

PRESS RELEASE

Circle Group leading sustainable innovation in European transport: success for the 'TEN-T Workshop on islands and outermost regions'

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<u>Circle S.p.A.</u> ("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 organisation of the "Joint Workshop on TEN-T Islands and Outermost Regions" on 15-16 April 2025, a major event in the European panorama dedicated to the development of trans-European transport networks (TEN-T) and policies for the sustainability of islands and outermost regions. The latter, held at the port of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain), was realised thanks to the operational and strategic support of Circle in collaboration with two European Coordinators: **Professor Carlo Secchi**, responsible for the Atlantic Corridor, and **Gesine Meissner**, Coordinator for the European Maritime Space. The Workshop was attended by representatives of European institutions, port authorities, international stakeholders, logistics operators and innovative companies.

During the Workshop, which was divided into several thematic sessions, the main topics that will guide the future development of the **TEN-T networks** and the **sustainable transition** of the maritime sector were discussed in depth. Among the central topics, great attention was devoted to the role of ports as energy hubs, highlighting the importance of promoting energy autonomy for islands and outermost regions. Experts such as **Kostas Komninos (DAFNI Networks)** and representatives of ports and European institutions spoke about this topic. Ample space was also reserved to the **Sustainable Shipping innovation**, with the presentation of solutions and best practices to reduce emissions by leading players in the sector such as **MSC Group, Fred Olsen, Baleària and Sousa Group**. Another key focus was on **Building Resilience strategies** along supply chains, addressing the challenges of climate change and logistics security.

Prominent speakers, in addition to the European Coordinators, included the Spanish **Commissioner for the Atlantic Corridor Jose-Antonio Sebastian Ruiz**, along with numerous representatives from national, regional and industry institutions, who shared concrete initiatives and projects to accelerate the sector's ecological transition.



"We are extremely proud to have supported the organisation of this important event dedicated to innovation, sustainability and the development of European transport networks in island and outermost areas. Circle has always believed in the value of collaboration between public and private stakeholders in order to strengthen the competitiveness of ports and logistics chains, with the aim of building a greener and more integrated future, objectives that are present in our business plan "Connect 4 Agile Growth"," said Alexio Picco, Circle Managing Director.

The success of the initiative confirms the shared commitment of institutions, port authorities and industrial operators in promoting innovative solutions related to clean energy, digitalisation and logistics resilience. The Workshop represented a fundamental moment of discussion and networking, which will contribute significantly to the definition of future European policies on sustainable transport and territorial development.

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 international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition issues.**

The Group includes the software houses Info.era, NEXT Freight, Cargo Start, eXyond S.r.l., Circle Garage, the consulting companies Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy, NEXT Customs, as well as the subsidiaries ACCUDIRE.

The main products are the different **Milos®** suites for various targets, the **Extended Port Community System**, the **MasterSPED®** and **Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility** solutions for shipping, logistics, trade and industry, respectively, as well as **StarTracking®**, an airport-to-airport tracking solution. Completing the Supply Chain offering are '**Federative Services'**, offered in cloud mode, which can make customers' migration to a digital business model more efficient.

In the Circle Group's sphere of innovation activities, **Milos® Intelligence** offers a series of advanced solutions that exploit AI technologies for optimisation, simulation and the Digital Twin to support the transformation of decision-making processes by promoting the digitalisation of systems.

Through **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, the Group operates in the field of advocacy at European institutions, working alongside public bodies and companies, identifying their positioning at European level (**Strategic Communication and Advocacy**) and funding opportunities (**Eu Funding Accelerator**), with a vertical focus on Green Deal and energy transition issues.

With the acquisition of **Cargo Start**, a company specialised in the development and sale of innovative technological products and services for air cargo, Circle has also strengthened its offer in a rapidly expanding and strategic segment with respect to the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial plah.



Through its subsidiary **eXyond** (92%), is active in offering advanced Gate Automation solutions for port and intermodal nodes, in advanced traffic monitoring and management services on the Italian road and motorway network (**Infomobility**), and in the provision of telematic services (**TrucK**), based on proprietary technology platforms, to companies operating in the logistics, transport and insurance sectors.

Circle also owns 21% of the share capital of ACCUDIRE, an innovative startup from Verona that provides a Collaborative Digital Platform capable of helping players along the global supply chain in the exchange of information and the management of document flows, starting with the *e-CMR* (or electronic waybill) and *e-DDT*.

Finally, through **NEXT Customs**, active in customs optimisation digital services and functional to the continuation of initiatives aimed at the harmonisation of customs processes, Circle has entered a strongly strategic sphere for the evolution of the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** path.

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