canfora; and Air by IDEM Studio, curated by Fabio Vito Lacertosa and Francesca Canfora.

For the 10th edition of Nice & Fair - Contemporary Visions, 16 curators attended the Master's in curatorial practices: NICE – New Independent Curatorial Experience, giving life to six exhibition projects aimed at investigating urgent themes and issues.

Through laboratories and guided tours, the **Paratissima Kids** programme attempted to transmit knowledge about and taste for art among younger generations, accompanying children in their discovery of their creativity, and met with great success.

Finally, the numerous exhibitions were enriched by **Paratissima Eye Contact Live**, a dense panel of meetings, talks, and performances on art, ecology, technology, architecture, current events, and music, which made it possible to extend the gaze to a more holistic view of art.



Artissima - 30th edition

3 – 5 November

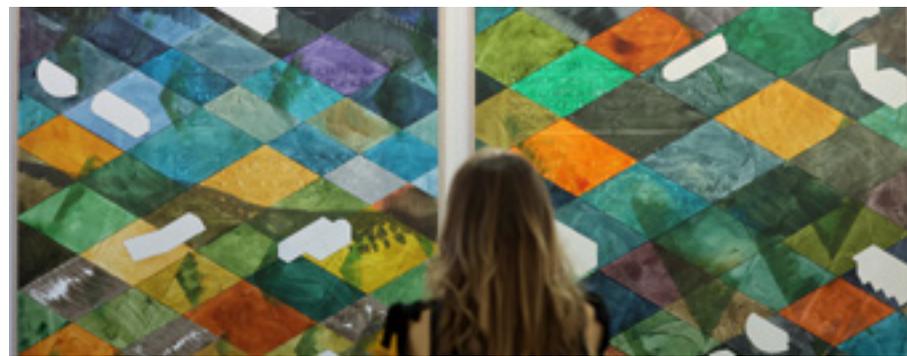
Artissima, the festival dedicated to contemporary art directed by Luigi Fassi, concluded its thirtieth edition with 34,000 visitors, confirming its character as an experimental fair of research and cutting-edge work by creating specific initiatives, attracting some of the most interesting galleries, artists, collectors, and curators on the international scene.

The title of the 2023 edition, **Relations of Care**, took up the concept developed in a recent essay by the Brazilian anthropologist Renzo Taddei, teacher at the Federal University of São Paulo in Brazil. The concept proposes overcoming the crises of our time by taking inspiration from indigenous Amazonian thought, characterised by a strong sense of responsibility to the natural world and all the species that inhabit it.

The festival recorded the participation of 181 Italian and international galleries, 68 of which proposed monograph projects. In addition to the four, consolidated sections – *Main Section, New Entries, Monologue/Dialogue and Art Spaces & Editions* – three curated sections: *Disegni (Drawings), Present Future and Back to the Future* were hosted on the digital platform Artissima Voice Over.

The fair reached more than 1,600 new collectors, hosted 700 collectors and curators coming from 30 countries, and involved over 12,000 significant art world figures. Approximately 34 delegations of the most important museum institutions globally were welcomed and the 7 sections brought approximately 1,500 works to the attention of the public.

Some of the many festival initiatives that deserve mention include: the exhibition of a core of original photographic works created by the photographer Luca Locatelli; **New Entries BAR**, a project for promoting the research of galleries in the New Entries section; **Artissima Junior** in collaboration with Juventus, dedicated to children as key players in a creative process guided by the artist Eugenio Tibaldi; **Beyond Production Symposium**, a cycle of studies at the OGR Torino for exploring the relationship between new technologies, art, and society created in collaboration with Fondazione per l'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea CRT.



Torino FilmLab Meeting Event - 16th edition

23 – 25 November

Thanks to the experience gained over 16 years' activities, the TorinoFilmLab Meeting Event is when the TorinoFilmLab community gathers to explore and be introduced to the stories of the future, especially those that the international professionals involved in the ScriptLab and FeatureLab programmes have worked on.

Over the years, more than 1,300 scriptwriters, producers, directors, and story editors have been supported in creating their films and TV series, thanks to a team of 200 experts in the fields of audiovisual training, script consultancy, production, and promotion.

The 16th edition unveiled 30 feature film projects, giving voice to scriptwriters, directors, and producers coming from 31 countries in 5 continents - including 16 women, 15 men, and 1 non-binary person. 20 ScriptLab projects were selected from 550 candidates presented and 10 FeatureLab projects from more than 170 candidates.

The event represents a genuine platform for heterogeneous cultures, experiences, identities, and points of view capable of being interwoven in an extraordinary variety of themes and languages.

TorinoFilmLab is organised by the Museo Nazionale del Cinema, with the support of the sub-programme Creative Europe – MEDIA of the European Union, the Ministry of Culture (MiC), the Piedmont Region, and the City of Torino.

In addition to the training path, each year the TFL assigns prizes to support development, production, and distribution to encourage co-productions and a sustainable attitude in making cinema, with the help of various partners as well.



Torino Film Festival - 41st edition

24 November – 2 December

Since 1982, the Torino Film Festival has presented itself as a place for meeting and discussing new international cinema in its diverse perspectives and artistic trends, with special attention for emerging cinematography, young film makers, and independent ones.

This edition's image was entrusted for the second consecutive year to Ugo Nespolo, an internationally famous artist who adapted one of the most famous stills from John Ford's *The Searchers* in which John Wayne holds Natalie Wood in his arms. It celebrates the homage that TFF paid to the popular actor and icon of classic American cinema.

During the event, 181 films were presented, including 128 long features, 13 medium-length features, 40 short films, 59 global previews, 10 international previews, 3 European previews, and 68 Italian previews, selected from more than 4,000 works viewed.

The inaugural evening of the festival was broadcast live on Rai Radio3, as part of the historical programme Hollywood Party, and one of the great masters of Italian cinema, Pupi Avati, was the star of the opening ceremony.

The Stella della Mole Award was assigned to Oliver Stone, who, during the festival, presented his latest documentary film *Nuclear Now*. The famous director was also star of a Masterclass, fruit of a collaboration between the Film Commission Torino Piemonte, Torino Film Festival, Museo Nazionale del Cinema, Newcleo, and I Wonder Pictures.



TRIO 2 SPORT

SPORT 101



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

Its image as the site of important international sports events, consolidated, in part, through the 20th Winter Olympic Games and the 9th Winter Paralympics in 2006, is strengthened by the administration's continuous commitment to ensuring a high level of organisational efficiency and efficacy in collaborating with individual organising committees. Precisely to consolidate the bonds with the various sports federations, in November the City of Torino participated in the annual meeting of the World Union of Olympic Cities and in the 10th edition of the Smartcities & Sport Summit in Paris.

More and more attractive and inclusive in terms of sport, in 2023 Torino put itself on the international map by hosting the Champions League Volley Super Finals – the final event of the top European volleyball club competition, in which the best four European teams challenged each other – and the third edition of the Nitto ATP Finals – the most prestigious, end-of-season, men's tennis tournament.

In the near future, the Piedmont region will be the leader of important, international sports events. 2024 will bring epic cycling to Piedmont: the Tour de France, the most prestigious, multi-stage bicycle race in the world, will start in Italy for the first time and, on 1st July, will arrive in Torino at the end of a 225 km route. In 2025, the World University Games, the event created right in Torino in 1959, will embrace the Piedmont mountains for ten days with very high level competitions. It's a celebration of international university sport and culture that joins thousands of student-athletes in one of the greatest and most renowned multi-sport events in the world.

16 – 17 November

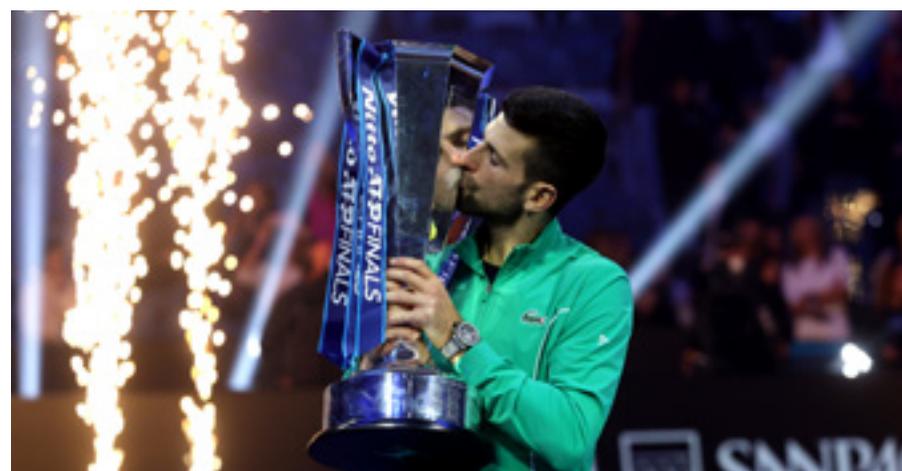
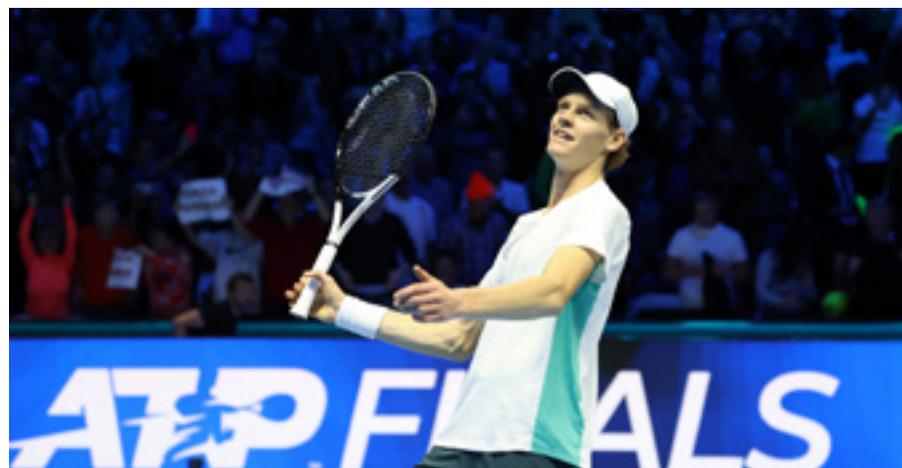
Nitto ATP Finals

This was the third edition in Torino for the Nitto ATP Finals, one of the most important international men's tennis tournaments in which the eight best individual players and the eight best pairs competed for the final title of the season. The most anticipated sports event of the year proved to be a great, celebratory occasion that involved all the city's residents with activities, events, tastings, locations, and special initiatives.

The programme is now well known among lesser fans too and involves holding 15 singles matches and as many doubles, divided into 15 sessions of play. Pala Alpitour, the largest covered sports arena in Italy, proved again to be the perfect place to host the playing court while the Piazzale Grande Torino opposite was the site of the Fan Village. The latter comprised more than 4,000 square metres where the facilities for catering, entertainment, partner service and product promotion were set up. In Piazza Castello, a large geodesic dome was set up to be the home of Casa Tennis, the space that welcomed more than 4 thousand visitors, including residents, tourists, and journalists as part of the broad schedule of more than 50 talks held; Casa Gusto, set up in the State Archive spaces, was dedicated to the best of local wine and food, while Casa Media, located in the medieval court of Palazzo Madama, hosted journalists and information operators.

The central streets of the city were animated by a schedule of multidisciplinary entertainment that stimulated the curiosity of the public, which was even larger than in previous editions, and culminated in the White Night of Tennis and in the big final festival at the OGR Torino.

The singles tournament was won by Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic who beat Jannik Sinner 6-3, 6-3. The number one in the world played an almost perfect match, which meant he became the player who has won the most Finals (seven) surpassing Roger Federer. In the doubles tournament, the British player Joe Salisbury and the US player Rajeev Ram repeated their success of the previous year beating the Spanish-Argentinian pair comprising Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos with a score of 6-3, 6-4.



23 – 28 January

International Para Ice Hockey Tournament



Italy, Norway, and the Czech Republic gave life to the tenth edition of the international tournament, preparing for the World Championships planned for the end of May in Canada. Victory went to the national team of the Czech Republic.

26 January

Rallye Monte-Carlo Historique

More than 130 cars left bound for Monte Carlo at one time on the occasion of the 25th edition of the historic car competition organised by the Automobile Club of Torino and that of Monaco.

28 January

Thai Boxe Mania

The Pala Gianni Asti hosted the thirteenth edition of the international event inspired by the big boxing and Thai boxing shows. Almost sold out, the event saw Romania as a great protagonist.

10 – 12 February

Grand Prix FIE – INALPI Cup

More than 400 athletes from more than 50 countries participated in the 13th edition of the international, men's and women's foilist competition, the single European stage for accessing the qualifying rounds for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The athletes taking part included the Olympic and world champions Arianna Errigo and Alice Volpi, the Olympic champion Daniele Garozzo and the world champion Alessio Foconi.

11 – 12 February

International Regatta D'Inverno sul Po

The 40th edition of the long-distance rowing competition attracted more than 4,000 participants from more than 100 rowing clubs to Torino, including almost 1,300 boats from Italy and from many other countries in Europe and the rest of the world.

25 February

Cinema on Ice



Figure skating on ice and iconic soundtracks offered a unique show at the Palavela. Promoted by CUS Torino in collaboration with the National Museum of Cinema, the event featured performances by both great champions and young athletes, including Carolina Kostner and the synchronised skating team Hot Shivers.

9 – 11 March

European Caribbean Dance Championships

1,200 athletes coming from Cyprus, France, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Turkey competed in bachata, salsa, and merengue performances.

18 – 19 March

Judo Turin Cup

400 athletes coming from Austria, France, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Lithuania competed in the prestigious international judo trophy, valid as the FIJLKAM - Italian Federation of Judo, Wrestling, Karate and Martial Arts Grand Prize.

24 – 26 March

European Finals of the Danubia-StarClass and ISU Junior Challenge circuit

The Palaghiaccio Tazzoli hosted two of the most important international short-track competitions at a Junior level, in which the 16 best European athletes put on a show.

16 April

La Mezza di Torino

Now in its eighth edition, the international, 21,097 km running competition started, according to tradition, at Piazza San Carlo and finished at the Palazzina di Caccia di Stupinigi.

7 May

8th Granfondo Internazionale Briko Torino

713 cyclists took part in the 122 km race sponsored by the City of Torino involving people with disabilities and those over 60.

20 May

Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley



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The Pala Alpitour hosted the men's and women's finals of the most important European club volleyball competition. Raising the cup for the women's title was the Turkish team VakıfBank Spor Kulübü, while the Polish derby for the men's title went to Grupa Azoty

17 – 24 June

European Police Championships

Germany ascended the top of the podium of the men's volleyball tournament dedicated to municipal police forces of the USPE - European Police Sport Union now in its 11th edition.

27 – 30 July

2.0 Mole Trophy

After six years' absence, Torino hosted the 15th edition of one of the most prestigious wheelchair tennis tournaments, with the participation of 80 athletes from around the world.

22 – 23 August

European Women's Volleyball Championships



Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Switzerland challenged the Italian women's champs who, in front of an audience of 4,000 people and 1,570,000 streaming viewers, gained entry to the eighth finals.

2 – 3 September

Autolook Week



As well as the race car show, the second edition of the festival that celebrates the passion for cars involved the international recognition of the Autolook Awards, where automobile teams and brands were awarded prizes for their communication strategies. In addition, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Ferrari's debut in the

world of racing a show was set up at Parco del Valentino with the most famous international shots of Formula 1.

16 September

Inclusive Padel Tour

Now in its second edition, the first international circuit of inclusive padel stopped in Torino. The competition saw pairs of able-bodied athletes flanked by bionic players or those in wheelchairs, coming from Italy, France, and Spain, compete.

23 September

Pop in Torino

More than 1,000 people took part in the first urban European raid that, since 2012, has stopped in 10 countries, reaching 40 editions in all Europe with its stop in Torino. It's a day celebrating alternative tourism: 30 challenges for 8 hours of competition divided into 5 categories as art, sport, adventure, culture, and solidarity.

6 October

Rowing Regatta

Now in its 26th edition, the rowing event organised by CUS Torino saw Torino universities compete on the River Po. Special guest was the French team of the ESCP Business School.

7 – 8 October

Rowing Tournament for Paris - 2024 Paralympic Games

Athletes coming from Italy, Portugal, England, Scotland, and Ireland were the stars of the 17th edition of the competition for rowers with disabilities. Founded in 2004, the main Italian Special Olympics teams also participate in the event and, since 2021, the athletes of IMAS - International Mixed Ability Rowing Athletes.

21 October

22nd International Torball Tournament

The Parri gym hosted the 22nd edition of the tournament dedicated to the first paralympic team sport practised by blind and partially sighted people with the use of a sound ball. The competition involved a battle between eight teams, including five Italian ones and three foreign ones from Austria, France, and Switzerland.

21 October

M0 Fighting Show

Some of the most renowned world kickboxing champions put on a no holds barred show at the Pala Gianni Asti. The evening offered moments of great sports entertainment, punctuated by music and dancing.

4 – 5 November

32nd SilverSkiff

The 32nd edition of the rowing competition was held at the Società Canottieri Cerea. The race took place over 11 km and saw Olympic and World champion athletes compete.

5 November

Torino City Marathon, City Half Marathon, and City Run

The marathon, the new half marathon, and the 7 km, non-competitive City Run involved approximately 6,000 athletes including internationally famous runners. There were many fringe events offered at the Village, the open-air showcase that gathered partners and sponsors for three days and where there were opportunities for conversation and exploration of topics linked to the benefits of sport.

18 November

Oktagon

The Pala Gianni Asti hosted 16 matches in which great athletes competed, like the Japanese Takumi Tarada, the Romanian Bogdan Stoica, and Mattia Faraoni, new world champion of the ISKA -95 kilograms.

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