

TO-HOUSING

A social co-housing project
for LGBTQ+ people in Turin – Italy

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TO-HOUSING (co-housing based in Torino) is the very first housing project **targeting the LGBTQ+ community in Italy**. Commencing in January 2019, TO-HOUSING is hosting vulnerable LGBTQ+ people, providing them with a **safe house** and the chance to overcome difficult living conditions through **psychological support**, **training opportunities** and **work counselling**.

TO-HOUSING is therefore addressing the primary need of a safe home and, following individuals house emergencies, it aims to improve the independence and well-being of LGBTQ+ people.



HOW

The project began with 5 apartments, located next to the University Campus in Turin, and it can host up to 24 guests. The accommodation is temporary and involves two different protocols: an emergency stay (10 days ca.) and a longer stay (8-10 months ca.) that allows for an in-depth individual development plan.

WHO

In particular, the project is addressing:

- LGBTQ+ youth
- Refugees, migrant and LGBTQ+ asylum seekers
- Trans and Transgender people
- LGBTQ+ elderly people

WHAT

Alongside housing management, the project is running the following activities:

- Development of an individual education plan
- Training and Job orientation
- Social work and community-building in the area
- Awareness rising campaigns against homophobia and racism

KEY VALUES

- Reciprocity amongst the guests and the citizens in order to offer mutual support
- Replicability of the whole process in other contexts
- Partnership open to private and public bodies
- Inter-disciplinary approach to tackle different issues

