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Welcome to the

Cities Mission Conference: Delivering Europe's Urban Climate Transition

Torino, 27-29 May 2026 ***Full Programme***

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Day 1: 27 May

Welcome & Registration: 13:30-14:30

14:30-17:30

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 >>

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.*
12:15-13:30	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						

Tracks: Plenary | 1. Innovative Finance | 2. Deploying Solutions | 3. Strategic Engagement | 4. Mission Impact & CCC Iterations

Day 3: 29 May

	Sala Fucine	Binario 3	Design	Imagine	Dinamo	Mezzanino	Teca A
	Welcome & Registration: 08:30-09:00						
09:00-10:15	From Plans to Investment: Cities Advancing Implementation						
	Coffee Break: 10:15-10:45						
10:45-12:00	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						
	Lunch: 13:30 - 14:30						



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Overview of City Dives

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Energy Transition, Data & Innovation	Responsive Urban Regeneration	Nature, Adaptation & Circular Urban Systems	People, Place & Social Impact
Heat Storage & Smart grids - *Linked to Tracks 1, 2, 3*	Partnerships & Citizen-led Regeneration in Northern Torino - *Linked to Tracks 2, 3, 4*	Green & Blue Infrastructure along the River Po - *Linked to Track 2*	Impact Investing & Community-led Initiatives - *Linked to Tracks 1, 3, 4*
Energy Transition, Data & Innovation Ecosystems - *Linked to Tracks 2, 3, 4*	Social Housing & Inclusive Regeneration - *Linked to Tracks 1, 2, 3, 4*	Nature Based Solutions, Community Engagement for Food Systems & Circular Economy - *Linked to Track 3*	Beyond Market Value - Public Assets, Social Impact & Innovation - *Linked to Tracks 1, 3, 4*
Smart Mobility, Data & Traffic Management - *Linked to Tracks 2, 3*	Cultural Heritage as a Driver of Ecological Transition: The GAM Torino Case - *Linked to Tracks 1, 3, 4*	Creative Reuse & Circular Economy in Practice - *Linked to Track 2*	Climate Shelter for Adaptation to Climate Change - *Linked to Track 2*
Urban Technological Innovation & Living Labs - *Linked to Tracks 2, 3*			Just Streets Workshop - *Linked to Tracks 2, 3*

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Overview of Parallel Sessions

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1. Innovative Finance

- 1.1 Financing the Climate Transition: An Innovative Approach by Local Authorities to Unlock Private Investment - *Mezzanino*
- 1.2 Using Climate City Contracts to Finance Investable Climate-Neutral Cities - *Imagine*
- 1.3 Unlocking Philanthropy's Potentialfor Transformative Urban ClimateFair Solutions - *Design*
- 1.4 Make It Work. Make It Scale. Cities + Capital Hub - *Teca A*
- 1.5 Making Finance Work: CityGovernance Approaches to Climate Action - *Mezzanino*
- 1.6 Financing Area-Based Approaches to Climate-Neutral Urban Regeneration - *Dinamo*

2. Deploying Solutions

- 2.1 How Cities are Re-organising Themselves to Accelerate Impact - *this session will take place in room Teca B exceptionally.*
- 2.2 Reducing Emissions while Bracing for Impact: the Role of Cities - *Sala Fucine*
- 2.3 Engaging Citizens & Stakeholders as Long-term Partners on Climate Action: Challenges, Benefits & Shaping the Future - *Dinamo*
- 2.4 Proof, Not Promises: Science based support for Climate Neutral Cities - *Binario 3*
- 2.5 From Pilot to Practice: City Insights & Joint Action for Lasting Impact - *Mezzanino*
- 2.6 Energy Transition Solutions Lab - *Binario 3*
- 2.7 Mobility Solutions Lab: Co-creating Urban Transport Innovations Across Mission Cities - *Binario 3*
- 2.8 The Urban Greening Toolkit: Designing Inclusive Public Spaces for Climate and Community - *Teca A*

3. Strategic Engagement

- 3.1 Strengthening Institutional & Relational Capacity Across Governance Levels for Climate-neutral Cities - *Dinamo*
- 3.2 From Engagement to Action: Structuring City–Private Sector Collaboration for Climate Neutrality - *Mezzanino*
- 3.3 Cities as Engines of Competitive Decarbonisation: Linking Urban Innovation to Europe's Industrial Future - *Design*
- 3.4 Scaling Green Procurement Together for Climate Neutrality & Market Transformation - *Imagine*
- 3.5 Place Matters: Steering cities into the European Competitiveness Fund - *Teca A*
- 3.6.1 & 3.6.2 Powering the Future of Urban Mobility: AI & Smart Charging Innovations–EIC Pitching Session - *Sala Fucine*
- 3.7 From Campus to City Hall: Designing Partnerships for Urban Transformation - *Design*
- 3.8 High-Level Policy Dialogue– Affordable, Sustainable & Quality Housing - *Sala Fucine*

4. Mission Impact & CCC Iterations

- 4.1 From Uncertain Data to Credible Claims: Emissions Monitoring & Carbon Removal in Cities - *Imagine*
- 4.2 Iterate, Replicate, Scale: Advancing Climate City Contracts - *Design*
- 4.3 City Tools in Action: Advancing Climate Neutrality Together - *Imagine*
- 4.4 Community & Citizen Engagement in Action: What Mission Cities Have Tested & Learned - *Dinamo*
- 4.5 Everyone Wants a Just Transition–So How Do We Get There? - *Binario 3*