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### THE INFRASTRUCTURE: GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Lyon-Turin line is a **new railway line** for goods and passengers that covers 270 km, 70% of which in France and 30% in Italy.

What the Lyon-Turin is

It is the central ring of the **Mediterranean Corridor**, one of the 9 axes of the European TEN-T transport network, which extends for 3,000 km, connecting 7 EU corridors from East to West.

The line is divided into three sections:

- the common cross-border stretch between Italy and France, from Susa (Piedmont) to Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne (Savoy), under the responsibility of the Italian-French public promoter TELT, whose main work is the Moncenisio base tunnel measuring 57.5 km, currently under construction
- the Italian part, from the Turin node to Bussoleno (Val di Susa), under the responsibility of RFI
- the French part, from Saint Jean de Maurienne to Lyon, under the responsibility of the SNCF.

The European Union project foresees 9 TEN-T (Trans-European Transport Network) networks to encourage the movement of people and goods via an environmentally friendly mode of transport: rail. Among these networks, there is the **Mediterranean Corridor, from Budapest** (Hungary) **to Algeciras** (southern Spain), which includes the Lyon-Turin.

Where the works are located

# The Lyon-Turin project:

- guarantees a connection, south of the Alps, between Western and central-eastern Europe;
- aims to promote economic exchanges and strengthen the competitiveness of Mediterranean European countries
- is based a **goods/passenger railway network**, which also intersects with the most important sea and river ports, major cities and airports.

The long-term strategic objective is to create the **"European underground"**, discouraging the use of road transport, in favour of lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Based on this objective, **7 tunnels** have been foreseen in Europe to facilitate the crossing of the Alps: Moncenis (57.5 km), Gottard (57 km), Brenner (56 km), Koralm (32 km), Semmering (27 km), Ceneri (15.4), Loetschberg (14.6 km).

The realization of the Lyon-Turin line is established by **four international agreements** between Italy and France (1996, 2001, 2012 and 2015, supplemented by the Additional Protocol of 2016).

Between the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017, the Italian and French parliaments ratified the agreement, which started the final works.

With this step, the decision-making procedure for the work, in Italy and France, was completed.

The participating international agreements



#### THE CROSS-BORDER STRETCH

The **cross-border section** of the Lyon-Turin line is the stretch between Susa (in Italy) and Saint Jean de Maurienne (in France); it is 65 km long, 89% of which in tunnels and most of the surface operating systems are located in areas that are already populated.

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The works schedule envisages the entry into service of the project in 2030.

The crossborder section

The current route of the cross-border section is the result of a participatory planning. In Italy it was managed by the **Lyon-Turin Observatory**, established by the Italian government in 2006 after the violent protests in Venaus against the first track of this work.

The participatory project design

At the end of 205 work sessions and 300 auditions of technicians and experts, and 10 route alternatives, a **definitive project route** was established in 2013 and approved in 2015

Moreover, the work was planned to be carried out by phases: the first phase, the so-called "low cost" project, involves: the construction of the base tunnel, the upgrading of the historical line capacity between Bussoleno and Avigliana; the construction of the mixed freight/passenger tunnel from Avigliana to the logistics platform in Orbassano; works for adapting the Turin node.

A *Débat Public* (Public Inquiry) took place in France before the works were approved, coordinated by an independent commission, regarding the feasibility of the realization of the works and the project itself. The route has been planned for all major works and involves all the stakeholders (proponents, committees, citizens, experts and all those who wish to participate).

In the case of the Lyon-Turin line, the route gained a favourable opinion.

Base tunnel

The fundamental element of the new line is **the tunnel at the base of Moncenisio**, the longest railway tunnel in the world.

It is a twin-tube single-track tunnel, it is **57.5 km long** (of which 45 km in French territory and 12.5 km in Italian territory) connecting the international stations of Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne and Susa, where it connects to the existing line.

150 years after the inauguration of the **Frejus railway tunnel** (at an altitude of 1300 m), where the current historical line passes, a turning point to comply with current transport standards.

The new tunnel transforms the current mountain line into a **plain railway**, boosting competitivity of **rail transport**. Trains that travel on the flat generate energy savings and higher speeds.

Why the tunnel

In the Italian-French section, the historic line does not currently comply with **international transport standards:** it climbs the mountain with a **slope** of up to 30‰, so the trains need up to 3 locomotives, with a 40% higher energy cost; the diameter of the old Frejus tunnel, inaugurated in 1871, is smaller than that required by current international standards and it has a single-tube which does not meet current safety standards.



### **THE WORKS**

Progress in numbers:

 over 18,5% of the 164 km of tunnels planned for the work have already been excavated, a complex machine consisting of two parallel tunnels, 4 access adits and 204 safety by-passes

the first 9 km of the base tunnel (where the trains will pass) completed in the Saint-Martin-La-Porte/La Praz construction site

- the construction site of the **temporary Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne station** is currently in operation is active, in view of the connection of the existing railway lines to the new base tunnel
- at the beginning of 2019, work began on the tranchée couverte, an artificial tunnel that will be **the entrance to the base tunnel**
- **68 km of exploratory surveys** and core borings carried out in Italy and France
- in France, the **access adits** required to start the construction sites inside the mountain have been completed: Villarodin-Bourget/Modane (4,000 m, completed in 2007), La Praz (2,480 m, completed in 2009) and Saint-Martin-la-Porte (1,800 m completed in 2016 and 2,400 m completed in 2010)
- in Italy, the **Chiomonte exploratory tunnel** (Val di Susa, 7,020 m) has been completed

Alongside the excavations, **preliminary open-air works** are also in progress, in both French territory and Italian territory

In order to proceed **on the cross-border stretch**, the new works on **the base tunnel** will commence from the access points already completed.

The 4 access adits provide access tunnels for the construction equipment and, during full capacity operations, there will be **15 excavation faces and 7 TBM moving forward simultaneously** to complete **the tunnel** through which the trains will travel.

On the **Italian side**, on 21 March 2018, the Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE) approved the Modification project for the construction sites, which involves the realization of the main activities of the work starting from Chiomonte, and not from Susa.

Overall, the current construction of this infrastructure involves **almost 800 people** of whom around 530 working in the construction sites and 250 for services and engineering companies.

During the peak of the activities, there will be **4,000 direct workers** and a same number of employed people generated in the related industries.

For the areas where the construction sites are located, **tools have been set up to support local employment:** 

- In France, the *Démarche Grand Chantier*, an exceptional device aimed at rooting projects on the territory, by means of local recruitment. It was implemented in the past for the Channel Tunnel works sites, the super nuclear reactor at Flamanville and the Seine-Nord Europe Canal.
- In Italy, the Piedmont Regional Law *Construction sites, development, territory* (4/2011), aimed at maximising the impacts with the "Pact for the Territory".

Progress report

Next steps

**Employment** 



### **WORK IN PROGRESS DETAILS**

Saint-Martin-La-Porte SMP4 (France): BASE TUNNEL (first stretch, 9 km)

France

Since the summer of 2016 until September 2019, the "Federica" TBM has been at work excavating the first 9 km of the tunnel through which the trains will pass. The French 2,400-ton TBM with the power of eight Formula 1 engines, is **progressing at an average pace of 15-20 meters a day.** Located in an old sawmill, a **segment factory**, concrete rings used to line the tunnel, is connected to the construction site.

The construction site in Savoy has witnessed **two previous operation phases** (2003-2010 and 2015 and 2016) for the construction of two access adits, respectively 2,400 m. and 1,800 m in length.

In figures:

2015-2021: timeline foreseen for the execution of works over 450 people involved

### Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne (France): STATION

Pursuant to an agreement with TELT, in January 2019 SNFC Réseau started preparatory work for the construction of a temporary station in Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne, in view of the connection of the existing railway lines to the base tunnel.

To support travellers and maintain the bus and train stations operational during the works, a **transitory multimodal exchange hub** was realized and will remain in service until the end of 2021. The structure will then become the new international station. In figures:

2019-2021: timeline foreseen for the execution of works 30 operational resources

### Saint-Julien-de-Montdenis (France): BASE TUNNEL ENTRANCE

At the beginning of 2019, work began on the *tranchée couverte*, an artificial tunnel that will be the entrance to the base tunnel. It is a "box" with a cement surface, located under the raised platforms of the A43 motorway and the RD1006 highway. In figures:

2019-2021: timeline foreseen for the execution of works 40 operational resources

# Chiomonte (Italy): BASE TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION SITE ENTRANCE

It is the **largest Italian construction site** of the Lyon-Turin project; since 2012 it has been a site of national strategic interest, and is the access point to the base tunnel works in Italy. According to the **variation to the final project** approved by the CIPE in 2018, in fact, the main construction site was positioned here to ensure minimum ground consumption, less inconvenience to citizens, as well as higher safety levels. An **expansion of the construction site** and the construction of a motorway junction on the A32, built by SITAF were foreseen to perform the base tunnel works.

In 2017 the exploratory activity aimed at gathering information on the structure of the mountain was completed, respecting the timing and environmental parameters. Site maintenance work is currently in progress along with support to the police forces. In figures:

in progress since 2013

40 people currently working at the site; this will become over 400 in peak phases.

Italy



In December 2019, the contract for the construction of the interchange niches in Chiomonte was awarded. The 40 million euro contract includes the realization of 23 niches (3 m deep and 30 to 40 m long) in the existing tunnel to facilitate the passage of construction site vehicles. The Maddalena tunnel, created for survey purposes, will be transformed into a service passage and a ventilation shaft for the base tunnel.



# **TIMING AND COSTS**

The **base tunnel** is scheduled to enter into service in **2030**.

Realization lead times

Its realization involves three phases:

- Assignments, engineering and preparatory works to be completed by 2020
- Civil works by 2026
- Plant systems and pre-operation activities by 2029

The cross-border section cost amounts to **8.6 billion EUR**, certified by the international Group Tractebel Engineering – Tuc Rail. TELT has undertaken to respect the budget, and put in place an internal monitoring system.

Costs and funding

Within the scope of the CEF-Connecting Europe Facility (EU financial instrument for European networks), in 2015 Italy and France signed the **Grant Agreement**, which establishes a European contribution of 41.08%, equal to 813.8 million EUR.

To date, around 2.5 billion EUR have been allocated to this work, of which 1.2 billion EUR have already been spent on studies and designs (funded as for 50% by the European Union, as for 25% by Italy, and as for 25% by France).

Currently there are active contracts for around 1.3 billion EUR.

The works are organised into **81 calls for tender** distributed over **12 operational** construction sites:

Tendering works

- 9 for works on the alpine crossing, subdivided by geographical area (4 in Italy and 5 in France) between the interconnections with the old line in Italy and in France;
- 2 for the enhancement of excavation materials in Italy and France
- 1 for the technological plant systems and safety.

# In detail:

- 45 calls for tender concern civil works, divided into four ranges (up to 5 million EUR, between 5 and 50 million EUR, between 50 and 500 million EUR, and between 500 million and one billion and 300 million EUR), while
- 36 calls for tender concern engineering services.

Besides the most important amounts, several contracts are foreseen to be awarded being worth less than 50 million EUR, in order to facilitate the direct participation of small and medium enterprises in the works.



### THE REASONS FOR REALIZING THE LYON-TURIN LINE

Environment Thanks to the Lyon-Turin line in service, over 1 million lorries used for international road transport will no more be present on alpine roads, thus saving 3 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year. The reduction of polluting emissions on the Alpine region is one of the primary objectives set by COP21, the Climate Conference held in Paris in 2015, during which the need to transfer 30% of freight to railways transport by 2030 and 50% of it by 2050 was reiterated. It is necessary to make the railways competitive for the transport of goods and people, Transport and increasing connectivity between Italy and the European railway networks, economics The existing historical line, climbing over 1,300 meters and with a tunnel dating back to 1871, does not meet the international transport standards and involves an energy cost, which is 40% greater than that of a line without any slope. Moreover, the Mediterranean Corridor to which the Lyon-Turin section belongs concerns 18% of the European population in regions representing 17% of the EU GDP. To support the economic development of these territories, an efficient and green infrastructure is essential. In general, cross-border projects are those that give the greatest benefit to the Italy-France European economy, with a multiplier 3 times greater than the average of the 9 TENinterchange T corridors. France and Italy are the second and third economies of the European Union and respectively the second commercial partner of one another. The economic exchange involves over 44 million tons of goods per year, mainly transported by road (92% travels on lorries), and represents a total of 81 billion EUR (Source: ISTAT 2017), almost double the trade of France with China. More trains: the project foresees 22 long-distance trains a day, compared to Advantages for the 6 TGVs travelling today on the historic line between Turin and Lyon passengers (Source: Volume 11 of the Observatory). Less travel time: Lyon-Turin (with no intermediate stops): 1h 47", against 3h 47". Milan-Paris: 4.5 hours instead of about 7 hours; Turin-Paris: about 4 hours, which is about an hour and a half less More connections: the departures-destinations will multiply for passengers on different European routes, encouraging new passengers to travel by train, using the corridors and their connections. Advantages for

 Greater interchange: with the creation of the tangible alternative to road transport, it will be possible to intercept the increase in the circulation of goods, as seen through the other Alpine passes

Greater capacity: the extended compliance with the European standard will envisage the passage of trains with capacities of up to 1,500 tons, compared to the 600-700 tons seen today

- **Ecology:** a train eliminates 60 heavy goods vehicles travelling on the road networks

- **Savings:** rail transport costs decrease over time; road costs increase.

freight transport



# THE PUBLIC PROMOTER: TELT

Tunnel Euralpin Lyon Turin is the Public Promoter in charge for the construction and management of the cross-border section of the Lyon-Turin line.

Company profile

A company established under French law on 23 February 2015 on the basis of **international agreements** that define the realization of the line itself.

The above were signed by the two founding partners: the French government and the Italian State Railways.

TELT succeeds Lyon Turin Ferroviaire (LTF SAS), former Public Promoter involving SNCF (France) and RFI (Italy), and since 2001 had been in charge of the studies, investigations and preliminary works for the shared Italo-French part.

The corporate set-up is structured as follows:

- Corporate and management setup
- 50% Ferrovie dello Stato SpA (FS) (Italian State Railways) for Italy
- 50% French State

The **Board of Directors** consists on 10 members with voting rights appointed by both countries, plus one representative of the European Commission, without voting rights.

The Board includes as observer without voting rights:

- a member from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region (France)
- a member from the Piedmont Region (Italy).

The French State appoints the Chair and the Italian State appoints the General Manager from the Board members.

The Chair of TELT is Hubert du Mesnil.

The General Manager is Mario Virano.

**163 people from both Italy and France** currently work for TELT, with an average age of 45 and with an equal distribution between genders.

Team

The team consists of 70% engineers who have worked on infrastructure projects worldwide, participating in the design and engineering of a total of 1,150 km of railways and 454 km of tunnels.

The Company has established two control bodies (the **Contracts Commission and the Permanent Monitoring Service**), which respectively monitor the tender contract awarding procedures for compliance with Community law and the correct use of the funds.

Supervisory Bodies

They are both chaired by French representatives and are composed of 12 members, 6 appointed by each government, for a renewable duration of 5 years.



### THE COMMITMENTS

TELT is part of the **United Nations Global Compact** to sustain its goals and promote its values among its stakeholders:

Global Compact

human rights international occupational standards environment fight against corruption

The Lyon-Turin project was conceived with **environmental objectives** and refers to several initiatives launched by the European Union over the years, including:

Environment

- **Alpine Convention** (1995) which foresees measures to reduce inter-alpine traffic on the road;
- **Paris Climate Conference** (2015) which encourages the reduction of greenhouse gases.

Given the current lack of competitiveness of the oldest railway tunnel in the Alps, environmental requirements do not exist. With the new line, it will be possible to reduce emissions equal to those of a city with 300 thousand inhabitants.

The environmental commitment in construction sites is achieved by 24/7 monitoring, by means of internal and external control units with tests conducted on different environmental parameters (water, dust, asbestos, radon etc.), carried out under the supervision of national control bodies.

Health

In 2017, TELT submitted its first **Health Impact Assessment (VIS)** on the Chiomonte construction site, drawn up by experts from the Occupational Medicine section of the Department of Public Health and Paediatric Sciences of the University of Turin.

The over **60,000 measurements, carried out** under the supervision of the Regional Environmental Protection Agency (ARPA), by means of which 135 parameters were monitored, within a radius of 15 km from the construction site, in parallel with the 26 control points inside the works area, did not detect any critical issue for the health of citizens and workers.

The new Lyon-Turin railway line represents the **first case in Europe of application of the anti-mafia legislation at a transnational level** regardless of the nationality of the construction sites.

Legal aspects

In 2018, the prefect of the Auvergne-Rhône Alpes Region and the prefect of Turin signed the agreement that makes the binational structure operational for anti-mafia checks on Italian and French tenders.

The two prefects work in parallel, sharing information, with the support of the respective police forces that can carry out joint checks and inspections in the construction site areas. The checks are carried out not only on the contractors, but also on the entire subcontracting chain (also for contracts worth 1 EUR).

The companies that have all their papers in order are included in a transnational White List, a sort of register of the executing entities who can work on the construction sites.



### **KEYWORDS**

**#Works** Lyon-Turin a work in progress: we have currently excavated over 17% of the total 164 km of tunnel to be completed

**#CertifiedCost** The cross-border section cost of the Lyon-Turin line amounts to 8.6 billion EUR, certified by a third-party, the Belgian grouping of companies Tractebel Engineering – Tuc Rail.

#Investments To date, 1.5 billion have already been invested in projects and works

**#GrantAgreement** Europe has allocated 813.8 million EUR to the Lyon-Turin base tunnel in the financing program regulated in the Grant Agreement, a contribution of 41.08%

**#Mafiafree** Lyon-Turin: the first case in Europe of transnational application of the anti-mafia legislation. A single White List, verifications appointed to a binational structure coordinated by the prefects, monitoring along the entire supply chain of contracts and subcontracts, including companies from third countries

**#GlobalCompact** TELT is committed to integrating 10 fundamental principles within its management mechanism and project implementation activities, which will extend to all French and Italian companies and institutions involved in the Lyon-Turin line

**#Federica** French 2,400 ton TBM with the power of eight Formula 1 engines. It advances by around 15 m a day in a particularly delicate area of the Alps

**#Environment** The Lyon-Turin line will generate savings of 3 million tons of Co2 per year: emissions of 1 million heavy goods vehicles

**#Environment** In Chiomonte there are no major critical issues on over 75,000 measurements of 135 environmental parameters, monitored 24/7 by 66 control units within a radius of 15 km around the construction site

# ReteTEN-T The Lyon-Turin line is the heart of the Mediterranean Corridor of the TEN-T network, the new European underground, which serves 18% of the EU population, in Regions that represent 17% of European GDP

# ReteTEN-T The completion of the TEN-T network by 2030 is worth 1.8% of European GDP and 10 million jobs.