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Press release

## **GLS with Gold EcoVadis Certificate**

**In a global, independent sustainability ranking GLS Group scored very high. It found itself among the top 7% of companies in the postal, courier and multimodal freight transport industry.**

EcoVadis is an international, prestigious ranking of sustainable development. It evaluates more than 90,000 companies from 150 countries around the world, from various industries. What does it take into account? It is a range of indicators and key aspects related to sustainable development, including the environmental dimension of company operations, social dimension, ethical principles or nature of the supply chain.

The EcoVadis assessment is based on the highest international standards, such as the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles, International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards, ISO 26000 standard, CERES action plan and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

In the latest ranking, GLS Group was awarded the EcoVadis Gold Certificate. This means that it belongs to the elite group of the most sustainable courier companies in Europe. Such a high rating reflects the company's efforts across the entire spectrum of corporate social responsibility.

### **Unified network strategy**

GLS Group's environmental impact score of 80/100 places the company among the top 7% of companies in the sector. This environmental score is the result of the company's long-term sustainability strategy. For more than a decade, GLS Group has actively sought and implemented ways to reduce its environmental impact, as have its local transport partners.

Importantly, GLS Group has implemented a unified strategy to maximize its impact and ensure that know-how and efforts are shared across its international network. The success of this strategy is evidenced by the fact that last year's Silver rating given to GLS in the EcoVadis ranking was upgraded to Gold this year.



## **Encouraging sign**

GLS Group's environmental sustainability strategy is based on reducing, avoiding and offsetting emissions, with the former two being prioritized.

*- We are committed to creating a sustainable organization that meets the needs of the world around us, says Martin Seidenberg, CEO of GLS Group. - I am proud that we at GLS Group are taking direct steps that are having such a positive impact and helping us to move towards our common goal of creating a sustainable world of the future. The EcoVadis Gold Certificate is proof that we are on the right track, as well as an incentive to further improve our sustainability efforts - he points out.*

The actions taken by GLS Poland are consistent with the strategy of the entire Group. Of course this applies to all aspects of sustainable development, and the company adapts solutions to local conditions. That is why, for example, it introduces courier bicycles in the centers of the largest cities in Poland. Green energy is also increasingly powering the operator's core infrastructure.

*- We have already started on the road to climate neutrality. We have an ambitious plan to deliver 50% of domestic parcels using low- or zero-emission means of transport in 2030. We make sustainability a priority. We set ourselves ambitious and measurable goals in this regard, structurally inscribed in our long-term development strategy - concludes Tomek Zwiercan, GLS Poland managing director.*

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## **About GLS Group**

GLS Group is a leading provider of national and international parcel 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.