

Press Release

GLS now operates a network of 1,300 parcel lockers in the Czech Republic – and will open them to other carriers

Prague, October 21, 2025 – Over the past two years, GLS has expanded its network of parcel lockers in the Czech Republic by more than 400%. The company now operates 1,300 lockers, making it the third-largest network among carriers. To further enhance delivery flexibility, GLS will now allow other carriers to share its parcel lockers. For the first time on the Czech market, two carriers will mutually open their locker networks – meaning GLS customers will be able to use DPD lockers, and vice versa.

The popularity of parcel lockers among the public continues to grow, and they have become the most preferred delivery option. In response, GLS has significantly expanded its network over the past two years. While the company operated around **250 lockers** two years ago, today there are already **1,300**, and the expansion will continue toward **2,000 units**.

*"Although there are now over 13,000 parcel lockers in the Czech Republic, capacity is still often insufficient due to growing demand. That's why we plan to further expand our own network. At the same time, it doesn't make sense to have five or more different lockers standing side by side in some locations. Therefore, we've decided to **share our network**, which is already the third largest in the country, with other companies,"* says **Petr Pěcha, Managing Director of GLS Czech Republic**.

The first company to share lockers with GLS will be DPD. DPD customers will now be able to deliver their parcels to all 1,300 GLS lockers, while GLS customers will gain access to 800 DPD lockers. *"This will further improve locker accessibility for both senders and recipients. It's the first example on the Czech market of carriers mutually opening their locker networks. We're ready to establish similar cooperation with other carriers in the future,"* adds Petr Pěcha.

"The mutual opening of DPD and GLS locker networks reflects our current approach to self-service delivery and addresses the frequently discussed issue of visual clutter in Czech cities. At DPD, we see greater potential in sharing locker networks between delivery companies rather than in their massive expansion. Another factor is utilization — locker capacity tends to be insufficient mainly during peak seasons such as Christmas or major e-commerce sales events. During the rest of the year, capacity often remains underused. Locker sharing could be one of the solutions to this challenge," explains Miloš Malaník, CEO of DPD Czech Republic.

GLS aims to operate **at least 2,000 parcel lockers** in the Czech Republic by the end of **March 2026**. Its network has been the fastest-growing in the country over the past year, and this trend will continue.

"On average, we activate one new locker every six hours, and by the end of March we aim to reach at least 2,000. All of this is done in cooperation with municipalities and with full respect



for public space," adds **Petr Pěcha**, noting that even 2,000 lockers will not be the final number.

In addition to its own lockers, GLS also utilizes **shared AlzaBoxes** and, newly, the **DPD network**. Altogether, GLS customers in the Czech Republic can now **use nearly 5,000 lockers** and approximately **1,000 additional pick-up points**.

Beyond online shopping deliveries, **GLS Boxes** can also be used for **direct parcel exchanges between individuals**. GLS has long allowed customers to send parcels directly from a locker or pick-up point without involving a courier. This summer, the company made the service even easier — there's **no need to print a label**, as parcels can now be **sent directly via the mobile app**.

Interest in person-to-person parcel shipping continues to grow — according to a GLS survey, **only one in three people never sends parcels at all**. *"There are several reasons behind this growth. Young people, in particular, are taking advantage of the opportunity to quickly resell clothes and other items they no longer use. The simplicity of the service also plays a key role — you can easily send a parcel from a locker or pick-up point and pick it up just as easily,"* explains **Petr Pěcha, Managing Director of GLS Czech Republic**.

Including partner pick-up points, **GLS now delivers to around 6,000 lockers and parcel shops** across the country. In addition to expanding this network, the company continues to focus on **home and office delivery**, offering premium services such as **real-time courier tracking** and **flexible delivery options**.

About GLS Group

The GLS Group is one of the largest parcel delivery companies in Europe, with a strong presence in almost all countries on the continent. GLS also operates through wholly owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the U.S. West Coast. The company provides services in over 50 countries. The GLS network consists of 120 central and regional hubs and more than 1,600 depots, operated by over 36,700 delivery vehicles and 6,400 trucks. In addition to home delivery, GLS ships to more than 110,000 pick-up points and 20,000 lockers. In the fiscal year 2024/25, GLS achieved revenue of €5.9 billion and delivered 926 million parcels.