

GLS Group's sustainability efforts rewarded with EcoVadis Gold Certificate

The company's environmental impact puts it in the top 7% of the postal, courier and multimodal freight transport activities industry



Amsterdam, 7 March 2022 – GLS Group's efforts to connect people across the world whilst protecting the environment for future generations have been rewarded with the EcoVadis Gold Certificate. EcoVadis is an international sustainability ratings provider for more than 90,000 companies offering the leading solution for monitoring and optimising sustainability in global supply chains. EcoVadis holds companies to the highest possible standard, which means that GLS' placement in the 93rd percentile makes it one of the most sustainable parcel carriers in Europe. EcoVadis looks at a range of metrics under the categories: Environment, Sustainable Procurement, Ethics and Labour & Human Rights. GLS Group's high rating from EcoVadis thus reflects the company's efforts across the spectrum of corporate social responsibility.

Unifying network strategy for environmental sustainability

GLS Group's environmental impact score of 80/100, particularly, puts the company among the 7% top-rated companies in the sector. This stand-out environmental score is the result of the company's long-term environmental sustainability strategy. For more than ten years, GLS Group has been actively seeking and implementing ways to reduce its environmental impact, as have its local transport partners. GLS Group launched a unifying strategy to maximise its impact and ensure that know-how and effort are being shared across its entire international network. The evolving success of the strategy is reflected in the fact that last year's Silver rating from EcoVadis has been raised to Gold this year.

An encouraging sign

GLS Group's environmental sustainability strategy is based on the reduction, avoidance and compensation of emissions, with priorities weighted to emission reduction and avoidance. "We are committed to creating a sustainable organisation that meets the needs of the world around us", says CEO Martin Seidenberg. "I'm



proud that we at GLS Group are taking direct steps that create such a positive impact and help us move towards our shared goal of creating the sustainable world of the future. The EcoVadis Gold Certificate is a recognition that we are on the right track, as well as an encouragement to improve our sustainability efforts even more”.

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About GLS Group

GLS Group is a leading cross-border parcel service provider. The company provides reliable, high-quality and personal parcel services to customers in 41 countries, complemented by freight and express services. Thanks to the company’s expansive cross-border network and strong local market knowledge, customers can expect the same seamless, flexible and personal service across Europe and beyond. GLS also operates through wholly-owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the USA’s West Coast. The GLS network consists of 71 central and regional transshipment points and about 1,500 depots, which are supported by approximately 31,000 final-mile delivery vehicles and 4,000 long-distance trucks. GLS employs around 21,000 people. In 2020/21, GLS generated record revenues of 4.5 billion euros and delivered 840 million parcels, despite global challenges.

About EcoVadis

EcoVadis provides the leading solution for monitoring sustainability in global supply chains. Using innovative technology and sustainability expertise, EcoVadis strives to engage companies and help them adopt sustainable practices.