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Press release

## **A huge GLS investment in Poznań**

**An expanded branch of GLS in Poznań is already operating. Its capacity has doubled. Ultimately, the facility will be a regional sorting station and export facility for Western destinations.**

The added part of the warehouse is double-functional, with a courier and loading area. After the expansion, the Poznan depot of GLS has almost twice as many courier gates (now there are 158), the number of loading gates has increased from 8 to 13 (with the possibility of adding another 7), there are also more unloading gates for linehauls. The total area of the facility is now about 50% larger. The depot, operating in this location since 2008 together with the Polish GLS headquarters, is now able to handle twice as many parcels as before the expansion.

Such a significant expansion is the result of two factors. GLS Poznań depot is one of the three fastest growing localisations in the country (in terms of parcel volume), and besides, the courier company is gradually increasing operational flexibility of its network.

*– Thanks to the expansion we have increased the potential of sorting parcels, which can now be sent from Poznan even in 20 directions. The depot thus supports regional sorting hubs in Wrocław and Bydgoszcz. The facility is also fully prepared to take over the function of an independent regional sorting hub at any time,"* says Małgorzata Markowska, marketing manager in GLS Poland

This year, a sorting hub for export parcels will be launched at GLS Poznań depot. Shipments will be directed from here to Western European countries.

- This will relieve the traffic load of the sorting hub in Stryków, which serves as the main GLS hub in Poland. This autumn we will redirect here a part of the line transport operating in western directions," announces Małgorzata Markowska.

Let's add that the building is equipped with ecological solutions, including heat pumps, and LED lighting in the new part. This allows to significantly reduce power consumption, as well as the production of hazardous waste associated with the operation of fluorescent lamps. - *Environmental issues are an important element of our investments. We operate in accordance with the Think Green strategy, implemented by GLS since 2008 in various areas of the company's activity* - emphasizes Małgorzata Markowska.

GLS is systematically expanding its base infrastructure throughout Poland. - *This is an important element of our development strategy. Efficient and fast courier services are based on a dense, i.e. close to the recipients and a with high capacity network. Such an approach allows us to smoothly handle the constantly growing stream of shipments* - says Małgorzata Markowska, marketing manager of GLS Poland.

Currently GLS is planning to expand its depots in Warsaw, Gdańsk, Wrocław, Zielona Góra and Czeladź, among others. On the other hand, completely new depots will be established in Starogard, Zamość and Różan (Mazowieckie Voivodeship).

### **Closer to senders and recipients**

GLS is also developing a network of Szybka Paczka points - it has recently opened its latest company point in the centre of Krakow. Here you can pick up or send a parcel, including cash on delivery, there is also a packing point and a fitting room (a solution for customers of online shops). - We focus not only on network flexibility, but also on service. This is crucial considering the fact that the volume of shipments addressed to individual recipients is growing at a rapid pace, along with the rapid development of e-commerce. Modern courier services should respond well to the expectations and needs of senders and recipients from this segment - adds Małgorzata Markowska.

The Kraków point also serves as a reloading station for shipments addressed to recipients in the area, which is delivered by a specially constructed courier bike. GLS was the first company to use such a solution in Poland.

However, the network of sending and receiving points (operated by GLS partners) has been developing for 10 years. Their number has exceeded 1000 in Poland and 25 000 in Europe.

GLS Group is one of the quality leaders in European shipment logistics. The whole network of the operator, through subsidiaries and transport partners, covers 45 countries, including the USA and Canada.