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Press release

GLS and Lidl join forces. New service for sending and receiving parcels from August at Lidl

GLS, one of Europe's leading logistics companies, is starting a partnership with Lidl. You can already pick up GLS parcels and send returns at more than 900 of the popular supermarket's stores. The partnership with Lidl is GLS' largest collaboration with a retail chain in Poland to date.

The increase in the number of GLS points is a nod to customers who gain convenient access to courier services at the place of their daily shopping. Parcels can be sent and received during the opening hours of Lidl stores. Wanting to do so, one should go to the store employee residing in the self-service checkout area. The system handles pickups and send-backs, the **ShopReturnService**. Returning is free of charge for both domestic and international parcels - covering 24 European countries including, among others: Spain, Germany and Italy.

"Above all, the partnership with Lidl allows our customers to conveniently pick up and send parcels while doing their daily shopping, so it saves them valuable time. For GLS, it's another step developing its OOH (out of home) delivery network and incorporating Quick Parcel points. Such a solution also reduces CO2 emissions, which is part of our sustainability strategy" emphasized Sebastian Mazurowski, GLS Rapid Parcel network development manager.

The pilot program carried out in the recently opened 16 Lidl outlets went according to the accepted standards of both companies and was positively received by customers. The implementation of the project from the technological side is supported by integrator Pointpack.

Currently, taking into account the Lidl network, we already have 7,000 GLS Szybka Paczka points in Poland.

Receiving and sending parcels is also possible in many other stores and service points, such as ABC, Auchan, Carrefour, Dealz, Delikatesy Centrum, Duży Ben, Lewiatan, Martes Sport, Stokrotka, as well as in Bonito bookstores and Kolporter newsrooms. After the start of cooperation with Lidl, it is in this chain that the largest number of GLS parcel sending and receiving points will be located.



For more information, visit the <u>GLS website</u>.

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About GLS Group

GLS Group is one of the largest independent courier service providers in Europe, with a developed active presence in almost all countries on the continent. Through a network of subsidiaries, it also operates in Canada and on the West Coast of the US. Every day, this allows GLS to efficiently deliver millions of packages and related stories to customers and communities. GLS manages its network proactively - it connects the markets it operates in a flexible and agile manner, responding to their rapid changes and dynamics. The company is proud to provide its customers with high-quality services in more than 40 countries. The GLS network consists of more than 120 distribution centers, more than 1,600 branches, more than 36,600 vehicles responsible for the final stage of delivery and 6,500 line cars. This guarantees excellent flexibility and increased coverage. In 2023/2024, GLS Group generated record revenues of \in 5.6 billion, delivering 905 million parcels in all markets served. For more information, visit <u>gls-group.com</u>.

About Lidl Polska

Lidl Poland is part of the international Lidl group of companies, which includes independent companies with active operations throughout Europe and in the USA. The history of the Lidl chain dates back to the 1930s, and the first chains under the brand's banner were established in Germany in the 1970s. Currently, there are more than 12,000 stores of the brand in 31 countries, and more than 900 in Poland. For more information, visit <u>https://www.lidl.pl</u>.