

GLS doubles their European Out-Of-Home network; customers in the Netherlands are now able to return parcels via Parcel Lockers.

- *GLS has nearly doubled their European Out-of-Home (OOH) network in 24 months, growing from 70.000 to 130.000 Points.*
- *In the Netherlands, the Parcel Locker network is growing rapidly, and recipients can now also return their parcels via a Parcel Locker, 24 hours a day.*

Utrecht, 25 February 2026 – GLS Group, a leading parcel service provider with presence in Europe and North America, has doubled their Out-of-Home (OOH) network. The number of GLS Points (Parcel Shops and Parcel Lockers) has grown from 70.000 to 130.000 in just 24 months (as of December 2025). During peak season¹, the OOH-volumes increased by 43% compared to the previous year. This rapid growth makes GLS Group one of the fastest-growing OOH players in Europe. Rather than focusing on sheer scale, the company is expanding strategically, building a high-quality, service-led network of Parcel Shops and Parcel Lockers to meet growing consumer demand for flexible and convenient delivery options.

In addition to the further roll-out of Pick-Up-and-Drop-Off (PUDO) locations and open locker partner networks, GLS Group aims to have 30,000 of its own parcel lockers operational in Europe by 2030 at the latest.

Closer to the recipient: growth of GLS Points in the Netherlands

Also in the Netherlands GLS has significantly expanded its Out-of-Home network. Through the open locker network of PostNL, GLS Netherlands has access to more than 1.300 Parcel Lockers. This number is set to increase further this year, as PostNL is adding hundreds of extra lockers to the network.

In addition to returning parcels via Parcel Shops, recipients are now also able to return their parcels 24/7 via Parcel Lockers. The number of GLS Points has grown further thanks to the recent partnership with ViaTim, adding over 200 extra GLS Points. GLS Netherlands now has a total of over 2.200 GLS Points.

“We see that Dutch consumers prioritise convenience and flexibility when it comes to delivery and returns,” says **Luuk Speksnijfer, Managing Director at GLS Netherlands**. “More people want to be able to collect or return their parcels at a time and place that best suits their daily routine. That is why we are expanding our network of Parcel Shops and Parcel Lockers and now also provide return options via Parcel Lockers. With the combination of home delivery, Parcels Shops and a fast growing network of Parcel Lockers, recipients can decide which delivery or return location is most convenient for them.”

¹ November 1st – December 31st

By delivering more parcels via OOH-points in Europe, including in the Netherlands, delivery drivers can deliver more parcels per stop, reduce the number of failed delivery attempts and reduce traffic and parking pressure in busy city centres. As a result, Parcel Lockers have become one of the pillars of the GLS Group and GLS Netherlands' strategy for a more efficient last mile.