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CASCINA FALCHERA Innovative Urban Farming

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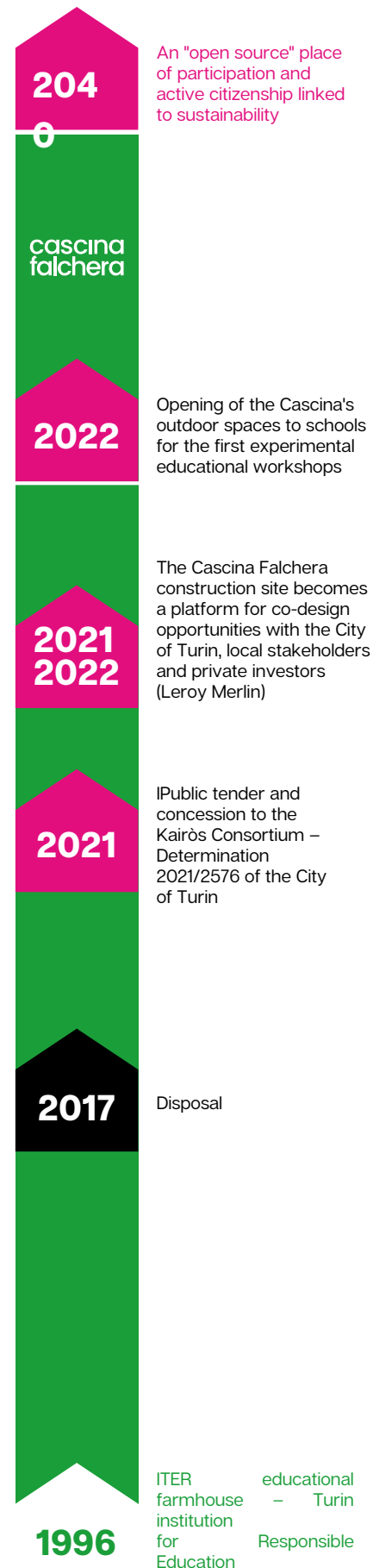
Cascina Falchera is a social and environmental innovation hub that intends to give back to the local peri-urban communities a physical and research space on the themes of ecology, social innovation, rural environment and sustainable agro-food supply chains.

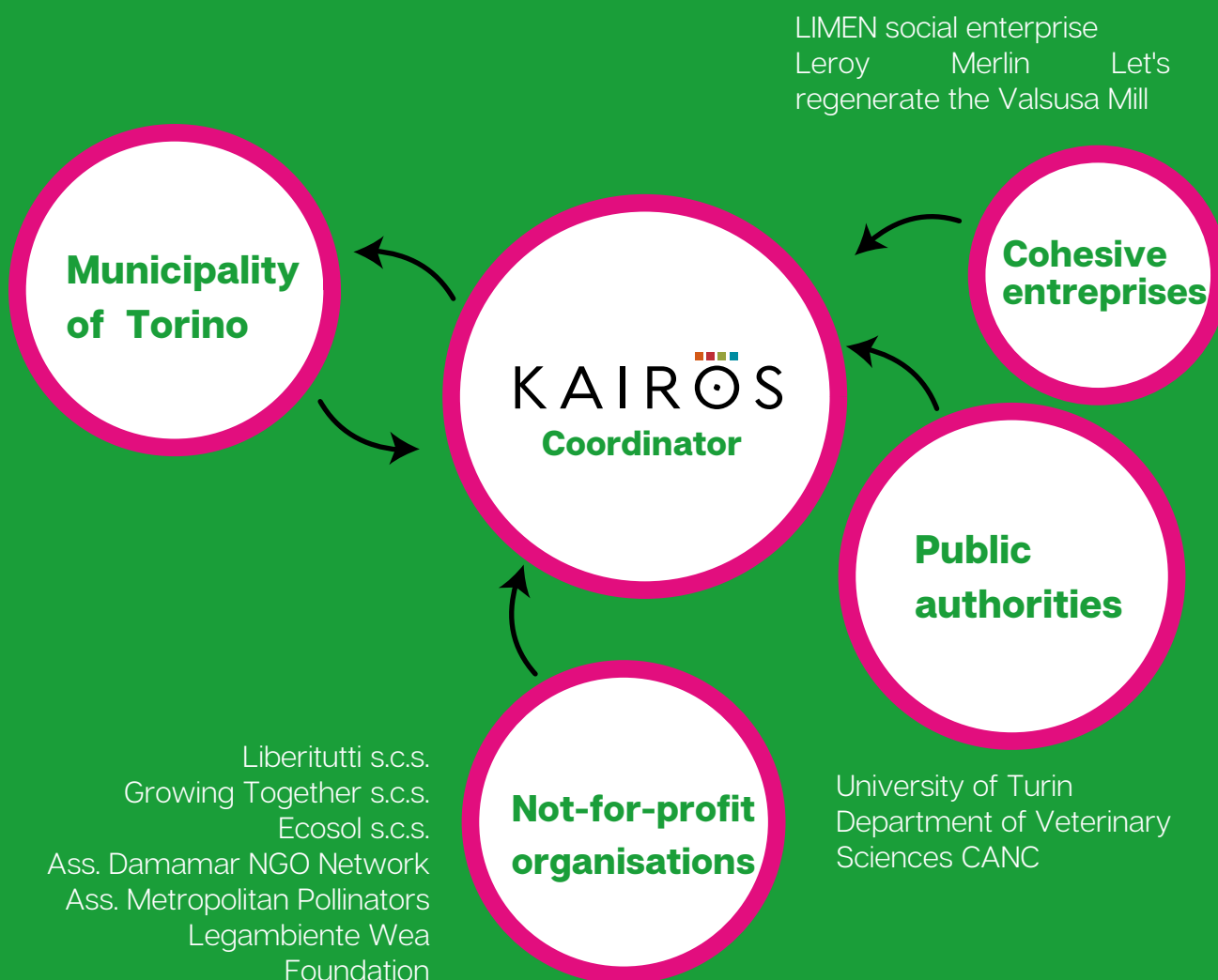
Through a participatory planning process, the Municipality-owned asset is returned to the care of local organizations and private citizens with a 19-year concession, encouraging responsible and proactive management in close collaboration with the public authority (and as far as possible also open to nearby cities of Settimo, Mappano, Caselle, Borgaro, Leinì). The Cascina, while remaining an innovative educational space for the Turin school system, becomes an international academy for the implementation of European projects (like Erasmus, Horizon, Life projects), a community center open to the families, to the elder population and to the citizens, a place of cultural events, a place for research and



and experimentation, a home to professional micro experiences of sustainability and social economy. Cascina Falchera has recovered its past as an educational farm to become a **living lab**, a hybrid and multidisciplinary place of production and lifelong learning, a “*third place*” where the socialisation meets the eco-cultural needs in a poetic setting.

Cascina Falchera is a partner of DESIRE - Designing the Irresistible Circular Society, one of the 6 "lighthouse projects" selected by the New European Bauhaus as an experimental model for the new policies dedicated to the ecological transition of cities: the spirit of the New European Bauhaus materializes in Cascina Falchera in the symbiotic relationship between aesthetics of interventions, inclusion of people and sustainability of processes, and in the co-design of services and spaces designed with and for communities.





Cascina is also a place of hospitality and green guesthouse. One of the first activities implemented, in agreement with the City of Turin, was the reception of two groups of Afghan families, 16 people between adults and children, in the living spaces of Cascina Falchera with which personal empowerment and of relationship with the rest of

the territory tanks to the OMID project of the Neighborhood Houses Network and the Italian Buddhist Union. The link with local socio-cultural nodes and the multidisciplinary partnership bring an added value to the development of interventions with benefit for local communities.



Cascina Falchera is committed to promoting activities and services with a high social impact, specifically concerning 5 areas of intervention



Area Education

Promote the creation of a socio-educational innovation hub aimed at multiple beneficiaries

- Lifelong learning opportunities for parents, teachers and social workers
- Outdoor education for schools, families and summer camps
- STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) laboratories
- Inclusive learning environments (Special Educational Needs)
- Edu-gaming
- Phygital teaching

The educational offer for schools in 2022 was structured as follows:

- “Labs in Cascina” includes a laboratory activity in the morning, in addition to the visit to the educational garden and the animal park
- “Long day in the Farmhouse”, an experience in Cascina for the whole day, with a laboratory that develops between morning and afternoon and visit to the educational garden and the animal park.

Cascina Falchera has also a summer events program with yoga classes, family workshops, concerts and themed events. In the summer of 2022, approximately 600 children aged 6-14 from summer centers and oratories were welcomed.

Data from April 2022 to April 2023
Sections welcomed: 58 (Infancy 55, nursery 3)
Number of children welcomed: 1097



Regenerative agriculture and circular economy area

Promote the implementation of an environmental research and development center to preserve the ecosystem and quality of soil

- Land and soil regeneration in post-industrial sites
- Biodiversity and pollinators restoration
- Animal welfare for educational purposes, in collaboration with the City of Turin and the Department of Animal Veterinary Sciences
- Urban community gardens
- Circular production from social agriculture
- Recovery of ancient crops (ancient grains in collaboration with the Mulino Valsusa)
- Permaculture and hydroponic agriculture
- Heliciculture
- Educational activities with bees and a small production of Cascina Falchera honey

Here are some of the projects won by the Kairos Consortium as partners with implications for the agricultural sector:

- Leading Urban Agroforestry System General Gardens (Mirafiori South), with funds from Compagnia di San Paolo

Foundation, lasting 3 years starting from January 2023;

- CoFarm4Cities lead partner City of Turin, INTERREG Central Europe funds, with a three-year duration.





Community Reception and Empowerment area

Enhance the identity of the territory and improve local development processes

- Hostel, cycle and slow tourism
- Seasonal and short-chain restaurant
- Catering and social canteen service for Migrants Shelters, schools, local businesses and tourism
- Social housing for short-term family residences
- Independent accommodation for people with disabilities
- Training-on-the-job opportunities for people in need

During the first year of the concession there were two areas that created opportunities for training inclusion and working for people in situations of vulnerability or socio-economic fragility: the care of animals and ordinary maintenance of buildings, carpentry and

greenery, thanks also to the experience of the Green Job Academy, financed under the PON METRO REACT EU Turin axis 7 measure; the woodworking and DIY activity within the (RE)MADE of WOOD project which activated 3 work training internships in 2022.



Urban regeneration and place-for-all area

Imagining shared living, learning and working spaces for a Cascina as a place for all

- Renovation of the indoor spaces
- Restoration of external common areas
- Interventions to guarantee the accessibility of the structure
- Regeneration of land and forest area
- Equipment for outdoor activities
- Animal park and animal shelters
- Enhancement of the agricultural landscape
- Social carpentry and MakeLab open to citizens





Culture and Active Citizenship area

Make citizens protagonists and contribute to the socio-cultural development of the territory

- Cultural offer in collaboration with city festivals
- Artistic residencies
- Empowerment through sports practice
- Erasmus+ mobility projects
- Participatory research
- Recovery of artisanal knowledge
- Volunteering
- Paths for peer leaders and peer educators

To date, the following organisations have participated with interest and a proactive spirit in these meetings: Hiroshima Mon Amour, Piccole Teatrali, Fondazione per la Cultura, TO Grandi Eventi e Piemonte dal Vivo and Cirko Vertigo, Libraries Civiche Torinesi, Circolo del design, Salone off and Fondazione Merz .



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