

Urban horticulture and circularity at Cascina Falchera

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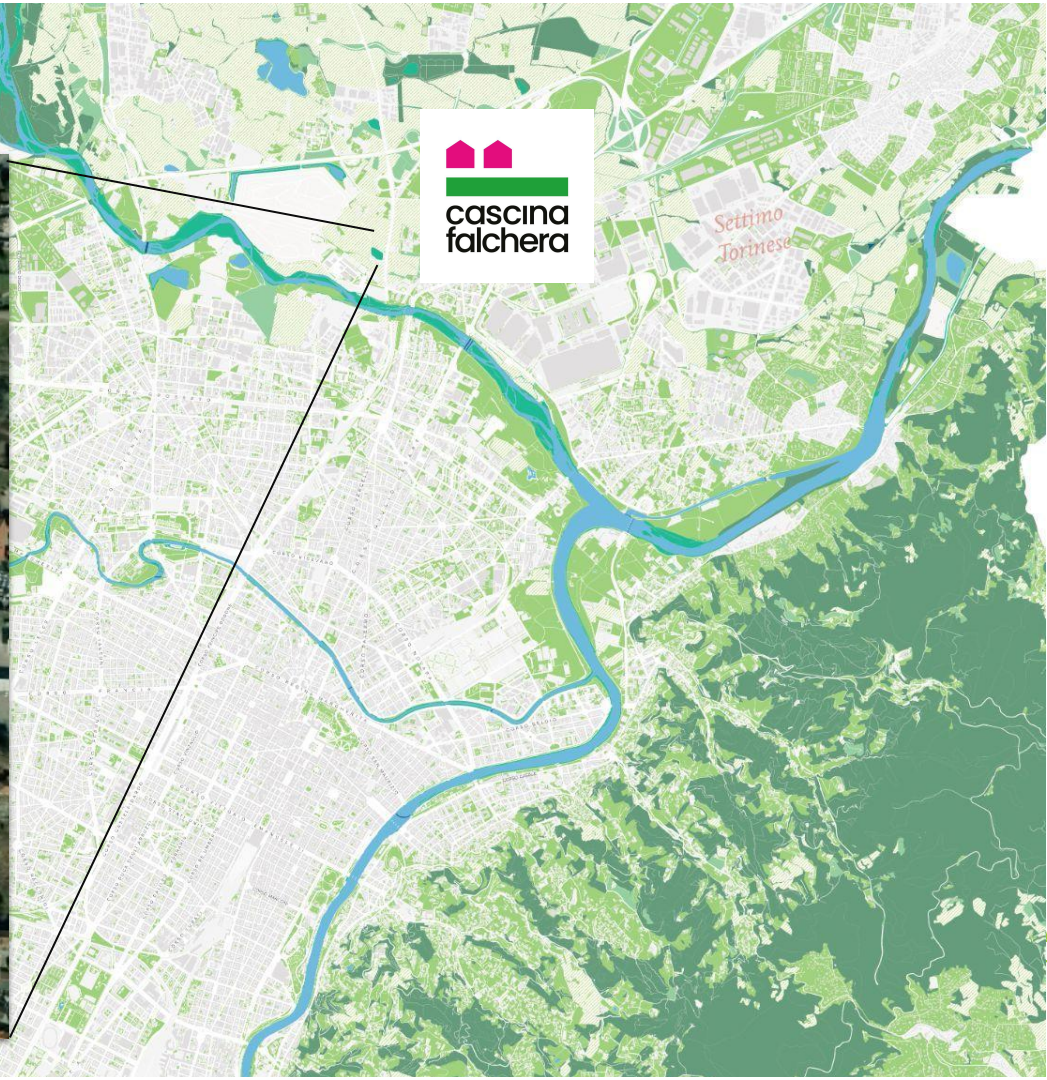
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Community Plots
~20.000 sqm

Educational activities

Total Area: 139.000 sqm
Agricultural surface: 73.300 sqm



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Common mission for the Pilot Project



Promote sustainable
practices: composting,
biodiversity, water-efficient
irrigation

Create an inclusive,
circular urban
agriculture hub at
Cascina Falchera.

Activate 83 plots
+ self-production
+ education
+ community
cohesion

Total Budget: 2.241.514,39 €

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Coordinator Municipality of
Budapest, District III,
Óbuda-Békásmegyér

36 months (04.2023 - 03.2026)

Municipality of Turin

landowner,
institutional
oversight.

Formal meetings at
least twice per
reporting period

Consorzio Kairos

lead
coordinator,
planning,
works,
community
engagement

Continuous
daily
coordination on
site

Coop. Limen

agricultural
operations,
training, daily
support.


**cascina
falchera**

Technical Experts

agronomists,
geologists,
engineers

Technical decisions
co-designed

Community
involvement and
feedback (workshops
and public events)

University of Turin

biodiversity,
soil analysis,
educational
input.

COFARM4CITIES: Creating a sustainable model for urban agriculture



The goal is to preserve agricultural land from uncontrolled urban expansion, while offering **circular solutions** and improving **social inclusion** in Falchera.



Agricultural plots dedicated to **collective and inclusive horticulture**, using a drip-irrigation system.

A study of the **community-farming model** as a replicable and sustainable solution aimed at reducing waste and creating alliances for food production.

KAIRÓS In partnership with





Site inspections and surveys

Groundworks

Start of horticulture activities

2023

2024

2025-2026

Project meetings

Co design activities

Workshop with Experts

Training for Gardeners



10th November 2024 - Opening Urban Community Gardens in Cascina Falchera

- Automatic drip irrigation system
- 83 new plots of various sizes (50 m², 75 m², 100 m²) for citizens and for associations, schools (150 m²)
- A *Gardeniser* available to gardeners (supporting with technical/agricultural aspects and social community management)
- Restoring a natural ecosystem to the citizens



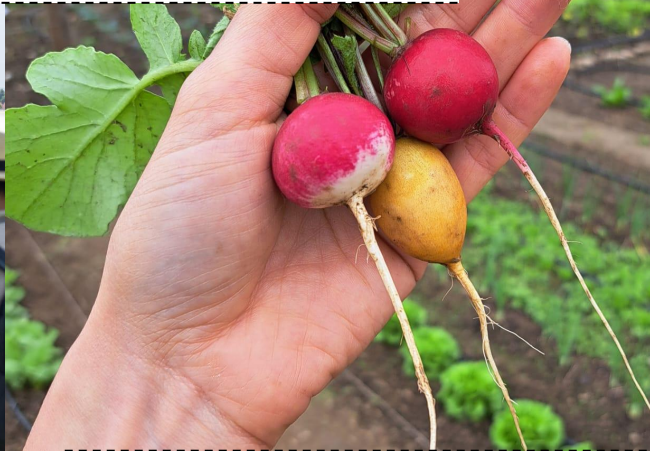
- Promote circular solutions for citizens
- Inclusion of vulnerable groups
- Educational activities for families and young people
- Training on water resource management and food waste reduction

Workshops and Visits at Cascina Falchera



Successful community engagement

- Strong **local engagement** in co-design process and immediate uptake by 40 gardeners - mainly younger residents.
- Cascina Falchera's existing role as a **social-educational hub** created ideal conditions for rapid community participation.
- High-quality **workshops on horticulture, biodiversity and sustainability** attracted families, students and local associations.



Professional support for soil, horticulture and circularity practices

- **Agronomists and agro-pastoral experts** provided soil productivity analysis and sustainable horticulture guidance, improving gardeners' skills and crop success.
- **University of Turin and coop. Limen** ensured credibility and continuity. Composting, biodiversity actions and circular practices, strengthening the educational and environmental value of the gardens.