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CIRCLE GROUP: "INTELLIROAD" PROJECT APPROVED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE INNOVATION AGREEMENTS PROGRAMME

Circle S.p.A. and Circle Garage awarded incentives totaling over €3 million, including more than €2 million in non-repayable grants and approximately €900 thousand in subsidized financing

The 36-month project aims to develop a federated digital ecosystem for the optimization of synchromodal flows

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CIRCLE Group ("CIRCLE" or the "Company") – an Innovative SME listed on the **Euronext Growth Milan** market, heading the eponymous Group specialised in process analysis and the development of solutions for the innovation and digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consulting on Green Deal and energy transition matters – announces that the project "**IntelliRoad – Digital Ecosystem for the Optimization of Synchromodal Flows**" has been approved for funding under the Sustainable Growth Fund – "Innovation Agreements" Call for Proposals, pursuant to the Ministerial Decree issued by the Italian Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy ("MIMIT") on 4 September 2025.

CIRCLE S.p.A., acting as project coordinator, and its subsidiary Circle Garage will receive total incentives of **more than €3 million** (for their respective activities within the broader project, which also involves Aitek and IROI). Of this amount, **more than €2 million will be provided as a direct non-repayable grant, while approximately €900 thousand will be made available through subsidized financing at a rate (equal to one fifth of the ECB rate).**

The project, which is expected to run for **36 months**, aims to develop a federated digital platform capable of integrating heterogeneous data and systems from the various players across the logistics chain, transforming them into operational information and advanced decision-support tools.

Through predictive models, optimization algorithms, alert systems and dynamic simulation, IntelliRoad will make it possible to anticipate critical issues, optimize transit and waiting times, dynamically reschedule access slots at logistics nodes and improve resource utilization. The solution will also include functionalities for the intelligent monitoring of access gates and terminal operations, as well as for optimized workforce planning.

CIRCLE will be responsible for mapping synchromodal processes, defining algorithmic requirements and developing optimization and decision-support applications, as well as integrating and validating the solution in a real operational environment. Circle Garage will oversee the design and development of the federated infrastructure, including the Data Lake, microservices, connectors, APIs, monitoring systems, and security and data-governance-by-design solutions.

The platform will be designed to interact both with the proprietary products within the **Milos®** ecosystem and with third-party systems, while protecting the confidentiality of each operator's commercial data and ensuring interoperability, scalability and business continuity. Upon completion of the project, the solution is expected to achieve **TRL 8** through validation in an operational environment.

"*The approval of IntelliRoad for funding represents an important recognition of the Group's ability to lead systemic innovation projects for the logistics sector. Through this initiative, we aim to overcome the fragmentation that still characterizes supply-chain information flows, providing operators with predictive and decision-support tools capable of delivering tangible improvements in timing, resource utilization, safety and sustainability. The project will also accelerate the evolution of our proprietary ecosystem and further strengthen CIRCLE's positioning in the development of scalable, recurring-revenue digital solutions*," commented **Luca Abatello, Chairman and CEO of CIRCLE Group.**

IntelliRoad forms part of the *Connect 4 Agile Growth strategic* roadmap, strengthening the Group's expertise in Artificial Intelligence applied to logistics, process optimization, interoperability, and the secure and federated management of data.

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Founded in Genoa in 2012, Circle S.p.A. is the Innovative SME heading Circle Group*, listed on Euronext Growth Milan since 2018 and specialised in process analysis and the development of solutions for the innovation and digitalisation of the port and intermodal logistics sectors, as well as in international consulting on Green Deal and energy transition matters.*

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

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

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

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

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

Circle also holds a 20% stake in the innovative start-up ***ACCUDIRE****, which provides a collaborative platform for document management along global supply chains, starting from e-CMR and e-DDT (electronic consignment notes). With* ***NEXT Customs****, the Group develops digital customs optimisation services, contributing to process harmonisation 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 26 October 2018 (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ordinary share ISIN code: IT. 0005344996).*

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