



From Potential to Power

Electoral Programme


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Politics is personal. It affects every area of life, from the streets we walk on, to the education or job opportunities we have. I was born in the Republic of Moldova right after the country broke free from the Soviet Union. I went to a school where computer science was taught without computers, sports were practiced without a gym and where the physics teacher was also the math teacher. I lived in a small town by the Romanian border, and even as a child I understood the power of a passport. As standard practice, wealthier families sent their children to study just across the river in Romania, presenting them with a whole new world of opportunity. That's what Europe's always been to me: a chance for a better future, just barely out of reach. Joining Volt was my way of taking responsibility for that future, and empowering others to do the same.

We have created something unique, something strong, and something incredible. We have created a movement with a shared European identity and political unity from nothing but dreams, passion and hard work. Our courage, our hope, and our commitment to building a better future is what connects us across borders and makes us one European community.



For us, the EU is not only about peace, trade or prosperity. It is also about solidarity, cooperation and a shared democratic future. As a pan-European party, Volt is the only movement that can make this vision a reality, and our journey towards that future has only just begun. The EU is the greatest peace project in history, but it is still far away from finding the political unity required to solve the challenges of our generation.

As Volters, we must embrace our evolution as a movement and work together to shape Volt into the political force we are meant to be. Thousands of Europeans have already given us their votes of confidence. It's about time we show them that we can turn our Potential into Power, and become the credible force that will change the future of our continent forever!



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Volt Europa stands at a defining moment. Active in more than 30 countries, we are one party, one programme, one federal vision. Between now and the 2029 European Elections, over 10 countries in Europe will hold national elections — each one a steppingstone. The last mandate was spent building foundations. This one must be about delivery.

My commitment is to strengthen the political positioning and governance infrastructure that turns Volt's potential into real political power.

I. One European Voice

Volt must act like a European political force — not just a network of national chapters. Being "more political" does not mean centralising power or promoting personal agendas. It means clear political positioning on major European issues, coordinated campaigns across countries, and visible European-level narratives.

Small chapters need visibility, political relevance, and European backing. Large chapters need coherence, professional alignment, and strategic focus. Our job is to meet both where they are. We have the infrastructure, election calendar, electoral hub, etc. What we lack is follow-through and impact. My commitment is simple: no chapter goes into an election without a confirmed European support plan — political, financial, and communications. And if we fail to deliver that, we should be held accountable for it.

II. Social Impact as Political Legitimacy

Electoral credibility is built between elections, not during them. Social action is how Volt earns legitimacy in communities that don't yet know us — and deepens loyalty in those that do. We have done this before. #EuropeCares — our pan-European Covid relief campaign that delivered €100k in aid to refugee camps across Europe — proved that Volt can mobilise across borders, act with one voice, and make a tangible difference in people's lives. It showed the world that we are not just a electoral project, but a movement with a conscience. We need to replicate that. Not as a one-off, but as a permanent feature of what it means to be Volt.



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We will build a European Social Impact Programme structured around four pillars:

- **Annual European Flagship Campaign** — inspired by #EuropeCares: shared branding, shared resources, shared timeline, every chapter acting together on the same cause at the same moment
- **Social Campaign Incubator** — chapters propose impact initiatives and receive European-level support, funding guidance, and communications backing
- **Cross-Border Volunteering Actions** — Volters across countries act together on the same day, reinforcing that we are one party, not thirty
- **Impact Measurement Framework** — we measure what matters: volunteers mobilised, beneficiaries reached, media coverage generated, and members recruited through action

III. Governance & Accountability That Builds Trust

A federal Europe needs a federalist party that practices what it preaches. Volt's internal architecture must reflect our political values: subsidiarity, transparency, and shared responsibility. Trust is not declared. It is demonstrated — through every decision made in the open. Volt cannot advocate for a federal Europe while operating as an uneven network of chapters with uneven power dynamics. We will build governance structures that are federal by design:

- **Clear competence boundaries** — European vs. national competences formally clarified, so every chapter knows where its authority begins and where Volt Europa's mandate ends
- **Power balance across chapters** — more equal representation between large and small chapters in European decision-making; a party of 30+ countries cannot be driven by the two largest
- **Subsidiarity in practice** — decisions made at the lowest effective level, with Volt Europa focusing on what only a European body can do: cross-border coordination, shared political positioning, and pan-European accountability
- **Formal governance framework** — statutes and internal regulations that reflect these principles, reviewed and strengthened in this mandate



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IV. Financial Governance: Investing in Growth, Not Overhead

Volt's financial model must serve one purpose: getting resources to where they create the most impact — our chapters. Every euro we raise should be felt on the ground, not absorbed by administration.

- **Return on investment mindset** — we will evaluate every European-level expenditure against one question: does this directly strengthen a chapter's capacity to grow, campaign, and win?
- **Chapters first, back office second** — financial prioritisation shifts toward direct chapter support: electoral resources, campaign toolkits, training, and social impact infrastructure. Overhead is minimised, not maximised
- **Building chapter donor bases** — we will develop a pan-European fundraising programme that equips each chapter with the tools, templates, and training to build their own sustainable donor networks. Chapters should not be dependent on Volt Europa for survival — they should be empowered to fund their own growth
- **Transparent resource allocation** — clear, fair criteria for how European funds are distributed, with member-accessible reporting so every Volter can see where the money goes and why.