

82. Tour de Pologne®

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Tour de Pologne puts safety first. Another year of partnership with BOPLAN

For the fifth consecutive year, the Tour de Pologne routes will be protected by BOPLAN's modern safety solutions. The race's official logistics partner, Grupa Transportowa, will manage their transport.

Road cycling demands high safety standards, with riders covering thousands of kilometres at high speeds across varied terrain. Whether it's sprint finishes, descents or other critical sections of the route, ensuring the safety of athletes is paramount.

While crashes are an inevitable part of the sport and cannot be entirely eliminated, innovative solutions can significantly mitigate their impact. This is why the Tour de Pologne has been working with the Belgian company BOPLAN for the past five years. A leading supplier of state-of-the-art safety systems, BOPLAN exports its products to over 80 countries, helping to protect people, vehicles and infrastructure worldwide. Since 2019, the company has also extended its mission of creating safer working environments to the world of sport. Its signature safety systems are now used in road cycling, triathlon, BMX and athletics events.

During the 82nd edition of the Tour de Pologne, BOPLAN's distinctive yellow safety installations will appear along the race route once again. These include synthetic, shock-absorbing barriers and protective totems designed to safeguard riders during the most critical moments of the race, significantly enhancing safety in all conditions.

"Providing the right protection in areas where crashes could occur is essential — not only for athletes, but also for race staff and spectators. That's why we're extremely proud that our products are being used in the Tour de Pologne for the fifth consecutive year," says **Tibo Gheysen of BOPLAN**.

The ongoing collaboration with BOPLAN highlights just how seriously the Tour de Pologne takes rider safety. *"The most important aspect of organising any race is the safety of the riders,"* says **Czesław Lang, the Tour de Pologne's general director**. *'We're required to comply with a wide range of safety standards set by the UCI and national authorities. While BOPLAN barriers have been used in several UCI WorldTour one-day races, the Tour de Pologne is the only multi-day WorldTour event to secure the finish zone with over 300 metres of these barriers. This guarantees that the final metres of our race are among the safest in professional cycling. Expectations are high, and BOPLAN helps us not only meet them, but exceed them.'*

The transport of the BOPLAN safety systems will be managed by **Grupa Transportowa**, the official logistics partner of the Tour de Pologne. A few days before the race, trucks will be dispatched to Belgium to bring the barriers to Poland, where they will be transported from stage to stage throughout the event.

'The races we organise are major logistical undertakings, requiring a solid plan, experience and full commitment — all of which Grupa Transportowa provides,' **Lang** adds. *'We're also proud that it's a Polish company. At Lang Team, we've always focused on quality and promoting our country on the international stage.'* The Tour de Pologne remains the only UCI WorldTour stage race to use BOPLAN products. A total of over 650 metres of safety barriers will be deployed for each stage.

The 82nd edition of the Tour de Pologne will take place from 4 to 10 August and will be broadcast on TVP Sport and Eurosport, as well as being streamed on the MAX platform. This will reach fans in 65 countries worldwide.