

ENGLISH VERSION **Appeal**

A 380.000 volt long-distance power line from Lienz to Cordignano above the Wood of Cansiglio!

The latest news on the local press seems to confirm that a new ravaging “public” work will be realised above the Wood of Cansiglio, despite the promises of the Regional Administrators who had excluded this possibility and now shed tears while declaring themselves against the long-distance power line. Yet, at the same time, they seem to accept, with hypocrisy and without saying a word, the diktat of Society and probably of the Government.

A real electric highway, the power line is expected to run from Lienz down to Fadalto. Then it should climb Mount Pizzoc and reach Cordignano after crossing woods and pastures. Its 60-metre high pylons will cause incalculable harm not only to the environment but also to the project to establish a new national park and, in the end, to the sustainable development of the territory which centres on eco-tourism, organic farming and local products.

The Triennial Programme of Development proposed by GRTN Company includes the realisation of two power lines destined for the exchange and import of electric energy from those countries where it is cheaper than in Italy: the first one will run for 50 km. (35 in Italy) from San Fiorano in Switzerland to Robbia in Italy; the second line will run for 180 km. (80 in Italy) from the city of Lienz in Austria to Cordignano in Italy.

Concentrated upon local disputes, nobody would expect such a severe blow among all the possible threats to the Wood of Cansiglio !! Now we have to cope with a “European” long-distance power line whose project of realization stands as a symbol of the logic according to which the north-east of Italy is being devastated in the name of business.

Nothing more than an obstacle to avoid, the Wood of Cansiglio is being reduced to a mere geographical expression.

For these reasons, we call on everybody’s commitment against this unbelievable project.

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