

PRESS RELEASE

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The number of GLS ParcelShops in Europe reached 20.000 thanks to acquisition in Spain. Using of ParcelShop in Czech Republic has risen by 63 % in last three years.

International parcel delivery provider GLS has significantly expanded its European network of ParcelShops, that has grown up by 1.600 stores thanks to acquisition of Spanish logistics company Celeritas. The total amount of ParcelShop in European network has reached 20.000. GLS operates over 350 ParcelShops in Czech Republic and new stores are launched every day. According to the annual public survey the popularity of ParcelShops has risen by 63 % in last three years.

Parcel delivery provider GLS is now for a long time strengthening and thickening its ParcelShop network so that the stores are comfortably available by car in every European country. *„The number of delivered parcels is thanks to the growing international e-commerce increasing and the recipients compare which logistics company is able to provide the closest ParcelShops. For that reason we have expanded our Spanish network by 1.600 ParcelShops by integrating of logistics company Celeritas,“* says Pavel Včela, director GLS Czech Republic. Thanks to this acquisition GLS provides one of the thickest and most covered networks of ParcelShops in Spain and at the same time the only one with the possibility to deliver parcels to the Canary Islands.

Growing popularity of ParcelShops

With expanding its network of ParcelShops, GLS is reacting to the constantly increasing volume of transported parcels, which is the impact of growing popularity of online shopping in domestic and foreign e-shops. GLS operates over 350 ParcelShops across Czech Republic and this consistently planned network is still growing. According annual survey, that for GLS provides the Ipsos agency, the popularity of ParcelShops has grown up by 63 % in last three years. *„This model of operating the ParcelShops has worked very well for us during the last couple of years. The customers like it for its easy accessibility and the possibility of picking up the parcels according their own time needs. The ParcelShops operators, mainly owners of medium and small stores, gain not just another source of revenue but also new potential customers. GLS gains thanks to this symbiosis easier access to the private clients,“* explains Pavel Včela.

GLS Czech Republic and the GLS Group

GLS Czech Republic is a subsidiary of General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam). GLS realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 270,000 customers, complemented by

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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.