

## **Press Release**

## Czech e-shops expand abroad, exports grow by a quarter. GLS now easily delivers parcels to pick-up points or lockers in 19 European countries.

Prague, 17 June 2025 – Customer interest from across Europe in products from Czech e-shops is growing rapidly. Ahead of the summer season, logistics company GLS is further expanding the list of countries to which it can easily deliver goods from Czech e-shops. The company can now deliver to pick-up points, including lockers, in 19 European countries. GLS has the third largest network of pick-up points and lockers in Europe, delivering to approximately 80,000 locations.

Czech e-shops continue their international expansion, with demand for their products abroad increasing rapidly. "Demand for parcel delivery from Czech e-shops abroad is growing by roughly a quarter year-on-year. Unsurprisingly, the highest demand is in neighboring countries, but we are also seeing successful expansion of Czech companies into more distant parts of Europe. We want to be a strong partner in this expansion – Czech e-shops can benefit from GLS's extensive distribution network across Europe," says Petr Pěcha, Managing Director of GLS in the Czech Republic.

Czech e-shops export most frequently to neighboring countries: Germany, Austria, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary. However, demand is also rising in more distant EU countries.

Ahead of the summer season, GLS is expanding the number of countries where it can deliver parcels from Czech e-shops. Partners can now send parcels to lockers and pick-up points in 19 European countries. "We are fully leveraging GLS's extensive network across Europe. While we deliver to addresses worldwide, in 19 selected European countries we will now also deliver parcels from Czech e-shops to pick-up points and lockers. GLS has a total of around 80,000 such locations across Europe," adds Petr Pěcha.

In the competitive environment of online marketplaces and low-cost Chinese aggregators, specialized Czech e-shops with unique product or service offerings are particularly successful, according to Pěcha. Demand exists both for handmade and original Czech products as well as for products from e-shops that can capture the global market with marketing or specific added value. "The Czech Republic has the highest number of e-shops per capita in Europe. Many of them must therefore clearly identify themselves and differentiate from competitors. It is precisely this uniqueness and originality that increasingly opens doors to Europe, and we will support them in this expansion," adds Petr Pěcha.

International delivery is available for e-shops using the MyGLS service. Goods are typically delivered within a few days depending on the destination; for example, shipments to Slovakia and other nearby countries are usually delivered within 1-2 days.

Countries to which parcels from Czech e-shops can be sent via GLS:



Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Croatia, Italy (excluding San Marino, Vatican City, Livigno), Luxembourg, Hungary, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Austria, Romania, Greece, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (excluding Canary and Balearic Islands, Ceuta, Melilla). GLS is one of the leading delivery providers in the Czech market. The company is heavily investing in expanding its network of pick-up points. In the first quarter of this year, GLS opened its 1,000th own locker, giving it one of the largest locker networks in the Czech Republic. In total, GLS delivers parcels to 5,200 locations across the country.

## **About GLS Group**

GLS Group is a leading provider of international parcel services. The company provides reliable, high-quality parcel services complemented by freight and express solutions across 40 countries. Thanks to its extensive international network and excellent local market knowledge, customers can expect seamless, flexible, and personal services throughout Europe and beyond. GLS also operates wholly-owned subsidiaries in Canada and on the U.S. West Coast. The GLS network consists of 120 central and regional hubs and 1,600 depots, utilizing approximately 37,000 delivery vehicles and 6,500 trucks. GLS employs around 23,000 people. In the 2023/24 financial year, GLS achieved a record turnover of €5.6 billion and delivered 905 million parcels despite global challenges.