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Press release

## **Courier bicycles have hit the streets of Poznan**

**They can hold up to several dozen packages. They are environmentally friendly and do not make noise. Courier bicycles in the colors of GLS have taken to the streets of Poznan. The capital of Greater Poland is another city where parcels will be delivered by unicycles. In which areas of Poznań will we see courier bicycles?**

One is running in Jeżyce and the other in the Old Town area. Courier bicycles in the colors of GLS took to the streets of Poznań for the first time. The company decided that parcels would be delivered in a densely built-up area of the city and in an area with well-developed bicycle infrastructure. - *Jeżyce is a beautiful and historic district of Poznań, but due to the dense development it is difficult to park a bus there. That's why we thought of an alternative and, what's more, ecological way of delivering shipments, namely by bicycle* - says Małgorzata Knajdek-Zomrowska, manager of the GLS Poland branch in Poznań. As she adds, bicycles are very popular in Jeżyce and the Old Town: - *Bicycle transport is favored there by a developed network of bicycle paths, as well as the mentality of the residents, who want to live ecologically and not generate noise or exhaust fumes.*

Parcels are delivered by bicycles by two GLS couriers, privately avid cyclists, who additionally love to service unicycles.

### **What does a courier bike look like?**

The courier bike has an electric drive and a tonnage of up to 200 kg. It can carry dozens of packages at a time. The courier is protected by a special canopy, and the parcels are protected by a tightly sealed box. As a result, parcels can be transported by courier bike all year round. The most important advantage of the courier bicycle is zero-emission. This means of transport does not produce exhaust fumes, which saves up to 1 kg of CO2 emissions on each parcel. Another advantage of the bike is also the absence of noise, plus the bike's small size allows for more efficient delivery.

### **GLS is expanding its bicycle fleet in Poland**

Poznań is already another city where GLS has launched courier bicycles. The pilot program began in Krakow in 2020. After that, the next GLS "bicycle" cities were joined by Wrocław and Warsaw. This year, courier bicycles took to the streets of Gorzow Wielkopolski, Zielona Gora, Gdansk,



Wladyslawow, Lodz, Gliwice and Oswiecim. The bicycles are an ideal means of transportation in densely built-up areas of cities. The courier bicycle does not stand in traffic jams, does not have to look for a special place to park and, above all, protects the environment - such a vehicle saves 12.5 tons of CO2 emissions in a year.

The courier bicycle is one of many environmentally friendly vehicles that GLS is introducing to transport shipments. In 2019, LNG-powered trucks joined the fleet. The company is also steadily increasing the number of e-vans.

### **Zero CO2 emissions in 2045**

GLS's ambition is zero emissions by 2045. First, however, the operator wants at least 50 percent of the vehicles in its transport fleet to be low- or zero-emission by 2030, and by 2035 every new transport vehicle to meet these conditions. - Climate Protect, which is an integral part of GLS's new but already-implemented growth strategy, prioritizes climate protection and environmental issues more broadly. We operate in the transport industry, so we realize both our responsibility and the fact that we can do a lot to reduce emissions," declares Justyna Glaza, environmental manager at GLS Poland.

Already 85 percent of the energy used by GLS comes from RES. The operator uses biomass, water and solar energy. The largest GLS facilities in the country, i.e. sorting plants near Warsaw and in Strykow near Lodz, operate using RES.

The entire GLS Group is also constantly offsetting its CO2 emissions by participating in programs that protect an endangered part of the Amazon and supporting the construction of a wind and solar power plant in India, among other things.

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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.