



## Romain Sicard, Under 23 World Champion

**The Orbea Continental cyclist and recent Tour de l'Avenir winner claimed top place on the podium today at the Under 23 World Championships, after breaking away on his own on a tough 13-lap circuit**

**French Orbea Continental** racer **Romain Sicard**, who recently signed for the next two seasons with **Euskaltel Euskadi**, won the **World Championship** today in the Swiss town of Mendrisio.

**Sicard** rode to a well-deserved victory in the **Under 23 category**, after being out in front alone for 179.4 km on a tough 13-lap circuit. The Colombian **Carlos Alberto Betancur** took second place, and the bronze went to the Russian rider **Egor Silin**.

**Sicard** had been invited to participate in this race by the **French Under 23 team**, and it has meant firm recognition of the training work that has been done by the **Euskadi Foundation** and **Orbea** over the last few years.

For **Orbea Continental's** sports director **Álvaro González de Galdeano**, this win is "**very satisfying for the team, as it shows us yet again that we're heading in the right direction**". **Sicard** has been described as a "**tenacious**" racer, who in spite of his youth has "**great ambitions and knows what he wants**". "Romain has shown us what he's made of once again. **We're proud to see that he's achieving so much thanks to the nudge the Euskadi Foundation and Orbea have given him**", he told us.