

**Question for written answer E-000859/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Local residents' opposition to and dissatisfaction with the construction of the new Turin-Lyon railway line

The 24 resolutions adopted in 2010 by the local authorities and still in force expressed objections to the construction of the new international Turin-Lyon railway line.

In the following years the municipalities of Rivalta di Torino (2012), Condove (2014), Alpignano (2015), Venaria Reale (2015), Susa (2016) and the city of Turin (2016) also adopted resolutions opposing the construction of the new railway line, which demonstrates that the vast majority of municipalities affected along the route object to its construction.

The construction site at Chiomonte in Italy is currently guarded by military personnel day and night to counter local protests.

Italy and France have recently ratified the agreement to start the final construction of the cross-border stretch of the new Turin-Lyon line.

In view of the above:

- how will the Commission justify, but above all deal with, the explicit opposition of local residents in the area affected by the project in the next few months?
- does the Commission agree that work on this scale (economic, environmental and social) should have the full approval of the people directly affected, such as those living in the above-mentioned municipalities?
- will the Commission provide all the evaluations carried out and the information received from France and Italy that have led it to assume that consensus exists over the construction of the line in the areas affected?