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Luc Maene is a Belgian national. He graduated from the University of Gent in 1970 with a degree in agricultural engineering and soil science. He joined the Belgian Administration for Development Cooperation and was stationed, first in Tunisia, followed by Malaysia. During that time he was lecturing in soil science and soil conservation and responsible for research in these fields.

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