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Subject: Invitation for a strategic discussion on the Lyon-Turin Base Tunnel project

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The Lyon-Turin Base Tunnel project is one of the most important infrastructure projects in the European Union. From the Commission's perspective, it is necessary not only for France and Italy, but for Europe as a whole, especially in the context of the EU TEN-T Mediterranean Corridor.

The European Union has supported the project for years and co-financed its numerous preparatory phases.

The project is managed in an exemplary way by a bi-national consortium, TELT, which has become the benchmark of good cooperation for other cross-border initiatives in Europe.

The joint planning of the project and the resulting application by TELT for funding under the Connecting Europe Facility 2014-2021 resulted in the award of one of the highest CEF grant, which makes 40% of the total cost of the project in its current phase. This makes the EU both an important and indispensable partner for the project's implementation.

The Commission welcomes the March 2019 publication of the remaining public procurements necessary for a timely completion of the current phase of the project, but would also like to discuss the context within which the project takes place and its future.

This is especially important having in mind the upcoming financial period 2021-2027, where the revised Connecting Europe Facility Regulation foresees a maximum co-funding of 50% in

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case of cross-border links, which can be even increased by 5% for actions implemented by integrated management structures such as TELT.

Against this background, we would like to invite you to Brussels on the 6th of June between 9:30 - 12:00 for a strategic discussion on the future of the project including its access routes, its planning and the co-financing schedules for next phases.

In order to ensure all practical arrangements, please

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Please take note that the greatest importance is attached to this meeting, not only in relation to the review of the ongoing grant agreement of the project but also with regard to the future of its implementation under the Connecting Europe Facility. This meeting will take place jointly with the French authorities and TELT.

Yours sincerely,

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