



Torino Chamber of Commerce

The Torino Chamber of Commerce is a public institution that represents 231,000 companies and aims at developing the local economy through effective interventions. It promotes local excellence abroad and generates business opportunities through a number of activities, like encouraging business relations at home and abroad, fostering technological innovation, providing information and specific training to companies, setting up new services, and organising important events for the economic and social development of the province. The Chamber of Commerce is almost entirely self-funded. Its income derives largely from the annual membership fee paid by all companies in the province registered in the Register of Companies. The income deriving from this activity is primarily employed to support the local economy and development.

The most important administrative activity is running the Company Register, one of the organisation's major functions. It is an archive full of data accessible from anywhere in Italy. There are more than 6 million businesses in Italy; almost 455,000 of these are in Piedmont and over 231,000 in the city and province of Torino. Information about them, from the type of activity they perform to their balance sheets, can be accessed through the IT network of the Chambers of Commerce.

Businesses registered with the Chamber of Commerce receive updating on: funding plans, new regulations, training, projects designed to assist new businesses, opportunities for exchanging and developing technological innovation. In addition the Chamber supports foreign markets-oriented businesses through trade missions, fairs and assistance with international bids. The Chamber supports internationalization with specific cluster projects in the automotive, aerospace and defence, ICT and mechatronic sectors and also in the following: energy & environment, subcontracting, bio and nanotech, medical and design. Other projects involve the food, wine and tourism segment like "Yes! Enjoy Torino Top Hospitality" - a new quality trademark for hotels.

The Torino Chamber relies on "special agencies" set up to provide advanced, specialist services to companies within the Chamber's remit. The Torino Chamber's Chemical Laboratory offers companies and consumers completely independent analytical services, consultancy and training on agricultural, food, environmental and labour safety topics; Torino Incontra Congress Centre, a prestigious, modern structure, located right in the centre of the town.

