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GLOBAL LASER-RUN CITY TOUR: KIEV (UKR) DOUBLES PARTICIPATION RATE



The surge in popularity of the Global Laser-Run City Tour was underlined in Kiev, Ukraine, on May 12 when participation rates doubled.

In 2017 the capital city attracted about 200 athletes and this year the number grew to more than 400, with able-bodied and wheelchair athletes of all ages taking part.



Photo by Alla Hryhoreva

Racing took place at the velodrome in the heart of Kiev with many spectators lining the course to watch youth, elite and Masters competitors take part, as well as journalists and government officials in trial categories.

Igor Panin, President of the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation, said: "Laser -Run is a good example of the popularity of UIPM Sports in Ukraine.

"Last year we had about 200 athletes, this year the amount of participants doubled and we had more than 400. Moreover, this time we had athletes with disabilities who competed in a Para-Pentathlon race.

"It was a very dynamic and exciting competition and you could see that this sport is open to everybody. I would like to thanks the many participants, coaches, Local Organising Committee and to the UIPM for their great support and positive emotions."

Laser-Run was launched in 2015 with the first World Championships taking place in Perpignan (FRA).

The Global Laser-Run City Tour took place in parks, stadiums and iconic urban venues in 60 cities around the world in 2017, with more than 15,000 participants. There are about 100 events scheduled in 2018.