



Oben bleiben! A sarà dura! On ne lâche pas! Stop unnecessary and imposed mega projects!

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Press Release

Third European Forum in Stuttgart expects 800 participants

After the successful forums 2011 in the Susa Valley and 2012 in Notre Dame des Landes, Stuttgart expects 800 participants from all over Europe to take part in the *Third European Forum Against Unnecessary and Imposed Mega Projects* starting Thursday, July 25th 2013.

The initiatives coming to the forum fight against mega projects like the rail tunnel in the Susa Valley, the high-speed train line between London and Birmingham, the mega-airport near Nantes and the underground railway train station Stuttgart 21.

Initiatives like NO TAV and No Grandi Navi from Italy, ACIPA from France, HS2 from England and attac from Germany and France will discuss the causes, background and social context of mega projects which serve the private sector to use public money in their own interest. Mega projects contradict public interests and are implemented with brutal police actions and repression of opponents.

The participants will discuss alternatives to mega projects and coordinate the protest and resistance against unnecessary and imposed mega projects in Europe and beyond. At the forum a resolution will be passed to rescue the environmental and social basis of people's lives.

Workshops and panel discussions are offered by Tiziano Cardosi of *No TAV Firenze*, Winfried Wolf from the German alliance *Bahn für alle*, the environmental activist Cécile Lecomte, Elena Gerebizza from the Campaign *Reform the World Bank*, the sociologist and publicist Jutta Ditzfurth, the author and critics of capitalism Tomasz Koniecz and Gerd Rathgeb from *Poema*.

Topics are among others:

- *The economic reasons for Mega Projects*, panel discussion with Tomasz Koniecz and Tiziano Cardosi.
- *On the role of mega projects within the turnaround in energy policy*: What ideological and economical forces are determining mega projects of the so called turnaround in energy policy?
- *Nuclear energy in the EU*: plans, positions, opposition.
- *Save Rosia Montana Campaign* (Romania) against the gold mining project.
- *Anti-nuclear movement - results and perspectives*: nuclear power plants are useless mega projects jeopardising the public good. The fusion reactor ITER in the Rhone Valley is such a mega project, with Cécile Lecomte, Michael Wilk and others.
- *Upheaval in Turkey*. The Gezi-Park commune. Presentation by Volkan Yaraşır (writer).

International bands from the resistance movement as well Superjam, Borna, Ruby Shock, BrokenBase, Les Salicornes, L'égotrip, Sofortmusik and La Rodena will accompany the forum.

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