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Professor Van Wassenhove currently focuses on aligning business models and new technologies with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, e.g. closed-loop supply chains, circular economy, and disaster and health logistics. He recently co-edited special issues on humanitarian operations for the Journal of Operations Management, the Production and Operations Management Journal and the European Journal of Operational Research.

Professor Van Wassenhove is Fellow of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS 2005). In 2006, he received EURO's Gold Medal. He is Distinguished Fellow of the Manufacturing and Services Operations Management Society (MSOM 2009), and Honorary Fellow of the European Operations Management Association (EUROMA 2013). In 2018 he was elected Fellow of INFORMS and received an honorary doctorate from the University of Thessaloniki.

At INSEAD Emeritus Professor Van Wassenhove holds the Henry Ford Chair in Manufacturing, as emeritus. He created the INSEAD Social Innovation Center and acted as academic director until 2010. He currently leads INSEAD's Humanitarian Research Group and its Sustainable Operations Initiative.

Research Areas

Circular Economy and Closed-loop Supply Chains, Business Models for Sustainable Operations, Humanitarian and Health Supply Chains, Corporate Social Alliances

Teaching Areas

Humanitarian and Health Supply Chains, Circular Economy, Closed-loop Supply Chains, Sustainable Operations

Industry Sectors

Automobiles, Electronic & Electrical Equipment, Engineering & Machinery