



## **PRESS RELEASE**

CIRCLE Group receives confirmation of another important project for federated services along the multimodal logistics chain in the amount of € 290,000

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CIRCLE S.p.A. ("CIRCLE" or the "Company") - an Innovative SME listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market, heading the Group specialized in the process analysis and the development of solutions for the digitalization of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in the international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition topics − announces the start of a major project for consultancy and implementation of federated services in the view of a strong data sharing along the multimodal supply chain, amounting to € 290,000 over nine months. This project represents a fundamental step towards the achievement of supply chain objectives in line with what is outlined in the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRP).

The consultancy will focus on several strategic areas, which are crucial for the definition and implementation of the new interoperability model. The main activities include: Technical and Architectural Support, offered as a specialised support activity for the definition of the components, which guarantees an in-depth analysis and adequate design for the new logistics model; the Development of APIs and Services; and the Consolidation of the Data Set. This step becomes crucial in order to expand the regulated data set, consolidating de facto industry standards and helping to streamline traffic and improve the coordination of logistics flows.

'In a context of increasing digitisation and innovation in the logistics sector,' comments Luca Abatello, **CEO of Circle Group**, 'our aim is to support all players in the creation of federated services that not only meet current needs, but are also ready for future logistics challenges. Digitisation and interoperability are crucial for a system that aspires to be more efficient and responsive. We are very pleased to embark on this further stretch of the journey towards innovation and modernisation of Italian logistics and to contribute to a more connected and collaborative future.'

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Founded in Genoa in 2012, **Circle S.p.A.** is the Innovative SME at the head of the <u>CIRCLE Group</u>, 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 <u>Log@Sea</u> 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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