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Dear Mr Venini,

Mr. Brinkhorst and I would like to thank you for your letter of the 23rd of July last in which you express your concerns about the Italian application for the call of proposals for the Trans European Networks.

At this moment, it is impossible for me to comment on the content of the joint Italian-French application for the Lyon-Turin stretch of priority project 6, as these proposals are still sealed. However, during the meeting Vice-President Barrot had with Minister Di Pietro on the 18th of July, the minister very clearly stated that no decisions regarding the final path of the train line on Italian territory had been made. In fact, he stated that this would only be possible after continued work of the Technical Observatory of the Valley of Susa and in agreement with the parties represented in the Observatory.

Whatever the final decision regarding the alignment is, all the usual procedures regarding environmental impact assessment will still need to be followed by the Italian authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Scheele