

City Dive n°1

Heat Storage and Smart grids

THE HEAT GARDEN & ARBARELLO HV-MV PRIMARY SUBSTATION

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #1 Innovative Finance

Energy Transition, data and innovation

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 2: Deploying Solutions, focusing on energy infrastructure, and Track 3: Strategic Engagement, highlighting the role of utility partnerships in delivering climate action. **It explores how innovative energy systems, smart grids, and strategic collaborations between the City of Torino and IREN can accelerate the city's transition to climate neutrality.**

Participants will also see potential links to Track 1: Innovative Finance where energy efficiency and public building retrofit projects demonstrate how finance models such as ESCOs can support implementation.

Located in the San Salvario neighbourhood, this City Dive illustrates how Torino leverages technological innovation, urban planning, and strategic partnerships to decarbonise its energy system.



The Heat Garden

Participants will observe how industrial design and advanced infrastructure integrate with the urban environment while reflecting on lessons for scaling similar solutions in other cities. The visit provides opportunities to discuss challenges, trade-offs, and the governance models that enable the city to advance its Climate City Contract objectives.



Arbarello HV-MV Primary Substation

Sites

- **The Heat Garden.** A pioneering large-scale heat storage facility serving Torino's metropolitan district heating network. The site demonstrates how thermal storage can increase system flexibility, integrate renewable and waste heat sources, and support decarbonisation, while also being embedded within the urban fabric through high-quality architectural design.

Suitable clothing for an industrial environment is required, particularly sports shoes appropriate for walking on metal walkways and grated platforms. Furthermore, for safety reasons, it is not allowed to carry children in your arms during the visit.

- **Arbarello HV-MV Primary Substation.** A state-of-the-art underground electricity substation supplying power to more than 60,000 households. The visit will showcase how advanced, low-impact infrastructure can strengthen grid resilience and efficiency while minimising spatial and visual impacts in dense urban areas.

Inside both plants, including outdoor areas, smoking of any type of cigarette is strictly forbidden, and animals are not allowed.



The Heat Garden

The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How cities can leverage utility partnerships and smart infrastructure to accelerate the energy transition.
- Potential financial and governance models supporting energy efficiency and public building retrofits.
- Lessons on scaling innovative energy solutions across urban districts.

The visit will be led by **IREN technical staff**, and supported by **NetZeroCities** to facilitate peer exchange.

Practical Notes



A two-site visit with participants staying together throughout the visit



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- [The Heat Garden](#)
- [Arbarello HV-MV Primary Substation](#)

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City Dive n°2

Energy Transition, Data and Innovation Ecosystems

ENERGY CENTER OF POLITECNICO DI TORINO & OGR TECH

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Track #4 Mission Impact & CCC iteration

Energy Transition, data and innovation

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 3: Strategic Engagement, Track 2: Deploying Solutions, and Track 4: Mission Impact & CCC Iterations. **It highlights how research infrastructure, data tools, and innovation ecosystems can support energy transition, partnerships, and mission impact.**



Participants will explore how universities, start-ups, and municipalities collaborate to monitor, test, and scale climate solutions, linking technical expertise with governance, citizen engagement, and climate strategy implementation

Located across two complementary sites in Torino, this City Dive connects advanced research facilities with a major urban innovation hub. Participants will see how data, digital tools, and start-up ecosystems mutually reinforce each other to accelerate climate solutions at city scale.

The visit demonstrates how technical capacity, partnership models, and innovation ecosystems can support monitoring, implementation, and scaling of Climate City Contract initiatives while providing transferable lessons for other Mission cities.



Sites

- **Energy Center of the Politecnico di Torino.** A research and innovation hub dedicated to energy, hosting the Energy Security and Transition (EST) Lab, which provides a science-based support to the City of Torino through the development of a vision and of innovative models and IT tools, including the “CLICC Data House” (an ad hoc data lakehouse as research mirror of the City’s data) and the “CLICC” web platform, which synergistically act to allow for implementing “what if?” scenario analyses and for tracking the evolution of the urban energy system with respect to the goals set in the Climate City Contract.
- **OGR Tech. OGR Torino,** the hub of Fondazione CRT, is a unique centre for culture and innovation in Europe, dedicated to artistic and musical, technological and entrepreneurial experimentation. Former late 19th century train repair workshops, now an industrial archaeological heritage site, it stands in the heart of Torino on an area of 35,000 square metres to activate new horizons for collaboration, creativity and conviviality. Since 2019, **OGR Tech** has established itself as one of Italy’s and Europe’s largest innovation hubs. With a sharp focus on high-potential verticals and an ecosystem of 80+ outstanding international partners, it currently supports an average of 130 startups annually and runs 16 acceleration and innovation programmes.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How research infrastructure and data tools can support Climate City Contract monitoring and implementation.
- The role of innovation ecosystems and start-up collaboration in accelerating the energy transition.
- Strategies for linking technical capacity with governance, partnerships, and citizen engagement.
- Opportunities for scaling technical solutions and sharing lessons across cities.

The visits will be led by **Politecnico di Torino** and **OGR Tech staff**, combining presentations, site exploration, and discussions facilitated by **NetZeroCities**.

Participants will have the chance to ask questions, share experiences from their own cities, and reflect on how innovation ecosystems can support mission implementation and impact at scale.

Practical Notes



A two-site visit with participants staying together throughout the visit



Participants meet at OGR Torino to walk to the sites



- [ENERGY CENTER Politecnico di Torino](#)
- [OGR Tech area](#)

Exact meeting location and time will be confirmed in due course





City Dive n°3

Smart Mobility, Data and Traffic Management

5T MOBILITY & INFOMOBILITY CENTRE

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Energy Transition, data and innovation

27 May 2026, 15:00 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 3: Strategic Engagement and Track 2: Deploying Solutions, **highlighting how sustainable mobility can be implemented through data, digital infrastructure, and public-private partnerships.** It demonstrates how integrated mobility management can reduce emissions, improve urban quality of life, and address both innovative finance and implementation challenges.



Participants will explore how technical systems, and governance intersect to support climate and mobility objectives.

Located at where the Torino's Traffic and Mobility Control hub is based, this City Dive combines a site visit with interactive discussion. **Participants will see how real-time traffic monitoring, digital services, and integrated mobility governance are leveraged to implement climate and transport policies.**

The visit provides opportunities to reflect on transferable approaches to data-driven mobility, sustainable transport systems, and large-scale implementation of urban mobility strategies.



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Site

- **5T - Mobility and Infomobility Centre:** 5T is a public in-house company owned by the City of Torino in charge of planning, designing and managing mobility systems and services in Torino and Piemonte. 5T is also responsible for the Mobility and Traffic Centre, for monitoring and managing limited traffic zones, real-time traffic flows, and infomobility services such as “Muoversi a Torino” and “Muoversi in Piemonte”. Equipped with a network of sensors, cameras, and control systems, and supported through PNRR funding, it exemplifies how mobility-as-a-service solutions can be implemented through public-private collaboration and data-driven governance.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How integrated mobility management can support emissions reduction and behaviour change.
- The role of digital tools and data in enabling sustainable urban transport.
- Strategies for combining governance, technical systems, and citizen engagement in mobility initiatives.
- Opportunities for replicating data-driven mobility solutions in other cities.

The session will be led by **5T staff**, with support from **NetZeroCities moderators**. Participants will explore the Traffic and Mobility Centre, engage in hands-on discussions, and have the opportunity to reflect on lessons for their own cities. NetZeroCities experts will provide context on Mission cities' experiences and facilitate knowledge exchange, while the company will lead practical demonstrations and interactive exercises.

Practical Notes



A visit to a single site followed by a workshop-style discussion



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- [The Mobility Centre of Torino and the metropolitan area | 5T](#)

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City Dive n°4

Urban Technological Innovation and Living Labs

CTE NEXT - LA CASA DELLE TECNOLOGIE EMERGENTI DI TORINO

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Energy Transition, data and innovation

27 May 2026, 15:00 - 17:30

This City Dive is aligned with Track 2: Deploying Solutions and Track 3: Strategic Engagement. It focuses on **how living labs and urban technology infrastructures can accelerate implementation of climate-smart solutions, foster innovation partnerships, and create opportunities for real-world experimentation** in smart mobility, urban services, and Industry 4.0.



This City Dive showcases the ToMove Living Lab, Torino's open lab for the mobility of the future, promoting co-creation, testing, and scaling of solutions for urban mobility.



The visit highlights the Living Lab's integrated approach and the role of strategic partnerships between the public administrations, universities, private actors and citizens to foster technological innovation, knowledge transfer, and smart city solutions through strategic partnerships and active community engagement.

Site

- This City Dive will take place at **Fondazione LINKS**, one of the strategic partners of the ToMove Living Lab. **Fondazione LINKS** is a non-profit research organisation specialising in applied research, innovation, and technology transfer. Within the ToMove Living Lab, **Fondazione LINKS** has contributed through applied research activities and technical development in the three Large-Scale Demonstrations, implemented in real urban contexts: a Digital Twin, the autonomous driving shuttle, and the Autonomous Delivery Robot (ADR) solutions.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How urban living labs can accelerate testing and scaling of smart city solutions.
- Governance and partnership models that support city-led technology experimentation and community participation.
- Practical insights on integrating digital innovation, climate action, and urban services.
- Opportunities for peer exchange and cross-city learning in smart mobility and digital infrastructure.

Following the presentation of the ToMove Living Lab, led by the project partners, participants will take part in a hands-on, demo-rich session. Demonstrations may also involve selected technologies developed by local research and innovation partners, including the Autonomous Delivery Robot (developed by **Fondazione LINKS** within the ToMove Living Lab). The session will include experiential demonstrations of smart mobility and urban technology solutions developed within the ToMove ecosystem and startup-driven prototypes.

Where possible, demonstrations will be designed to be interactive and “life-touch”, allowing participants to directly engage with technologies such as robotics, digital mobility tools and connected urban services. **NetZeroCities experts** will facilitate peer discussion where appropriate.

Practical Notes



A visit to a single site followed by a workshop-style discussion.



This City Dive will take place at Fondazione LINKS. Participants will meet at OGR Torino and walk together to the site, returning to OGR at the end of the visit.



- [Torino City Lab](#)
- [To Move - Torino City Lab](#)
- [Casa delle Tecnologie Emergenti](#)
- [Talent Gateway - Torino City Lab](#)

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City Dive n°5

Partnerships and Citizen-led Regeneration in Northern Torino

ENVIRONMENT PARK (ENVIPARK) & PARCO DORA

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Track #4 Mission Impact & CCC iteration

Responsive Urban Regeneration

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is aligned with Track 3: Strategic Engagement, focusing on citizen engagement, public-private partnerships, and community-led urban regeneration. It also relates to Track 2: Deploying Solutions, highlighting how energy innovation hubs and environmental technology projects can be implemented at scale, while Track 4: Mission Impact & CCC Iterations is illustrated through monitoring of climate action initiatives.



Participants will see how strategic engagement and collaborative governance between citizens, companies, and the municipality can drive neighbourhood-level climate action.

Located in Northern Torino, this City Dive combines two complementary sites to show how urban regeneration, environmental innovation, and community participation intersect.

Participants will learn how post-industrial areas can be transformed into public and innovation spaces through partnerships, citizen-led initiatives, and EU-funded projects. The visit encourages reflection on replicable approaches for integrating social, environmental, and technological solutions in climate action.



The City Dive will be guided by **Urban Lab**, an agency that documents the urban transformation of Torino and its metropolitan area. **Urban Lab** carries out field research, observes and tells city change and promotes debate on issues of urban culture. Its aim is to give everyone the chance to find out and learn more about the city and projects, plans and policies affecting it through a wide set of activities such as conferences, exhibitions, workshops, guided tours.

Sites

- **Environment Park (Envipark):** Torino's leading technology park dedicated to environmental and energy innovation, active for over 20 years. Envipark hosts start-ups, research initiatives, and EU-funded projects focused on sustainability and clean technologies, and supports public–private partnerships that contribute to climate action delivery and monitoring, including through initiatives such as Green Light Torino.
- **Parco Dora:** A flagship example of post-industrial urban regeneration, transforming former industrial land into a large public park and hub for community activities. The redevelopment has played a catalytic role in revitalising surrounding neighbourhoods (including Aurora, Borgo Vittoria and San Donato), supported by national and EU funding, and demonstrates how green infrastructure and citizen engagement can drive social and environmental co-benefits.



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The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- Integrating innovation hubs with neighbourhood development and public space improvements.
- Engaging citizens and local stakeholders in long-term climate and neighbourhood transformation.
- Linking local initiatives to broader Climate City Contract objectives through effective monitoring.

Practical Notes



A two-site visit with participants staying together throughout the visit.



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- [Environment Park](#)
- [Dora Park](#)

Exact meeting location and time will be confirmed in due course



City Dive n°6

Social Housing and Inclusive Regeneration

EX-MOI

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #1 Innovative Finance

Track #4 Mission Impact & CCC iteration

Responsive Urban Regeneration

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 3: Strategic Engagement, focusing on long-term, multi-stakeholder governance for social inclusion and urban regeneration, and Track 2: Deploying Solutions, highlighting the delivery of large-scale social housing and brownfield redevelopment projects. It also connects to Track 1: Innovative Finance, through blended finance and impact-oriented investment models supporting affordable housing, and to Track 4: Mission Impact & CCC Iterations, **by showcasing how socio-economic and environmental impacts can be measured and used to inform policy learning and future project phases.**



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Located in Torino's Borgo Filadelfia neighbourhood, this City Dive explores the transformation of the former Olympic Village (MOI) from a highly vulnerable informal settlement into a driver of social inclusion, affordable housing, and neighbourhood regeneration.

The MOI Project – Migranti, un'Opportunità di Inclusione was jointly promoted by the City of Torino, Metropolitan City of Torino, Piedmont Region, Prefecture of Torino, Diocese of Torino, and Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, demonstrating how coordinated institutional action can address complex social and urban challenges.

Between 2017 and 2022, the project supported more than 800 people with a migrant background, working alongside over 30 third-sector organisations to deliver personalised pathways toward housing stability, employment, and autonomy.

The City Dive will also highlight the subsequent redevelopment phase, culminating in the inauguration in 2023 of a social housing complex of seven refurbished buildings (approx. 400 beds) within the former MOI Olympic Village. The intervention was promoted by Fondo Abitare Sostenibile Piemonte (FASP), managed by Investire SGR (Banca Finnat Group), with the participation of Fondo Investimenti per l'Abitare (managed by CDP Real Asset SGR – Cassa Depositi e Prestiti Group), Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo, Fondazione CRT Sviluppo e Crescita, Fondo Social & Human Purpose (Sub-fund A, managed by REAM SGR), and other Piedmont-based banking foundations. The complex is managed by Campus, Italy's leading provider of student and co-living housing solutions.



From an environmental and climate perspective, the project represents a brownfield redevelopment of over 11,800 m², including major structural and MEP upgrades, energy-efficiency improvements, renewable energy systems, and sustainable water management solutions. Sinloc and Open Impact conducted an ex-ante assessment of socio-economic and environmental impacts, including energy performance improvements, avoided CO₂ emissions, and water recovery, resulting in an estimated €1.5 million total impact. These assessment practices offer valuable insights for Mission Cities seeking to strengthen evidence-based decision-making within their Climate City Contracts.

Site

- **Former MOI Olympic Village / Social Housing Complex.** A regenerated brownfield site comprising seven refurbished buildings providing temporary, subsidised accommodation for students, young workers, and disadvantaged groups. The site illustrates how inclusive housing, high environmental performance, and long-term governance arrangements can contribute to neighbourhood regeneration and social cohesion.



Source: Investire SGR SpA

The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How cities can deliver inclusive urban regeneration through coordinated action between public authorities, third-sector organisations, foundations, and private investors.
- The role of blended finance and impact-oriented investment models in enabling affordable housing and socially driven redevelopment.
- How ex-ante impact assessment and SROI methodologies can support investment mobilisation, transparency, and policy learning.
- Ways to integrate energy efficiency, emissions reduction, and climate resilience into social housing and regeneration projects.
- Lessons from managing multi-phase regeneration processes and adapting strategies over time to inform Climate City Contract implementation and iteration.



Source: Investire SGR SpA

The visit will be supported by local institutional and project partners, with NetZeroCities facilitating peer exchange to connect Torino's experience with challenges and solutions from other Mission cities.

Practical Notes



A visit to a single site followed by a workshop-style discussion



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- [Camplus](#)
- [Compagnia di San Paolo](#)
- [Compagnia di San Paolo](#)
- [Investire](#)

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City Dive n°7

Cultural Heritage as a Driver of Ecological Transition: The GAM Torino Case

GAM - GALLERIA CIVICA D'ARTE MODERNA E CONTEMPORANEA

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #1 Innovative Finance

Track #4 Mission Impact & CCC iteration

Responsive Urban Regeneration

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive explores how cultural heritage institutions can become active drivers of ecological transition and social innovation.



Focusing on the Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea (GAM) in Torino, the session highlights the museum's ongoing and future redevelopment project as a response to key contemporary challenges:

environmental sustainability, energy efficiency, architectural and technological innovation, and the evolution of inclusive, audience-oriented museum models.

The City Dive is particularly relevant to Track 1 - Innovative Finance by learning how diverse financial instruments and philanthropic models are being mobilised to realise the GAM transformation, Track n.3 Strategic engagement and Track n.4 Mission impact, iterations & cross-cutting themes, showing how cultural institutions can play a strategic role in climate-neutral and urban transformation.



Sites

- **GAM – Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea:** One of Italy's most important modern and contemporary art museums, GAM is currently at the centre of a new vision for sustainable cultural infrastructure. The redevelopment project addresses energy efficiency, reduction of environmental impact, and the integration of innovative technologies, while redefining the museum's social role as an inclusive, accessible and future-oriented public space.
- **GAM Redevelopment Project:** The project tackles the major challenges facing museums today: environmental sustainability, energy saving, architectural and technological innovation, and new models of museum experience designed for tomorrow's audiences. Strong emphasis is placed on inclusion, social engagement, and the museum's role as a cultural protagonist within both the urban fabric of Torino and the national cultural landscape.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How environmental performance, energy efficiency, and architectural innovation can be embedded in the redevelopment of heritage buildings.
- How blended finance, philanthropic contributions, and diversified funding streams can support large-scale cultural and sustainability projects.
- How sustainability transitions can be combined with accessibility, social engagement, and new forms of public participation.

Practical Notes



The City Dive combines a guided visit to GAM with an interactive, workshop-style discussion facilitated by NetZeroCities moderators and local experts. Participants will reflect on how cultural heritage can support climate goals, exchange experiences from their own cities, and discuss transferable strategies for integrating sustainability into cultural institutions.



Participants will meet at OGR Torino and walk together to the site, returning to OGR at the end of the visit.



- [Galleria d'Arte Moderna Torino](#)
- [International competition launched for the future of GAM - Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo](#)

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City Dive n°8

Green and Blue Infrastructure along the River Po

LET'S PO & VALENTINO PARK

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Nature, Adaptation & Circular Urban Systems

27 May 2026, 14:00 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely linked to Track 2 – Deploying Solutions, with a focus on the implementation of green and blue infrastructure to strengthen climate resilience and support urban regeneration. **It showcases how Torino is delivering large-scale nature-based solutions along the River Po by combining river restoration, depavement, and park regeneration, supported by PNRR funding.**



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Participants will explore how these interventions are planned, financed, and implemented in practice, and how they contribute to adaptation, biodiversity, sustainable mobility, and improved public space.



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The City Dive follows a continuous stretch of green and blue infrastructure along the River Po, connecting new riverfront regeneration works with one of Torino's most important historic parks. Together, these sites illustrate how cities can move from strategy to delivery when implementing climate adaptation measures at scale, while balancing ecological restoration, heritage protection, and everyday urban use.

Sites

- **River Center on the Po.** A newly established hub on the riverfront that presents Torino's long-term vision for the river system of Torino, including its four rivers Po, Dora Riparia, Sangone and Stura. Participants will learn about ongoing and completed works, including riverbank regeneration, restoration of navigation, protection of river fauna, and improvements to ecological quality. The visit will also touch on plans for sustainable water-based mobility, such as electric boats and the Darsena.
- **Parco del Valentino.** One of Torino's most significant historic parks, currently undergoing regeneration to enhance climate resilience and accessibility. The visit will highlight how green infrastructure, heritage assets (such as the Borgo Medievale and Castello del Valentino), and new public functions are being integrated into a coherent adaptation and regeneration strategy. The park also illustrates how large green spaces can support cooling, biodiversity, and active mobility in dense urban areas.



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Together, these sites form part of “**Let's Po**”, a PNRR-funded programme that includes repaving and the use of permeable materials to improve water absorption and reduce climate risks along the river corridor.

The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- Implementing nature-based solutions and integrating ecological restoration with urban planning.
- Enhancing climate resilience, public space, and sustainable mobility through large-scale projects.
- Linking local green and blue infrastructure initiatives to broader Climate City Contract objectives.

Storytelling and explanations will be led by the municipal departments responsible for rivers and parks, with space for questions and peer exchange, supported by NetZeroCities moderation.

Practical Notes



A two-site visit with participants staying together throughout the visit.



The City of Torino will provide bus transportation that will be shared with participants from another City Dive. Departure & arrival point: OGR Torino



- [Navigazione sul fiume PO](#)
- [Un fiume di futuro](#)

Exact meeting location and time will be confirmed in due course



City Dive n°9

Nature Based Solutions, Community Engagement for Food Systems and Circular Economy

ORTI GENERALI & CASA NEL PARCO

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Nature, Adaptation & Circular Urban Systems

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 3: Strategic Engagement, with a strong focus on citizen participation, participatory governance, and neighbourhood-level partnerships as drivers of climate action. It explores how community-led initiatives around food systems, urban agriculture, and circular economy practices can contribute to climate mitigation and adaptation goals while strengthening social inclusion and local resilience.



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The visit highlights how strategic engagement at neighbourhood scale can support the implementation of Climate City Contracts in ways that are tangible, inclusive, and rooted in everyday urban life.

Located in the Mirafiori area, this City Dive brings together two complementary community-led initiatives that illustrate how food, land use, and circular economy practices can become levers for climate action and urban regeneration.

Participants will explore how formerly underused urban spaces have been transformed into active community hubs through long-term participatory processes, local partnerships, and innovative governance models.

The visit offers an opportunity to reflect on how cities can embed citizen engagement into climate strategies, linking social innovation with environmental objectives.



Sites

- **Orti Generali** is a large-scale urban agriculture park developed through a four-year participatory process involving schools, associations, gardeners, and local residents. Today, it hosts more than 250 allotment gardens and a learning centre, and is managed as a social enterprise grounded in environmental sustainability, social inclusion, and innovation. The site demonstrates how urban agriculture can support climate awareness, biodiversity, and community cohesion while contributing to local food systems.
- **Casa nel Parco** is a neighbourhood community hub managed by the City of Torino, integrating social activities with sustainability and circular economy initiatives. It features a green roof, hosts food and circularity-related projects, and is home to an energy community developed in collaboration with Orti Generali. The site illustrates how municipal infrastructure can act as an anchor for citizen engagement, experimentation, and climate-focused innovation at neighbourhood level. In 2025, a new chapter began in the enhancement of the neighborhood through its historical, artistic, and natural heritage.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How participatory governance and community engagement can support climate action delivery;
- The role of urban agriculture and circular food systems in climate mitigation, adaptation, and social inclusion;
- How cities can link neighbourhood-scale initiatives to broader Climate City Contract objectives.

The City Dive will combine short presentations, site visits, and informal exchange, with opportunities for peer discussion facilitated by local hosts and NetZeroCities.

A “circular merenda” (snack based on circular food principles) will be offered to make the theme tangible and experiential.

The River Landscape Festival, included in the [Climagen](#) project, will be presented (1st edition September 2026) with a description of the new nature-based solutions (NBS), including artistic ones, to be implemented in the area.

Practical Notes



A two-site visit with participants staying together throughout the visit



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- [ClimaGen](#)
- [Orti Generali](#)
- [Fondazione Della Comunità di Mirafiori](#)
- [Mirafiori Dopo Il Mito](#)

Exact meeting location and time will be confirmed in due course



City Dive n°10

Creative Reuse and Circular Economy in Practice

CENTRO REMIDA

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Nature, Adaptation & Circular Urban Systems

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 2: Deploying Solutions, focusing on the circular economy as a lever for sustainable urban production, education, and behavioural change. It explores how creative reuse, participatory governance, and neighbourhood-scale initiatives can support local climate action while fostering social innovation.



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Participants will see how circularity principles are implemented in practice, highlighting the role of municipal facilities and citizen engagement in translating policy into tangible outcomes.

Located at Centro REMIDA in Torino, this City Dive combines a guided visit and a hands-on workshop to showcase how discarded materials can be transformed into educational, artistic, and practical tools through collaborative projects, in particular for young generations.

Participants will learn how neighbourhood-scale pilots, participatory approaches, and inter-city collaboration under the Climaborough initiative enable circular economy solutions to take root in urban contexts.

The session provides opportunities to reflect on governance models, citizen engagement strategies, and the potential to scale circular practices across cities within the Climate City Contract framework.



Sites

- **Centro REMIDA.** A municipal hub for creative reuse, research, and experimentation with discarded materials. The centre transforms waste into educational and artistic resources, showcasing practical applications of circular economy principles. Initiatives such as TracciaTO and RivestiTO (financed by Climaborough project) illustrate how participatory workshops, public services, and community involvement can drive sustainable behaviour change and neighbourhood-level climate action. The project WOODCIRCLES, about wood and circular economy in building, will be shown.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How circular economy principles can be translated into actionable projects at neighbourhood scale.
- The role of municipal hubs, partnerships, and citizen engagement in implementing circular solutions.
- Lessons on integrating education, creative reuse, and behavioural change into local climate strategies.
- Opportunities for inter-city collaboration and scaling of circular initiatives.

The visit will be led by the **Climaborough team** and will combine a guided tour of Centro REMIDA with a workshop and interactive discussion.

Practical Notes



Visit of Remida center and demonstration of TracciaTo and RivestiTO experimentation



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- [REMIDA](#)
- [Woodcircles](#)
- [Climaborough](#)
- [Torino Circular Cities Declaration](#)

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City Dive n°11

Impact Investing and Community-led Initiatives

COTTINO SOCIAL IMPACT CAMPUS

Track #1 Innovative Finance

Track #4 Mission Impact & CCC iteration

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

People, Place & Social Impact

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

Torino has developed a pragmatic approach to impact finance, using financial tools not as an end in themselves, but as levers to unlock long-term social and environmental transformation. **In impact-oriented practices, social and environmental impact are understood as two dimensions of the same systemic change.**



At city level, social challenges, environmental pressures and territorial inequalities are structurally connected and require integrated responses.

Torino's ecosystem takes this assumption as a starting point and applies it to the field of impact finance, using financial instruments as enablers of long-term social and environmental transformation rather than as standalone solutions.

Through the coordinated involvement of public institutions, philanthropic actors and private capital, the model operates at an ecosystemic level, activating governance mechanisms, risk-sharing tools and outcome-oriented investments. During this City Dive, participants will explore how this approach has been implemented in Torino through concrete use cases, including the case of the TOUCH project.



Content

- Explore how impact finance can support integrated social and environmental outcomes at city level.
- Understand the governance and financial mechanisms behind the Torino approach.
- Analyse real cases of impact finance applied to urban and territorial challenges.
- Reflect on the role of public institutions in enabling private capital for systemic impact.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How can dormant or underutilised private capital be mobilised to address interconnected social and environmental challenges?
- What incentives and risk-sharing mechanisms can activate private investors in mission-driven urban projects?
- Which actors are essential to build a local impact finance ecosystem?
- How can cities align financial sustainability with long-term social and environmental outcomes?

The City Dive offers participants practical insights and transferable lessons on how cities can use impact finance as a strategic lever to address complex and interconnected social and environmental challenges, moving from isolated interventions to systemic, mission-driven approaches.

The workshop is co-designed by **Cottino experts**, with expertise in social impact methodologies and private sector engagement, and **NetZeroCities experts**, bringing insights from Mission cities and equity-focused approaches. Participants will engage in presentations, group work, and facilitated discussions to generate actionable insights and cross-city learning.

Practical Notes



A thematic workshop held in one location.



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City Dive n°12

Beyond Market Value - Public Assets, Social Impact and Innovation

COTTINO SOCIAL IMPACT CAMPUS

Track #4 Mission Impact & CCC iteration

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

Track #1 Innovative Finance

People, Place & Social Impact

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This workshop introduces the model developed for the City of Torino to repurpose disused public assets through projects with measurable social impact. **Faced with repeated failure of traditional auctions, the City asked to design an innovative approach that integrates impact assessment tools, incentive mechanisms and outcome-based contracts.**



At its core is an algorithm inspired by Multi-Attribute Value Theory (MAVT), which converts the impact generated by a project into a transparent and fair reduction of the financial compensation.

First tested on a property left unsold after six auction rounds, the model demonstrated how public assets can be reactivated in an equitable and sustainable way.



The workshop will unpack the model's architecture, its replicability potential and opportunities for scaling across cities and institutions.

Content

- Share the practical experience of the City of Torino.
- Explain how the MAVT-based model works in public asset reuse.
- Explore how impact logic can guide public real estate policy.
- Discuss possible applications in diverse urban and regional contexts.
- Facilitate dialogue among public institutions, social innovators, and impact investors.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How can impact evaluation be embedded in urban public policy?
- What regulatory frameworks enable impact-based asset reuse?
- How can fairness and transparency be ensured in incentive mechanisms?
- Can the model be applied in small municipalities or those under financial distress?
- What is the role of public–private partnerships in this type of initiative?

The City of Torino’s pilot offers a concrete path for turning abandoned buildings into social infrastructure, with measurable benefits for communities and governments alike. This workshop aims to foster an open exchange among public decision-makers, urban changemakers and civic actors on how to make this model part of a shared, scalable urban innovation agenda.

The workshop is co-designed by **Cottino experts**, with expertise in social impact methodologies and private sector engagement, and **NetZeroCities experts**, bringing insights from Mission cities and equity-focused approaches. Participants will engage in presentations, group work, and facilitated discussions to generate actionable insights and cross-city learning.

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City Dive n°13

Climate Shelter for Adaptation to Climate Change

URBAN LAB AND POLITECNICO OF TORINO

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

People, Place & Social Impact

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is aligned with Track 2: Deploying Solutions, focusing on climate adaptation at the neighbourhood scale supported by climate shelters, with particular reference to public spaces in Torino. **It explores how cities can design, test, and implement climate shelters as an adaptation measure in real urban contexts through co-design processes and place-based approaches.**

The session highlights how adaptation solutions move from planning to implementation through collaboration between municipalities, research institutions, and local communities. Hosted by Politecnico di Torino and Torino Urban Lab, this City Dive is designed as an interactive workshop focused on the role of climate shelters for the adaptation of urban spaces through the use of nature.

The activity kicks-off with a site visit to the Valentino park, whose green areas and pedestrian spaces have been renovated with the reduction of asphalted surfaces, the introduction of new permeable paving, the expansion of the green surface, the planting of hundreds of new trees. The solutions implemented in the park will be the starting point of a conversation touching on piloting experiences currently under development in Torino and building on the most recent experiences brought about in the city to frame public spaces as shelters for the population during extreme heat.

Through hands-on learning and peer exchange, participants will connect planning and design solutions with governance models, citizen engagement, and local knowledge, discussing how public spaces and infrastructures can be used as testing grounds for adaptation strategies, working alongside local practitioners and finally contributing to reflect on how lessons learned can be scaled across the city. **The session will be led by Urban Lab Torino and Politecnico di Torino, highlighting interdisciplinary collaboration and experimentation.**



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Sites

- **Parco del Valentino (Valentino Park)** to learn about the Park's regeneration project lead by the City of Torino, focused on improved accessibility and permeability through nature for climate adaptation and biodiversity enhancement, providing citizens with sustainability benefits.
- **Castello del Valentino, Aula Astengo:** Introductory session presenting current climate adaptation projects and strategies in Torino, including methodologies for co-designing nature-based solutions with citizens. Additionally, participants will be engaged in a co-designing workshop to transform a public space of Torino as climate shelters.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- How neighbourhoods can act as living labs for climate adaptation.
- How climate shelters can be framed as an adaptation solution.
- How co-designing with citizen tools and methods for adaptation measures.
- How to address the challenges of scaling neighbourhood pilots to city-wide strategies.

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The City Dive will combine a guided neighbourhood walk with indoor workshop and briefing session. The mixed indoor–outdoor format supports experiential learning, allowing participants to connect strategic discussions with on-the-ground observations, facilitated by local experts and supported by peer exchange.



The City of Torino will provide bus transportation that will be shared with participants from another City Dive. Departure & arrival point: OGR Torino.



- [Valentino Park](#)
- [Maincode - dut](#)

Exact meeting location and time will be confirmed in due course



City Dive n°14

Just Streets Workshop

JUST STREETS

Track #2 Deploying Solutions

Track #3 Strategic Engagement

People, Place & Social Impact

27 May 2026, 14:30 - 17:30

This City Dive is closely aligned with Track 2: Deploying Solutions and Track 3: Strategic Engagement, focusing on street transformation as a key lever for sustainable, inclusive, and climate-resilient urban mobility. **It explores how cities can redesign streets to prioritise pedestrians and active mobility, addressing safety, accessibility, and behavioural change while contributing to emissions reduction and improved quality of life.**



Led by **Fondazione LINKS** in the framework of the JUST STREETS (JS) Mission project, and in collaboration with the **International Federation of Pedestrians (IFP)** and **SocialFare (SF)**, both members of the JUST STREETS consortium, this City Dive takes participants into the streets of Torino for an applied workshop on people-centred street design.

The workshop will put the **JUST STREETS** methodology into practice through a live, field-based experience in Torino.

Participants will observe how POLITO's LIDAR systems measure interactions and road conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles, revealing safety patterns that are not easily captured through conventional observation.

They will also see how this data can be used to derive surrogate safety measures and inform alternative mobility solutions for the selected area.



Sites

- **Streets of Torino.** Participants will explore selected street(s) in Torino as a real-life learning environment, discussing design solutions that improve pedestrian safety, accessibility and inclusiveness. The workshop will apply and observe Just Streets methods live by allowing participants to witness on-site how POLITO's LIDAR sensors measure road conflicts between different street users, generating data on movement patterns, interactions and potential safety risks.
- **Participants will engage directly with this instrumentation** and use the resulting evidence to analyse critical issues in the selected area and propose alternative mobility solutions tailored to the local context. The session will also include the testing of temporary zebra crossings developed by IFP, offering an opportunity to connect quantitative conflict measurement with behavioural observation and experimental street design.



The City Dive will encourage discussion on:

- Selected streets in Torino as a live learning environment for testing safer, more accessible and inclusive street design;
- How POLITO's LIDAR sensors measure road conflicts between street users, generating data on interactions and potential safety risks;
- How participants can use this evidence to identify critical issues and reflect on alternative mobility solutions for the area;
- How temporary zebra crossings developed by IFP can link conflict measurement, behavioural observation and experimental street design;
- How cities can combine quantitative data and observed behaviours to support evidence-based decisions and public buy-in.

A **guided walking workshop** through Torino's streets, combining on-site observation, expert input, and facilitated discussion. The session will be highly interactive, with opportunities for participants to reflect on how similar approaches could be applied in their own cities.

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Guided tour of Torino's streets.



Participants will meet at OGR Torino and walk together, returning to OGR at the end of the visit.



- [Just Streets](#)
- [Mobility Justice for All](#)

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City Dives - Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQS)

Registration & selection

- **How do I register for a City Dive?**

City Dives can be selected during the conference registration process. Detailed instructions will be provided on the registration platform.

- **Can I register for more than one City Dive?**

No, participants can attend one City Dive only, as all City Dives take place in parallel.

- **Are places limited?**

City Dive places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a Dive reaches capacity, it will close automatically

- **Will I receive a confirmation of my City Dive selection?**

Yes, you will receive a confirmation email once you have registered. If that is not the case, please contact the conference organisers at mission.conference-europe@iclei.org.

Practical information & logistics

- **Where do City Dives start and end?**

All City Dives will start and end at OGR Torino ([Corso Castelfidardo 22 - 10128 Torino](#)), which is the common meeting point.

- **How will transport be organised?**

Transportation will be provided by the City of Torino. Depending on the City Dive, participants will either travel by bus or walk if the site is nearby.

- **Will I receive detailed meeting point and timing information?**

Yes, departure times, and return times will be communicated to participants **after registration** and closer to the event date. Indicatively, each City Dive will start from 14:30 to 17:30 CET.

During the City Dive

- **What format should I expect during a City Dive?**

City Dives combine **site visits, short presentations, and interactive discussions**. Some visits may include workshops or peer-to-peer exchanges facilitated by NetZeroCities moderators and local hosts. You can find more information on each City Dive factsheet.

- **Is active participation expected?**

Yes. City Dives are designed to be interactive and encourage exchange between cities, local stakeholders, and peers.

Accessibility & preparation

- **What should I wear or bring?**

Please wear **comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing**, as some City Dives involve outdoor walking and site visits.

- **Are City Dives accessible for all participants?**

Accessibility considerations vary by site. Further details will be shared in advance, and participants are encouraged to flag specific needs during registration.

- **Who can I contact for further questions?**

For any questions related to registration or City Dives, please contact the conference organisers via the official conference email address: mission.conference-europe@iclei.org.

We look forward to meeting you in Torino!



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