

PRESS RELEASE

GLS KlimaProtect: Compensation and reduction of CO₂

- Investment of several million euros in compensating, reducing and avoiding CO₂
- Around two million euros were invested in photovoltaic systems and charging stations
- Implementation of KlimaProtect measures at 20 locations, another 20 planned within the next 6 months

Neuenstein, 01 October 2020. One year ago the parcel service provider GLS started the GLS KlimaProtect programme in Germany.

[GLS KlimaProtect](#) is based on a two-pillar model: compensation as well as reduction and avoidance of emissions. On one hand, all direct and indirect emissions are compensated, and on the other, investments are made towards the active avoidance and reduction of emissions, among other things through an electric delivery fleet and sustainably generated electricity.

"Sustainability is one of the most important foundations of GLS. Sustainability includes climate protection in particular", says Dr. Karl Pfaff, Chairman of the Management Board of GLS Germany. "We are very proud of what we have achieved so far and will continue to intensify our efforts."

Within the KlimaProtect programme GLS invests in a variety of different measures and projects:

- Use of **100% sustainable electricity** at all German locations.
- **Increased use of e-vehicles:** Over 100 e-vehicles, e-bikes and e-trucks are now in use - and the trend is rising. Many e-vans are being purchased as part of the model project ZUKUNFT.DE.
- **Development of the charging infrastructure:** To date, around 60 charging points have been installed at various GLS locations.
- **Driving forward emission-free delivery** in city centres: E-vehicles are in use in over 20 German cities. The inner cities of Dusseldorf, Hamburg and Karlsruhe are already being supplied with zero-emissions deliveries. More cities will follow.
- **Creation of micro-depots** in proximity to the city: Here the vehicles can be loaded with new parcels during the delivery tour, thus compensating for the lower loading volumes of the e-vehicles.
- **Development of photovoltaic systems:** The EuropeanEcoHub in Essen and the Erding and Vaihingen sites already produce their own electricity and use it for operations.

Certified compensation

The emissions generated by the parcel transport and business activities are compensated by a certified afforestation and forest protection project (VCS/CCB standard) by PRIMAKLIMA e.V. In the first year, over 200,000 tonnes of CO₂ were offset. The non-

profit organisation protects existing forests and plants new trees around the globe for climate protection. The focus is always on involving the local population and creating new perspectives. GLS is currently supporting a VCS/CCB-certified project in Indonesia to protect peat bog forests.

GLS Germany and the GLS Group

GLS Germany is a subsidiary of the GLS Group. GLS provides reliable, high-quality parcel services to over 240,000 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 40 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. 28,000 final mile delivery vehicles and c.4,000 long distance trucks. GLS employs c. 19,000 people. In the 2019/20 fiscal year GLS generated revenues of 3.6 billion euros and delivered 667 million parcels.

About ZUKUNFT.DE

The project ZUKUNFT.DE focuses on delivery services that are customer-friendly, sustainable, flexible and transparent through zero emissions. It is a research project with the aim of electrifying parcel delivery on the last mile, which is funded by the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI).

Further information including pictures of the EuropeanEcoHub can be found at gls-newsroom.de

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