CLAIMS:

1. A plug-in coupling for a pipe, the plug-in coupling comprising:

a coupling sleeve for receiving a pipe end,

a sealing ring inserted into the coupling sleeve,

a locking ring mounted upstream of the sealing ring in a plug-in direction of the pipe end and comprising retaining claws which protrude with respect to the pipe end and are inclined in the plug-in direction, and

an annular body similarly mounted upstream of the sealing ring and supported axially in the plug-in direction in relation to the coupling sleeve, wherein the annular body comprises a first annular body part and a protective ring for surrounding a face end of the pipe end from the outside, and wherein the protective ring is connected via a predetermined breaking connection, the predetermined breaking connection releasing the protective ring when pressure is exerted in the axial direction.

2. A plug-in coupling according to claim 1, wherein the protective ring has a U-shaped cross-section.

3. A plug-in coupling according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the annular body comprises a spacer ring for the locking ring.

4. A plug-in coupling according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the first annular body part is an insertion aid for the pipe end.

5. A plug-in coupling according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the protective ring is provided between the locking ring and the sealing ring.

6. A plug-in coupling according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the coupling sleeve for the pipe end comprises an axial stop which has an axial distance from the sealing ring greater than an axial height of the protective ring.