

PRESS RELEASE

Certified sustainability

Again EcoVadis Silver status for the GLS Group

- **Recertification by independent provider of sustainability ratings**
- **GLS among the top six per cent of companies assessed**

Amsterdam, 23 June 2020. For the second time, the GLS Group has been awarded Silver status in the sustainability rating from EcoVadis. In the process, the parcel service provider increased its rating to a total of 65 points.

“Environmental awareness and ethical behaviour are firmly entrenched in the corporate strategy of GLS. The EcoVadis seal helps to document our commitment in those areas and demonstrate it to our customers in particular, as well as to other dialogue groups,” says Dr Anne Wiese, Manager Corporate Responsibility GLS Group. “The audits also make it easier for us to validate and improve our measures.”

Despite increased requirements, GLS improved in the categories Environment, Labour and Human Rights, and Ethics. In the overall evaluation, the company is just one point away from Gold status, which is only achieved by five per cent of applicants. That means the GLS Group is among the top six per cent of assessed companies. Looking at the logistics sector specifically, GLS is among the top ten per cent, and even in the best seven per cent with regard to environmental topics. “We are continuously further developing our sustainability strategy. The EcoVadis results show us that we are on the right path,” says Dr Anne Wiese.

Audit in line with international standards

EcoVadis is an independent and globally active provider of sustainability ratings. It evaluates the activities of participating companies in the categories Environment, Labour and Human Rights, Ethics, and Sustainable Procurement. Its methodology is based on international sustainability standards, including the Global Reporting Initiative of the United Nations Global Compact and the ISO 26000 standard (guidance on social responsibility).

Sophisticated scorecards make it possible to measure and compare the sustainability activities of companies worldwide. Over 65,000 companies from a wide variety of sectors have been evaluated by EcoVadis to date.

The GLS Group

The GLS Group provides reliable, high-quality parcel services to over 200,000 customers, complemented by freight 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 also operates through wholly owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the West Coast of the USA. The GLS network consists of c. 70 central and regional transshipment points and c. 1,400 depots which are supported by c. 26,000 final mile delivery vehicles and c. 3,500 long distance trucks. GLS employs c. 19,000 people. In the 2018/19 fiscal year GLS generated revenues of 3.3 billion euros and delivered 634 million parcels.

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