

PRESS RELEASE

Third sustainability report of the GLS Group

- Report complies with GRI guidelines
- Core topics are urban logistics and green vehicles
- Ecological and social initiatives in Ireland

Amsterdam, 27 March 2018. The GLS Group has published its latest sustainability report – and GLS Ireland has also strengthened its commitment to the environment and society.

Parcel service provider GLS reports in accordance with the G4 guidelines published by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), which means, for example, carrying out a materiality analysis. Together with internal and external stakeholders, GLS thus identified the key areas for action in terms of sustainability.

Economic considerations, environmental and climate responsibility and social issues are at the heart of the sustainability report. It presents developments in the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years under the title “ThinkGLS. ThinkResponsible”.

“By reliably transporting parcels, we aim to play our part in promoting continuity and growth,” explains Rico Back, CEO of the GLS Group, in the foreword. “For us, this involves establishing corporate responsibility as a foundation for all our commercial activities and reporting openly about our progress.”

Innovative urban logistics

First and foremost, GLS is working to minimise the ecological impacts of parcel transport. One key area in this regard is urban logistics, the aim being to ease the strain on urban infrastructures whilst reducing both emissions and noise. GLS city depots, coupled with e-bikes and electric vans, are helping to achieve this aim.

Progress in Ireland

During the reporting period, GLS Ireland launched, amongst other things, a project to optimise routes and its network that sets out the roadmap for future investments. In order to not only ease the environmental burden during transport, but also at its

sites, the national subsidiary is systematically saving water, paper, electricity and heating energy. For example, CO₂ emissions fell by 20.2 tonnes by virtue of the decline in electricity consumption, whereas the share of electricity from alternative sources rose to 20 per cent.

Responsible and committed

The report also covers the various forms of social commitment in different countries. These projects are often directly linked to parcel services: volunteering days, support for fund-raising campaigns, free transports for charitable organisations or sponsorships of sporting or cultural events.

In Ireland, GLS is committed to helping one of the fastest-growing sporting communities in the country. Since mid 2017, the company has been the official logistics partner of Triathlon Ireland, thereby supporting major events for thousands of athletes.

The sustainability report is available to read on the [GLS website](#).

The GLS Group

GLS, General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam), realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 270,000 customers, 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 and seven U.S. states and is globally connected via contractual agreements. Over 70 central and regional transshipment points and more than 1,000 depots are at GLS' disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. GLS counts 17,000 employees and every day around 26,000 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2016/17 GLS achieved revenues of 2.5 billion euros and transported 508 million parcels.

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