

The Municipality of Turin is the city capital of Piedmont region (North-West Italy). With its about 884.000 inhabitants and its 130 kmq of territorial extension Torino is one of the most important city in Italy. Since the 1990's Torino has been following a path that has transformed it from an industrial capital (predominantly in automotive sector) into a pole of innovation & culture. In 2009 officially kick-started its path to become a "Smart City", when the City Council took the decision to take part in the initiative of the European Commission "Covenant of Mayors" and – as one of the first Italian cities – engaged itself to elaborate an Action Plan for Energy in order to reduce its CO2 emissions more than 20% by 2020. With its second prize as Innovation Capital 2016 and now finalist for the Green Capital Award 2020, the City is investing more in creating an attractive local ecosystem for sustainable development and urban innovation. To this scope, it is worth to be mentioned the 2 main "lighthouse" innovation initiative:

- **Torino City Lab** , the innovation programme which supports innovative businesses to test their breakthrough solutions in real condition within Turin territory thanks to a local partnership of about 60 actors from industry, local utilities, research & Innovation, venture capitalist and international networks. From Artificial Intelligence and Robotics to Autonomous Vehicles from drones enabled smart city services to circular and sharing economy: Torino City Lab aims to attract and support testing of pre-commercial solutions for urban well being and help them to reduce their time-to-the-market. ([www.torinocitylab.com/en](http://www.torinocitylab.com/en))
- **Torino Social Impact**, an alliance among companies, public and private institutions aimed at making Turin one of the best places in the world to do business and finance pursuing goals of economic viability along with objectives of social impact, supporting social innovation businesses and the impact economy. (<https://www.torinosocialimpact.it/en/>).

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