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## Cross Border Section of the New Lyon-Turin Rail Link û Mont Cenis Base Tunnel (TBM)

**2014-EU-TM-0401-M**

Mediterranean

### Multi-Annual Call Funding Objective 1

#### Member State(s) involved:

France, Italy

#### (Coordinating) Applicant:

Ministere de l'Ecologie, du Developpement  
Durable et de l'Energie

#### Implementation schedule:

Start date: January 2014  
End date: December 2020

#### Requested funding:

Total eligible costs:	€3 060 000 000
Requested funding:	€1 276 280 000
Requested EU support:	41.71%

#### Recommended funding:

Recommended total eligible costs:	€1 981 000 000
Recommended funding:	€813 781 900
Recommended EU support:	41.08%



The existing railway line from France and Italy runs through the Alps with heavy rail traffic. However, it is a mountain line which has limited traffic performance. The proposed Action will develop a new rail network between France and Italy for wide gauge heavy freight, rolling motorway and high speed passenger trains. It is part of a Global Project on the development of a cross-border rail network to link Europe from east to west. The Action forms a key part of the Mediterranean Core Network Corridor. Activities include the completion of geological studies, works in Saint-Jean de Maurienne and Susa valleys (including international stations and respective connections to the historical line) and works at the Mont-Cenis Base Tunnel. The Action will rebalance the European economy and competitiveness and strengthen the transport network within Europe, enhancing its overall efficiency, safety and security.

### Evaluation Remarks

The Action in its reduced scope is highly relevant and demonstrates a strong EU added value as it addresses a cross-border section filling a missing link along the Mediterranean Core Corridor and linking east-west and north-south European axes. Maturity is very well addressed, with strong political commitment and a well-defined tender timeline. Works do not depend on the completion of ongoing studies. The impact is very good, as studies will be used to develop best practices for the project implementation. The Action shows very strong socio-economic benefits. The Action is of very good quality in its completeness, clarity and logic.