

## **GLS Netherlands and Ayvens collaborate on emission-free delivery**

**Utrecht, 23 April 2025** - [GLS Netherlands](#) and leasing company [Ayvens](#) are joining forces in a strategic partnership to accelerate the transition to electric transport in the parcel industry. Through this collaboration, GLS Netherlands' transport partners can lease electric vehicles from Ayvens under favorable conditions. This helps reduce the overall costs for transport partners making the switch from fossil-fueled to electric transport.

For parcel delivery, GLS Netherlands works closely with external transport companies (the transport partners). However, for many of these transporters, transitioning to electric vehicles is challenging. This is because the purchase of electric vehicles requires additional investments and the associated insurance premiums are high. This puts transporters in a difficult position, as regulations (such as zero-emission zones in city centers) and GLS Netherlands' strategy are pushing them towards emission-free transport.

### **Electric leasing with minimal risks**

The collaboration between GLS Netherlands and Ayvens provides GLS Netherlands transport partners with tailored solutions to solve this problem. Through the partnership, transport partners can lease electric vans from Ayvens on a full operational lease basis. This comprehensive package includes insurance, repairs, tires, depreciation, maintenance, and taxes. Additionally, GLS Netherlands compensates for the extra costs of an electric van compared to a diesel van. "We have big ambitions to become more sustainable. However, many transport partners in the industry find it difficult to transition to emission-free transport," says **Theo Harmsen, Sustainability Manager at GLS Netherlands**. "With like-minded partners like Ayvens, we have the necessary advantage of scale to support these transport partners in their sustainability efforts. Initiatives like this are crucial to maintaining momentum towards emission-free transport in the coming years."

"Together with GLS Netherlands, we are making emission-free transport possible. We leverage the experiences and insights we have gained over the years in making our own fleet more sustainable," says **Frank van den Akker, Senior Sales Manager Company Vehicles at Ayvens Netherlands**. "Flexibility is key, if a transport partner cannot fulfill an assignment or even stops operating, the lease vehicles need to be redeployed with other parties."

### **From national to global impact**

Both GLS and Ayvens are committed to a greener future. GLS has joined the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), a global program that helps companies set science-based targets to reduce emissions. Within this framework, GLS aims to achieve zero emissions by 2045. An important milestone is to have 50% of its fleet operating with zero- and low-emission vehicles by 2030. Looking ahead, GLS also aims to improve road safety with advanced safety systems in electric vehicles. Ayvens has similar ambitions: its own fleet in the Netherlands has been fully electric for several years.

Other GLS countries are closely following the development of this partnership. Both companies are part of large, international organizations, and a successful sustainability initiative in the Netherlands could serve as a model for rolling out similar collaborations in other countries. This way, the local branches of GLS and Ayvens can create a global impact.

For now, there is still plenty to achieve in the Netherlands: the first vehicles are already operational, and a second batch is expected soon.

### **About GLS Netherlands**

Every day, [GLS Netherlands](https://www.gls.nl) delivers countless parcels from person to person. We help customers and recipients with personal attention on a daily basis. We have been doing so for over 40 years, since our beginnings as Nederlandse Pakket Dienst in 1980. GLS Netherlands is part of GLS Group, the company with the largest parcel network in Europe. GLS Group serves more than 250,000 customers in over 40 European countries and North America with service of the highest quality. The GLS network includes more than 120 hubs, 1,600 depots and more than 80,000 parcel points (Parcel Shops and Parcel Lockers). We have a fleet of 6,100 trucks and some 36,000 delivery vehicles. In the 2023/24 financial year, GLS Group achieved a turnover of 5.6 billion euros and delivered 905 million parcels. For more information, visit [www.gls.nl](https://www.gls.nl).