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Subject: Activities promoting the 'Terzo Valico' in elementary schools in Liguria and Piedmont

COCIV (the consortium building the high-speed railway line from Tortona/Novi Ligure to Genoa, known as the 'Terzo Valico dei Giovi') intends to implement a project called 'destination Europe' in 200 schools in Liguria and Piedmont. It plans to disseminate information on the 'Terzo Valico' [third mountain pass] amongst young elementary school pupils, with the declared aim of building 'consent around the Terzo Valico and major works'. A document summarising the project is available at this address¹.

As this activity takes the form of an initiative amounting to 'indoctrination' and promotion of the contractor and the works but carried out in an impartial environment as schools should be, we ask:

- 1. Does the Commission not take a serious view of this activity targeting youngsters at a delicate phase of development and formation of critical judgement?
- 2. Has the project sought or is it currently receiving European funding?

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¹ www.pane-rose.it/cms utilities/download.php?id bin=9715