

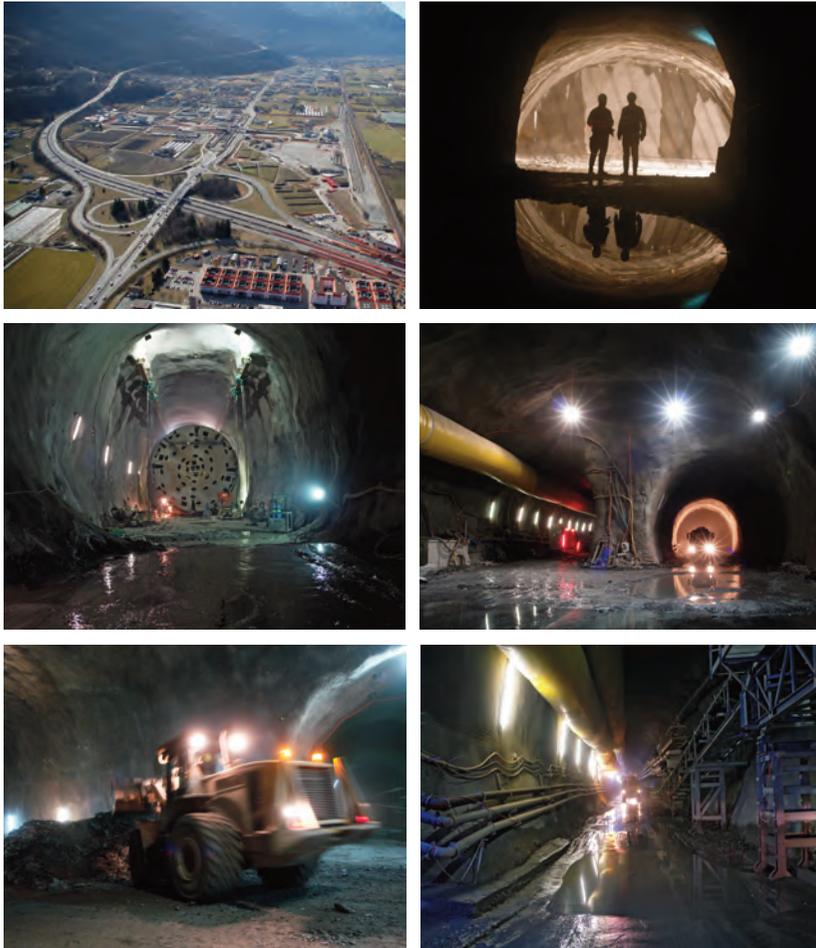
Due to the visit into the tunnel, the number of participant is limited to 40. The visit is offered by the ROSE School and the available placed will be distributed on first come – first served basis. Those wishing to attend the visit should contact the ROSE School Secretariat.

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Technical Visit

The Alptransit Project The Gotthard and Ceneri Base Tunnels

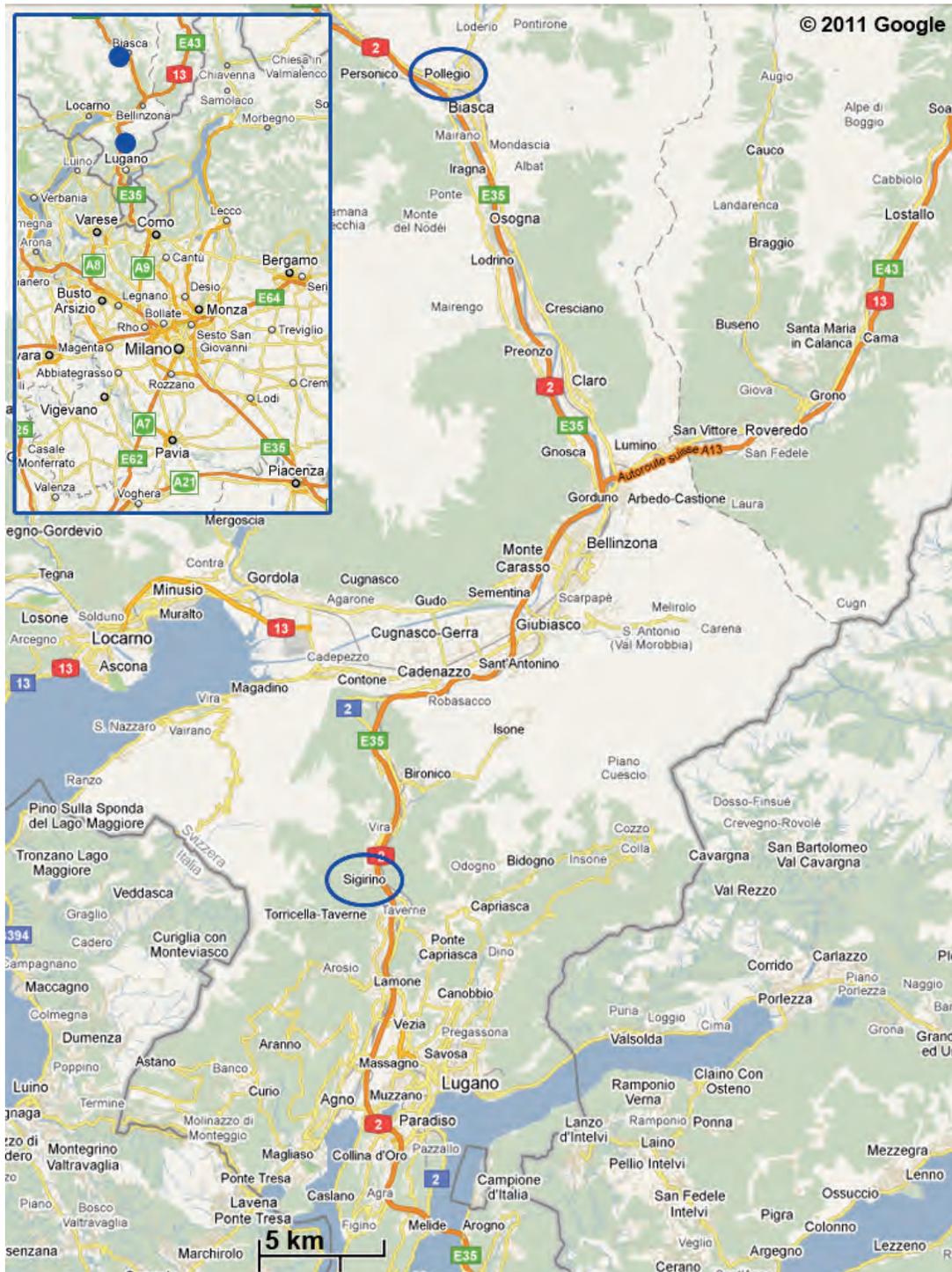
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■ Programme of the Technical visit to the Alptransit Project

The Alptransit project shall create a high speed railways link between north and south Europe through the Alps (www.alptransit.ch/en). Heart of the project is the new Gotthard Base Tunnel. With a length of 57 km it is the longest railway tunnel in the world. The excavation has just been completed while operation will start around 2017. The visit is subdivided in two parts that will provide insight into the challenges faced by engineers and miners to complete this key structure for Switzerland and Europe.

During the first part we will visit the Alptransit information centre at the south portal of the Gotthard Base Tunnel located in Pollegio to get an overview of the whole project. Afterwards we will move to Sigirino for the lunch and for the presentation and the visit to the Ceneri Base Tunnel. With a length of 15.4 km it is the second longest tunnel of the project. On Mai 1, 2011, 12.66 of the total 39.78 km, i.e. 31.8%, of excavations needed for the tunnel were completed, hence the at this stage a visit is particularly interesting.

■ Schedule

08:00	Meeting at Eucentre
08:15	Departure from Pavia
08:15 – 10:30	Transfer Pavia-Pollegio
10:30 – 12:00	General presentation of the Alptransit Project and visit to the permanent exhibition at the visitors centre in Pollegio, the south portal of the Gotthard Base Tunnel
12:15 – 12:45	Transfer Pollegio – Sigirino
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch at the canteen of Sigirino construction site of the Ceneri Base Tunnel
14:30 – 15:30	Technical presentation of the Ceneri Base Tunnel project
15:30 – 17:00	Visit to the Ceneri Base Tunnel
17:15	Departure from Sigirino
17:15 – 18:45	Transfer Sigirino – Pavia
19:00	Arrival at Eucentre and end of the visit

■ Notes

All presentations will be given in English. If you wish to attend the technical visit please make sure to have the correct documents to enter Switzerland. These vary from nationality to nationality.