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Partner, systems thinker and scenario planner at shiftN.

Philippe co-founded the Belgium-based futures consultancy shiftN more than 15 years ago. And it has been a very special ride, allowing him to work with exceptional people all over the world on some of the most intractable problems our societies are facing.

What drives Philippe first and foremost is a profound love for 'clarity in complexity'. In his work he leverages the powerful synergies of systems thinking with respectful dialogue and with the creative power of design.

Not surprisingly Philippe has an eclectic background. He started out as a bioengineer. His love for thinking and music led him onwards to take on a masters degree in philosophy. More recently he added a Masters of Human Settlements, providing him with new tools and ideas to tackle the complex interrelationships between space and other dimensions of human society.

After his engineering studies Philippe joined the Royal Shell Group where he worked as a researcher and internal statistical consultant in the chemicals business. After five years, in 1994, he decided to establish what has grown into shiftN. In the early years of his path as a scenario planner and systems thinker he worked as a professional associated to the Global Business Network. Since he has enjoyed the privilege to work with some of the most gifted systems thinkers and futurists of our times.

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