



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Magellan Circle at KEY – The Energy Transition Expo: NextGen Port Energy and Offshore Wind Revolution at the center of discussions on ports, hydrogen, and new energy supply chains**

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Magellan Circle is participating at **KEY – The Energy Transition Expo**, Italy's leading event dedicated to energy transition, scheduled to take place at the Rimini Exhibition Center, confirming its role as a platform for discussion on the topics of decarbonization, infrastructure innovation, and the future of ports within new energy supply chains.

On the afternoon of March 4, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Magellan Circle will be the protagonist in the **Su.Port Area (Hall B3) with NextGen Port Energy**, the conference dedicated to the evolution of ports as energy hubs, key infrastructures for the integration of hydrogen, e-fuels, and innovative solutions for the decarbonization of port and maritime operations.

The **NextGen Port Energy** program includes a **keynote speech** dedicated to the **Blue Barge Project**, focusing on OPS at sea solutions and the presentation of the barge for cold ironing from the water, with a 15-minute session followed by Q&A. Ample space will also be dedicated to the topic of **"Hydrogen & e-Fuels for Ports,"** with two 45-minute sessions featuring contributions from experts, institutions, and reference projects at the national and European level. During the meetings, concrete experiences and solutions will be presented along the entire hydrogen value chain applied to the port context.

**Daniele Melideo** of the **University of Pisa**, as part of the **CleanH2shipping** project, will explore the topic of zero-emission shipping through fuel cell-based ecosystems, with a focus on H2Tank-Tainer plug-and-play technology for short sea and inland navigation. **Francesco Gualandri** of **H2TOW** will present hydrogen retrofit solutions for operational and handling vehicles in port yards, addressing the critical issues of decarbonization in highly operational logistics contexts. **Andrea Costa** of **KIC Urban Mobility** will outline the role of hydrogen in the integration processes between port operations and urban transport networks, highlighting the importance of a systemic approach to the development of refueling infrastructure. **Simone Pacciardi**, representing the **Port of La Spezia**, will illustrate the experience linked to



the development of green infrastructure through mobile hydrogen production and distribution systems serving port operations, funded under the PNRR Green Ports initiative. Finally, **Sergio Torriani** will explore the topic of complete hydrogen value chains, from production to storage to use in port vehicles and equipment, with a focus on turnkey ecosystems designed to reduce downtime and support operational continuity.

In addition, during the event, Magellan Circle will preview the 2026 edition of **Offshore Wind Revolution**, an initiative that in recent years has established itself as one of the main forums for dialogue between industry, institutions, and local communities on the development of offshore wind power and the role of ports. The project managers will welcome operators, stakeholders, and national and international partners at a **dedicated stand (stand no. 124, hall B3)**, designed as a space for meeting and networking.

On the morning of March 4, the **Offshore Wind Revolution thematic working groups**, already developed in Palermo, will be reconvened **by invitation**. These groups are dedicated to operational discussions between the main players in the supply chain, with the aim of exploring critical issues, priorities, and opportunities related to the development of offshore wind power and the strategic role of ports in the energy transition.

*"Participating at KEY is a natural step for us in a work process that focuses on ports as key infrastructures for the energy transition," said **Alexio Picco, President of Magellan Circle**. "With NextGen Port Energy, we want to broaden the discussion on hydrogen, e-fuels, and new energy solutions, complementing the work already started with Offshore Wind Revolution. KEY is the ideal context for bringing together experiences, visions, and concrete projects, involving a wide and diverse audience."*

Participation at KEY represents a further opportunity for Magellan Circle to consolidate the dialogue between ports, industry, institutions, and the world of research, contributing in a concrete way to the construction of sustainable and integrated models for the energy transition.

For more information on the event: [www.key-expo.com](http://www.key-expo.com) .

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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**.

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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.

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