

PRESS RELEASE

Corporate social responsibility

GLS Group awarded EcoVadis Silver rating

- **Sustainability certification based on international standards**
- **GLS amongst the top 21 per cent in the industry**

Amsterdam, 3 December 2018. GLS has been rewarded for its commitment to corporate social responsibility with the EcoVadis Silver rating.

Corporate responsibility is built on transparency: that's why GLS took part in the independent EcoVadis certification programme for the second time in a row, achieving a Silver rating in August 2018. Compared with the previous year, the Group improved its performance in all four categories, thus moving up from Bronze to Silver. As a result, the parcel company is amongst the top 21 per cent in the logistics sector – and even amongst the top 18 per cent when it comes to environmental issues. GLS comes in the top 12 per cent of all companies evaluated by EcoVadis.

“With the EcoVadis certification, we are delivering transparency for our customers in respect of our sustainability activities. Many of them are using it in their own CR documentation,” says Dr Anne Wiese, Manager Corporate Responsibility GLS Group. “The analysis also gives us an opportunity to perform targeted validation of our sustainability measures and improve them on an ongoing basis.”

Sustainability put to the test

EcoVadis evaluates a company's sustainability management on the basis of 21 criteria across the four themes of environment, social, ethics and sustainable procurement. The criteria have been assigned different weightings in the final result. The evaluation is based on international standards such as the Global Reporting Initiative and the UN Global Compact.

When conducting its analysis, EcoVadis attaches equal importance to the strategy, actions and results of the management system across all four themes. These three evaluation levels are broken down into a total of seven indicators, including a 360° analysis, which is based on information from more than 800 sources and which identifies additional relevant topics.

The GLS Group

GLS, General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam), realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 270,000 customers, complemented by logistics and express services. “Quality leader in European parcel logistics” is GLS’ guiding principle, sustainability being one of the core values. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the Group provides a network coverage of 41 European states. GLS is also present in eight U.S. states and in Canada, and is globally connected via contractual agreements. About 50 central transshipment points and more than 1,000 depots and agencies are at GLS’ disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. GLS counts 18,000 employees and every day around 30,000 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2017/18 GLS achieved revenues of 2.9 billion euros and transported 584 million parcels.

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