



# Oliver Forberich

Candidate for Non-Executive Board Member VOLT

## Person

Oliver Forberich  
56 years young  
German, living in France  
One child of 13

## Education

PhD in Atmospheric  
Chemistry  
Economics

## Career

Active as Business Angel,  
Coach and Board Member  
25 years' experience in  
various general  
management roles in Europe  
and globally:

Managing Director, Balta  
(BE), 250m, 1200 employee  
SVP, CMO Bekaert (BE)  
200m / 4bn, 1000 employee  
CCO, thinXXS  
Microtechnology (DE) start-  
up  
General Management,  
SCHOTT (DE)

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## Drivers

Why not?

The best way to predict the  
future is to invent it

The only constant in life is  
change

I love Europe

## Background

Throughout both my academic and professional career, I have consistently worked across borders **in an international environment** before choosing France as my home. Along this journey I, like many other Europeans, have experienced firsthand the persistent challenges of borders, languages, and bureaucratic obstacles.

When I discovered Volt Europa in 2023, I didn't hesitate. VOLT is not just another party—**VOLT is the answer to a problem we have experienced for decades**. Now, I want to take responsibility and help scale that solution by **servicing as a Non-Executive Board Member**.

I **bring over 25 years of general management experience** from start-ups to big corporates in international environments, **including board-level roles** in multiple organizations. I **understand governance**, finance, and legal responsibility, networking and representation on international levels, structuring, coaching — but equally important, **I understand listening**.

And I know that **without resources, even the best ideas remain unheard**.

## Program

In a time marked by geopolitical uncertainty—including the weakening of NATO and the erosion of long-standing alliances—the need for a united, democratic, and decisive Europe has never been greater. Therefore, the establishment and the follow up of **actions to push the implementation of a United States of Europe forward** will be the dominant part of my contributions on a strategic level.

VOLT has a message and we need to make it heard. The **creation of a powerful, long term oriented, and comprehensive communication campaign** is essential to develop VOLT forward. The campaign requires **the involvement of all functions** and all chapters of the movement and this is what I would like to ensure personally.

Resources are needed to drive the campaign forward and consequently we must build **stronger and more structured fundraising capabilities** and engage **patrons and supporters with the financial means** to scale our impact. The transparent implementation, supported by all functions and chapters of VOLT is my task. Equally **important is accountability**. I aim to ensure that the VOLT community clearly understands how all parts of the organization—Board, Co-Presidents, Members of Parliament, and national chapters—**contribute to shared objectives**. A regular, open reporting will be key to me.

All activities must **remain firmly grounded in VOLT's values**, integrity, and legal responsibilities. Strong oversight and governance will therefore be at the core of my role.

## Objectives

As Non-Executive Board Member, I will focus on impact:

1. **Strive for the United States of Europe** – a coordinated approach
2. **Make VOLT Heard** – comprehensive communication campaign
3. **Fund Growth** – transparent, intensified fund raising
4. **Strengthen Accountability** – internal communication of functions
5. **Uphold Integrity** – full compliance