

PRESS RELEASE

GLS has a new network partner in south-east Europe: A2B Express

Amsterdam, 2 February 2016. Since the start of the year, the GLS Group has been working with A2B Express in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo.

Both companies feed international parcels into their partner's network, with the respective partner then handling onward transport and delivery. GLS Croatia's hub in Zagreb serves as an interface for cross-border parcels. GLS and A2B Express work closely together to coordinate customs clearance. As the two companies have linked their IT systems, it is possible to seamlessly track parcels and smoothly process service queries.

"The strong presence of A2B Express in south-east Europe is an ideal addition to our pan-European network," explains Saadi Al-Soudani, Managing Director International at GLS. "A2B Express possesses market- and country-specific knowledge that is especially valuable given the sometimes challenging political and economic conditions in the countries concerned."

A2B Express operates numerous hubs and depots in the region. Founded in 2008, the company offers its roughly 3,000 customers a broad spectrum of parcel and logistics services.

"By joining forces with GLS, we are expanding our portfolio and enabling our customers to tap in to new markets," says Josip Krznaric, General Manager of A2B Express. "Our links with the comprehensive European network of GLS also constitute a powerful argument when it comes to customer acquisition. We too are focused on quality, reliability and flexibility."

The countries in the region south-east Europe are working to intensify economic cooperation amongst themselves and with the EU – a commitment that was underlined at the West Balkans Summit, which was held in Vienna in August 2015. Al-Soudani: "We are confident that trade will increase. And we are happy to contribute to this aim with our partnership."

The GLS Group in Europe

GLS, General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam), realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 220,000 customers in Europe, complemented by 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 and is globally connected via contractual agreements. 39 central transshipment points and 688 depots are at GLS’ disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. Over 14,000 employees handle 436 million parcels per year. Every day around 19,000 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2014/15 GLS achieved revenues of 2.1 billion euros.

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