

BOPLAN®: NEW PARTNER OF THE TOUR DE POLOGNE

The innovative safety barriers of the Belgian company among the novelties of the 2021 edition.

Warsaw, 2021, May 18th - The Tour de Pologne, UCI WorldTour, is pleased to announce the partnership with BOPLAN®, a leading company in the workplace safety sector that has recently developed protective barriers specifically designed for cycling. The barriers, already employed in some Belgian WorldTour races, will be used for the first time in a stage race through a logistical effort also made possible by the commitment of Drutex, one of the official sponsors of the Tour de Pologne that will manage the handling of the barriers and other protective devices.

The shock-absorbing plastic barriers will be placed at the stages' finish, other protective devices will be positioned in some critical places such as traffic islands and as a protection of other potential obstacles along the course.

"The safety of the race and the riders has always been one of the main points on the agenda of our races," explains Agata Lang, Deputy Director General of the Tour de Pologne. "For this reason, we decided to use the new support of BOPLAN® and their innovative systems which were also appreciated by the riders on the races in Belgium."

"We are delighted to bring our safety expertise to the service of the Tour de Pologne and the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix," says Xavier Ramon, CEO and founder of BOPLAN®. "With the deployment of the BOPLAN® Race Barriers, Race Totems and Race Bumpers the organization of the Tour de Pologne makes a clear statement about the importance of safety at the event."

While waiting for the Tour de Pologne, scheduled from 9 to 15 August, the BOPLAN® barriers will be used for the first time by the organization in the ORLEN Nation Grand Prix, a U23 race involving national teams that will take place in Poland on the 29 and 30 May and is part of the prestigious UCI Nation's Cup challenge.