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Welcome to the

Cities Mission Conference: Delivering Europe's Urban Climate Transition

Torino, 27-29 May 2026 *Full Programme*



Day 1:
27 May

Welcome & Registration: 13:30-14:30

City Dives

Torino's climate transition, live and on the ground, where Torino's Climate City Contract is being delivered in real time. Step inside the Heat Garden, the city's traffic control room, a regenerated Olympic Village and a dozen more working sites.

14 parallel workshops across four tracks. A unique chance to exchange, match-make and network with peers from Mission cities across Europe.

[Discover the City Dives below and learn more here >>](#)

14:30-
17:30

Cocktail: 18:00

Tracks:



Plenary



1. Innovative Finance



2. Deploying Solutions



3. Strategic Engagement



4. Mission Impact & CCC Iterations

Day 2:
28 May

Sala Fucine

Binario 3

Design

Imagine

Dinamo

Mezzanino

Teca A

Welcome & Registration: 08:30-09:00

09:00-10:15

All Hands on Deck: Cities, Regions and Governments Delivering Together

Coffee Break: 10:15-10:45

10:45-12:00

3.6.1 Powering the Future of Urban Mobility: AI & Smart Charging Innovations–EIC Pitching Session (part 1)

2.6 Energy Transition Solutions Lab

3.7 From Campus to City Hall: Designing Partnerships for Urban Transformation

4.1 Beyond the Inventory: Credible Data, Credible Impact

4.4 Community & Citizen Engagement in Action: What Mission Cities Have Tested & Learned

1.1 Financing the Climate Transition: An Innovative Approach by Local Authorities to Unlock Private Investment

2.1 How Cities are Re-organising Themselves to Accelerate Impact - *this session will take place in room Teca B exceptionally.*

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3.6.2 Powering the Future of Urban Mobility: AI & Smart Charging Innovations–EIC Pitching Session (part 2)

2.4 Proof, Not Promises: Science based support for Climate Neutral Cities

4.2 Iterate, Replicate, Scale: Advancing Climate City Contracts

3.4 Scaling Green Procurement Together for Climate Neutrality & Market Transformation

2.3 Engaging Citizens & Stakeholders as Long-term Partners on Climate Action: Challenges, Benefits & Shaping the Future

3.2 From Engagement to Action: Structuring City–Private Sector Collaboration for Climate Neutrality

1.4 Make It Work. Make It Scale. Cities + Capital Hub

Lunch: 13:30 - 14:30

14:30-15:45

From Commitment to Action: Celebrating Cities' Climate Leadership

Coffee Break: 15:45-16:15

16:15-17:30

2.2 Reducing Emissions while Bracing for Impact: The Role of Cities

4.5 Everyone Wants a Just Transition–So How Do We Get There?

1.3 Unlocking Philanthropy's Potential for Transformative Urban Climate Fair Solutions

1.2 Using Climate City Contracts to Finance Investable Climate-Neutral Cities

3.1 Strengthening Institutional & Relational Capacity Across Governance Levels for Climate-neutral Cities

2.5 From Pilot to Practice: City Insights & Joint Action for Lasting Impact

3.5 Place Matters: Steering Cities into the European Competitiveness Fund

Networking & Wrap-Up: 17:30-18:00


Dinner hosted by Città di Torino: 20:00

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3.8 High-Level Policy Dialogue—Affordable, Sustainable & Quality Housing

2.7 Mobility Solutions Lab: Co-creating Urban Transport Innovations Across Mission Cities

3.3 Cities as Engines of Competitive Decarbonisation: Linking Urban Innovation to Europe's Industrial Future

4.3 City Tools in Action: Advancing Climate Neutrality Together

1.6 Financing Area-Based Approaches to Climate-Neutral Urban Regeneration

1.5 Making Finance Work: City Governance Approaches to Climate Action

2.8 The Urban Greening Toolkit: Designing Inclusive Public Spaces for Climate & Community

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Closing Plenary

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Overview of City Dives

Torino, 27 May 2026

Energy Transition, Data & Innovation

Heat Storage & Smart grids
- *Linked to Tracks 1, 2, 3*

Energy Transition, Data &
Innovation Ecosystems
- *Linked to Tracks 2, 3, 4*

Smart Mobility, Data &
Traffic Management
- *Linked to Tracks 2, 3*

Urban Technological
Innovation & Living Labs
- *Linked to Tracks 2, 3*

Responsive Urban Regeneration

Partnerships & Citizen-led
Regeneration in Northern
Torino
- *Linked to Tracks 2, 3, 4*

Social Housing & Inclusive
Regeneration
- *Linked to Tracks 1, 2, 3, 4*

Cultural Heritage as a Driver
of Ecological Transition: The
GAM Torino Case
- *Linked to Tracks 1, 3, 4*

Nature, Adaptation & Circular Urban Systems

Green & Blue Infrastructure
along the River Po
- *Linked to Track 2*

Nature Based Solutions,
Community Engagement
for Food Systems & Circular
Economy - *Linked to Track 3*

Creative Reuse & Circular
Economy in Practice
- *Linked to Track 2*

People, Place & Social Impact

Impact Investing &
Community-led Initiatives
- *Linked to Tracks 1, 3, 4*

Beyond Market Value -
Public Assets, Social Impact
& Innovation
- *Linked to Tracks 1, 3, 4*

Climate Shelter for Adaptation
to Climate Change
- *Linked to Track 2*

Just Streets Workshop
- *Linked to Tracks 2, 3*

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Overview of Parallel Sessions

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