



Statement of the Rector

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UniTo and the territory: a shared development

The development scenario of the city of Torino and its metropolitan area are strictly linked to the presence of University of Torino (UniTo). UniTo, with more than 100.000 people and the presence of more than 120 buildings, has influenced Torino to move over the traditional industrial fabric towards an innovative and cultural entrepreneurial context. A “University City” is where the students’ population is multicultural and where innovation and knowledge transfer are embedded in the cooperation between companies and research.

To fulfill our ambition, we need to be supported by politicians and stakeholders. A profound engagement of local development actors is fundamental to achieve international global standards in terms of quality of the services and dimension of the spaces. Even historical Italian universities were located in cities and not in isolated campuses. Nowadays, Universities need to be aware of their impacts over their territories and to be part of the metropolitan development plan and strategies.

It is true that the main goal of research and teaching is to promote and foster the wellbeing and the development of the entire humanity. It is true that the globalization has enriched the interchange of students, researchers and professors. Even though, it is also true that economic, social innovation and creativity are essential to guarantee the development of effective civil, social and political rights. These are local processes requiring institutions, such as universities, able to manage people and resources, and to create synergies between local actors.

Alongside, teaching and research activities, UniTo has publicly recognized its “third mission” of technology transfer and dissemination and communication of the research outcomes for the societal outreach. In addition, UniTo has recognized its social responsibility using the annual Sustainability report that collects and accounts the progress and performances in terms of economic, social and environmental sustainability. A new era for UniTo and its territory has come. It is a precise willingness of UniTo to cooperate and collaborate with our partners bonding their destiny and development strategies.