



PRESS RELEASE

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Genoa, October 20th, 2020

CIRCLE Group, specialized in the analysis and development of automation and digitalization solutions for the port and intermodal logistics sectors headed by **Circle S.p.A.** - parent company listed on the AIM Italia market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana - communicates the start of ***Connecting EU Insights***, the 4 day virtual event dedicated to the shipping industry and its transition towards the Green New Deal and related challenges.

Fully digital and in English language, the event has been conceived and organized by Connecting EU, the Business Unit of CIRCLE Group which supports Public Entities and Companies by identifying their positioning at European level (*EU Branding*) and funding opportunities (*Project Anticipation*).

Connecting EU Insights is off to start on Monday, October 26th and will take place until Thursday 29th October with a rich program of digital conferences and interviews entirely available for free.

Many are the leading companies and organisations involved: **Central Adriatic Sea Port Authority System, Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority System, Eastern Ligurian Sea Port Authority System, Center-North Tyrrhenian Sea Port Authority**



System, Italian Customs and Monopolies Agency, Assiterminal, European Commission, Fincantieri, Fundacion Valenciaport, Grimaldi Group, Hyperion, IMDO, INEA, International Windship Association, Laghezza, LCA Law Firm, Italian Minister of Infrastructures and Transports, Port of Barcelona, Porto do Ystad, Propeller Club of Antwerp, Regione Liguria, RINA, Smart Green Shipping Alliance, Snam, SRM - Centro Studi Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo, Bocconi University and University of Turku.

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“Futuro e portualità: be smart, go digital” will be then the title of an event sponsored by **LCA** Law Firm and scheduled for Tuesday 27th October.

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The Chairman of *Connecting EU Insights* will be **Alexio Picco**, EU Funding Expert and Managing Director at CIRCLE Group.



All events, in chronological order:

Evolutionary Customs Corridors: AI and digitalisation for sustainability, port efficiency and cargo security

26 Oct | 12:00 p.m. - 01:30 p.m.

Panelists:

- Astrid Schlewing, Digital Transport and Logistics Forum - DG MOVE
- Frank Janssens, Consultant on Trade Facilitation, Customs Digitalisation and Single Window establishment
- Matteo Paroli, Managing Director – Central Adriatic Ports Authority
- Danilo Bottone, Head of Organisation, Research and Digital Transition Office - Organisation and Digital Transition Directorate, Italian Customs and Monopolies Agency
- Andrea Lagomarsini, CTO, Senior Software Architect and Developer - Hyperion

Is Hydrogen the new LNG?

26 Oct | 05:00 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.

Panelists:

- Cosma Panzacchi, EVP BU Hydrogen - Snam
- Stefano Socci, Executive Vice President Transport & Infrastructure Consulting & Design - RINA
- Josep Sanz-Argent, R&D – Energy Transition - Fundació Valenciaport
- Massimo Debenedetti, Vice President Research & Innovation - Fincantieri S.p.A.

Arctic Route: challenges and opportunities

27 Oct | 08:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Scientific Partner SRM - Centro Studi Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo

Panelists:

- Mark Scheerlinck, President - Propeller Club – Port of Antwerp
- Alessandro Panaro, Head of maritime & mediterranean economy dept. - SRM - Centro Studi Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo
- Tomi Solakivi, Asst. Professor (Tenure Track), Maritime Business & Policy Operations & Supply Chain Management -Turku School of Economics at the University of Turku
- Markku Mylly, CEO - MyNavix



Infrastructural enhancement and increase of land and port capacity to connect Mediterranean ports

27 Oct | 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Panelists:

- Francesco Maria di Majo, President of the Center-North Tyrrhenian Sea Port Authority System
- Carles Rúa Costa, Responsible for strategic projects and innovation at Port of Barcelona
- Kyprianou Paul, External Relations Manager at Grimaldi Group
- Elena Jenaro, Project Manager at INEA

Futuro e portualità: be smart, go digital

Sponsorship LCA Studio Legale

27 Oct

Panelists:

- Davide Magnolia, Partner LCA Studio Legale
- Gianluca De Cristofaro, Partner LCA Studio Legale
- Alessandro Laghezza, CEO Laghezza
- Federica Montaresi, Head of Special Projects, Innovation and Institutional Relations Port Authority of the Eastern Ligurian Sea*
- Alessandro Ferrari, Direttore Assiterminal

Interview with the Coordinator: Carlo Secchi, Atlantic Corridor Coordinator

27 Oct | 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Interview with the Coordinator: Kurt Bodewig, Motorways of the Sea Coordinator

28 Oct | 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wind Propulsion: the next big thing

28 Oct | 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Panelists:

- Gavin Allwright, Secretary International Windship Association (IWSA)
- Diane Gilpin, Founder & CEO of Smart Green Shipping Alliance



Intermodality, Digitisation & Green Tech: the EU pathway of the Ports of Genoa. Vamp Up & E-Bridge EU Projects

29 Oct | 09:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Panelists:

- Paolo Emilio Signorini, President - Port Authority of the Western Ligurian Sea
- Paweł Wojciechowski, Coordinator for the Rhine-Alpine Corridor
- Representative from MIT*
- Julian Espina, Project Manager - INEA
- Oliviero Baccelli, Academic Fellow of Università Bocconi - PTSCLAS
- Alberto Pozzobon, Marketing Manager - Port Authority of the Western Ligurian Sea
- Luca Abatello, CEO - Circle Group
- Francesca Moglia, EU Policy Office - Port Authority of the Western Ligurian Sea
- Jacopo Riccardi, European Project Manager - Regione Liguria

Docks the Future presents the Network of Excellence

29 Oct | 04:00 p.m. - 05:00 p.m.

Panelists:

- Paul Brewster, Adviser - European Policy, Irish Maritime Development Office
- Agneta Nilsson, Senior Manager EU Coordinator - Port of Ystad

* to be confirmed

[Agenda and registration here](#)

CIRCLE S.P.A.

Established in Genoa in June 2012, **Circle S.p.A.** is the company heading the homonymous group, specialized in the **analysis and development of automation and digitalization solutions for the port and intermodal logistics sectors**. The acquisition, at the end of 2017, of 51% of Info.era guaranteed the strengthening of the related **Milos®** and **Sinfomar®** software products, focused on the intermodal logistics sector, inland terminals and port terminals, ports (Port Community System of the Port of Trieste, in example), as well as to MTOs and maritime agencies. During 2019 Circle is further strengthening the solutions portfolio, in the IOT, Optimization, Digital Twin, Big Data, Process Automation sectors and, in July 2019, Circle has acquired 100% of Progetto Adele, a software house specialized in the development of vertical software systems on the Supply Chain with the two **Master SPED** and **Master TRADE** solutions, respectively dedicated to shipping and logistics, and commerce and industry. Furthermore, through the Connecting EU Business Unit, Circle supports Public Entities and Companies by identifying their positioning at European level (**EU Branding**) and funding opportunities (**Project Anticipation**). From October 26th, 2018 Circle is listed on the AIM Italia market of Borsa



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