

PRESS RELEASE

Circle GROUP among the sponsors of the Business Meeting 'Ferries and Ro-Ro' 2025 in Genoa

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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 – is pleased to announce its participation as Gold sponsor in the **'Traghetti e Ro-Ro' Business Meeting**, scheduled for **9 May 2025** at the Magazzini del Cotone in Genoa.

Now at its third edition, the event organised by SHIPPING ITALY has become an essential appointment for maritime and port sector operators, offering a unique opportunity to discuss key issues for the present and future of the Ro-Ro and ferry sector. The theme of the 2025 edition, 'Navigating between uncertainties and new investments', will discuss highly topical issues such as energy transition, regulatory evolution (ETS, FuelEU Maritime), technological innovation on board and in terminals, new fuels, and strategies for sustainability and digitalisation.

For years, Circle Group has been at the forefront of innovation, sustainability and interoperability between the various nodes and players in the supply chain. Through projects such as the **International Fast & Secure Trade Lane**, the company has contributed to creating secure and automated links, ensuring greater traceability, digitalisation of documentation and simplification of customs procedures. Furthermore, through its subsidiary **eXyond Srl**, Circle Group offers advanced **Gate & Equipment Automation solutions** for Ro-Ro terminals, improving operational efficiency, security and streamlining processes.

Circle Group also promotes interoperability between different logistics nodes, carriers and corporate ERP systems, thanks to its federated platforms, which manage advance notice and optimise flows, reducing congestion and costs. In addition, the company is actively involved in strategic projects with important stakeholders, focusing on **digitalisation**, **cold ironing** and **ESG guidelines** to accelerate the sustainable transition of Italian ports. In parallel, Circle Group is also developing digitalisation initiatives in the passenger transport sector, thus strengthening its commitment to a more sustainable and technologically advanced future.



With more than 200 accredited professionals, 45 sponsors and 26 speakers, the initiative aims to be a high-level networking and in-depth discussion space, involving ship owners, terminal operators, technology providers, institutions and stakeholders from the entire maritime ecosystem.

Circle's participation is part of an ongoing commitment to support the digitalisation and sustainability of transport through innovative solutions based on advanced technologies and system interoperability. Sponsoring such a representative event is a concrete way for Circle to contribute to the dialogue and growth of the sector.

'We are proud to be one of the sponsors of this event, which represents a reference point for the Ro-Ro world and for the maritime economy,' - said **Luca Abatello, CEO of Circle Group** -"The ecological and digital transition of the maritime sector is a challenge that we want to face alongside the operators, bringing expertise and vision and pursuing the objectives of the **"Connect 4 Agile Growth'** business plan.'

An Italian/English simultaneous translation service will be provided to facilitate the participation of foreign guests.

For information on how to participate, write to <u>segreteria@alocinmedia.it</u> or call +39 010 9703071

For further information on the event: <u>www.shippingitaly.it</u>

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.

Circle S.p.A. has been listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market of Borsa Italiana since October 26, 2018 (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ISIN code ordinary shares: IT. 0005344996).

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