

CURRICULUM VITAE

TIJL SMITZ

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Date of Birth: 29/01/1981

Nationality: Belgian

Relevant certifications

- Master in Physical Education & Sport Management (KULeuven – 2006)
- Trainer Sport Climbing (Vlaamse Trainer School – 2006)
- National Routesetter Boulder & Lead (CMBel – 2012)

Relevant experience

- 2001 Founding member vzw Klimclub Hungaria, Leuven (+1000 members)
- National team coach Belgian Climbing Team 2007 - 2022
- Technical Director Club Alpin Belge since 2015
- Board Member CMBel since 2015
- IFSC Europe President and IFSC Board Member since 2021

IFSC involvement

- NF Representative at GA IFSC, GA IFSC-E and all other NF-meetings since 2016
- European Coaches Representative in IFSC-E Sport Department since 2016, interacting frequently since 2012, also in IFSC working groups

Languages

Mother tongue : Dutch

Fluent : French, English, Spanish

Basic : German

Other experiences

- Childhood memories : numerous hikes in the Alps with Tirolean edelweiss, Gran Paradiso's capricorns and Weisseespitze 360° views
- 2003 Moniteur de Descente de Canyons (Ecole Française de descente de Canyons)
- 2003 – 2015 freelance editor/contributor - Belgian Climbing Network
- 2003 – 2020 Wilderness First Responder (www.wildmed.com)
- 2006 – 2015 full time Freelance ClimbCoach (pioneering in Belgium)
- 2021 Belgian Certified and active Paramedic
- 2024 father and husband

Sports practiced

As a youngster 8 years in Modern Dance, later mixed with volleybal, running and cycling but once 18 the focus shifted towards the mountains with climbing, canyoning, mountainbiking and snowboarding. Scuba diving brings a nice calm to my life.