



PRESS RELEASE

CIRCLE GROUP has been awarded DEUS, a research and development project with non-repayable contribution

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Circle S.p.A. ("CIRCLE" or "the Company") - Innovative SME listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market at the head of the Group of the same name specializing in the process, analysis and the development of solutions for the digitalization of the port and intermodal logistics sectors and in international consultancy on the Green Deal and energy transition issues – announces its **participation in the DEUS research and development project** with a grant from FI.L.S.E, a technical entity that supports and assists the Liguria Region and other Ligurian territorial entities in the design, definition and implementation of policies and interventions to support the Ligurian economic system.

The project, which was awarded a contribution of more than **566,000 euros**, has the participation of a consortium of excellences composed, besides Circle, of:

- Laghezza S.p.A.
- University of Genoa
- NSI S.r.l.
- IDATA Group S.r.l.

The initiative aims to develop innovative solutions to optimize port logistics processes, with a focus on automation, digitization and environmental sustainability. Circle will provide its expertise in data, projects and software solutions in the port sector.

Participating as one of the main strategic partners, **Circle will receive about 140,000 euros for its contribution to the project, both for industrial research and experimental development.** The initiative was approved as part of a facility program granted by the Liguria Region, whose contribution aims to support eligible investments ranging from the creation of prototypes and technological demonstrators to the acquisition of advanced instrumentation.

Alexio Picco, **Circle Group Managing Director**, commented, "This represents a significant step in Circle commitment to promote innovation and technological growth in the Ligurian region. This contribution represents an important opportunity for us to collaborate with valuable partners and to contribute to the development of advanced technologies in the field of industrial research. We are excited to be part of a project that not only brings innovation, but also promotes the economic and technological development of the Liguria region."



The FI.L.S.E. Group is a primary point of reference not only for the regional government, but also for local authorities, the manufacturing sector and citizens. It supports with adequate financial, planning and organizational resources entrepreneurial initiatives, innovation, technology transfer and new business creation, the construction of strategic infrastructures, urban and environmental requalification interventions. Thanks to the management of dedicated funds, it also responds to specific needs of citizens and promotes the social economy.

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

*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 the international consultancy on topics concerning the Green Deal and energy transition.***

*In addition to Circle, the Group includes the software houses **Info.era**, **NEXT Freight** (formerly 'Adele Project') and **Cargo Start**, acquired at the end of 2017, July 2019 and December 2022 respectively, the consulting companies **Magellan Circle** and **Magellan Circle Italy**, the **NewCo NEXT Customs**, as well as the subsidiary **ACCUDIRE**.*

*The synergies between the individual components of the CIRCLE Group have made it possible to expand the portfolio of solutions offered in the areas of IoT, Optimisation, Digital Twin, Big Data and Process Automation, and to strengthen the software products: **Milos®** - a suite aimed at all players in intermodal logistics such as inland terminals, port terminals, ports, MTOs and maritime agencies -, the Extended Port Community System, the **Master SPED®** and **Milos® Global Supply Chain Visibility** solutions, dedicated respectively to freight forwarding and logistics and to trade and industry, as well as **Star Tracking®**, an airport-to-airport tracking solution.*

*To complete the offer in the Supply Chain area, the so-called '**Federative Services**' able to make the migration of customers towards a digital business model more efficient and offered in cloud mode.*

*Through **Magellan Circle** (with offices in Porto and Brussels) and **Magellan Circle Italy**, Circle operates in the field of advocacy at European Institutions, supporting Public Bodies and Companies by identifying their positioning at a European level (**Strategic Communication and Advocacy**) and funding opportunities (**Eu Funding Accelerator**), with a vertical focus on Green Deal and energy transition issues.*

*The acquisition of the 51% of shares of **Cargo Start** in December 2022, a company specialising in the development and sale of innovative technological products and services for air cargo, allowed Circle to strengthen its offering in a rapidly expanding segment that is strategic to the **Connect 4 Agile Growth** industrial path.*

*Circle leads the **Log@Sea** business network, which is instrumental in enhancing the offer of advanced **Gate Automation** solutions aimed at port and intermodal nodes.*

*In December 2023, Circle subscribed to a capital increase equal to 20% of the share capital of ACCUDIRE, an Innovative Startup from Veneto that provides a **Collaborative Digital Platform** capable of helping players along global Supply Chains in the exchange of information and in the management of document flows accompanying goods shipments, starting first and foremost with the **e-CMR** (or electronic waybill, part of an international standard and transposition law just approved by the Italian Parliament).*



Finally, in February 2024 Circle established the NewCo **NEXT Customs**, dedicated to digital customs optimisation services and functional to the continuation of initiatives aimed at the harmonisation of customs processes, a highly strategic area 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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