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Prof. Bert Lauwers is currently the dean of the Faculty of Engineering Technology of the KU Leuven and Academic Director of 4 KU Leuven campuses located in the provinces Limburg and Antwerp of the Flanders region.

Prof. Lauwers obtained the degree of mechanical engineer – option manufacturing technology and production management in 1987 from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven). In 1993, he earned his PhD from the same university on the subject "Computer Aided Process Planning and Manufacturing for Electrical Discharge Machining".



Prof. Lauwers conducts research at the Department of Mechanical Engineering in subtractive (including hybrid) manufacturing processes and computer support in manufacturing. He was and is active in several national and international (European level) research projects. Very important is his co-operation with industry, either direct or indirect through industry associations, national as well as international.

Prof. Lauwers is a Fellow of the International Academy of Production Engineering (CIRP). Within CIRP, he had several responsibilities of which chairman of the STC E (Electro-Physical and Chemical Processes) and Technical Secretary. He is fellow of the SME and has been awarded the SME Eli Whitney Productivity Award in 2020. He is further fellow of the International Academy of Engineering and Technology.