

PRESS RELEASE

Sustainable city distribution

GLS delivers parcels emission-free

- **Deployment of electric vehicles in city centres of Apeldoorn, The Hague, Utrecht and Zwolle**
- **Participating in the Lean & Green-programme**

UTRECHT, 16 January 2020. GLS starts with fully sustainable parcel distribution in four Dutch city centres – emission-free and quiet. Electric vehicles are deployed in Apeldoorn, The Hague, Utrecht and Zwolle. GLS is also strengthening its commitment to the environment by participating in the Lean & Green-programme.

"We are committed to sustainability", says Milo Kars, Managing Director GLS Netherlands. "With electric vehicles we are able to deliver emission-free. This means that we can reduce the impact of parcel delivery on the environment, but also keep our inner cities viable."

Emission-free and quiet

GLS is deploying electric vehicles in four city centres, to replace the previously used diesel vans. With a fully charged battery, the eVans can cover around 120 kilometres. This is sufficient for complete tours from the GLS depots near the delivery areas, where the vehicles' batteries are charged overnight.

GLS first invested in setting up the charging infrastructure to ensure climate-friendly deliveries with eVans. "In comparison with the diesel vans we have to compromise on loading capacity and range", says Milo Kars. "But for us the process of building a 'green' fleet is an important part of our environmental measures." GLS has planned to use significantly more electric vehicles.

Joining the Lean & Green initiative

GLS Netherlands has also been participating in Connekt's Lean & Green non-profit initiative since November 2019 to further complete its commitment to the environment. GLS aims to be awarded with a Lean & Green star. The corresponding goal is to reduce CO2 emissions by at least 20 percent within a maximum of five years.

GLS Netherlands & GLS Group

GLS Netherlands is a subsidiary of General Logistics Systems B.V., Amsterdam (GLS). GLS realizes reliable high-quality parcel services for over 200,000 customers, complemented by logistics and express services. GLS also ships pallets and general cargo throughout the Benelux via an integrated network and in other regions throughout Europe via partners. “Quality leader in European parcel logistics” is GLS’ guiding principle. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the Group provides a network coverage of 45 European states. GLS is also present in eight U.S. states and in Canada, and is globally connected via contractual agreements. About 70 central transshipment points and more than 1,400 depots and agencies are at GLS’ disposal. With its ground based network GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. GLS counts 19,000 employees and every day around 30,000 vehicles are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2018/19 GLS achieved revenues of 3.3 billion euros and transported 634 million parcels.

Meer information about GLS: gls-group.eu

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