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## VISION TURIN 2050



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Evolving over two millennia Turin has reinvented itself numerous times, rethinking its identity and vocations and developing new visions for the future. This complex history includes the original construction of the Roman fortified settlement, the development of the royal capital of the Savoy Kingdom, the realization of the first capital of a united Italy, the transformation into a premier industrial hub and, more recently, into an international city of events, design and innovation.

Today we are called to go further, by imagining and creating a city that puts the well-being of neighborhoods and citizens, and an unparalleled quality of life in equilibrium with our environmental systems, at the center of the future city. This means balancing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of the city in a more harmonious vision of the future where each dimension complements and creates synergy with the others, creating an empowering and supportive environment to build futures for ourselves and our children.

It is this equilibrium that strengthens the fabric of a city, allowing a community to overcome emergent and unforeseeable challenges, because it is able to support all aspects of the community, regenerate itself and restore that balance; in short, it is resilient.

Strengthening this balance moving forward will require a new approach to community engagement, an approach capable of genuine dialogue with local communities, capable of active listening and responsiveness to ensure needs are met and local priorities set the agenda for the future. Such an approach prioritizes the right to housing, health, education, work, food security, cultural development, mutual respect, a safe and healthy environment, economic opportunity, and space to play and express oneself.

Building a sustainable and resilient city means placing significant emphasis on the urban environment, the green infrastructure of the city, and promoting a new, more circular economy and an ecological transition. In the Turin of the future ecological transition goes hand-in-hand with innovation, opportunity, skills, and attractive lifestyles, all qualities increasingly sought-after by those who are willing to adopt a new city in which to start a business or build their future.

Turin in 2050 will be based on four key principals: public participation, dynamism, livability and solidarity.

## **PARTICIPATORY**

### **A city of Active Citizens and Neighborhoods**

The Participatory City listens, communicates, involves and collaborates internally and externally, and in this way it senses and reacts in time to social, economic and environmental changes. The Participatory City values transparency in administrative and deliberative processes, ensuring that public data is shared, accessible and easy to understand so that communities are informed and empowered to take appropriate action to advance the common good.

In the Participatory City engagement is aimed, on the one hand, at improving the development of public policies and the delivery of services, through the collection of opinions, ideas and projects.

On the other hand, it gives communities the opportunity to engage proactively in the development of civic life, in the design of public spaces and in the management of community assets, in launching initiatives, developing new projects, networks, services and businesses, in self-organizing supportive activities in their neighborhoods.

A City that places community engagement at the heart of its vision of the future ensures that every community is both accessible and connected, so that communities are empowered to foster their own identities and do so in complementarity with other neighborhoods. As such the urban fabric of each neighborhood should be rich with services and commercial activity stimulating a variegated and extensive social, cultural and economic life.

## **DYNAMIC**

### **A city rich in culture, innovation, opportunities and talents**

Dynamic Turin is a city with an innovation ecosystem focused on emerging technologies and new manufacturing, rich cultural offerings and a unique position surrounded by the alps, near other major centers and a renowned agricultural hinterland.

A Dynamic Turin is a curious city, one open to new ideas and projects, and which provides the fertile ground to test and apply them in. By seeking and fostering new opportunities, and providing the spaces, the technological infrastructure and the conditions for them to grow, a Dynamic Turin turns itself into an open laboratory for urban innovation towards the ecological transition.

In a laboratory-city where the most advanced technologies are developed and tested, every neighborhood becomes a place of experimentation, allowing projects to overcome the start-up phase, generating economic and social returns.

## **LIVABLE**

### An Accessible, Circular, Healthy and Green City

The Livable City is a city for all ages, for all communities, for those who visit for a few days or months or live it daily, with an urban landscape that meets contemporary lifestyles and is capable of evolving to meet future needs.

A key tenet of the livable city is promoting healthy and sustainable lifestyles, particularly the ability to move freely in the city without compromising the health and safety of others. This means creating appropriate spaces and infrastructure for collective and individual mobility, a mobility that focuses on efficiency, comfort and well-being, and empowers young and old throughout the city. It means lots of pedestrian spaces, prioritizing cycling, walking and other forms of clean transportation, as well as a seamless interface between transit modes.

Another feature of Turin 2050 is being a green city, rich in natural spaces, landscapes and healthy environments that favor contact with nature, a city that promotes the re-naturalization of highly urbanized areas, increasing the ecological health of the urban fabric. The green infrastructure network is capable of reducing the risks associated with the climate emergency, it is resilient to change and extreme events, making communities safer and healthier.

The Livable City is also a sustainable city, capable of restructuring its urban metabolism towards a more efficient and circular model, reducing consumption of raw materials and eliminating waste. It requires a deep rethinking of the urban metabolism, the patterns and systems of production, energy, mobility, commerce, and culture, requiring also significant behavioral changes.

## **JUST**

### A City of Rights

The Just City is one founded on the total respect for human rights and empowerment of the individual. The Just City gives people tools to play an active role in exercising their fundamental rights: the right to work, inclusion, education, and equal opportunity in all realms of civic and personal life.

A Just City opposes zero-sum logics, fights all forms of discrimination and facilitates dialogue, mutual understanding and mutual respect among individuals and communities, building spaces to promote the active engagement of all residents in the social fabric of the city, whether they be residents, students, commuters, tourists, children, grandparents or whomever.

The Just City assumes an intercultural approach, promoting active listening and sharing among and between communities and cultures to achieve integration and inclusion. The Just City recognizes that the city is made up of communities and promotes opportunities for true dialogue and mutual understanding.

A Just Turin safeguards and promotes the rights of the most vulnerable groups, guaranteeing social support services and health care, with particular attention paid to seniors, differently-abled citizens and marginalized groups such as nomadic communities.