

# Social Innovation Spotlight



## Episode 05

# How to bring day-time energy into night-time neighbourhoods

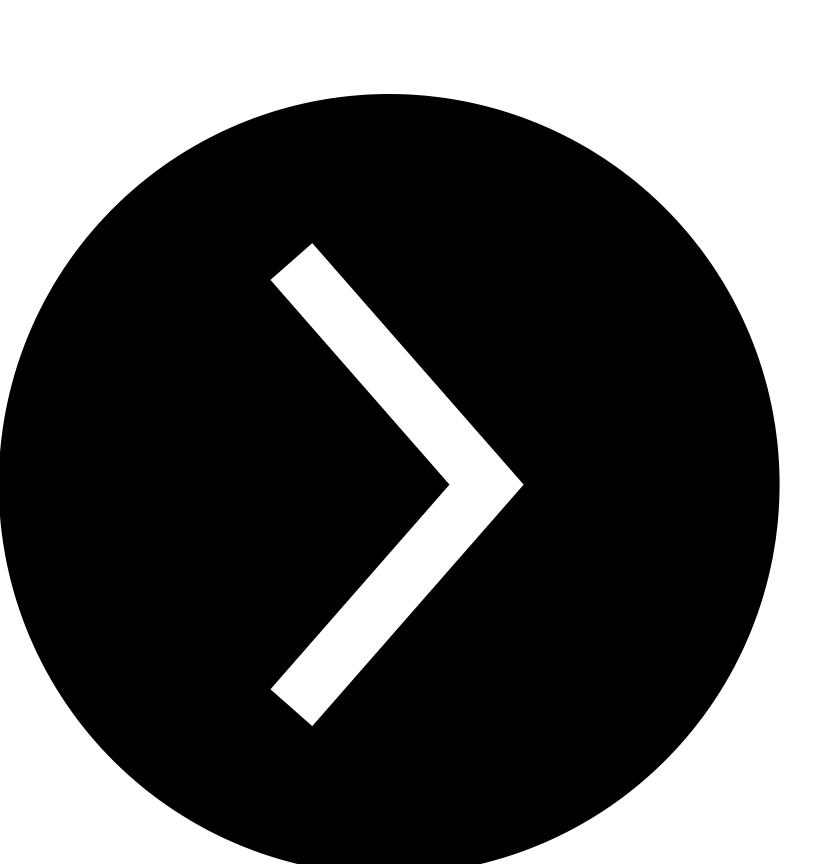
A project that improves quality of life and the perception of safety after dark through co-designed services and regenerated public spaces.



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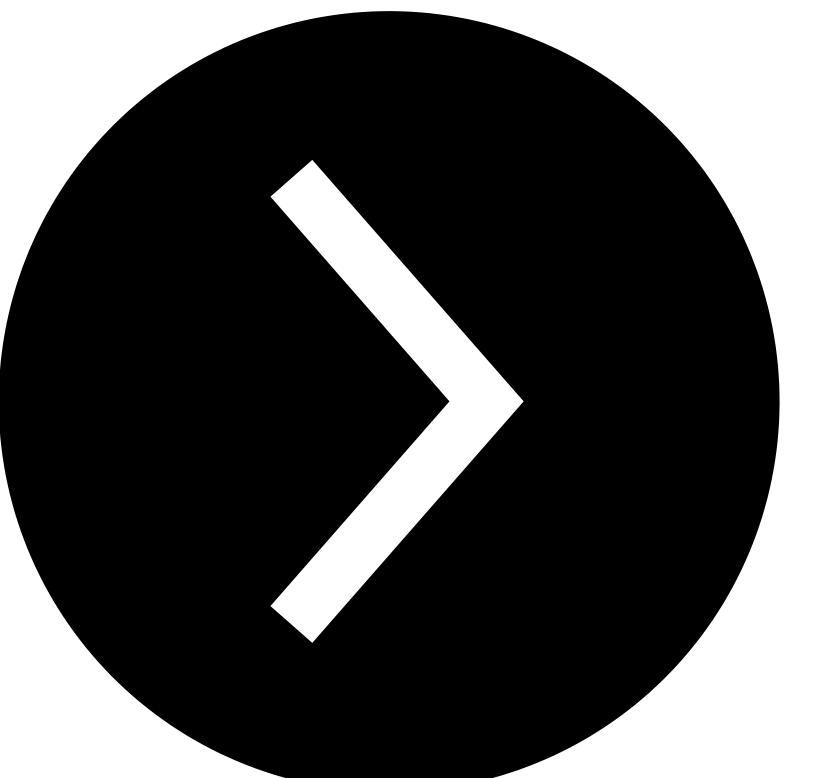
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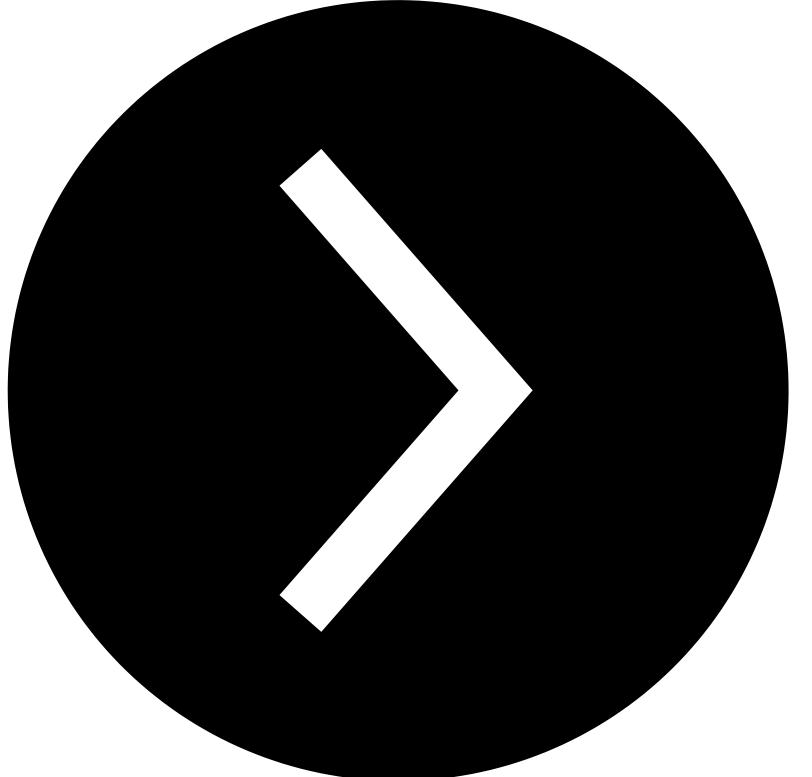
# The challenge

- City services and public spaces are mostly designed for daytime, even as urban life increasingly continues late into the night.
- At night, economic activities and services decrease, leaving fewer “eyes on the street” and fewer social protection points.
- Public spaces are perceived as unsafe, especially in deprived or peripheral neighbourhoods.
- Responsibility for safety often falls mainly on local police with a law-enforcement approach, rather than on shared, community-led solutions



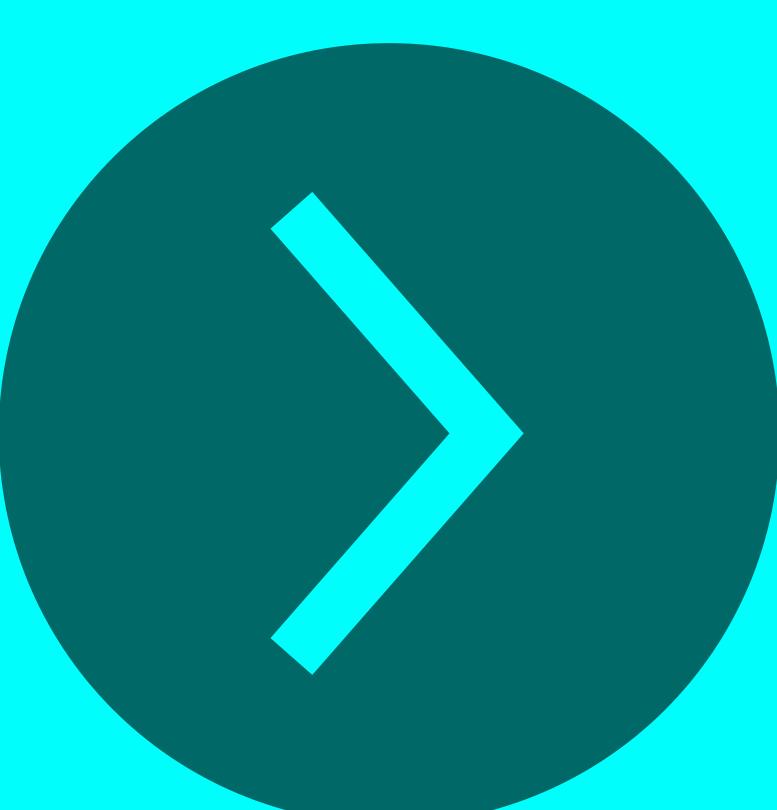
# The idea

ToNite is an EU-funded project in Torino that tackles night-time urban security along the Dora river, where it has co-designed services and regenerated public spaces, so residents can experience their neighbourhoods as lively, welcoming and safer even after dark.



# What's innovative here?

- **Integrated approach:** connects policies on security, social innovation, urban regeneration, culture & other
- **Collaborative safety:** builds a shared perception of safety and liveability by involving residents and local actors in rethinking and caring for public spaces.
- **Activation of local services:** 59 local organizations were selected and financed through a Call for applications, and have been working to improve the quality of life of the target areas



# Impact so far

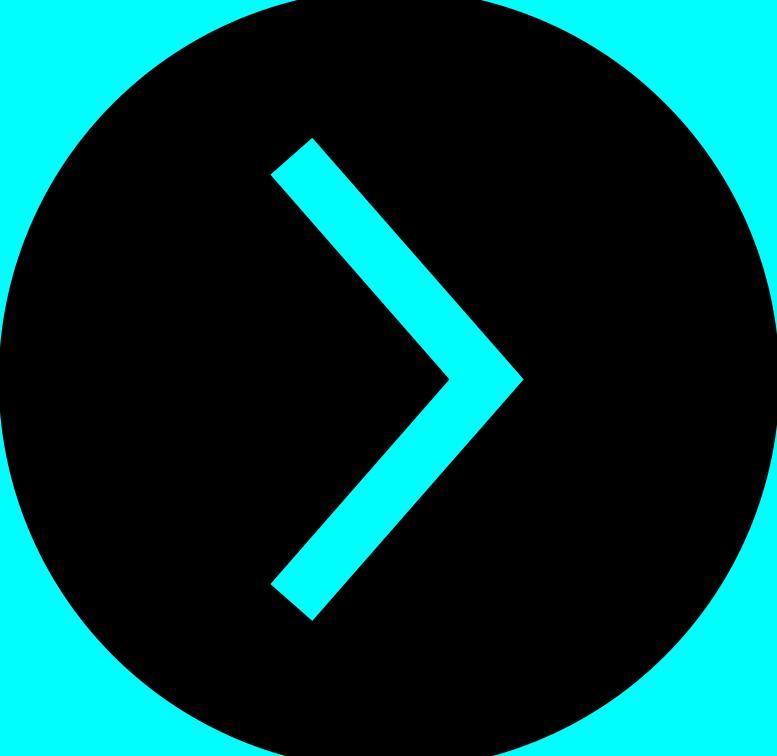
More than 7,000 m<sup>2</sup> of public space regenerated to  bring beauty and better conditions for socialising

59 local organisations activated in cultural,  socio-educational and social-health activities

Local communities are more involved in  taking care of their spaces, strengthening social ties and shared responsibility



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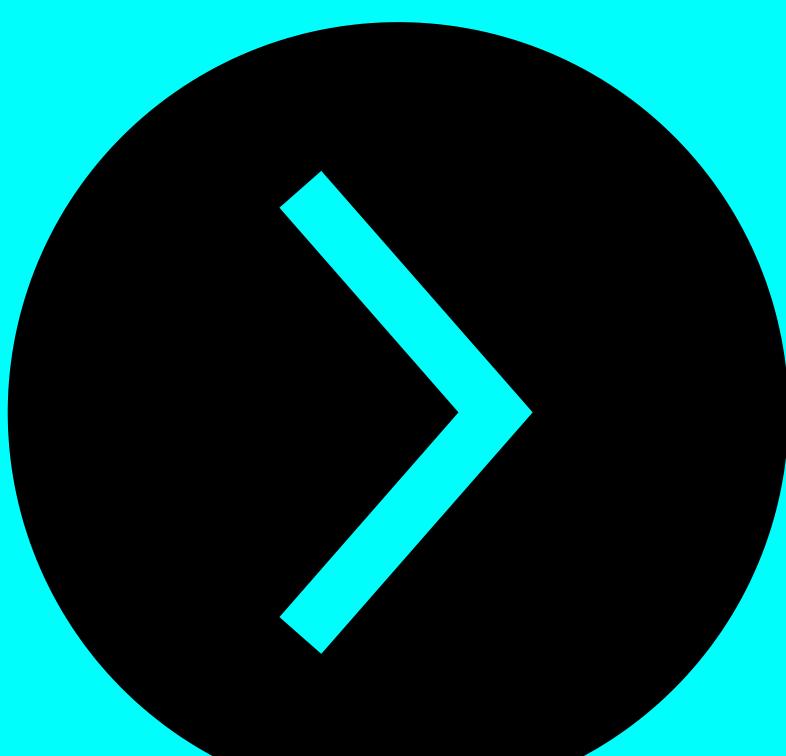


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The project inspired a €40 million urban regeneration programme funded by the National Programme for Metropolitan Cities

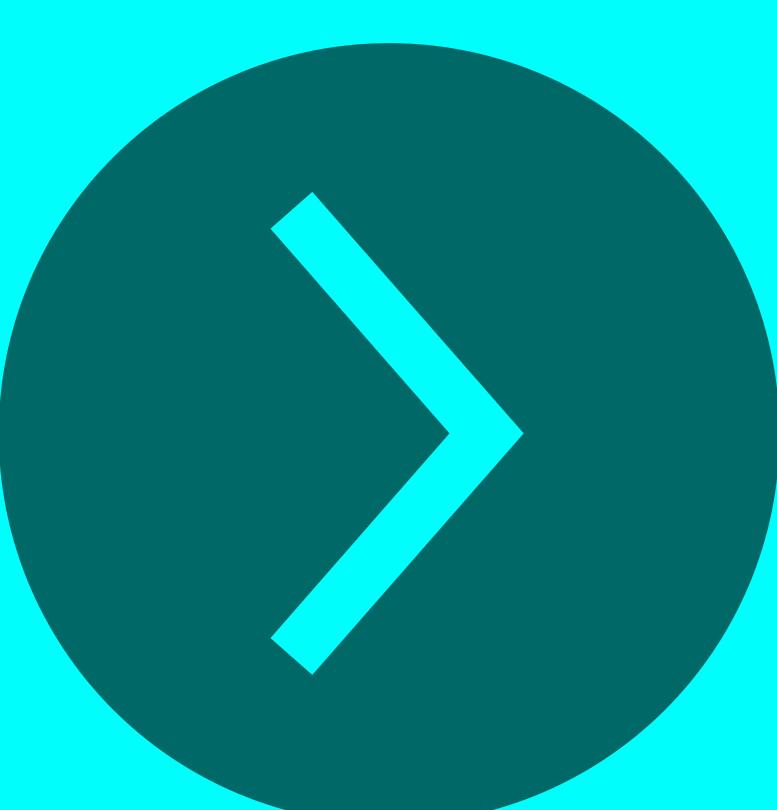
It includes a €2.4 million 'ImpatTO' social innovation measure, continuing ToNite's work of activating local communities and creating proximity-based community spaces.

**Economic  
& systemic**



# What you can replicate

- Use an integrated approach by combining physical regeneration (lighting, layout, accessibility) with services, events and community activities
- Co-design with residents and local stakeholders to rethink public spaces and build a shared perception of safety
- Launch open calls for local projects that activate community organisations and create new night-time services in targeted areas



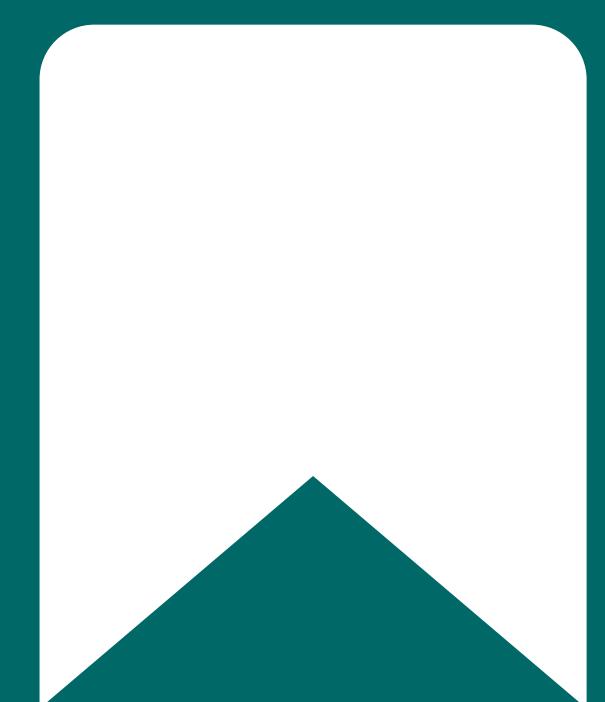
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