

**Question for written answer E-001550/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transparency and fair competition in the implementation of the high-speed Torino-Lione railway line

On 22 December 2012, the French Lyon Turin Ferroviaire SAS (LTF) public body issued a tender notice for the implementation of the first nine kilometres for one of two galleries of the Torino-Lione base tunnel.

Public notice 2012/S247-408171, assigning the excavation of a reconnaissance gallery starting from the Saint-Martin-la-Porte descent, was concluded in February 2013 and construction of the reconnaissance gallery was assigned in May 2014. A group headed by French Group Spie Batignolles, of which the French Sotrabas and Eiffage TP also form part, and the Italian Cmc Cooperativa Muratori e Cementisti Ravenna, Ghella and Cogeis were awarded the tender.

Given that the Torino-Lione railway construction will also be partially funded by the European Union, could the Commission report:

1. Whether it has supervised the selection of the above contract's successful tenderer to ensure adequate conditions on competition and guarantee objective criteria and transparent rules in the selection of candidates which participated in the tender;
2. Whether it has and/or intends to implement controls on any sub-contracts to be issued by the successful company to verify the non-existence of links to organised crime?