



The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix 2023 was officially unveiled today in Prague

Today, at the Hotel Orea Pyramida in Prague – Czech Republic, LANG TEAM announced the route of the **ORLEN Nations Grand Prix**, which will take place from May 24th to 28th.

The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix 2023, which is the first of the three races in the **UCI Nation's Cup Under 23**, will visit three countries in 5 stages :: Hungary, Slovakia and Poland. Competed in National Teams, it is one of the most important stage races in the UCI Under 23 category and welcomes the best nations of the UCI Under 23 Classification but also the best young talented riders from around the globe.

*"Cycling is one of the most beautiful sports in the World. The technique, the surprise, the adrenaline that keeps us glued to our screens, priceless moments really." says **Czeslaw Lang, President of LANG TEAM**. 'Cycling is not only about putting on a show and passion, it is the real school of life, hard training and teamwork. This is why we are more and more convinced and happy to have highly sought after and organized the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix as a round of the UCI Nation's Cup Under 23. Offering those talented youngsters a chance to experience what professionalism holds in store is absolutely thrilling. We have designed a race suitable for every type of rider so that they can all have a chance. I can't wait to see what they can do and support them on their way.'*

*"We are really proud and honored to be part of the UCI Nation's Cup Under 23 and to develop this competition with the objective to become a reference stage race for all the National Teams. Therefore, we decided alongside Czeslaw Lang, to build the race in 5 days – which is 3 more stages than before – and to visit not only Poland but also other surrounding countries from Central Europe. This race gives many young talents who will be the future of this wonderful sport a unique opportunity," confirms **John Lelangue, General Manager of LANG TEAM**. 'We have already seen how riders who have won previous editions now ride - with excellent results – at the World Tour level. For the LANG TEAM it is a priority to support tomorrow's cycling. I unquestionably join Czeslaw in that thought. Having ORLEN at our side, whom we will never stop thanking for their trust and support, makes this project even more solid.'*

Prague and the Czech Republic provided the backdrop for the presentation of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix 2023 and the LANG TEAM is already looking to integrate the Czech Republic in the following edition of the race. In the meantime, for this season, elites and amateurs riders will have the opportunity to participate in a special Challenge to be held under the form of a **Mountain Individual Time Trial** on May 21st on one of the toughest climbs in Czech Republic between Loučná nad Desnou and Dlouhé Stráně. This **ORLEN Nations Grand Prix Challenge, sponsored by ORLEN Benzina**, is open to everybody



and will allow cyclists to compare themselves to the best times achieved by some former professionals and will be a “prelude” to the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix.

‘As we anticipated, next year we would like to hold a stage of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix in the Czech Republic. This season, however, we wanted to think about the amateur riders and offer them a challenge that allows them to discover a place where cycling and nature are one. We’re sure that it will be a day full of great vibes for all of them,’ states **Czeslaw Lang**.

“We are delighted to support top domestic and international sports events and the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is no exception. We are happy that a part of this beautiful race devoted to the leisure riders will take place in Czechia and hope that all participants of this magnificent mountain time trial will have a great experience surrounded by the beautiful nature of the Jeseníky mountains.” said **Anna Ziobroń, Sponsorship and Marketing Director at ORLEN Unipetrol**, and continues: *“As ORLEN is swiftly expanding in Slovakia and added Hungary recently, ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is a unique opportunity to present ORLEN in Central Europe as a company which supports sport talents and has speed in its core.”*

The race will be largely covered by the media, in particular on TV with a 26 minute daily highlights summary, produced and distributed around the World for the first three stages while the final two stages of the weekend will have over 2 hours of live coverage produced by TVP Sport on national networks.

The 2023 ORLEN Nations Grand Prix route:

- Stage 1: Wednesday May 24th: Kaposvár - Balatonföldvár | Hungary
- Stage 2: Thursday May 25th: Hatvan - Bükkzentkereszt | Hungary
- Stage 3: Friday May 26th: Levoča- Štrbské Pleso | Slovakia
- Stage 4: Saturday May 27th: Bukovina Resort - Nowy Sącz | Poland
- Stage 5: Sunday May 28th: Sanok - Hotel Arłamów | Poland