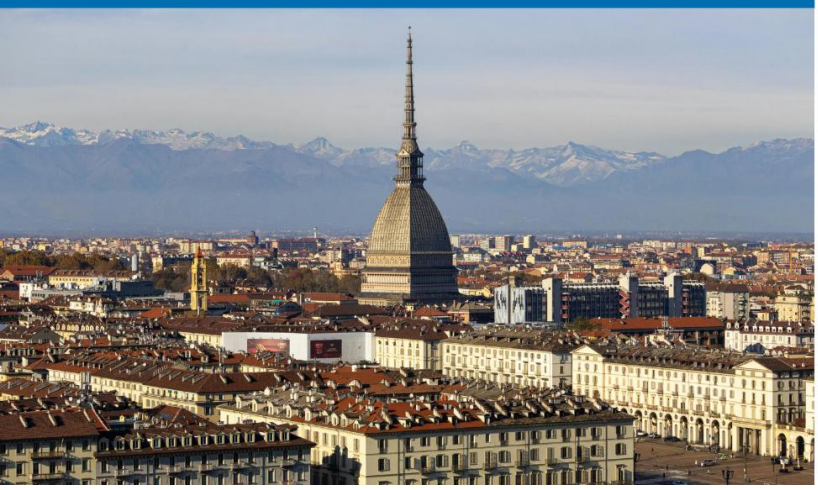
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Turin, 25-27 November 2026

Welcome to the Eurocities Cooperation Platform 2026!

The Cooperation Platform brings together contact officers from across our network for a dedicated opportunity to connect, exchange experiences, and strengthen their engagement with Eurocities.

Participants will gain practical insights into how to make the most of their membership, discover new opportunities for collaboration, and build relationships with peers facing similar challenges and priorities. The programme also offers a chance to explore Turin and learn from the host city's local initiatives and urban development experience.

Programme overview

Date	Time	Description
Wednesday, 25 November	14:00	Registration
	14:15-16:00	Advocacy training session
		Funding information & project development session
	16:00-16.30	Coffee Break
	16:30-17:30	Newcomer session
	17:30-18:30	Welcome drinks
	20:00	Dinner - participants' own cost
Thursday, 26 November	9:30-10:15	Welcome Remarks
	10.15-10.30	Eurocities 2027 Sofia
	10.30-11:00	Coffee break
	11:00-12:30	Breakout sessions part 1
	12:30-14:00	Lunch | ExCom meeting
	14:00-15:30	Plenary | Making Eurocities Everyone's Business: Engaging Colleagues, Politicians and Partners
	15:30-17:30	Transfer + Study visits
	19:30 - 22:00	Official Dinner

Friday, 27 November	9:30 –10:45	Breakout sessions
	10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
	11:15-12:45	Plenary – Updates from the network
	12:45-13.00	Closing
	13:00	Lunch
	16:00 – 19:00	Tourist visit

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DAY 1: Wednesday, 25 November 2026

Venue: Fabbrica delle E, Corso Trapani, 91/b, 10141, Turin, Italy

14:00	**Registrations** The registration desk is open on the ground floor for all Contact Officers to collect their badges.	
14:15 – 16:00	**Advocacy training session** *Room: Congress Room* This training is meant for both beginners and officers with more direct experience of EU advocacy. It will provide an introduction to the roles and functioning of the EU institutions, the dynamics of lobbying in Brussels, why cities should get involved in this activity and how to do it – including through a network like Eurocities. The training will feature case studies from recent Eurocities advocacy and provides an interactive opportunity to improve your knowledge of this important tool. • **Chiara Venturini**, Head of Digital Transformation and Economic Development, Eurocities • **Valentin Roth**, Policy Officer, Eurocities	**Funding information & project development session** *Room: Networking Room* Learn how Eurocities can support your city in navigating upcoming EU funding opportunities and building stronger partnerships. The session will look ahead at key opportunities for cities, while creating space to exchange experiences and priorities. A dedicated discussion on city-foundation cooperation will draw on practical experiences to explore different models of collaboration, shared interests and common challenges, and identify ways to build more strategic and effective partnerships. • **Xenia**, Head of Digital Transformation and Economic Development, Eurocities • **Erika Bernasconi**, Project Development Officer, Eurocities
16:00 – 16:30	**Coffee break**	
16:30 – 17:30	**Newcomer session** *Room: Congress Room* First time attending the Cooperation Platform, or new to the role of contact officer? This session is for you! The session will also explore the key role of contact officers in bringing the benefits of Eurocities membership to their city and connecting the city administration with the Brussels office. It will provide a space to engage in discussion with the Eurocities team and share the specific needs and interests of participants' cities. • **Sinead Mullins**, Director of Membership and Outreach, Eurocities • **Jagoda Luto**, Membership and ExCom Coordinator, Eurocities • **Stefano Simonetta**, Executive Assistant of the Secretary General, Eurocities • **Chiara Gonzi,** Events Coordinator, Eurocities	
17:30 – 18:30	**Welcome drinks** After the first sessions of the day, the city of Turin will host a welcome reception at the main venue of the event (Fabbrica delle E, Corso Trapani, 91/b, 10141, Turin, Italy) for a first evening of networking.	

20:00	**Informal dinner (at participants' own cost)** *Venue: Mercato Centrale Torino (Piazza della Repubblica, 25, 10152 Torino TO, Italy)* Join Eurocities staff and fellow participants for dinner at Mercato Centrale, an indoor food hall on Piazza della Repubblica where you will be able to choose among 20+ food stands featuring fresh pasta, wood-fired pizza, Piedmontese wine, gelato, street food, and craft beer.

DAY 2: Thursday, 26 November 2026

Venue: Fabbrica delle E, Corso Trapani, 91/b, 10141, Turin, Italy

09:00	**Registrations** The registration desk is open on the ground floor for all Contact Officers to collect their badges.
9:30 – 10:15	**Welcome remarks** *Room: Congress Room* • **Michela Favaro**, Deputy Mayor, Turin (tbc) • **Laia Segura Cueto**, Head of the Representation of Barcelona to the EU, Barcelona • **André Sobczak**, Secretary General, Eurocities
10:15 – 10:30	**Eurocities 2027 Sofia** *Room: Congress Room*
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee break & Group Photo**
11:00 – 12:30	**Breakout sessions** 1. **Measuring what matters** *Room: Ideas Workshop* How do we know what is creating value for members and cities? Join an open discussion on impact, priorities and the information that helps us make better decisions. Share your views on what matters most and help shape future reporting and evaluation. • **Guillermo Alvarez**, Director of Projects Finance and Data-driven Performance, Eurocities • **Sinead Mullins**, Director of Outreach and Membership, Eurocities 2. **Making knowledge sharing and knowledge management work for members** *Room: 8 March* How are we making it easier for members to access, share and use knowledge across the network? Explore new ideas, emerging needs and practical ways to strengthen learning and exchange. Bring your experiences and help identify what members need next. • **Pietro Reviglio, Policy and Research Advisor, Eurocities** • **Guillem Ramirez, Head of Learning and Capacity Building, Eurocities** 3. **Partner cities – future collaboration models**

	Room: Congress Room As our network evolves, how can we work more effectively with different types of partners and member cities? This session will explore future collaboration opportunities, emerging expectations and possible approaches for a changing landscape. Join the conversation and help inform the next steps. • **Jagoda Luto**, Membership and ExCom Coordinator, Eurocities • **Stefano Simonetta**, Executive Assistant of the Secretary General, Eurocities **4. Europe & beyond – Enlargement** *Room: Networking Room* Enlargement is reshaping Europe's political, economic and urban landscape and will be the focus of the Mayors Summit at Eurocities 2027 Sofia. What opportunities and challenges do this create for cities, and why should it matter to all of us? Discover the wider implications and exchange perspectives on the role of cities in an expanding Europe. • **Xenia Cechina**, Head of Project Development, Eurocities • **André Sobczak**, Secretary General, Eurocities	
12:30 – 14:00	**Lunch**	**ExCom meeting** *Room: Ideas Workshop*
14:00 – 15:30	**Plenary Session | Making Eurocities Everyone's Business: Engaging Colleagues, Politicians and Partners** *Room: Congress Room* How do you build support for Eurocities across your city administration, political leadership and local stakeholders? This interactive session will explore practical approaches to engaging colleagues and politicians, maintaining a clear overview of Eurocities activities, and ensuring long-term commitment, including through political transitions and elections. Participants will hear inspiring city examples and exchange ideas, challenges and solutions with peers. • **Morgane Lambrechts**, International policy officer, Ghent & President, Eurocities • **Hanna Eskelinen**, Specialist of International Affairs, Espoo • **Flavio Ramos,** Head of the International Office, Maia • Representative from Turin Moderated by **Jagoda Luto**, Membership and ExCom Coordinator, Eurocities	
15.30-16.00	*Transfer to the site visits*	
16:00 – 17:30	**(Parallel) Site Visits** *More details about the visit at the end of the document.* 1. Inclusive Urban Regeneration in Porta Palazzo 2. Neighbourhood Houses and Community-Based Urban Regeneration 3. Parco Dora and Environment Park, From Industrial Legacy to Green Innovation 4. OGR Torino, Industrial Heritage, Culture and Open Innovation	
19:30 – 22:00	**Official Dinner** *Venue: Off Topic (Via Giorgio Pallavicino, 35, 10153 Torino TO, Italy)* Join fellow participants for a dinner hosted by the city of Turin at Off Topic, a cultural hub bringing together music, theatre and creative activities. Enjoy an evening of conversation and networking in a relaxed setting. Dress code is business casual.	

DAY 3: Friday, 27 November 2026 Venue: Fabbrica delle E, Corso Trapani, 91/b, 10141, Turin, Italy	
9:30 – 10:45	**Breakout sessions** 1. Measuring what matters *Room: 8 March* 2. Making knowledge sharing and knowledge management work for members *Room: Networking Room* 3. Partner cities – future collaboration models *Room: Congress Room* 4. Europe & beyond - Enlargement *Room: Ideas Workshop*
10:45 – 11:15	**Coffee break**
11:15 – 12:45	**Plenary session** *Room: Congress Room* - **Reporting from Parallel sessions** - **Updates from the network** What are the key developments shaping our work and priorities across the network? This plenary will provide a dynamic overview of progress, opportunities and upcoming activities linked to democracy, housing, the EU budget and climate resilience. Discover how we are working together on these shared priorities and what lies ahead. • **Climate, Democracy: André Sobczak**, Secretary General • **Competitivity, Influence and preparedness: Chiara Venturini**, Head of Digital Transformation and Economic Development • **Affordable Housing and inclusion: Carolina Picot** • **Advocacy: Valentin Roth**, Policy Officer, Eurocities • **Communications: Sinead Mullins**, Director of Membership and Outreach, - **Membership update** • **Jagoda Luto**, Membership and ExCom Coordinator, Eurocities
12.45 - 13.00	**Closing session** *Room: Congress Room*
13.00– 14:00	**Farewell Lunch**
16:00 – 19:00	**Tourist visit** For participants staying in Turin or departing later on Friday, the host city is organising three optional sightseeing tours. Participants are welcome to join their preferred tour. Please register via this link here. The meeting points for all site visits is Piazza Palazzo di Città, 1, 10122 Torino, Italy. 1. **Guided Tour: Palazzo Civico | 16:00 to 17:00** Discover **Palazzo Civico (City Hall)** on a guided tour in the heart of Turin's historic Quadrilatero Romano. Admire the 17th-century Baroque facade designed by Francesco Lanfranchi before stepping into the Courtyard of Honor. Climb the

	monumental staircase to explore the elegant Marble Hall (Salone dei Marmi) and the historic Red Hall (Sala Rossa), the long-standing home of Turin's City Council. 2. **Guided Tour: Mao Museum | 17:00 to 18:00** The Museum of Oriental Art is a museum located in a 17th-century palazzo in the city of Turin, Italy. The museum contains one of the most important collections of Asian art in Italy. 3. **Guided Tour: Luci d'Artista Visit | 18:00 to 19:00** Immerse yourself in the enchanted atmosphere of the historic centre with an exclusive tour of the beautiful **Luci d'Artista**. Stroll through streets illuminated by breathtaking light installations created by the best contemporary artists. Every corner of the city is transformed into a piece of art, providing unique emotions and unforgettable moments! A visual but also a cultural experience: Luci d'Artista is an opportunity to learn more about contemporary art, its meaning and the impact it has on our perception of urban spaces. Suitable for everyone, adults and children alike, this walk among luminous works of art will make you rediscover the city's charm in a new light. **What to Wear**: Warm winter clothing is strongly recommended.

Parallel site visits

Site Visit 1. Inclusive Urban Regeneration in Porta Palazzo

This study visit will explore how the City of Torino promotes inclusive urban regeneration in Porta Palazzo, one of Europe's most multicultural neighbourhoods. Participants will visit Porta Palazzo Market and learn about public investments, place-based policies and initiatives supporting social cohesion and local entrepreneurship. The programme will also feature the Portineria di Comunità and SERMIG as examples of community support and social inclusion. Meetings with city representatives and local stakeholders will provide insights into Torino's collaborative governance model.

Site visit 2. Neighbourhood Houses and Community-Based Urban Regeneration

This study visit will take participants to one of Torino's Neighbourhood Houses, local hubs for participation, community building and social innovation. The visit will illustrate how the City works with third-sector organisations through a shared policy framework and collaborative governance arrangements. Participants will explore how these spaces connect the municipal administration with residents, associations and informal groups. The experience offers a transferable model for proximity-based services and community-led urban regeneration.

Site visit 3. Parco Dora and Environment Park, From Industrial Legacy to Green Innovation

This study visit will explore the transformation of a former industrial area into Parco Dora, a major public park combining green space and industrial heritage. Participants will learn how the City of Turin guided the regeneration process through planning instruments, public investment and environmental remediation. The visit will continue at Environment Park, an innovation ecosystem supporting sustainable solutions and cooperation between public authorities, research institutions and businesses. The experience shows how municipal leadership can connect urban regeneration, public value and technological innovation.

Site visit 4. OGR Torino, Industrial Heritage, Culture and Open Innovation

This study visit will explore OGR Torino, a former railway repair complex redeveloped by Fondazione CRT as a center for culture, technology and entrepreneurship. Participants will discover how industrial heritage can be transformed into a platform for creativity, research, business development and international cooperation. The visit will include a focus on OGR Tech and its innovation ecosystem. From a municipal perspective, the experience offers an opportunity to discuss how cities can connect privately led regeneration projects with wider urban development and innovation strategies.