

TORINO

AN INFORMATION HUB FOR URBAN REGENERATION

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- AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED, POST-INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY AND EMPTY APARTMENTS



A peculiar, vacant building stock in the former Fiat town

Some fringe neighbourhoods in Torino, which originated from the massive immigration of workers from North-Eastern and Southern Italy from the 1950s and the 1970s and depended on the life of the manufacturing plants, are now suffering from social and economic consequences of the deep crisis and consequent transformation of the city:

- depopulation of houses and loss of tenants
- aging of the residential population (high percentage of elderly people with low income)
- crisis of local business activities
- growing number of abandoned properties



A growing demand of new forms of affordable housing has been observed: After the economic crisis, an increasing number of people is experiencing a transition or a vulnerability phase in their lives for economic, working or family reasons.



New stakeholders at play

Several associations/cooperatives from the third sector, together with the City of Torino and with the support of private bank foundations, are involved in the implementation of variegated regeneration programs at different levels. Private initiatives are also emerging as new private business initiatives fed by the request of new forms of housing/cohabitation.

VISION

- FILLING THE GAPS



An information hub provides maps, datasets, news and contents about housing and reactivation issues. It is a physical place for stakeholders and people interested in the topic to **gather, discuss and design initiatives**.



Implementation of datasets: use of GIS and other digital tools to feed a platform layering different typologies of information related to urban change. Possibility to customize maps, e.g. vacant ground floors+housing services+social housing. The interest in the platform shown by the stakeholders demonstrates the need of a better and deeper knowledge and understanding of the territory and its features, in order to design better policies and fact-based decisions.



A fostered stakeholders network sharing collaboration opportunities. Urban Lab is confirmed as neutral discussion arena **promoting information and collaboration among actors related to urban regeneration**. A center observing the dynamics and processes occurring in the city and highlighting questions and problems, opportunities and resources promoting collaboration among the stakeholders to figure out possible solutions.

STRATEGY

- HOW TO...

Torino has a number of local actors which already work on housing and reactivation issues. The objective is to foster the network of such actors, to disseminate information and collaboration opportunities and to offer a shared and neutral ground of discussion and knowledge. We intend to **highlight questions and push for discussion on possible**

regeneration issues based on datasets and concrete indicators.

To investigate on the needs expressed by the stakeholders working in the territory, pinpoint the presence and lack of features/opportunities, contributing in creating sets of tools to better design urban policies.

