

## GLS Spain reaffirms its environmental commitment with the Climate Protect programme

- **The cross-cutting plan of the GLS Group involves all of the company's departments as well as its major stakeholders.**
- **An ambitious corporate programme that aims to succeed in reducing emissions and creating value for the client.**

**Madrid, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022** – The GLS parcel delivery company has taken another step in its aim to achieve a greener future for the coming generations. This is why the company is implementing **Climate Protect**, an ambitious global plan that encompasses a series of initiatives aimed at reducing and compensating for emissions derived from its activity. Its goal is to achieve climate neutrality by 2045.

GLS's commitment to climate protection and sustainability in parcel delivery goes back to 2008, the year it launched the **ThinkGreen** environmental initiative, seeking to coordinate and encourage the company's various sustainable activities. Now, with the new **Climate Protect** programme, the company is responding to a new development phase in the sector and to the need to broaden the Group's environmental commitment.

The programme is mainly implementing the following measures, with the ambition to achieve climate neutrality by 2045 through the compensation and reduction of emissions:

- 100% use of green energy throughout its facilities
- Switching its fleet to emissions-free vehicles
- Sustainable new-builds under the BREEAM standard
- Calculating its carbon footprint from fuel production to consumption (Well-to-Wheel)

A major focus of the programme, which was started recently, is compensating for emissions produced by the company's activity by investing in reforestation projects or developing sustainable energy sources in various countries such as Peru, Brazil and India. These projects are accredited by its global Climate Partner, a multinational specialising in calculating and reducing CO2 emissions that provides services for more than 4,000 companies in 35 countries and undertakes more than 100 compensation projects.



In addition, environmental protection is also included in the company's Code of Conduct and its environmental management system has ISO 14001 certification, accrediting that the GLS Group has established processes that aim to reduce the environmental effects of its business activities, both in their purchasing and in their operative activities.

Its Spanish subsidiary, GLS Spain, has already made strides in following the Group's new environmental strategy, for example by identifying and assessing the major environmental risks, opening the first sustainable Parcel Shop in Madrid and following the parameters established by the BREEAM standard in a large part of the facilities currently under construction.

*"We are aware of the major impact our activity has on the environment. This is why, through the **Climate Protect** programme, we promote initiatives that involve our entire value chain and ensure a sustainable future and the protection of our natural environment",* says Roberto Martínez, GLS Spain Chief Financial Officer.

## About GLS Group

GLS Group is one of the largest self-reliant parcel services providers in Europe, with a strong local presence in almost all countries across the continent. It also operates through wholly-owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the USA's West Coast within one GLS network. This allows GLS to seamlessly connect its customers and communities with millions of parcels and stories every day. GLS is proactive regarding network management, connecting its markets flexibly and agilely to respond to their fast-changing and dynamic nature. The company takes pride in providing its customers across about 40 countries with high-quality service that best suits their needs. The GLS network consists of over 120 hubs and more than 1,600 depots, supported by approximately 37,000 final-mile delivery vehicles and 4,500 long-distance trucks. This offers network resilience, superior flexibility, and extended reach. In 2021/22, GLS generated record revenues of 5 billion euros and delivered 870 million parcels across the markets.

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