

Candidature for UEC Management Board

Spanbroek, 2 February 2025

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am very pleased to write this motivation letter to nominate myself for the UEC Management Board during the 37th congress in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Growing up in a family with a mentality that nothing comes easy, and when you want to achieve something, you must do it with full dedication, I have now come to the moment to take the next step in the world of cycling. My world, your world, our world!

As a 7-year-old enthusiast I encountered the bike and never lost this love. In the period of competitive athlete, and still as a board member, I have been able to experience many disciplines and levels in cycling. As an athlete with various European and World Championship medals and 4 Olympic participations. As a coach guiding various athletes to medals at the same events. In addition, as a competition organizer I have been able to organize several beautiful competitions, including the leading development race, Olympia's Tour through the Netherlands in which many national and international riders have found their breakthrough to the World Tour.

Since 2018 I have been part of the management board, since 2023 supervisory board, of the K.N.W.U. (Royal Dutch Cycling Union) where my focus is mainly on high-performance and development programs. Together with a dedicated team I have seen the sport grow to where it is now and in which the Netherlands can currently compete with the best nations in terms of performance and can sometimes even be a leading nation.

But I also see the concerns about reduction of members, sport-wide, in the youth categories, the safety of and within our sport and it is becoming increasingly difficult to organize competitions. These and other themes go beyond the Netherlands alone. It is now time to take our responsibility and discuss, frame and tackle these challenges with each other.

Where I once started with a dream of becoming world champion, I would now like to take a role within the European cycling community to connect federations, to jointly build further on a transparent, service-oriented governance environment to ensure that future generations are involved and inspired to make new dreams come true.

With kind regards,




Mr. Robert Slippens

Nationality

Dutch

Date of birth

3rd May 1975, Opmeer (NED)

Marital status

Married with Marina
2 children

Languages

Dutch, English and German

Competencies

Authentic, Persevering, Resilient,
Solution-Oriented, Energetic

Skills

Microsoft Office
Adobe Suite

Sports for leisure

Cycling, running, hiking, skiing

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Education

- 2022 - 2023 Nordic International Leadership Education
1996 - 1997 Senior secondary vocational education "Quality assurance for livestock and meat"
1991 - 1996 Senior secondary vocational education "Food Technology"

Work experience

- 2021 - present Co-owner [LLO Platform](#)
2019 - present Owner [TalentZ](#)
2014 - present Co-owner [Studio2 Communications](#)
2009 - 2013 National head coach endurance track team [K.N.W.U.](#)
2009 - 2011 Race director [Olympia's Tour](#)
1996 - 2008 Professional cyclist
1997 - 2015 Co-owner [Jos Slippens Vleeswaren](#)

Sporting achievements

11 Sixdays victories

- 2005 2nd World Championship Madison (with Danny Stam)
2004 2nd World Championship scratch
3rd World Championship Madison (with Danny Stam)
2003 2nd European Championship Madison (with Danny Stam)
3rd European Championship derny
2002 1st European Championship Madison (with Danny Stam)
2001 2nd European Championship derny

Olympic participations

- 2012 London Head coach
2008 Beijing Team pursuit 5^{de}
2004 Athene Madison 14^{de}
2000 Sydney Madison 8^{ste}, team pursuit 7^{de}
1996 Atlanta Team pursuit 12^{de}

Miscellaneous

- 2023 – present Member of the Supervisory Board [K.N.W.U.](#)
2019 - 2023 Chairman of the gymnastics association TopTurnen West
2018 Advisory Committee World Championship Track Apeldoorn
2018 - 2021 Chairman of the gymnastics association [GV West-Friesland](#)
2018 - 2023 Board member [K.N.W.U.](#)
2015 - 2020 Co-organizer of running event [Kerstcross Opmeer](#)