



Helle Thorning-Schmidt

Born: 1966
 Gender: Female
 Nationality: Danish
 Resident: Denmark
 Position: Professional board member

Vestas Wind Systems A/S

Positions

2019 Elected by the shareholders for the first time. Re-elected for subsequent terms, most recently in 2025.
 2019 Member of the Nomination & Compensation Committee

Independent

Independent from the company and management as well as major shareholders.

Considered independent under the Danish Corporate Governance Recommendations.

Special competencies essential to Vestas

In-depth knowledge of governmental affairs and political environments as well as strategic management of international and political organisations. Knowledge in ethics, social, and diversity matters, and human capital management.

Attendance in Board and Committee meetings during 2025

Board meetings - 10 out of 10
 Nomination & Compensation Committee meetings - 5 out of 5

Positions and management duties

- in listed companies and other organisations

- Palo Alto Networks (board member) – and member of the company's Governance & Sustainability Committee and Security Committee

Positions and management duties

- in unlisted companies and other organisations

- The Meta Oversight Board (co-chair).
- Daniel J. Edelman Holding, Inc. (board member)
- Neurons Inc. ApS (board member)
- Green Therma (board member)
- Vista (advisory board member)
- SafeLane Global Ltd. (advisory board member)
- Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship (advisory board member)
- Member of a number of foreign policy think tanks, including the US Council of Foreign Relations, the European Council for Foreign Relations, and the Atlantic Council International Advisory Board
- The Berggruen 21st Century Council (member)
- Danish Football Union (DBU)'s Governance and Development Committee (chair)

Former positions

Save the Children International
 2016-2019 Chief Executive,

The Danish Parliament

2011-2015 Prime Minister of Denmark
 2005-2015 Member of Danish Parliament and leader of the Social Democratic Party

The European Parliament

1999-2004 Member of the European Parliament

Education

1992-1993 Master's Degree in European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges
 1987-1994 Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen