

PRESS RELEASE

CIRCLE GROUP joins the European consortium selected by DG MOVE for the DiVINE project, worth almost €160,000.

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CIRCLE Group ("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 digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in the international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition topics – announces its participation in the European consortium selected by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) to implement the DiVINE (Digitalisation Vision Inland Navigation Europe) project. In recognition of its strategic contribution, Circle will receive a grant of €157,500.

The initiative promotes the **digitalization of inland waterway transport (IWT)** as part of the **European Green Deal**, driving the sector's transformation towards greater efficiency and sustainability. Through DiVINE, the partners will develop a **concrete and operational roadmap** to accompany the digital transition of inland waterway transport in all navigable basins of the EU by 2035, laying the foundations for a **modern**, **connected**, **and low-emission logistics ecosystem**.

The project aims to develop a **sector-wide implementation plan** for the **digitalization and automation** of inland waterway transport, with the goal of promoting the **active involvement of stakeholders** across Europe through structured consultations and collaborative dialogue. At the same time, it will ensure wide **dissemination of the results** through an integrated communication strategy that includes the creation of a dedicated website, newsletters, social media campaigns, and industry events.

The consortium is led by the European IWT Platform, together with Ecorys, Danube Commission, EICB, viadonau, and Circle Group.

Within the project, Circle will provide its proven expertise in digital supply chain innovation and coordinate all communication and outreach activities, overseeing the DiVINE



communication plan, the project's digital presence, and the effective dissemination of results to all European stakeholders.

Alexio Picco, Managing Director of Circle Group, said: "We are proud to contribute our expertise in digitalization and communication to this important European initiative. DiVINE represents a significant step towards the future of river transport, and for Circle it is both a recognition of our commitment to smarter and more sustainable logistics, in line with our "Connect 4 Agile Growth" strategic plan, and an opportunity to further strengthen our European partnerships, leveraging the experience we have gained in recent years."

This recognition confirms Circle's leadership in digital innovation and in supporting European institutions in the digital transformation of transport and logistics, fully in line with European objectives on sustainability and competitiveness.

This press release is available in the Investor Relations section of the website www.circlegroup.eu_and.www.1info.it.

Founded in Genoa in 2012, Circle S.p.A. is the Innovative SME leading Circle Group, a company listed on Euronext Growth Milan since 2018 and specialized in the analysis and development of solutions for innovation and digitalization in the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consultancy on Green Deal and energy transition topics.

The Group includes the software houses **Info.era**, **NEXT Freight**, **eXyond**, **Cargo Start**, the consulting firms **Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy**, **NEXT Customs**, as well as the affiliated company **ACCUDIRE**.

In the field of digital innovation, the **Milos® Intelligence** platform integrates advanced technologies such as AI, simulation, and Digital Twin to support decision-making processes and the digitalization of systems, through solutions like the **Extended Port Community System, MasterSPED®, Milos® TOS, Milos® MTO, Milos® TFP, Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility,

and

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Complementing the offering, **Federative Services (cloud-based)** enable a more efficient migration towards digital business models.

Through Magellan Circle and Magellan Circle Italy, the Group is active in Brussels and across Europe in advocacy activities with the European Institutions, supporting public bodies and companies with services in Strategic Communication and Advocacy and EU Funding Accelerator, with a focus on the Green Deal and energy transition.

With **Cargo Start**, specialized in technological solutions for air cargo, Circle has strengthened its offering in a strategic segment of the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial plan. With **eXyond**, the Group operates in advanced **infomobility** services (InfoBluNewGen) and telematics solutions for the logistics, transport, and insurance sectors (Kmaster).

Circle also holds a 22% stake in the innovative startup **ACCUDIRE**, which offers a collaborative platform for document management along global supply chains, starting from **e-CMR** and **e-DDT** (electronic consignment note). With **NEXT Customs**, the Group develops digital services for customs optimization, contributing to the harmonization of processes in line with the strategic directions of **Connect 4 Agile Growth**.

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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