

Sangone Valleys No TAV¹ Coordination Committees

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Sangone Valley, July 7th, 2007

Re: **New railway line Torino-Lyon: a useless and detrimental public work**
Appeal to the European Parliament members against the waste of 1 thousand million Euros; for the defence of both Nature and health related to hundreds of thousands of people

Dear Madam/Sir Member of the European Parliament,

the Italian and French Governments will present, in the next few days, an application to the European Union in order to get a financing contribution to build a new railway line for goods transport between Torino and Lyon within the so-called TEN-T project Corridor no. 5 Lyon-Budapest.

We are citizens who live in the Sangone Valley, territory which could be passed through by the new railway line.

We are "*non-experts*", but we are conscious to be carriers of a "collective ability" capable of understanding the mistakes made by both the Italian and French Governments in 2001, when they approved a useless public work worthy at least 20 thousands of million Euros. Therefore, we claim same dignity to our knowledge and competences as that granted to those who govern us.

We have been opposing this project for years, because it will be devastating not only for our territories, but also for our health and for the future of our Country.

Dozens of No TAV Committees were formed both in the Susa and the Sangone Valleys: our aim is to demonstrate the uselessness of the project and - at the same time - to unmask political and business profits come into play in order to gain job orders which would sponge off both Italian and European public money.

We managed, these past years, to have our Mayors and town Councillors side by side with us: they realized that, in order to better serve one's health and territories, it was necessary to listen to and to support their citizens.

We wish to draw both your and the public attention on this subject and we ask you to act for the welfare of everybody, putting in action any personal and political resources in order to prevent the granting of this fund which would start the squandering of public money and Nature ravaging, besides risking thousands and thousands of people's health.

Thanking you for your kind attention, we are, with best regards,

Sincerely Yours,

¹ **No TAV** means "NO to the High Speed Train" and it's the name of the various popular Committees which formed in the Susa Valley since 1992, when it was first proposed the High Speed railway project for people's transport, this first project was abandoned because regarded not financially valuable.