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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 From Uncertain Data to Credible Claims: Emissions Monitoring & Carbon Removal in Cities

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?

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

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

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

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

12:15-13:30

Closing Plenary - Insights to Action

Lunch: 13:30 - 14:30



# 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

Torino, 28-29 May 2026



## 1. Innovative Finance

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## 2. Deploying Solutions

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## 3. Strategic Engagement

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