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to the Commission**

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Subject: Corruption and major projects in Italy

A joint operation carried out by the carabinieri and Italian finance police, which was covered by various journalistic sources on 26 October, has shed light on yet another case demonstrating the increasingly common link between corruption and major projects in Italy.

The investigation, which was named 'Amalgama' and coordinated by the Public Prosecutor of Rome, uncovered corrupt conduct in securing subcontracts for the following public projects: the high-speed train (TAV) line between Milan, Genoa and Terzo Valico dei Giovi, the sixth 'Macrolotto' of the A3 motorway between Salerno and Reggio Calabria, and Pisa's People Mover monorail linking Galileo Galilei airport to the city's main railway station.

Arrests were made and a series of searches carried out in Lombardy, Lazio, Liguria, Tuscany, Piedmont, Abruzzo, Umbria and Calabria with a view to obtaining various pieces of documentation. The charges range from corruption and attempted extortion to criminal conspiracy.

In the light of the above, can the Commission say whether:

- it is aware of this situation;
- European funds are involved and, if so, what the total amount is;
- it intends to alert OLAF in order to trigger a more in-depth investigation?