

## PRESS RELEASE

CIRCLE GROUP: with Magellan Circle among the members of international consortium of "*PIONEERS*" project

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**CIRCLE Group**, the Group specialized in the analysis and development of innovation and digitalization solutions for the port and intermodal logistics sectors headed by <u>Circle S.p.A.</u>, listed on the AIM Italia market organized and managed by Borsa Italiana, will be among the members of international consortium of "*PIONEERS*" project with its subsidiary Magellan Circle.

Aimed at reducing GHG emissions in ports, the project – which is scheduled to depart in October 2021 for a duration of 5 years - has obtained **EUR 25 million investment as part of the European Green Deal Horizon 2020 program**.

Magellan Circle, whose contract is worth **818,000 Euro**, will be in charge of "**Cross cooperation, Communication & Dissemination**" activities, with the creation and management of digital communication channels, promotional materials, the organization of events and clustering initiatives with other major projects.

Alexio Picco, Managing Director at CIRCLE Group and President at Magellan Circle stated: "The project is one the first strategic financing supported by the European Commission in view of the Green Deal and energy transition that aims to make the ports new transport and energy hubs. Our participation is therefore equally strategic and allows us to be for the next five years at the center of this new green "revolution".

The project confirms the importance of "Connect 4 Agile Growth | Strategic Road Map 2024" parth, which saw at the end of May 2021 the finalization of the joint venture



agreement with Magellan, now Magellan Circle.

Together with Magellan Circle, they will participate to the consortium, under the coordination of the Port of Antwerp, ports, terminals and transport operators, shippers, University research institutes, technological providers and public agencies.

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Besides Circle, belong to the Group software houses **Info.era** and **Progetto Adele**, purchased respectively at the end of 2017 and in July 2019.

Synergies between Circle, Info.era and Progetto Adele allowed the Group to expand the portfolio of solutions offered in the fields of IoT, Optimisation, Digital Twin, Big Data and Process Automation, and to strenghten its software products: **Milos®** - the suite for all players of intermodal logistics such as inland terminals, port terminals, ports, MTOs and shipping agencies, **Sinfomar** - Port Community System -, **Master SPED®** and **Master TRADE®** solutions - respectively dedicated to shipping and logistics, and to commerce and industry.

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Lastly, Circle leads <u>Log@Sea</u>, network of enterprises to enhance its evolved solutions for Gate Automation of ports and intermodal hubs.



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