

Volt Europa Non Executive Board Member candidacy-Marina Rrika

My motivation to run for the role of Non-Executive Board Member at Volt Europa comes from a strong belief that sustainable political impact is built not only through vision and action, but also through solid governance, accountability, and long-term organizational thinking. Having been actively involved in building Volt at the national level, I have experienced both the opportunities and the challenges that come with growing a pan-European political movement. This has given me a practical understanding of how important it is to ensure that structures, processes, and decision-making mechanisms are clear, transparent, and supportive of all chapters. I am particularly motivated by the role the Board plays in safeguarding the integrity, direction, and sustainability of the organization. At a time when Volt is continuing to grow and expand its presence across Europe, strong and balanced governance is essential to ensure that this growth remains coherent, inclusive, and aligned with our core values.

With my background in political science and European studies, as well as my experience working on youth engagement and democratic participation, I aim to contribute to a Board that not only provides oversight, but also supports the long-term development of Volt as a credible and resilient European political force.

I am running for this role because I want to contribute to strengthening the foundations that enable Volt to grow responsibly, remain accountable, and continue delivering meaningful impact across Europe.

My Priorities

1. Strengthening Governance, Transparency, and Accountability

A key priority for the Board is to ensure that Volt operates with clear, transparent, and accountable structures. As the organization grows, maintaining trust internally and externally requires well-defined processes, responsible decision-making, and effective oversight.

This means ensuring that roles and responsibilities are clearly structured, that decision-making processes are transparent and accessible, and that there are strong mechanisms for accountability across all levels of the organization. A well-functioning governance system not only protects the integrity of Volt but also enables more effective and confident leadership across Europe.

2. Supporting Sustainable and Balanced Organizational Growth

Volt's growth across Europe must be both ambitious and sustainable. The Board plays an important role in ensuring that this growth is balanced, inclusive, and supported by the necessary structures and resources.

This includes paying attention to the development of smaller and emerging chapters, ensuring that they are not left behind, and that growth does not happen unevenly across countries. Supporting long-term planning, resource allocation, and organizational stability will be essential to building a resilient and cohesive European movement.

3. Safeguarding Volt's Values and Long-Term Strategic Direction

As Volt continues to expand, it is essential to remain consistent with its core values while adapting to an evolving political context. The Board has a key role in ensuring

that decisions and strategies remain aligned with Volt's principles, particularly in a time when democratic values and human rights are increasingly challenged.

This means maintaining a strong ethical and strategic compass, supporting leadership in staying aligned with Volt's mission, and ensuring that inclusion, democracy, and transparency are not only promoted externally but also practiced internally. By safeguarding this direction, the Board contributes to Volt's credibility, identity, and long-term impact.

My focus as a Non-Executive Board Member would be on:

- strengthening Volt's governance
- supporting its sustainable and balanced growth
- safeguarding its long-term strategic direction and values

As Volt continues to expand across Europe, ensuring that the organization remains transparent, accountable, and well-structured is essential to maintaining trust and effectiveness. At the same time, I aim to contribute to a more coordinated and inclusive growth of Volt, where all chapters, regardless of their size or level of development, are supported and able to contribute meaningfully. This requires a long-term perspective on organizational development, resource allocation, and internal cohesion.

Finally, I see the role of the Board as crucial in ensuring that Volt remains consistent with its core values, particularly in a political context where democratic principles and human rights are increasingly challenged.

In working on these priorities, my approach would be focused on providing constructive oversight, encouraging transparency in decision-making, and supporting structures that enable both accountability and growth. I would aim to contribute through strategic thinking, active engagement in Board processes, and by ensuring that decisions are both principled and practical, strengthening Volt as a resilient and credible European political organization.