



Press release

Over 10,000 parcels per hour: GLS increases capacity in Utrecht with two new sorting machines

Utrecht, 21 August 2023 - Two new sorting machines have been put into operation at the [GLS Netherlands](#) depot in Utrecht. As a result, the sorting speed at the depot has more than doubled: more than 10,000 parcels can be processed per hour from mid-August. The renovation aimed to install a new, modern sorting system so that the depot in Utrecht is future-proof. This allows GLS Netherlands to send parcels from sender to recipient even faster.

System update

The depot in Utrecht is now equipped with a new sorting system and a new mini-sorting system. The new sorting system can process up to 4,600 parcels per hour. Additionally, the new mini sorter has a capacity of up to 6,000 parcels per hour. This system processes smaller parcels that cannot pass through the regular sorting system due to their low weight.

Fully operational

Tom Hartmans, Project Manager at GLS Netherlands, is proud of the renovation: *"The arrival of the new systems has greatly increased the depot's capacity. This way, we can provide everyone with their parcels even faster."*



"For some time, it was unconfirmed whether the renovation could take place," Tom Hartmans continues: "It went ahead on one condition, namely that the depot had to remain operational throughout the process. Thanks to our large network, we solved this by temporarily forwarding half of the parcels destined for the depot in Utrecht to our other depots. We are proud that the recipients were not affected by the renovation process. Due to our delivery and operational staff's tireless efforts, we achieved this fantastic result."

At the beginning of April, the new mini-sorting system processed the first parcel, and since the beginning of August, the large sorting system is fully operational. This allows GLS Netherlands to start Peak Season 2023 with a large capacity increase and make even more senders and recipients happy.

About GLS Netherlands

GLS Netherlands is one of the largest logistics companies in Europe, with strong local representation in all markets across the continent. This allows GLS to seamlessly connect its customers with millions of parcels and stories every day. GLS is proactive in network management, bringing its market closer in a flexible and agile way to always respond effectively to their rapidly changing dynamics. The company is proud to serve customers in more than 40 European countries, 8 U.S. states and Canada, with service of the highest quality that best meets their needs. The GLS network includes more than 120 hubs and 1,600 depots, and is supported by a fleet of 4,700 linehaul trucks and some 37,000 delivery vehicles. This provides high European coverage, superior flexibility and tremendous reach. In 2022/23, GLS generated record sales of 5.4 billion euros and delivered 862 million parcels. Learn more at www.gls.nl.

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