

FIRST STONE LAID FOR THE “CITTA’ DELLE SCIENZE E DELL’AMBIENTE” OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURIN

- THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY INITIATES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE *CITTA’ DELLE SCIENZE E DELL’AMBIENTE* (CITY OF SCIENCES AND ENVIRONMENT) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURIN ATTENDED BY THE MINISTER OF SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURES AND MOBILITY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PIEDMONT REGION, THE MAYORS OF TURIN AND GRUGLIASCO AND THE UNIVERSITY RECTOR
- THE WORKS, WITH A COST OF €160 MILLION, WILL LAST THREE YEARS TILL 2024 WITH AN AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT OF 120 MAN-DAYS
- A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO MINIMISE ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Tortona, 8 July 2021. Today, with the Minister of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility, Enrico Giovannini, connected by video, the President of the Piedmont Region, Alberto Cirio, the Mayor of Turin, Chiara Appendino, the Mayor of Grugliasco, Roberto Montà, the Rector of the University of Turin, Stefano Geuna, and the CEO of **Itinera (ASTM Group)**, Massimo Malvagna, laid the first stone of the *Citta’ delle Scienze e dell’Ambiente* (City of Sciences and Environment) of the University of Turin.

The project, with a total cost of approximately €160 million, will be realised by Itinera S.p.A (49.9%) and Euroimpianti S.p.A. (10.7%), companies controlled by ASTM S.p.A., in consortium with Costruzioni Gilardi S.p.A. (39.4%). The construction will have an estimated duration of three years with an average employment of 120 man-days.

The new university campus, which will be integrated with the adjacent complex containing the departments of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Sciences and Veterinary Sciences, will include the departments of Chemistry, Life Sciences and Systems Biology. The structure, covering an area of approximately 228,600 m², will be composed of four macro-areas: Didactics and Research, Didactics and Administration, Student Union with an Indoor and Outdoor Sports Centre, and Traffic Infrastructure and Green Areas. The complex includes 22,000 m² of classrooms for teaching, 47,500 m² of research space, 7,300 m² of space for sports activities and 7,200 m² of space for socialising, as well as a 40,000 m² urban park.

The new university campus aims to improve student services and promote processes of social innovation and economic development with a view to achieve maximum integration between the local community and the University.

Itinera, an ASTM Group company that places sustainability at the heart of all its activities, during the works will guarantee an approach aimed to the reducing of the degree of disturbance of the worksite and integrating it into the area, in such a way as to impact as little as possible on the lives of all the citizens and, in particular, the students and academic staff of the existing facilities. A set of environmental mitigation measures will be implemented to keep pollution in its various forms and traffic restrictions under control as much as possible:

- to minimize gas and dust emissions from work vehicles, the affected area will be periodically sprayed with nebulised water;
- to reduce noise impact measures will be implemented by organising work on the site to eliminate unnecessary noises and by using machinery and equipment with the lowest possible noise levels;

- to reduce the pollution of groundwater and soil, rainwater with a high content of solids and mineral oils formed within the excavations will be pumped out and then specifically treated. In addition, the containers and/or tanks will be placed on a waterproofed floor drained towards the oil storage area.

The new centre will accommodate around 10,000 students, doubling the current number of students. At the academic level, it will also encourage increased synergies for interdepartmental disciplines such as Agri-food, Green Chemistry, Renewable Energy, Advanced Materials, Bioeconomy and Environmental Sustainability by bringing researchers and professors together in a single campus and aiming for UNITO's "one planet-one health" vision which connects human, animal and environmental health.

Itinera, founded over 80 years ago, realizes large infrastructure and civil construction projects. With 2020 revenues of €1.1 billion and a backlog of €3.7 billion, Itinera is today one of the leading companies in Italy and worldwide in its sector. The company is part of the ASTM Group, the second largest operator in the world in the management of motorway infrastructures with a network of approximately 5,500 km of network, of which more than 1,400 km in Italy, around 4,000 km in Brazil through the company EcoRodovias and 84 km in the United Kingdom through participation in Road Link. In 2020 ASTM Group reported the following consolidated results: €2.0 billion of Revenues, €548 million of EBITDA and Net profit of €109 million with a Net Financial Indebtedness of €849 billion.

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