

# Agenda

Corporate Overview and Financials

Market Trends and Competitive Positioning

• Strategic Roadmap 2021-2024

# Corporate overview and Financials

# Corporate overview Highlights

Circle Group is an international player specialised in providing innovative technological solutions for automation and digitalisation of the entire supply chain, with distinctive vertical skills in the port and intermodal logistics sectors. Through a vertically integrated business model, the Group completes its offering with services supporting its clients in gathering European funding and achieving a strategic positioning at European level.

# Since October 2018

Listed on AIM Italia

#### 3 main products

**Milos**®: innovative software focused on intermodal logistic operations dedicated to inland and port terminals, MTOs and maritime agencies

**Sinfomar®**: Extended Port Community System connecting all players and processes involved in a port

**MasterSped**®: evolutive platform for customs operators

#### More than 30%

of revenues (Circle) realised outside Italy; focus on South Europe, Mediterranean area, Black Sea and Middle East

# 2 main EU services

**Project Anticipation**: support to Public and Private entities achieving strategic objectives exploiting EU funds

**EU Branding:** company positioning and visibility on the international market aimed at strengthening the relations and business proposals in Europe

#### 80+

direct employees and a network of collaborators

# 4 successful M&A since end of 2017

**51% of Info.Era** , specialised in software development with a deep experience in port sector with Sinfomar®

**100% of Progetto Adele,** specialised in the development of vertical software systems for the Supply Chain

**51% of Log@Sea,** company network specialised in logistic nodes automation using OCR and IOT technologies

51% of Magellan, EU business

Revenues € 7.4 mln
(+23% vs 2019)

Adj Ebitda € 1.3 m

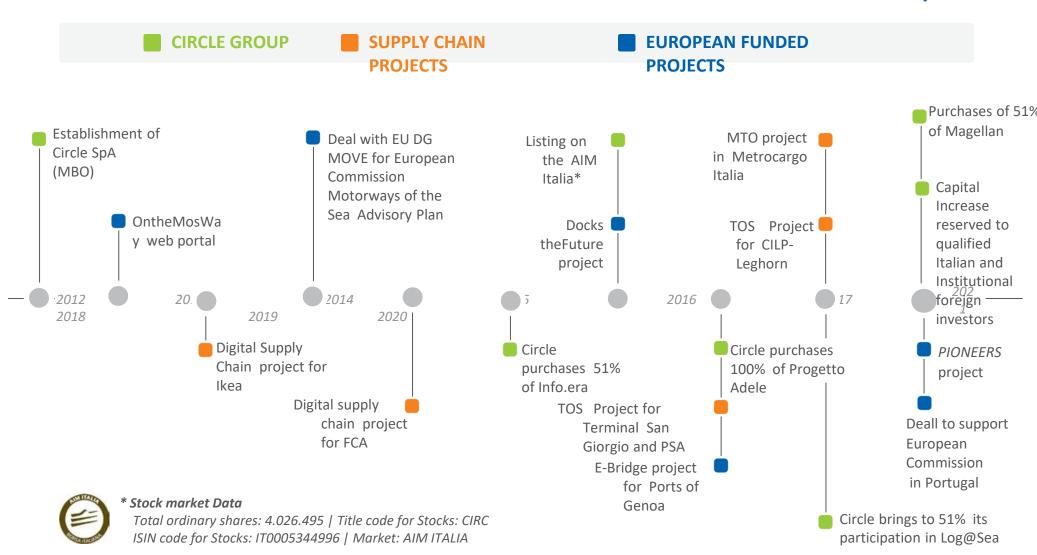
Ebitda adj margin 17%

Circle Net Profit € 0.6 m

NFP € 0.61 m

Year 2020

**Key Facts** 



# **Corporate Overview**

#### 3 Business Units, targets and products

#### **Innovative** and **Smart Supply Chain**



Inland and Port **Terminal Operators** 



Port Authorities and Port Communities



Mutimodal Transport Operators & Rail Companies



**Shipping Agencies** 

#### **Global Supply Chain** Visibility





Freight Forwarders



**Customs Operators** 



**Connecting EU** 





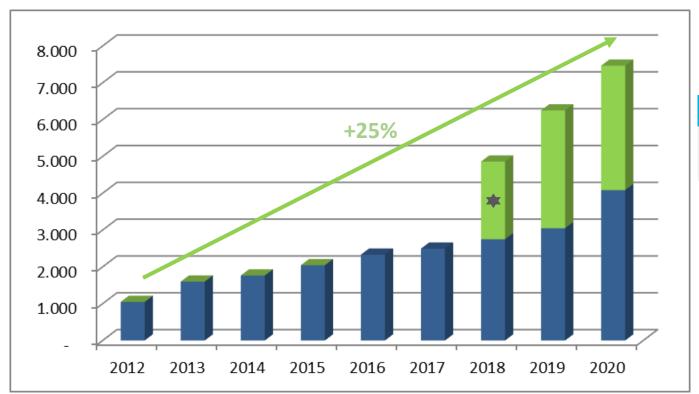
Private and Public entities specialised in port, transport and logistics

> **Project Anticipation EU Branding**



#### **Financials**

#### 2012-2020 Group revenues

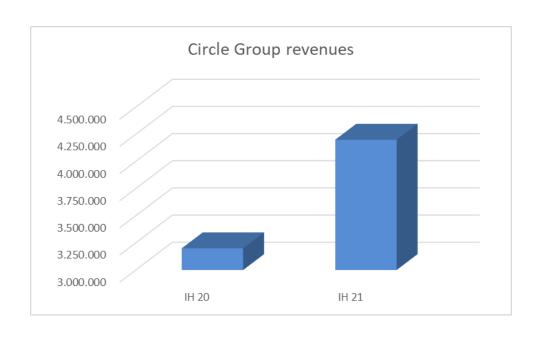


	2020	vs 2019
Group Revenues	€ 7.4 mln	+23%

Green numbers are related to Systematic M&A; Info.era (acquisition 01.01.2018), Progetto Adele (acquisition 01.08.2019), Log@Sea (51% defined July 2020)

#### **Financials**

#### 2021 H1 - 2020 H1Group revenues



	2021	vs 2020
Group Revenues	€ 4,2 mln	+31%

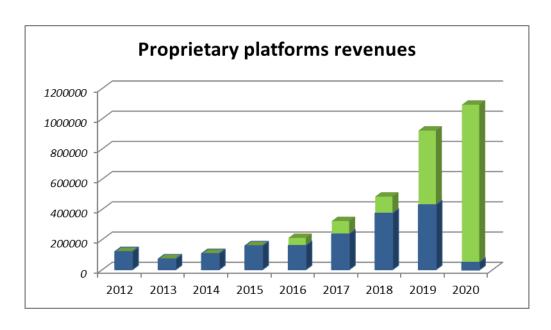
# **Circle Group Financial Statement 2021 H1**

	30/06/2021	30/06/2020
Revenues	€ 4.2 mln (+31%)	€ 3.2 mln
EBITDA	€ 0.74 mln (+84%)	€ 0.4 mln
EBIT	€ 0.3 mln (after ammortisations and depreciation of about 0,4 ml)	€ 0.07 mln (after ammortisations and depreciation of about 0,3 ml)
Net profit	€ 0.32 mln	€ 0.04 mln
NFP	€ 2.3 mln	€ 0.61 mln

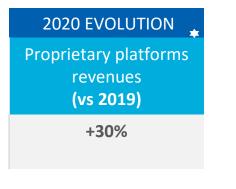
Group Backlog: more than € 10 mln

#### **Products**

#### Product revenues evolution



SAAS and PPU model for proprietary products revenues



★ Milos, MasterSped, MasterTrade

	H1 21 vs H1 20	H1 21 vs H1 20
Proprietary Platforms Revenues	MILOS <b>+72%</b>	PPU <b>+57%</b>



# **H1 Significant events**

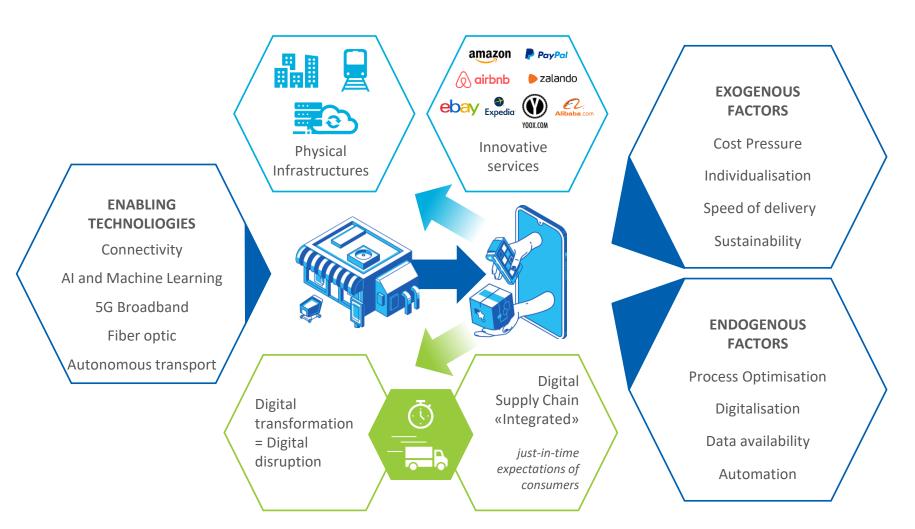
- Purchase of 51% of Magellan Circle and consolidation of operational activities and strategic alliance with Circle Connecting EU
- Execution of a **reserved Capital Increase** for Italian qualified and foreign institutional investors with new 556,380 ordinary shares for **Euro 1,902,819.6**
- Kick off First International Fast and Secure Trade Lane project between UK, Ireland and France supporting the improvement of the overall maritime connectivity in the Atlantic and North Sea
- Vasanda activities and BPA cooperation for UK expansion
- New contract to select technological innovation projects for **BI-REX** ("Big Data Innovation & Research Excellence") **national Competence Center** with a strong focus on **Big Data**



# Market trends and competitive positioning

#### **Market trends**

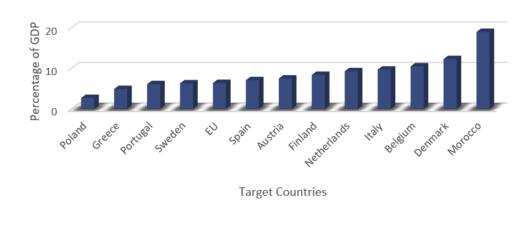
#### Digital transformation in the Supply Chain



#### **Market trends**

#### Potential by geography

#### Logistics as percentage of GDP



#### **GDP and Logistic Market Values**



**Source:** Quantifying Freight transport volumes in Developing Regions

**Source:** our processing from IMF – World Economic Outlook

Circle Group's potential market size (worlwide)

≈ 3 bln €

Circle Group's potential market size (to 2024)  $\simeq$  1.1 bln

# Circle Group international coverage

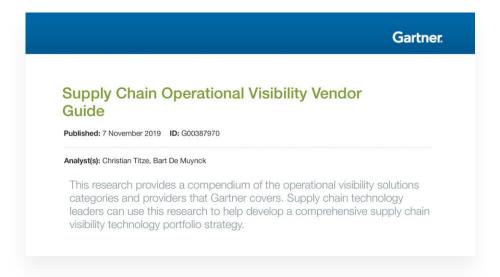
#### Offices

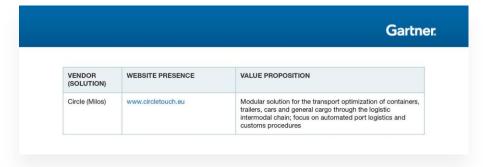
- ITALY
  Milan, Genoa, Trieste
- BELGIUM Bruxelles
- PORTUGALOporto
- TURKEY Istanbul, Ankara, Mersin



#### Milos® in Gartner Vendor Guide

Gartner's research analyses the contemporary logistics market and predicts that by 2024 at least 75% of the top 50 global companies will implement their activities in this industry. Milos<sup>®</sup> is therefore recognised as a highly innovative and strategic product for companies in the sector at a global level.







# What's ongoing? 2021

# Significant events after June, 30<sup>th</sup>

- New contract to support DG MOVE on the development of implementations specifications for EU Regulation 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information (eFTI)
- Participation in the project Efficacity to enhance door-to-door collection of bullky waste
- Among the members of international consortium of *PIONEERS* project with Magellan Circle
- Start of pilot with **Terminal San Giorgio** (Gavio Group) and **CarBox** (Tarros Group) for "**Notarization**" of the Interchange
- Win with Magellan Circle of the tender to support **European Commission Representation in Portugal** for the provision of Events Management Services
- Support of **Terminali Italia** (FS Group) to obtain **Temporary Storage authorisation** at Marzaglia inland terminal
- Milos® supply to Metrocargo Italia for its new 4.0 reach stacker at Borgo San Dalmazzo inland terminal

# **Strategic guidelines**

The development plan 2021 - 2024

Product evolution	EU Services evolution
<ul> <li>Roadmap Milos®, MasterSped®, MasterTrade®, Sinfomar® 2024</li> <li>Rail last mile and Optimisation roadmap</li> <li>Federative Services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Docks the Future Network of Excellence</li> <li>Advocacy and international presence</li> <li>Next Generation EU</li> </ul>
Geographical expansion	Strategic projects and operations
<ul> <li>2021 Focus markets</li> <li>Med area</li> <li>Central Europe</li> <li>Middle East area</li> <li>Baltic Region</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Systematic M&amp;A in complementary services &amp; geographical focus markets</li> <li>Strategic Alliances in complementary technologies and second level of geographical focus market (arriving to possibile Joint ventures)</li> </ul>

## Log@Sea



Log@Sea is the business network composed by **Aitek** (49%) and Circle (51%), with the purpose of offering services for **gate automation and digitisation of port and intermodal nodes**, both for roadway and railway scenarios.

With significant benefits in terms of:

- safety of people
- accuracy of acquired data
- reduction in times for procedures.

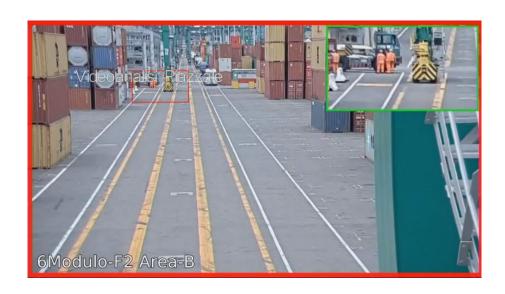
Log@Sea's software products exploit Video Content Analysis, AI technology, Blockchain and IoT in order to ensure the interoperability of systems and processes to all players of the logistic chain.

Indeed Log@Sea software solutions allow the integration with TOS ("Terminal Operating System"), PCS ("Port Community System"), IT platforms used by MTOs and by freight forwarders.



## Log@Sea

#### Video Content Analysis & AI technology



Log@Sea's software products exploit Video Content Analysis & AI technology also for Security, Safety and COVID/sanitary emergency

Safety and COVID/sanitary emergency example



### TOS, MTO, IOT/IFSTL, Federative Services, Optimisation











## **Optimisation**

#### **OPTIMIZATION**

**TOOLS AND APPROACHES** 

decision support systems to obtain better performances

**SOLUTIONS** 

MARITIME TERMINAL
RAIL OPERATIONS

Rail Last Mile

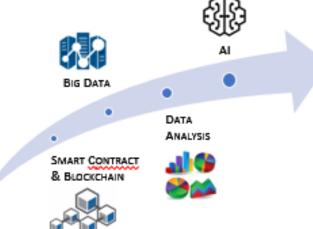
Multimodal
Transport Operator

RAIL SHUNTING OPERATIONS



### **Optimisation**

SUPPLY CHAIN 4.0 OPTIMIZATION



### **Rail Shunting Operations**

for the rail freight transfer within the port area

#### Scheduling of shunting operations

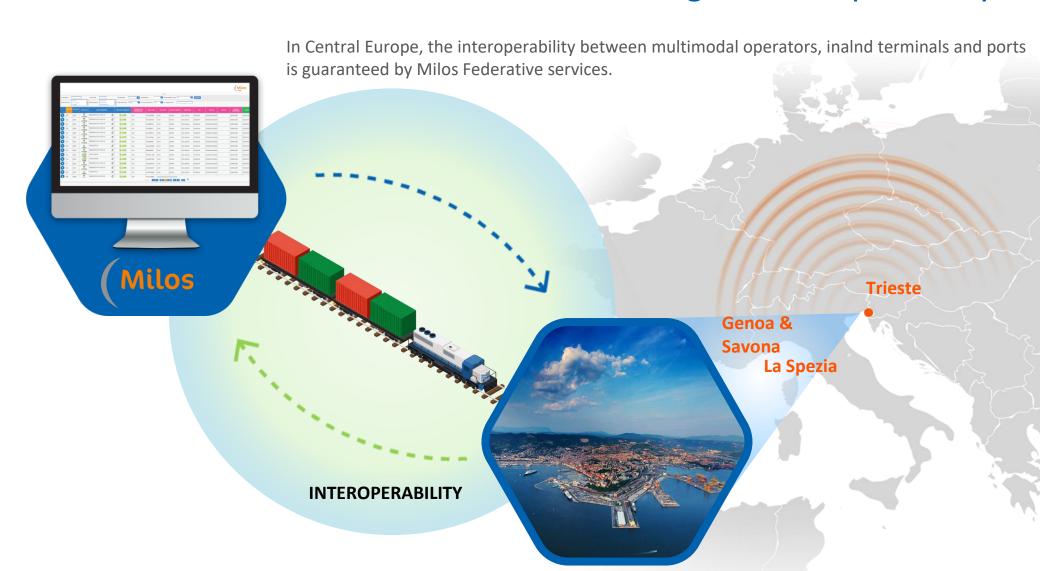
Respecting the operational constraints and the needs of the involved stakeholders

#### Re-scheduling of shunting operations

In case of delays, cancellations or extraordinary trains

#### **Rail & Central EU**

#### Federative digital interoperability



#### International Fast Secure Trade Lane (IFSTL)

Logistic international corridors aiming to create port to port chains involving all the actors (ports, inland terminals, logistic actors and shippers)

Integrated with the use of Internet of Things (IoT) and Blockchain platforms thanks to custom and automation objects:















#### **BENEFITS**

- Full visibility of goods, reduction of manual errors and speed for shared documentation
- Security guarantees
- Exploitation of simplified customs procedures by exchanging information with and between customs administrations
- Automation, speed up of operations and **reduction of the risk** of not broken containers

Ongoing pilot projects Italy-Egypt, Italy-Morocco and Italy-Turkey in partnership with:





#### **Notarization & IFSTL**

The Terminal Operating System generates the intercharge document that is signed thanks to the notarization system







Also the transport company can sign the intercharge document with the app







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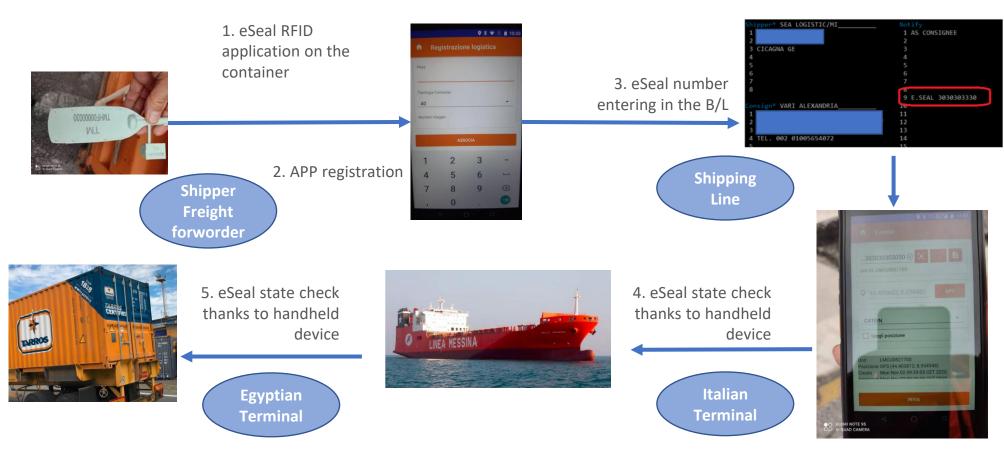




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#### International Fast Secure Trade Lane (IFSTL)

First complete pilot projects: Egypt, Morocco, Turkey export flow from EU and to Italy, summer 2021



Ongoing development

Available services

#### **Evolutive Federative Services**

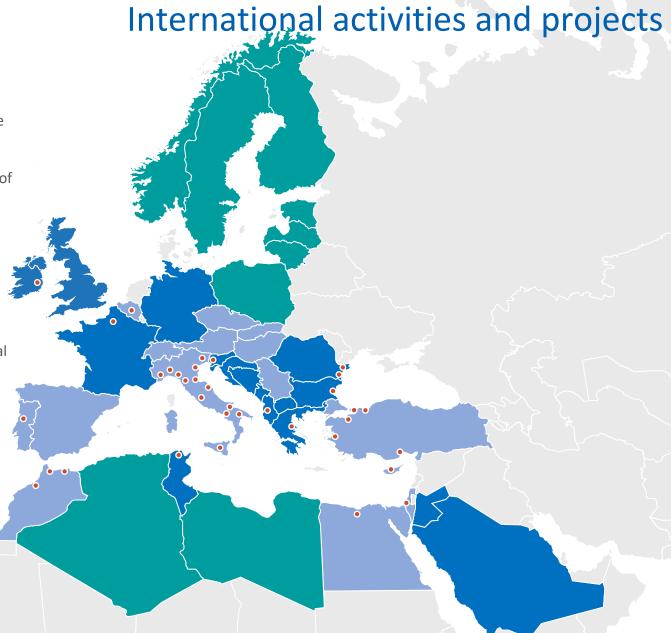
		TAR	GETS			
Shippers	Multimodal Trar Operators and R		Freight Forwarders and Customs Operators		Port and Inland Terminals	
• Rail Track & 7	Frace • Edifact / Ediges	engine	<ul> <li>Booking regarding intern transport</li> </ul>	nodal rail	Interchange No	tarization
Trade Lane	Fast & Secure		<ul> <li>International Fast &amp; Secu Lane</li> </ul>	ıre Trade		
	Notarisation to	rain wagon LDV			<ul> <li>Notarisation tra LDV</li> </ul>	ain wagon
	• Asset tracking		• Notarization - customs security document for SUDOCO		• IOT for termina automation	l gate
			• Semantic digital process automation			
		<ul><li>Rail &amp; Intermo</li><li>Best trucker se</li><li>Truck last mile</li></ul>				
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# Geographical expansion

#### **OBJECTIVES 2021 - 2024**

- Achievement of a presence in some identified foreign markets (first of all Portugal/Spain, Morocco, Turkey) comparable to the distinctive one we have in Italian market
- Strenghten the alliance in the target countries of insider and consultant / companies supporting the local penetration process
- Focus on specific foreign targets for products (ex. Central Europe for inland TOS and MTO suite)
- Accurate knowledge of local market environment – i.e. through participation to local events, local marketing and advertising actions, activation of local networks (enablers, etc..)
  - Ongoing projects (20-22)
  - Ongoing preliminary project proposals and lead generation activities (end
  - 22-23)
    - Target countries for
  - future developments (23-24)

Clients / Projects



#### **EU** services evolution

2021-2024 roadmap



# Docks the Future Network of Excellence

Exploitation of Docks the Future
Network of Excellence (NoE),
launched in 2020 with the most
innovative European ports (currently
17), aiming at achieving the port of
the future related EU Green Deal
targets by:

- promoting best practices and digital transformation
- implementing co-funded projects and supporting policy changes
- fostering the dialogue among international organisations



Advocacy & international presence



Next Generation EU

Strengthening of EU advocacy through:

- the reinforcement of the Brussels Office
- the presence in other EU
   Mediterranean countries
   (M&A)

to consolidate the market positioning of the EU Projects Anticipation and EU Branding services

Exploitation of «Next Generation EU» funds dedicated to green, digital and resilient Europe (research and innovation and digital transitions) through:

- the well established Connecting EU Network of partners
- the reinforced international presence

#### **Success stories**

A selection of the most recent projects





























Motorways of the Sea Forum 2016 - 2017 - 2018 - 2019

More than 10 millions euro of EU funded projects managed in the last 10 years

#### **Success stories**

#### Fresh Food Corridors | IFTSL between France, Ireland and UK

Funded by Connecting Europe Facility Funding Instrument and ended in 2018, Fresh Food Corridors project had the **objective to achieve a** safe, sustainable and efficient fresh food transport system in the Euro-Med area.



Connecting Europe Facility

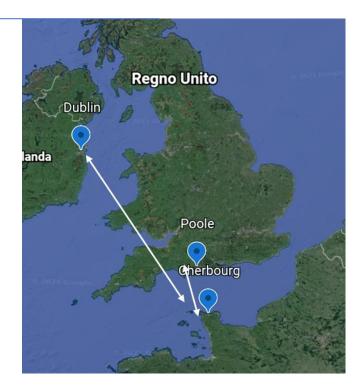
It included three existing maritime routes:

- the Rail Reefer corridor (between Israel and North-Central Europe)
- three Mediterranean gateway ports (Koper, Marseille and Venice).

In 2021 Circle was awarded as winner of the tender for the supply of technical & advisory services for the development of the International Fast & Secure Trade Lane (IFSTL) concept on routes connecting Ireland with France and UK, supporting the overall maritime connectivity in the Atlantic and North Sea Basin.

Circle will support the Marine Institute's Irish Maritime Development Office,
Dublin Port and **Ports de Normandie** to design a set of harmonised and
interoperable tools with the strategic aim to **improve multimodal coordination in ports and in the international logistic chain on routes connecting Ireland with France and UK**:

- between Dublin and Cherbourg
- between Dublin and Holyhead
- between Cherbourg and Poole.



First goals of the Joint Venture

# Contract for EU Commission in Portugal

**Total\* value: 1.8 million €** 

- Win of the tender to support
   European Commission
   Representation in Portugal for the provision of Events Management
   Services
- The contract will be concluded for a period of 12 months and is renewable 3 times\* to a maximum of 48 months

# PIONEERS international consortium Value: 818.000 €

- Magellan Circle is in charge of "Cross cooperation, Communication & Dissemination"
- Aimed at reducing GHG emissions in ports, the project has obtained EUR 25 million investment as part of the European Green Deal Horizon 2020 program
- The contract has a duration of 5 years

Setting up the new LEADER middle player in EU consultancy

# 2021-24 Strategic Plan



Port & Maritime



Development of Supply Chain Federative Services for merchant and carrier business

Port – Rail and Freight interoperability in MEDI-TERRANEAN market (M&A)



Freight forwarding & Customs Services

Acquisition of Progetto Adele

Development & Proposal of common Supply Chain Federative Services Volume expansion + vertical additional coverage (M&A)



Terminal, Rail & Rail Last Mile

Strategic alliance with Binary System

 Development of internal Line Of Business dedicated to MTO's and Rail, new integrated suite for Rail Terminals Development through direct & indirect channels (partners & alliances)



Internet of things & Optimisation

Joint Venture
with Log@Sea

Development of internal Line of Business dedicated to Optimisation / Digital Twin

Development through direct & indirect channels (partners & alliances)



Big Data, AI & Robotic Process Automation

Strategic alliance with Expert System

Strategic alliance with Mans

Exploitation and Go to market roadmap



European projects and consultancy

Connecting EU

EU Branding launch

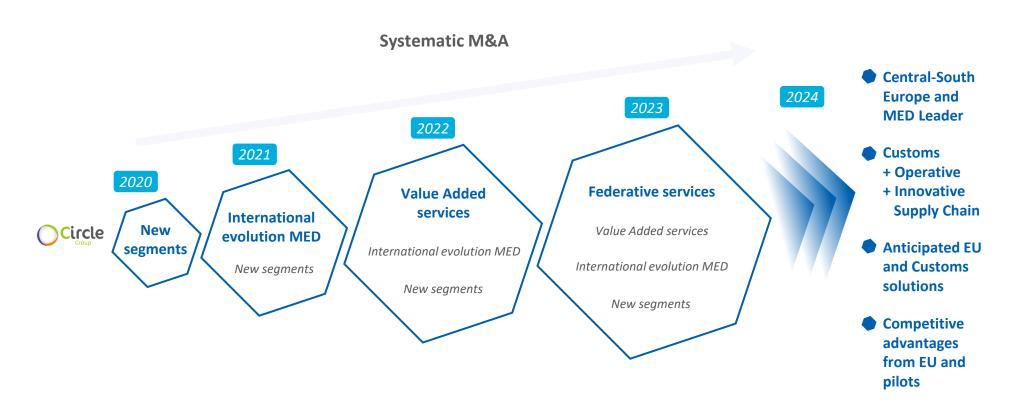
Circle
ConnectingEU +
Magellan (M&A)

Exploitation at EU level +
Next Generation EU

# M&A – Joint venture - Strategic Alliances

TARGET	ТҮРЕ	ADVANTAGED
Log@Sea	Joint Venture evolution	<ul> <li>Exploitation Focus on GATE AUTOMATION, with native integration with Milos® &amp; Sinfomar®;</li> <li>Target scope: main terminal and ports (MED, central Europe)</li> </ul>
Magellan	M&A	EU services / lobby and international presence
Circle Group- Maps	Alliance	Exploitation - Digitalisation + Artificial Intelligence focused on Supply Chain
Circle Group- Expert	Alliance	Exploitation Digitalisation + Semantic Robotic Intelligence focused on Supply Chain
TARGET 5	M&A and Alliance	<ul> <li>Complementary solution and targets (freight forwarders and shippers) with MasterSPED® native integration</li> </ul>
TARGET 6	M&A or Joint Venture	Complementary solutions covering geographical areas different from those covered by Circle Group
TARGET 7	M&A or Alliance	Federatives services between Shippers, Ports, Terminals

#### **Business Goals**



**CONNECT 4 AGILE GROWTH** 

#### SIM NTEGRÆ

Average daily volumes (1m)

#### Data produzione: 4 Ottobre 2021 - h 18.30

Data pubblicazione: 5 Ottobre 2021 - h 7.00

CIRCLE				Italy	FTSE AIM Italia	Engineering
Rating: BUY (inv)		Target	Price:	Euro 5	<b>,1</b> (da €4,3)	Risk: Medium
Stock performance	104	204	6M	17	Stocks performance relative to ETSE AIBA Italia	

Stock performance	1M	3M	6M	1Y
absolute	-1.54%	17.07%	30.61%	35.69%
to FTSE AIM Italia	3.14%	8.78%	4.87%	-28.13%
to FTSE STAR Italia	5.87%	13.08%	12.26%	-12.91%
to FTSE All-Share	0.73%	16.18%	26.95%	2.46%
to FTSE Small Cap Italy	2.89%	13.39%	15.84%	-17.40%



Stock Data	
Price	€ 3.84
Target price	€ 5.10
Upside/(Downside) potential	32.8%
Bloomberg Code	CIRC IM EQUITY
Market Cap (€mln)	15.5
EV (€mln)	14.8
Free Float	20.24%
Share Outstanding	4,026,495
52-week high	€ 4.40
52-week low	€ 2.60

#### 1H21 Results

I risultati del 11/21 sono positivi ed in grado di supportare le nostre stime per il 17-21 le performane appaiono ancora giù significative e le tele alla luce della paradinia mondiale che, di fatto, ha rallentato lo scambio internazionale di merci anche nel 11/21. Il valore della produzione è cresciuto del 31% fori a  $\ell$  4,2 min ( $\ell$  3,2 min nel 11/20, gazia entate ale ascioni di costatte inplementazione delle sinergie generate con le Società controllate inflo era e Progetto Adele. Grazie alla continua rotera di deficienza, Etbalda de resciuto più di repropronosimente rispetto al fatturato: 85% Yor a c Q.74 min ( $\ell$ 6 a Cq.4 min del 11/20), La PPN attiva (cassa) è pari a c 2,3 min (cassa per C 6,6 min al 31 dicembre 2000) dono aver sotienuto intrestimenta sillericone prodotti nonché per attività di M&A per € 0,45 min, grazie anche all'aumento di casilate del 27,5 min.

Key Financials (€ mln)	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Value of Production	7.5	8.5	11.0	13.9
EBITDA	0.7	1.3	2.1	2.9
EBIT	0.0	0.6	1.2	1.9
Net Profit	0.0	0.5	0.8	1.3
EPS (€)	0.01	0.12	0.20	0.33
EBITDA margin	8.9%	15.1%	19.1%	21.1%
EBIT margin	0.5%	7.0%	11.0%	13.7%

#### 2021-24E forecasts

A sequito degli eventi post chiasura del 1912 abbiano effettuato un upprade delle notre stime per il 2002-34E, mentre abbiamo lasciatio invariate quelle per il 2012-12E. Le nostre stime per governo un CAGR 2000-34E della value of production del 196. Section della struttura, crediamo che la profromance dell'Estituttura, crediamo che la regionali profromante intimateriali sostenuti negli ultimi due anni e l'accordo con Magellan, saranno in grado di sostenere la crecota e consentire di raggiuginger gio obiettivi del piano. Allo stato attuale il nostro modello non riflette nessuna assumption in merito ad eventuali e ulteriori operazioni di MASA.

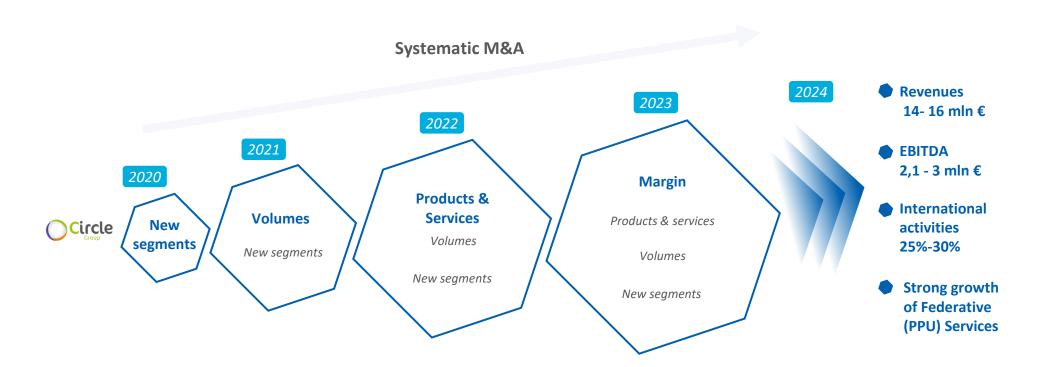
Upside from IPO	Target Prices	Upside Opportunity	
+78%^	5.23 / 5.1	+32.8%	



- «Free allocation of shares» 1 free stock each 10 May 20th, 2019
- Buy back 17.160 shares
- Circle is an innovative SME
- Average monthly volume (from IPO) around € 500.000

^ stock price at September 30th

#### **Financial Goals**



#### **CONNECT 4 AGILE GROWTH**

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