

Press Release

GLS wants to be a climate neutral company in 2045

The courier operator is implementing the Climate Protect program and wants to achieve climate neutrality by 2045. The strategy of the entire GLS Group focuses on the gradual reduction of CO2 through, among other things, a green fleet, the use of RES and the daily actions of all GLS employees and partners worldwide.

Reducing CO2 emissions, optimizing waste management and responsible use of resources are at the center of the Climate Protect program, which GLS is implementing worldwide. Also in Poland. In 2045, the company wants to achieve climate neutrality, meaning that it will gradually reduce CO2 emissions year by year. This is the next step in the effort. The operator is already offsetting all current emissions, and by 2025 it intends to significantly reduce them on every parcel. Among other things, the GLS Group participates in four global programs to, for example, protect an endangered part of the Amazon in Peru and Brazil, or support the construction of a wind and solar power plant in India.

- Climate Protect is a GLS program leading the way to climate neutrality. In 2008, we launched the ThinkGreen initiative, which focused on promoting green attitudes and solutions within the company. We are continuing these activities, but the GLS Group as a whole is going further. As an international company, we know that we can have a real impact on improving the climate, so a strong declaration of the entire Group is zero-emissions, which we want to achieve in the next two decades - says Tomek Zwiercan, managing director of GLS Poland.

Poland's road to zero-emissions

GLS Poland already uses 85 percent renewable energy sources such as biomass, hydroelectricity and solar energy. The company is successively installing photovoltaic installations on its own facilities, allowing the operator to generate the required energy itself.

- The commitments we made when embarking on the road to climate neutrality are being consistently implemented by us, both on a macro and micro level. Not only are the actions taken by the company important, but also by individuals. Together they have a truly impressive effect. That's why we encourage employees to take various green measures, such as saving energy by turning off appliances and lights when they leave the premises or finish work. We print only really necessary documents. In turn, GLS couriers benefit from tips on economic driving and receive practical training in this area - says Justyna Glaza, environmental manager of GLS Poland.



All of these activities focus primarily on reducing emissions per parcel transported. As a logistics operator, GLS Poland is aware that the biggest revolution must take place in transportation. That is why the company is consistently replacing its fleet with a greener one, which consists of several very specific elements. First - in 2019, GLS Poland's fleet expanded to include LNG-powered Iveco Stralis NP 460 trucks, which are less carbon-intensive compared to similar diesel trucks. There are now 28 such trucks running on Europe's longest routes. Secondly - there are 58 e-vans driving in the colors of GLS in more than a dozen Polish cities. The operator is consistently expanding this part of the fleet and increasing the number of chargers for electric cars at branch sites. Also, company cars are systematically changed to hybrid versions.

Third and finally, GLS Poland is investing in light transportation. The company was the first operator in the country to launch a courier bicycle. The piloting of the program began in Krakow, and now 13 courier bicycles in the colors of GLS Poland are already riding in 9 Polish cities. The bicycles will systematically appear in more towns and cities. - *The bicycles work well in zones with restrictions on vehicular traffic, i.e. in the centers of large cities. This is a fast and zero-emission means of transport, thanks to which we gain measurable benefits for the climate. For example, in Krakow, the use of just one bicycle for regular delivery service saved about 12 tons of CO2 emissions per year - says Justyna Glaza.*

Since 2020, the operator has also been using advanced technology to manage courier routes based on geocoding. Geo-coordinates, which are assigned to a given address, allow optimal planning of the entire delivery process thanks to precise mapping of courier routes.

In addition, GLS, in its journey toward climate neutrality, is also keen to engage in initiatives that promote green attitudes, and is itself an initiator of actions that aim to protect the climate, including planting flower meadows and protecting bees.

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About GLS Group

GLS Group is a leading provider of domestic and international parcel transportation services. The company provides its customers in 41 countries with reliable, high-quality and personalized



services, including express and freight services. Thanks to the company's extensive international network and good knowledge of local markets, GLS customers can expect the same comprehensive, flexible and personalized service throughout Europe and other parts of the world. GLS also operates through subsidiaries in Canada and on the West Coast of the United States. The GLS network includes 71 central and regional transshipment points and approximately 1,500 warehouses, served by approximately 31,000 end-to-end delivery vehicles and 4,000 long-haul trucks. GLS employs around 21,000 people. In 2020/21, the company achieved record revenues of €4.5 billion, delivering 840 million parcels despite global difficulties.