

## Press Release

# GLS will launch 15 courier bicycles

**In Wrocław it is already running, in Warsaw it is still being tested. These are vehicles adapted for parcel transport, with electric assistance and the ability to go anywhere a regular bike can go.**

**Głuchowo, November 18, 2021.** - GLS Poland is the first courier company in the country to launch a courier bicycle - it has been serving the very center of Krakow since June last year. So far it has already delivered approx. 25 thousand packages. *- It has proved itself very well. That is why we are now introducing more courier bicycles. In the zones with restrictions for wheel traffic it is an optimal solution: agile and zero-emission. Such vehicle will enter everywhere where bike traffic is allowed. It will also drive directly to the right address, without the need to look for a parking space* - says Justyna Glaza, environmental manager in GLS Poland.

## Courier bike deliveries are flexible

Since this fall, the GLS courier bicycle is already riding in Wrocław. It serves the heart of the Old Town - especially the area where cars are not allowed. Its reloading base will be a point next to the Wrocław Market Square.

In Warsaw, the testing phase is still underway. In the capital, this type of vehicle will be close to the city center. *- This part is dominated by dense buildings, we deliver a large number of packages in a relatively small area. A bicycle gives the courier a great ease of movement and is a very flexible means of transport: it does not stand in traffic jams and can be reloaded many times* - explains Justyna Glaza.

This is another ecological solution in the GLS branch in Fajansowa street. On a daily basis the following facilities are operated here

The facility is equipped with chargers for electric cars and photovoltaic panels. Moreover, 100% of its energy comes from RES, as do nearly 20 GLS Poland branches across the country, including the largest facilities such as sorting plants near Warsaw and in Strykow near Lodz.

## The fleet is getting greener

This year and next year GLS Poland will introduce a total of 15 courier bicycles. *- We are entering the road to climate neutrality. This is the key point of our strategy. Courier bicycles perfectly fit into the idea of sustainable development. Of course, we always analyze local conditions. We introduce bicycles where they are the optimal solution also from the point of view of the needs and convenience of our customers. This is a perfect example that pro-ecological goals may harmonize with business ones* - says Justyna Glaza.

She notes that a courier travelling by bike in Krakow meets with positive reactions: *- Our customers appreciate the convenience of this solution and the fact that it emits neither exhaust*

*fumes nor noise. The environmental benefits are very tangible. Using just this one bike for regular service of shipments saved about 15 tons of CO2 emissions.* This is due to the fact that the delivery of each parcel is on average 1.3 kg of CO2, half of which falls on the so-called last mile, i.e. the final delivery stage.

The entire GLS fleet, including vehicles owned by subcontractors and company cars, is gradually being replaced with more environmentally friendly models. Courier e-vans in the colors of the operator are already driving, in addition to Warsaw, in eight other cities in Poland. From 2019, an important long-distance route in the international GLS network is being served by LNG-powered trucks - Iveco Stralis NP 460. They consume up to 15% less fuel than similar diesel trucks. They emit up to 99% less particulates and 60% less nitrogen oxides than required by Euro VI standards.

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