

Jules Kortenhorst

Jules Kortenhorst is the Chief Executive Officer of Rocky Mountain Institute. He is a recognized leader on global energy issues and climate change. His background spans business, government, entrepreneurial, and nonprofit leadership.

Since 1982, Rocky Mountain Institute (<http://www.rmi.org>) has advanced market-based solutions that transform global energy use to create a clean, prosperous and secure future. An independent, nonprofit think-and-do tank, RMI engages with businesses, communities and institutions to accelerate and scale replicable solutions that drive the cost-effective shift from fossil fuels to efficiency and renewables.

BACKGROUND

Prior to RMI, Jules was the founding CEO of the European Climate Foundation (<https://europeanclimate.org>), the largest philanthropic organization dedicated to policy development and advocacy on climate change in Europe. Before launching ECF, he served as a member of the Dutch parliament for the Christian Democratic Party.

During the first 20 years of his career, Jules worked in the business world. He was the CEO for International Operations of ClientLogic Corporation, a global leader in outsourced customer relationship management (CRM) solutions. He worked for almost 10 years for Royal Dutch / Shell, among others as managing director of Shell Bulgaria, and he began his career as an analyst at McKinsey & Co.

Jules currently serves on the Energy Transition Commission <http://www.energy-transitions.org>, on the WEF Future Council on Energy and on the Board of Stedin Holding NV. Jules is married to Searl Vetter and has four children.

EDUCATION

- Masters of Business Administration, Harvard Business School, Baker Scholar
- Masters in Economics, Erasmus University, Netherlands