

European Competence Centre for Social Innovation:  
ESF+ Community of Practice on Social Innovation

# Study visit ‘ESF+ SI ecosystem, collaboration model between key stakeholders – analysis of a local urban social innovation ecosystem’

5–7 November 2024 Torino, Italy

The onsite study visit is organized by the SI CoP, in close collaboration with the Italian ESF+ authorities and National Competence Centre. It aims to better understand the types of collaborations and partnerships that create and strengthen social innovation ecosystems, with a focus on the use of ESF+ funding and SI key stakeholders managing or benefitting from ESF+.

The event will explore the development of the social innovation ecosystem at national level across Italian cities, as well as at local level in Torino, analysing the enabling factors from both financial and non-financial perspectives. It will delve deeper into the role of local stakeholders and institutions as accelerators of these processes.

## Key information

**Date:** 5–7 November 2024

**Time:** Tuesday, 5 November from 13.30 to 18.00 (CET)  
Wednesday, 6 November from 9.00 to 19.00 (CET)  
Thursday, 7 November from 9.00 to 13.00 (CET)

## Draft Agenda

5 November	
<b>Venue: Palazzo Madama</b> Palazzo Madama, with its historical significance and its social value, was chosen as the fitting venue for the opening. In this premises, the first charter of social European Charter of Social Rights was signed on 18 October 1961, highlighting the significance of this commitment to social justice and human rights in Europe.	
13.30–14.00	Registration and Welcome coffee
14.00–14.30	Opening and Welcome
14.30–14.50	Introduction to the event
14.50–15.10	The role of the Italian national ESF+ Managing Authority in supporting the development of urban social innovation ecosystems
15.10–15.25	How to develop an urban social innovation ecosystem? Inspirational pitch
15.25–16.15	Round Table among Italian Urban Stakeholders: how Italian cities use ESF/ESF+ and ERDF to support social innovation ecosystems Followed by Q&A
16.15–16.30	Coffee break

16.30–17.00	Competence Centres for Social Innovation: roles and enabling factors in urban ecosystems <sup>1</sup>
17.00–17.45	Visit to Palazzo Madama
18.00	Networking cocktail
6 November	
<b>Venue: Open Incet (TBC)</b> Open Incet is the Open Innovation hub of the city of Torino. It's a service centre for local public administrations and cities, providing training programs, consultancy, and advisory services on social innovation, new urban economies, and public policies. It's a place of thought for innovative solutions for the common good. Since 2022 it hosted the first National Competence Centre for Social innovation.	
9.00–9.30	Welcome coffee
9.30–10.10	Enhancing urban social ecosystems: legislative instruments promoting collaborative governance
10.15–10.45	Legislative instruments case studies » Co-programming of social services for the City of Torino » Local regulation - Urban commons
10.45–11.00	Coffee break
11.00–12.00	How Living Labs can help foster the development of the urban social innovation ecosystem
12.00–12.30	Introduction to the Project Visits
12.30–14.00	Lunch
14.00–17.00	Project Visits
19.00	Dinner
7 November	
<b>Venue: Incet/Edit (TBC)</b> The former INCET industrial complex in northeast Turin, once a major cable manufacturing site, has been transformed since its abandonment in 2009. Redevelopment efforts, funded by regional programs, have turned the area into a vibrant community hub featuring residential, public service, and commercial projects. Notable developments include the Ettore Fico Museum and the EDIT gastronomic hub. The area now supports innovation and social entrepreneurship, marking a shift from industrial to innovative tertiary services in Turin's urban economy.	
9.00–9.30	Welcome coffee
9.30–11.00	Plenary session: feedback from Project Visits, exchanges among participants
11.00–11.30	Coffee break
11.30–12.15	Parallel workshops: lessons learned and take-aways
12.15–12.45	Feed-back from workshops Followed by Q&A
12.45–13.00	Wrap-up and Next steps
13.00	Lunch

<sup>1</sup> This session will delve into the pivotal roles Competence Centres play in nurturing innovation and development within urban ecosystems. The discussion will highlight critical enabling factors that facilitate successful collaboration and growth. The speakers will share strategies and experiences to bolster urban resilience and promote social innovation.