



PRESS RELEASE

CIRCLE Group announces a new Port Services and Extended Port Community System (PCS) project for more than €650,000

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Circle S.p.A. ("**CIRCLE**" or "**the Company**") - Innovative SME listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market at the head of the Group of the same name specializing in the process, analysis and the development of solutions for the digitalization of the port and intermodal logistics sectors and in international consultancy on the Green Deal and energy transition issues – announces the Extended Port Community System (PCS) project, a system designed for the enhancement of the system within the port community, which assumes a server role for service delivery and establishes interoperability standards. It is an approach that will facilitate cooperation between the Port System Authority and other Port Community actors, improving operational efficiency.

This project initiative, which started in November, will be fully completed by June 2026, with revenues generated over €650,000. The project's objectives are many, such as establishing a data model and interoperability standards for the port community, encouraging the reuse of existing modules to improve service efficiency, and promoting integrated information management among the various actors involved in the port system.

Thus, the system envisages various functionalities that aim to optimise the management of the entry and exit of vehicles from the port, the optimisation of spaces in common areas, and the simplification of the sending and receipt of booking requests for the temporary storage of goods, in favour of the entire port community and taking into account the specificities of the operators, the traffic and the type of port.

Firstly, a module dedicated to the analytical and statistical processing of traffic data will be activated, using information from different interfaces and supporting a multi-port logic. In addition, the project will enable the monitoring of ship arrival and departure data (VESSELS), integrating information from the PMIS system and automating the reception of ship-to-shore news. Functionality will also be implemented to manage road operations (VEHICLES), including integrations with WS services that will allow the consultation of operation history. Among other functionalities, the reception and management of advance notice of entry will be implemented, with interconnection to third-party systems to facilitate checks at the gate. Finally, the registration of drivers data (PEOPLE), including identification documents, will be activated, with integration into access systems to monitor transit.



Luca Abatello, **Circle Group President and CEO**, commented: *'The Extended PCS project is a fundamental step towards enhancing the port system, facilitating collaboration between the Port Authority and other port stakeholders, while contributing to the goals of traffic optimisation, emissions reduction and energy transition. This innovative approach will set new standards in terms of operational efficiency within the port community. We are excited to launch this initiative which, with the support of advanced technologies, will allow for smoother integration of information and better monitoring of port operations. We are confident that the project can help evolving the way we manage and monitor maritime, road and transit traffic within the port, creating efficiency for operators and attractiveness for new traffic.'*

This press release is available in the Investor Relations section of the website www.circlegroup.eu and at www.1info.it.

Founded in Genoa in 2012, **Circle S.p.A.** is the Innovative SME at the head of the **CIRCLE Group**, the Group specialising in the analysis and development of products for the **innovation and digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors and in the international consultancy on topics concerning the Green Deal and energy transition.**

In addition to Circle, the Group includes the software houses **Info.era**, **NEXT Freight** (formerly 'Adele Project') and **Cargo Start**, acquired at the end of 2017, July 2019 and December 2022 respectively, the consulting companies **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, the NewCo **NEXT Customs**, as well as the subsidiary **ACCUDIRE**.

The synergies between the individual components of the CIRCLE Group have made it possible to expand the portfolio of solutions offered in the areas of IoT, Optimisation, Digital Twin, Big Data and Process Automation, and to strengthen the software products: **Milos®** - a suite aimed at all players in intermodal logistics such as inland terminals, port terminals, ports, MTOs and maritime agencies -, the Extended Port Community System, the **Master SPED®** and **Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility** solutions, dedicated respectively to freight forwarding and logistics and to trade and industry, as well as **Star Tracking®**, an airport-to-airport tracking solution.

To complete the offer in the Supply Chain area, the so-called '**Federative Services**' able to make the migration of customers towards a digital business model more efficient and offered in cloud mode.

Through **Magellan Circle** (with offices in Porto and Brussels) and **Magellan Circle Italy**, Circle operates in the field of advocacy at European Institutions, supporting Public Bodies and Companies by identifying their positioning at a European level (**Strategic Communication and Advocacy**) and funding opportunities (**Eu Funding Accelerator**), with a vertical focus on Green Deal and energy transition issues.

The acquisition of the 51% of shares of **Cargo Start** in December 2022, a company specialising in the development and sale of innovative technological products and services for air cargo, allowed Circle to strengthen its offering in a rapidly expanding segment that is strategic to the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial path.

Circle leads the **Log@Sea** business network, which is instrumental in enhancing the offer of advanced **Gate Automation** solutions aimed at port and intermodal nodes.

In December 2023, Circle subscribed to a capital increase equal to 20% of the share capital of ACCUDIRE, an Innovative Startup from Veneto that provides a **Collaborative Digital Platform** capable of helping players along global Supply Chains in



the exchange of information and in the management of document flows accompanying goods shipments, starting first and foremost with the **e-CMR** (or electronic waybill, part of an international standard and transposition law just approved by the Italian Parliament).

Finally, in February 2024 Circle established the NewCo **NEXT Customs**, dedicated to digital customs optimisation services and functional to the continuation of initiatives aimed at the harmonisation of customs processes, a highly strategic area for the evolution of the **Connect 4 Agile Growth path**.

Circle S.p.A. has been listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market of Borsa Italiana since October 26, 2018 (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ISIN code ordinary shares: IT. 0005344996).

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