

PRESS RELEASE

Circle GROUP: TAURUS project completed. A new frontier for efficiency in logistics hubs

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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 completion of the project TAURUS - Truck Appointment evolution for URban Use, an innovative platform dedicated to the intelligent management of access slots in logistic terminals, with the aim of improving operational efficiency and reducing congestion in logistic nodes located in city contexts.

The project was realised by Circle in partnership with the companies IROI and Attilio Carmagnani and with the specialised consultancy of the innovative start-up OPTIMeasy and an activity of the research organisation CIELI (Centro Italiano di Eccellenza sulla Logistica Integrata) of the University of Genoa.

At the core of the system is the **Milos® Truck Appointment Platform (TAP)**, powered by **advanced optimisation** approaches that, based on available resources and operational parameters, suggest the optimal capacity and width of booking slots in real time. Truck drivers can thus reserve entry to the terminal at predefined time slots, resulting in a more balanced and controlled distribution of missions.

In particular, the **Slot Management** module allows different operating scenarios to be simulated from structured input data, identifying the optimal slot width and calculating the maximum capacity compatible with the planned combinations of operations. The result of this processing is used within the TAP platform, creating an integrated and continuous data flow. In addition, the system also includes **Bay Management** module for the management of loading and unloading docks, which helps to plan operations related to registered bookings. In fact, the system is connected to a module that simulates and optimises the scheduling of truck operations, depending on the availability of the docks and operational resources. The result is automatic and efficient scheduling, which drastically reduces waiting times and prevents bottlenecks.



The solutions are also seamlessly integrated with MILOS® TFP (Transport Federative Platform), ensuring smooth and interconnected management of logistics activities in the terminal. The benefits are significant: reduced congestion inside the gates, shorter waiting times, intelligent and real-time management of available resources, better distribution of vehicles on the loading/unloading docks, and an increase in the overall operational efficiency of the terminal.

'With the conclusion of TAURUS project, we take a step forward in the digitalisation of logistics nodes, bringing "artificial intelligence" and predictive algorithms to the service of sustainability and efficiency,' said **Luca Abatello, CEO of Circle Group**, 'Our mission is to provide concrete solutions that improve the daily operations of logistics operators, optimising time, resources and environmental impacts, as per the "**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 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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