



### **The line-up for the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix has been revealed**

*“In this race, there are only future stars. The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is an absolutely unique opportunity and everyone in the world of cycling knows it. That's why this event is so exceptional and is growing every year”* says Czeslaw Lang, who is responsible for organising the event.

This year, the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix will start in the Czech Republic, then the riders will cross Slovakia and head to Poland. The grand finale will take place near the Arłamów Hotel. From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, we will witness five exciting stages and top-level sport will be within everyone's reach.

The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is part of the prestigious UCI Nations Cup U23 series. National teams and clubs with cyclists up to the age of 23 will compete. No earpieces are used to communicate with sports directors, so the riders have to make their own decisions. This makes the competition very exciting.

*“When I think about it, I feel like we are going back to the origins, to the kind of racing I liked best. The riders don't wait for instructions, they make their own decisions. Of course, each team sets its tactics, but you never know what is going to happen on the road and how to react. That is why we are witnessing an exciting spectacle,”* says Czeslaw Lang, who heads the Lang Team company that organises the race. *“The ORLEN Nations Grand Prix is an event that the whole cycling world watches because it's where talent shines,”* concludes Lang. It's hard not to agree, as history shows.

Olav Kooij, who won the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix in 2020, is now a star of the remarkable Visma Lease a Bike group. As a professional, he has already won 32 times. Interestingly, his list of triumphs also includes the Tour de Pologne.

The list of those who have shone in the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix and are now fighting in the elite is much longer. Another Dutchman, Marijn van den Berg, won in Poland a year after Olav. And like his compatriot, he already has a victory to his name in our national race.

The first winner of this race, Frenchman Nicolas Prodhomme, may not be a winner, but as a rider in the Decathlon AG2R La Mondiale team he is a great climber with a good reputation in the peloton. He has raced five grand tours. And the list could go on. Not just those who are already among the elite, but soon others who will be competing in 2024.

This year 22 national teams and three clubs are competing. Full 2024 ORLEN Nations Grand Team List below

National Teams: Kazakhstan, Belgium, France, Spain, Great Britain, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Czech Republic, Portugal, Switzerland, Ukraine, Slovakia, Estonia, Poland, Sweden, Austria, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Hungary, Israel

Clubs: GKS Catusia, TC Chrobry Głogów, Mostostal Puławy

The title sponsor of the event, ORLEN, is a company that has been an unwavering supporter of the ORLEN Nations Grand Prix since its inaugural edition.