

PRESS RELEASE

GLS Ireland significantly expands its ParcelShop network

- Around 200 new dispatch, collection and return points
- Now almost 400 ParcelShops in operation
- Online shopping made easier in the run-up to Christmas

Dublin, 12 December 2019. Just in time to cater for online Christmas shopping, the parcel service GLS Ireland has more than doubled the number of its ParcelShops. Consumers can now conveniently post, collect or return GLS parcels at almost 400 service points.

ParcelShops play an important role in the booming e-commerce business, particularly at Christmas time, when the number of orders increases dramatically and everything has to be delivered on time. ParcelShops are the “friendly neighbours” who you can trust to take receipt of parcels when no one is at home. They are an alternative delivery address where online shoppers who are at work during the day can have their parcels delivered. They are also a drop-off point for returns, which is an important option for consumers in online retail.

Thanks to a partnership with ParcelDirect.ie, GLS Ireland has seamlessly integrated around 200 new service points into its existing GLS ParcelShop network. ParcelDirect.ie primarily collaborates with an association of Spar supermarkets and filling stations to also ensure good supply in rural areas. With this cooperation, GLS Ireland has now expanded its network for private individuals and small-scale business shippers to almost 400 ParcelShops spread throughout the entire country.

Added service for consumers

“Web shops and their customers particularly stand to benefit from the expansion of our network”, says Andreas Rickert, Managing Director of GLS Ireland. With its *FlexDeliveryService*, GLS gives parcel recipients the option to have their orders sent to a ParcelShop of their choice or set a specific delivery time, for example. If the merchant chooses *ShopReturnService*, consumers can drop off returns in ParcelShops free of charge.



Both services are also available for international parcels. GLS carries out international returns between Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg and Poland. The **FlexDeliveryService** now connects 22 European countries – for convenient cross-border online shopping.

You can find your local GLS ParcelShop here:

<https://gls-group.eu/IE/en/depots-parcel-shops>

GLS Ireland and the GLS Group

GLS Ireland is a subsidiary of General Logistics Systems B.V. (headquartered in Amsterdam). GLS realises reliable, high-quality parcel services for over 200,000 customers, complemented by logistics and express services. "Quality leader in parcel logistics" is GLS' guiding principle. Through wholly owned and partner companies, the GLS Group covers 45 countries and is globally connected via contractual agreements. With its ground based network, GLS is one of the leading parcel service providers in Europe. The Group is also present in Canada and on the West Coast of the USA. About 70 central and regional transhipment points and around 1,400 depots and agencies are at GLS' disposal. GLS counts 19,000 employees and every day around 26,000 delivery vehicles and about 3,500 long distance trucks are on route for GLS. In the financial year 2018/19 GLS achieved revenues of 3.3 billion euros and transported 634 million parcels.

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