

## **Sprint hunt already open at Tour de Pologne**

*The sprint specialists will gather from 9th to 15th August in Poland.*

With just a few days to go before the official start of the 78th edition of the Tour de Pologne UCI World Tour, the sprinters are preparing for an intense week in the hunt for the best sprinter's jersey, powered by LOTOS, on a course with undulating terrain and tough climbs where they will need to defend themselves and preserve their legs for the sprints.

The first man to beat will undoubtedly be German **Pascal Ackermann** (BORA-hansgrohe) who has literally blossomed in the second half of the season, taking five wins in the space of two months. **Fernando Gaviria** (UAE Team Emirates), on the other hand, is looking for redemption and, after a number of placings, will once again have the chance to chase down a seasonal success in the sprint finishes of the Polish race. Like him, **John Degenkolb** (Lotto Soudal), who has come close to success on many occasions, returns to the Tour de Pologne to seek a victory to remember, perhaps on the traditional and fascinating finish line of Krakow.

Also among the expected men are **Andrea Pasqualon** (Intermarché - Wanty - Gobert Matériaux) and **Andrea Vendrame** (AG2R Citroën Team), a rider who can have his say on the fast finishes and who has scored two particularly spectacular victories this year thanks to his puncheur-like attitude.

**Attilio Viviani** (Team Cofidis) is instead the youngest rider in the sprinters' squad, with **Fabio Sabatini**, who knows his way around the fast-paced dynamics of stage races, in the team.