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The Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament resumed contacts with the No TAV movement No TAV committees preparing for the hearing in Brussels

The Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament sent in recent days the European Commission's [response](#) to the Members for the [four petitions](#) submitted between 2003 and 2007 by citizens who are involved in the No TAV Committees.

Despite the serious delay in the answer, No TAV committees have reaffirmed their confidence in the instrument Petition to the European Parliament –to which in the past have delivered 32,000 signatures- that allow them to present the arguments that have supported the twenty years of opposition to the New Railway Line between Lyon and Turin (NRLLT).

It has already been claimed -as required by the Rules of petitions- an urgent hearing in Brussels that will allow MEPs to assess the reasons of popular opposition in the concrete and to provide Parliament and the European Commission to evaluate the items and then to alter decisions on financing the base tunnel and related works of NRLLT.

Many MEPs Italians and foreigners have in recent days expressed solidarity with the No TAV Committees and opposition to geognostic coring, and a delegation will travel to Brussels soon to meet and strategy in the European Parliament against the Commission.

No TAV Committees has declared that has to be assessed carefully the European Commission statement that "*the risks of other hydrological or environmental risks will be exhaustively reviewed and that, before undertaking any work on the railway line in the Susa and Sangone Valleys, an evaluation of environmental impact will be undertaken, as required by Italian law and European Union.*"

No TAV Committees note that the European Commission stated that "*it has not taken any decision on the matter and that the definition of the NRLLT project will be drafted by the Technical Observatory.*" In this regard, the No TAV Committees complain that the President of the Observatory has betrayed, and that after a few months into its work, the original mission mentioned in Article 2 of [Decree of President of the Council of Ministers on March 1st, 2006](#) that states "*The Observatory is the place of comparison for all the insights on environmental, health and economic and pursues the precise aim to examine, evaluate and respond to concerns expressed by the people of the Susa Valley.*"

This confirms what they have long complained that the proposed Technical Observatory, a tool to assess the usefulness of NRLLT, has become a decision maker who continues his work regardless of the popular opposition and of to the new political landscape in the Mountain Community of Susa - Val Sangone Valleys which has recently declared its firm opposition to NRLLT.

No TAV Committees informed that there is no consensus in the territories and this is confirmed by resolutions of opposition to the geognostic coring operations approved in recent weeks by several municipal councils. The list includes 15 municipalities in Susa Valley (Avigliana, Sant'Ambrogio, Villarfocchiardo, Gravere, San Didero, Vaie, Mompantero, Giaglione, Almese, Caselette, Caprie, Bruzolo, Venaus, Chiusa San Michele, Oulx) and 3 in Sangone Valley (Rivalta, Bruino and Villarbasse) and is in constant evolution.