



PRESS RELEASE

Circle GROUP contributes to the successful organisation of the European Maritime Space Forum 2025 in Szczecin

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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 – is pleased to announce its strategic contribution to the success of the second edition of the **European Maritime Space (EMS) Forum**, which took place on May 16, 2025 at the Maritime Office in Szczecin. This year's edition marked a significant moment: for the first time, the Forum was held outside Brussels, bringing together high-level representatives of European institutions, national authorities and key players in the maritime sector.

Through the operational and content support of its consultancy company, **Magellan Circle**, Circle Group actively contributed to the construction of a platform for dialogue and discussion on crucial issues for the future of the European maritime space. The event was a pivotal moment for the analysis of the **EMS study** and the launch of **the first EMS work plan**, as well as for delving into topical issues such as the **cyber resilience of the maritime sector** and the opportunities offered by European funding through **CEF Transport**.

During the Forum, **Alexio Picco, Managing Director of Magellan Circle**, moderated a session entirely dedicated to **cybersecurity**, which involved experts and port authorities in discussing the risks associated with the increasing digitalisation of the sector. *"The maritime sector is evolving rapidly thanks to digitalisation, but new vulnerabilities are emerging with it. Cyber resilience can no longer be considered a future challenge: it is a concrete and current necessity,"* Picco emphasised.

Among the main outcomes of the Forum was the comprehensive presentation of the **EMS study** and its **KPIs**, which are crucial for monitoring the progress of Member States. In addition, the **first list of EMS projects** was introduced, with the aim of guiding investment choices at European level in the coming years. Ample space was also devoted to EU funding policies, regulatory frameworks on cybersecurity, particularly with reference to the **NIS 2 Directive**, and support for the continuity of **LNG infrastructure**, with a strong focus on the



specific needs of **island nations** in terms of maritime connectivity.

The contribution of Circle Group and its subsidiary Magellan Circle confirmed the Group's commitment in promoting increasingly resilient, interconnected and sustainable maritime infrastructures, in line with the **European Union's strategic priorities** and in continuity with the objectives of its “**Connect 4 Agile Growth**” business plan.

*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**, **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 plan.*

*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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