Consider a simplified learning scenario. Assume that the input dimension is one. Assume that the input variable x is uniformly distributed in the interval $[-1, 1]$. The data set consists of 2 points $\{x_1, x_2\}$ and assume that the target function is $f(x) = x^2$. Thus, the full data set is $D = \{(x_1, x_1^2), (x_2, x_2^2)\}$. The learning algorithm returns the line fitting these two points as $g(H$ consists of functions of the form $h(x) = ax + b)$. We are interested in the test performance (E_{out}) of our learning system with respect to the squared error measure, the bias and the var.

(a) Give the analytic expression of the average function $\bar{g}(x)$.

- Considering $g^D(x) = ax_i + b$, we need to find a and b
- We have $E_{in}(g) = \sum_{i=1}^{2}[x_i^2 - (ax_i + b)]^2$
- Derivative w.r.t a, $\frac{\partial E_{in}(g)}{\partial a} = -2\sum_{i=1}^{2} x_i(x_i^2 - ax_i - b) = x_1(x_1^2 - ax_1 - b) + x_2(x_2^2 - ax_2 - b) = 0$
- Derivative w.r.t b, $\frac{\partial E_{in}(g)}{\partial b} = -2\sum_{i=1}^{2}(x_i^2 - ax_i - b) = (x_1^2 - ax_1 - b) + (x_2^2 - ax_2 - b) = 0$
- Multiply the second derivative by x_1 and subtract from first derivative, we get $x_2^2 - ax_2 - b = 0$
- Multiply the second derivative by x_2 and subtract from first derivative, we get $x_1^2 - ax_1 - b = 0$
- To get a, substitution by $b = x_2^2 - ax_2$ yeilds:

  $$x_1^2 - ax_1 - x_2^2 - ax_2 = 0$$

  $$x_1^2 - x_2^2 - a(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

  $$(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 + x_2) - a(x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

  $$(x_1 - x_2)[(x_1 + x_2) - a] = 0$$

  $$a = x_1 + x_2$$
- Substitute by $a = x_1 + x_2$ to get b:

  $$x_2^2 - (x_1 + x_2)x_2 - b = 0$$

  $$x_2(x_2 - x_1 - x_2) = b$$

  $$b = -x_1x_2$$
- Now, we have $g^D(x) = (x_1 + x_2)x_i - x_1x_2$
- To get the average function,
  $\bar{g}(x) = E_D[g^D(x)] = E_D[(x_1 + x_2)x_i - x_1x_2] = \int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}(x_1 + x_2)dx_1dx_2.\, x_i - \int_{-1}^{1}\int_{-1}^{1}(x_1x_2)$

(b) Describe an experiment that you could run to determine (numerically) $\bar{g}(x)$, E_{out}, bias and var.

In [71]:
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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt


f = lambda x: x**2

def g(x1, x2, x):
    return (x1 + x2) * x + (-1 * x1 * x2)

def get_sample_x():
    return np.random.uniform(-1, 1, 1)[0]

def g_bar(x, samples):
    gs = [g(get_sample_x(), get_sample_x(), x) for _ in range(sample
s)]
    avg_g = np.mean(gs)
    return avg_g, np.var(gs), (avg_g - f(x))**2

def expirement(samples):
    fs = []
    gs = []
    var = []
    bias = []
    eout = []
    xs = np.linspace(-1, 1, samples)

    for x in xs:
        g_avg, g_var, g_bias = g_bar(x, samples)
        es = [(g(get_sample_x(), get_sample_x(), x) - f(x))**2 for _
in range(samples)]
        e_avg = np.mean(es)

        fs.append(f(x))
        gs.append(g_avg)
        var.append(g_var)
        bias.append(g_bias)
        eout.append(e_avg)

    return xs, fs, gs, np.mean(var), np.mean(bias), np.mean(eout)
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(c) Run your experiment and report the results. Compare E_{out} with bias + var. Provide a plot of your $\bar{g}(x)$ and $f(x)$ (on the same plot).

In [72]:
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xs, fs, gs, avg_var, avg_bias, avg_eout = expirement(1000)

print('Eout: ', avg_eout)
print('Bias: ', avg_bias)
print('Variance: ', avg_var)
print('Bias + Variance: ', avg_var+avg_bias)

plt.plot(xs, fs, color='red', label='Target Function')
plt.plot(xs, gs, color='green', label='Average Function')
plt.legend(['Target Function', 'Average Function'])
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Eout:  0.5333415268501912
Bias:  0.200488797593963
Variance:  0.3332548404557915
Bias + Variance:  0.5337436380497544
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Out[72]:
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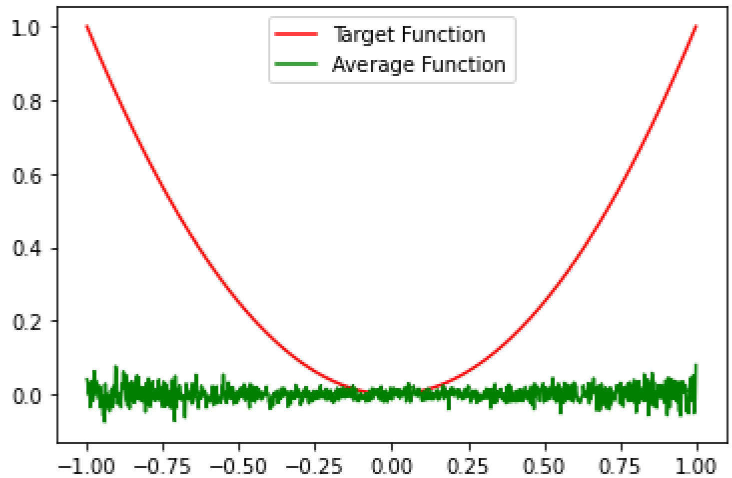

We can see that the value of Bias + Varias is very close to the out-of-sample error E_{out}