**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Parcel delivery provider GLS supports for the third time project Biking to work and then project On bike for children**

**Parcel delivery provider GLS has for the third time became the general partner of project Biking to work. GLS helps motivating the general public to use bike or some other ecological means of transportation for their way to work and back for the period of at least one month. This year already ninth countrywide challenge will take place in May and participate can individuals and company teams. GLS will transport the starting packs for all the participants. GLS will also support Josef Zimovčák´s Endowment fund On bike for children, which by its own cyklotour helps oncologically ill children.**

In long term GLS is active in the field of sustainable logistics and within its ThinkGreen program tries to lower the negative impacts of parcel delivery to the environment. And therefore is traditionally participating as the general partner of project Biking to work, which will take place between May 1st and 31st. GLS delivers starting packs with a special t-shirt to all participants and also will register its own team that consists of employees of GLS. „*Ecological transportation is a very important topic for us a very are very happy about the fact, that we can contribute to this to this project for the third time. We are glad to promote ecological means of transportation among the general public and our own colleague, from which almost one third took part in last year´s challenge,“* says Pavel Včela, director of GLS Czech Republic.

There were 16.367 participants in last year´s challenge Biking to work, who voluntarily used bike, roller skates, running or other ecological means of transportation to work and back. Thanks to that was saved over 457 tuns of CO2 emissions. Next to the Biking to work project, GLS support also Josef Zimovčák´s Endowment fund On bike for children. Josef Zimovčák has managed to ride Tour de France on the high wheel and within project On bike to children supports oncologically ill children. Countrywide charity action begins its tenth year on May 29th in Aš and ends on Jun 8th in Znojmo after 1.291 km. „*Anyone can join the peloton anywhere on the route of the tour. Participants of Biking to work can fluently continue and join the On bike for children tour*,“ adds Pavel Včela.

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