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New perspectives creating radical innovation



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Abstract

The era of digital transformation brings endless opportunities for businesses and society: opportunities powered by the advances in nanoelectronics and digital technology, opportunities that require cross-linking of expertises. Radical innovation can only happen by approaching the challenges our society is facing from new perspectives, with an open mind that gets inspired from unexpected fields. Radical innovation can happen. Innovation that will transform our health, mobility, environment, ... Innovation that will transform our data-driven society into a sustainable data-driven society for everyone.

Biography

Luc Van den hove is President and CEO of imec since July 1, 2009. Before he was executive vice president and chief operating officer. He joined imec in 1984, starting his research career in the field of silicide and interconnect technologies. In 1988, he became manager of imec's micro-patterning group (lithography, dry etching); in 1996, department director of unit process step R&D; and in 1998, vice president of the silicon process and device technology division. In January 2007, he was appointed as imec's EVP & COO. Luc Van den hove received his PhD in electrical engineering from the KU Leuven, Belgium. He has authored or co-authored more than 200 publications and conference contributions.