



Open letter to the Pre-Summit of G20 representatives, from European Union and world countries, meeting in Genoa on the 27th and 28th September to define the infrastructures to be built over the world.

Welcome to Genoa,

As we were waiting for you, as representatives of the polluted people of this city, we have been thinking which kind of structures we would need in order to reach well-being and health and on which criteria and modalities they should be chosen.

Being in Genoa, we could not avoid discussing how to turn our Port into a source of wellbeing and safe work for the majority, without pollution risks and not, as it is now, a source of profit for the usual few.

About that, we send an attachment to you with specific notes on the mechanisms and “infrastructures” that should be present in all the ports of the Mediterranean sea and internationally, and on the rules that should be adopted and enforced in order to become really “green”, with a low impact on the climate, the sea and the inhabitants of the cities. The problems of Genoa are for sure present also in all your countries, the Group of 20, and in those other countries, which aspire to have better living conditions.

The incumbent climate catastrophe, which involves with no distinction the whole humanity and all the living beings, needs from your part, courageous, far-sighted and altruistic choices.

The challenge is immense; it was never faced before and cannot be lost.

It is not possible just to speak generically about sustainable development, resilience, ecological transition and not to change anything in concrete about production models, trading, consumerism, financial markets. The era of the persistent priorities given at any cost to the growth and to the GDP increase must come to an end. A new revolution must be achieved: the ecological one.

The Ecological Revolution impose alternative and focused priorities: a fair and balanced use and distribution of the resources for the whole humanity, the reduction of the waste of energy, materials and food by the richest countries, ours, and the rejection of war by all the countries.

The infrastructures that we shall build must:

- facilitate the quick stop to fossil fuels,
- produce and use only renewable energy, in more sober way, able to continue in the millennia to come,
- identify more efficient and less impacting ways to trade goods and transport people.

It is extremely important to recognize the value of the essential materials, which make up products and goods, so that, after a fair time-lapse and through the adequate mechanisms and tools, can be retrieved and recycled.

Moreover, you have to take care of the buildings and infrastructures that already exist and host us: houses and cities, which, at all latitudes, shall be pleasant to live, green oasis able to respond to the climatic extreme events.

In order to implement all that, a radical change in terms of methods and processes adopted until now is due. Transparent and participated choices are needed, which are respectful of norms and laws established for health and environment protection, such as those that the European Union started to discuss.

Finally, we ask to the representatives of the European Union to establish independent Observatories that evaluate the environmental impact of the projects approved, within the framework of the “Next Generation EU” and, in

particular, that these projects do not harm the biodiversity, the ecosystem, the environmental matrices and the population.

For specific Green Ports proposals see Annex 1.

Thank you for all you will be able to do!

On behalf of all the polluted people

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The President