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Didier Vancutsem is a distinguished expert holding bachelor's and master's degrees in urban and regional planning, landscape architecture, and territorial management. Based in Munich, Germany, he has an impressive 35 years of international professional experience. His expertise is focused on urban innovation and the development of comprehensive strategies for integrated urban development, having realized projects at all territorial levels across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Russia, and Asia.

Currently, Vancutsem holds key leadership positions in large-scale international initiatives. He is the head of the ambitious Eastern Project in Saudi Arabia as part of the Setec International team. Concurrently, he is the Director of the Institute for Urban Excellence – a prestigious expert think tank based in The Hague, Netherlands, through which he contributes to the global debate on the future of cities. In addition to these roles, he actively assists the European Commission in the implementation of strategic research programs related to sustainable urban development.

In the academic sphere, Vancutsem passes on his wealth of experience to the next generations of architects and urban planners. Since 2009, he has been an associate professor at the Faculty of Architecture of the Free University of Brussels, where he teaches in the master's programs in urban planning and landscape architecture. As a testament to his continuous commitment to the cohesion and development of the professional community, in 2025 he co-founded the International Urban Professionals Forum (IUPF), headquartered in Paris.



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