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Press release

from the Valley who resists and will never surrender, August 23rd, 2011

LARGE UNNECESSARY PROJECTS

**AUGUST 26TH THE CLIMATOLOGIST LUCA MERCALLI OPENS THE
LONG AWAITED INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN VENAUS**

**COMPARING EUROPEAN OPPOSITIONS IN ORDER TO FIND A
COMMON MOBILIZATION**

Next Friday, August 26th, the **Thematic Forum Opposing Large Unnecessary Projects** will be opened. The forum was planned on the day after the European Day against All Unnecessary Projects, December 11th, 2010. On that day the Italian No Tav Movement demonstrated in Susa, French people demonstrated in Bayonne and the Germans did the same in Stuttgart. All details about the Forum on the website www.presidioeuropa.net/11-12-2010

The Forum is part of the World Social Forum agenda¹. The No TAV Movement took part in the World Social Forum in Dakar last February.

The aim of the Forum is to compare different opposing situations in Europe and to confirm - through innovative top level topics - the category of **Large Unnecessary Projects** within political and social struggles and debate on an international level.

Delegations of movements and associations are awaited from Italy and from other Countries belonging to the European Union (France, Spain, Germany, Finland).

The event will last up to August 30th and a lot of activities, from those more stimulating for the mind - two full days of debates - to those more challenging for the body - a high altitude trekking to admire the Susa Valley. The evening will be enlivened by folk and modern music.

After having a dish of polenta all together at the NO TAV Site in Venaus, the Forum will start at 9.00 pm before the authorities who have sponsored and helped it: the Susa and Sangone Valleys Mountain Community and the Town Councils of Venaus and Bussoleno. The first speech will be given by the climatologist Luca Mercalli who will talk soon after the symbolic ribbon cutting ceremony and the brass band music performance.

The meetings and debates will take place at the Upper Secondary School in Bussoleno: the associations who take part in the Forum will introduce themselves on Saturday morning, while in the afternoon and on Sunday morning some experts and university professors will offer six fresh speeches in order to stimulate a discussion.

The topics, suggested by a mayor, by four university professors and by the most famous Italian expert of the costs of Large Projects, will range from the land management to the analysis of the costs and the life cycle of an infrastructure, from economics to philosophy, from post-normal science to politics.²

¹ WSF: http://www.forumsocialmundial.org.br/main.php?id_menu=12&cd_language=2

² *Domenico Finiguerra Land consumption, Sergio Ulgiati Hidden costs in the life cycle of large projects*, Ivan Cicconi *Large projects and post-Fordist capitalism*, Elena Camino *Post-normal science and processes of*



The Forum will end with an assembly debate that will last the whole Sunday afternoon with the aim to strengthen the links among the different associations and to create new shared and lasting activities on a European level.



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