

Volt Belgium

Statutes of Volt Belgium ASBL

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Part I. Name, seat, purpose and duration

Article 1 - Name, logo

The name of the association (Association) is "Volt België vzw" - "Volt Belgique ASBL" - "Volt Belgien VoE", or in its shortened form "Volt Belgium."

All published materials and electronic communications of the Association must always be preceded or followed immediately in Dutch by "vereniging zonder winstoogmerk" or the initials "vzw," in French by "Association Sans But Lucratif" or the initials "ASBL," or in German by "vereinigung ohne Erwerbszweck" or the initials "VoE."

Article 2 - Seat and registered office

The seat and registered office of the Association is located in the Brussels Capital Region. The seat and registered office of the Association may be relocated to another premise only by agreement of the General Assembly on proposal of the Executive Committee of the Association and in accordance with applicable legal provisions.

Article 3 - Purpose and activities

The Association is created in order to pursue the values of the Volt Charter. It observes the values on which the European Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union, namely respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

The Association may, inter-alia, carry out the following activities in order to achieve its Purpose including:

- (a) Through the Executive Committee, represent the Volt movement in Belgium in all legal proceedings;
- (b) Establish, support and promote local, provincial, and regional chapters in Belgium including through activities at the local, provincial and regional level in collaboration with the Party of Volt Belgium and Volt Europa;
- (c) Ensure the effective financial and operational oversight and regulatory compliance of the movement, the Association, and the de-facto association Party of Volt Belgium;
- (d) Ensure the operational efficiency of the Volt movement in Belgium by:
 - (i) facilitating, supporting, and coordinating the operation of all Members across all functions and ensuring coherence of the organisational structures;

(ii) assisting Members in promoting the Volt movement and running for elections in Belgium; and

(iii) providing supplemental training for Members alone or in collaboration with Volt Europa.

The Association may carry out all acts with the exception of political acts delegated to the Political Assembly of Volt Belgium, directly or indirectly related to the achievement of its purpose and activities. To that end, it may buy, sell, take on lease and let out, possess all movable and immovable property and facilities, mortgage the same, accept inter vivos and testamentary gifts subject to the authorisations foreseen by applicable legal provisions.

Article 4 - The Party of Volt Belgium

The Association is tasked with the execution of the strategic and political direction approved by the Party of Volt Belgium in accordance with the Statutes of the de-facto association which are indivisible. It does so by faithfully securing and providing all necessary logistic, human and financial resources necessary for the implementation of its Programme and Decisions.

Article 5 - Duration

The Association is created for an unlimited duration.

Part II. Membership

Article 6 - Composition

The Association is constituted of Effective Members (with full voting rights), and Associate Members (with limited voting rights). The number of Effective Members may never be inferior to three (3). Effective Members benefit from the full rights and privileges accorded to them by applicable legal provisions and these present Statutes. Associate Members only benefit from the rights and privileges explicitly afforded to them by these Present Statutes. Members shall not be liable for any commitments entered into by the Association.

Article 7 - Membership Dues

The Association may establish membership dues to help support the operating costs of the Association and the Party, Effective Members may be charged a monthly, or annual fee following a proposal by the Executive Committee and approval, by simple majority, of the General Assembly. If no proposal is agreed by the General Assembly, the applicable fees shall remain the same as in the current year.

Membership fees for Effective Members may be differentiated on the basis of motivated criteria (for example income levels) as determined by the General Assembly and on the proposal of the Executive Committee.

Article 8 - Eligibility for Effective Membership

Is considered an Effective Member, any natural person having fulfilled the following eligibility criteria set forth in these Statutes:

- (a) Is a resident of Belgium;
- (b) Has reached the age of majority or produces a letter of permission from a legal guardian if under the age of majority;
- (c) Has completed successfully the application procedure for Effective Membership notified by a decision of the Executive Committee provided within three (3) months of the application being submitted as determined by these present Statutes and further specified in the Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (d) Has formally undersigned these Statutes, the Code of Conduct, and the Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (e) Is not a Member of another Political Party whose values conflict with Volt's Statutes or its Code of Conduct;

- (f) Has paid the full membership dues in a timely fashion to benefit from their rights, or meets the requirements for alternative payment of dues, or benefits from a subsidised membership due as foreseen in the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 9 - Rights and responsibilities of Effective Members

All Effective Members benefit from a right to vote at the General Assembly, and their respective Local Assembly should one exist. They have further rights and duties as determined by these present Statutes, Code of Conduct and Internal Rules of Procedure.

All Effective Members may be represented by one (1) other Effective Member to whom they may give their written proxy during a General Assembly in accordance with the internal procedures, and should digital voting facilities not be provided by virtue of an Electoral Board decision. An Effective Member may not hold more than two (2) proxies.

In the event of proxy voting, the Electoral Board shall be responsible for providing a form to Effective Members wishing to be represented to be filled and returned to the Electoral Board prior to the General Assembly and in accordance with the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes present and represented, unless otherwise foreseen by applicable legal provisions or by the present Statutes. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chair of the General Assembly or their replacement is the casting vote.

If an Effective Member has multiple residencies, or prefers to be allocated to a Local Assembly outside of their area of residence for whatever reason, they must choose one and may not change that Local Assembly for a period of one (1) year except if they move to this Local Assembly.

Article 10 - Eligibility for Associate membership

Is considered an Associate Member, any natural person who volunteers or supports the object of the Association and the Party of Volt Belgium, having fulfilled the following eligibility criteria set forth in these Statutes:

- (a) Is a resident of Belgium;
- (b) Has reached the age of majority or produces a letter of permission from a legal guardian if under the age of majority;
- (c) Has completed successfully the application procedure for Associate Membership notified by a decision of the Executive Committee provided within three (3) months of the application being submitted and as further determined by these present Statutes and further specified in the Internal Rules of Procedure;

- (d) Has formally undersigned these Statutes, the Code of Conduct, and the Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (e) Participates in Volt proceedings at their own costs but are not expected to pay any membership dues foreseen for Effective Members.

Article 11 - Rights and responsibilities of Associate Members

All Associate Members benefit from a right of presence at the General Assembly but no voting rights. All Associate Members benefit from a right of presence in their respective Local Assembly and may, at the full discretion of the applicable Local Assembly, benefit from voting rights for Local Assembly proceedings. Associate Members are not eligible to run for any position in any Organ of the Association. If an Associate Member has multiple residencies, or prefers to be allocated to a Local Assembly outside of their area of residence for whatever reason, they must choose one and may not change that Local Assembly for a period of one (1) year except if they move to this Local Assembly.

Associate Members may not be represented by other natural persons or Effective Members in Local Assembly votes.

Article 12 - Additional membership types

Without prejudice to the Powers of the General Assembly to amend these Statutes and Internal Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee has the authority, subject to approval of the Provincial Committee, to establish and define additional membership types should the need be felt, and in such cases, to publish the rights and obligations with regards to these categories of membership.

Article 13 - Register of Effective Members

In accordance with Belgian legal provisions, the Association maintains a digital and physical register (at its registered office) of Effective Members under the responsibility of the Executive Committee supported by the Secretary General and any staff or volunteer supervised by the Secretary General in charge with human resources related matters. All decisions of admission, resignation, or exclusion of an Effective Member must be registered by the Executive Committee within eight (8) days of the Executive Committee or General Assembly in which the decisions were taken.

Article 14 - Resignation of a Member

Any effective or associate member may leave, of their own free-will, the Association by addressing in writing their resignation either to the Secretary of the Board of Administrators, the Secretary General, or a staff or volunteer in charge with human resources related matters. Resignation does not remove the obligations of a resigning

effective member to pay any remaining membership dues or other charges. It is also reputed as resigning any Effective or Associate member who has not paid membership dues within the month of receiving a reminder to be addressed by registered post or email with an associated read-receipt request.

Article 15 - Exclusion of a Member

The exclusion of an Effective or Associate Member, may only be decided by the General Assembly on the basis of a two-third (2/3rd) majority of the votes present and represented. Such an agenda item may only be added to the General Assembly by the Volt Values Board in accordance with the Internal Rules of Procedure. The exclusion of an Effective or Associate Member must adhere to the conditions outlined in the Internal Rules of Procedure, and as it concerns a natural person, a secret ballot vote must be organised by the Electoral Board.

- (a) A convocation of a General Assembly in accordance with the requirements set forth in these present States;
- (b) The mention in the Agenda of the General Assembly the proposal to exclude with a summary description of the reason for said proposal;
- (c) A brief presentation of the conclusions of the Disciplinary Committee or the Volt Values Board by its presiding Chair or Co-Chairs;
- (d) The respect of the right to defence, the member whose exclusion is requested may address, should the member wish, the General Assembly;
- (e) In the case of an Effective Member, a mention is added to the Register of Members with regards to the exclusion of the Effective Member.

Article 16 - Suspension of a Member

The Volt Values Board on the basis of a majority decision by the Disciplinary Committee, or the Volt Values Board sitting in full chamber, may suspend the voting rights and mandates of any Effective or Associate Member having been found in breach of these Statutes, the Code of Conduct, the Internal Rules of Procedure or indeed applicable Belgian legal provisions. Such suspension may be terminated by the Disciplinary Committee or the Volt Values Board sitting in full chamber.

Article 17 - Rights to the Assets of the Association

Members who resigned or were excluded, as well as their successors shall have no rights whatsoever on the assets of the Association and shall not be entitled to claim any reimbursement of any nature whatsoever, unless otherwise foreseen in these present Statutes or the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 18 - Complaints, Mediation, and Disciplinary Procedure

A Member, Members, or an Organ that is unable to resolve a conflict or witnesses a situation they believe breaches the spirit or letter of the Statutes, Code of Conduct, or Internal Rule of Procedure may submit a complaint to the Co-Chairs of the Volt Values Board. The Co-Chairs shall determine whether the complaint should follow:

- (a) An Article 19 Expedited Procedure

- (b) A referral to a Mediation Committee in the event the conflict may be resolved by such a procedure. A Mediation Committee involving a random chamber composed of one of the Co-Chairs and two Volt Values Board members is established in accordance with the Internal Rule of Procedure. The Mediation Committee may escalate to a Disciplinary Committee should its findings determine that a serious breach has been observed by either involved parties.

- (c) An immediate referral to a Disciplinary Committee for complaints which involve alleged grave breaches but do not concern the vital interest of Volt. The procedure shall be adjudicated by a random chamber composed of one of the Co-Chairs, two Volt Values Board members, and two additional Effective Members. In the event the procedure is activated following an escalation of an Article 18(b) procedure, the Volt Values Board members may not be the same mandate holders that served on the escalating Mediation Committee chamber.

Article 19 - Disciplinary procedure

Upon reception of a case the Co-Chairs may deem that a violation is sufficiently grave as to warrant an expedited procedure, the Volt Values Board will be required to convene in full plenary in order to deliberate and execute their decision(s) with immediate effect. The subsequent General Assembly will be called upon to ratify the decisions of the Volt Values Board in the case of an expulsion of the Member.

In the event of a manifest breach of the spirit or the letter of the Statutes or the Code of Conduct by Effective or Associate members which causes bodily or mental harm to another individual or which contravenes the Code of Conduct such that the reputation of the Association and the Party are damaged, the Volt Values Board may initiate itself an expedited Article 19 Disciplinary Procedure. In such circumstances, the Volt Values Board sitting in plenary may conduct any hearings it deems appropriate and issue an Article 49 sanction in accordance with the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Part III. Organs of the Association

Article 20 - The General Assembly

The General Assembly is composed of all Effective Members and is presided by a Session Chair (or their Substitute) appointed by the Executive Committee. Associate Members may be invited to attend the General Assembly. The General Assembly meets at least annually, and more if the interests of the Association so require. The General Assembly meets in a physical location within the Territories of Belgium but may also, should the need be felt and as determined by the Executive Committee, exceptionally be held virtually on a platform which can be accessed by all Effective Members. The exact date and time of a General Assembly is communicated by the Executive Committee and must be included in the formal convocation addressed to all Members.

Article 21 - Powers of the General Assembly

The General Assembly has the exclusive competence for:

- (a) Amendments to the Statutes, the Code of Conduct and the Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (b) The election, appointment, and dismissal of all mandates relating to the Organs of the Association, and independent assessors and auditors for the accounts, with the exception of those appointed by the Local Assembly. It may delegate to the Electoral Board the conducting of elections and the counting of voting results in accordance with these present Statutes and the Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (c) The determination of remuneration if any for the mandates referenced in Article 21(b);
- (d) The discharge of individuals holding a mandate referenced in Article 21(b);
- (e) The introduction in Court of an action against either the administrators or the assessors referenced in Article 21(b)
- (f) Approves the annual accounts, budget, financial reports, and annual work plan
- (g) Dissolution of the Association;
- (h) Exclusion of Members;
- (i) Modification of the Object of the Association or its legal structure;
- (j) And any other Acts where it is explicitly granted competence by these Present Statutes, the Code of Conduct, or Internal Rules of Procedure or Belgian legal provisions.

Article 22 - The Annual General Assembly

The General Assembly meets upon notice of the Executive Committee on a day and time within six (6) months of the closing of the financial year. At this meeting, the discharge and election for all lapsed mandates relating to the Organs of the Association, the independent assessors/auditors for the accounts are held. Two (2) weeks prior to this Annual General Assembly, Members must receive the proposed budget and annual work plans for the coming year, as well as annual accounts, all other financial and activity reports for the current year.

Article 23 - The Extraordinary General Assembly

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be held at the request of the Executive Committee on the basis of a minuted decision of at least half of the Executive Committee, the Provincial Committee on the basis of a minuted unanimous decision, or by the Effective Members on the basis of a co-signed written request, addressed to the Secretary General, the Secretary of the Board, or the Co-Presidents of the Board, representing one-fifth (1/5) Effective Members or one-twentieth (1/20), whichever is lowest, of the Effective Members on the basis of the Register of the Members of the date upon which the written request is submitted. In the event that the co-signatories do not represent the required number of Effective Members, the Board must notify a refusal to hold an Extraordinary General Assembly on that basis within seven (7) days. Failing this notification, an Extraordinary General Assembly must be held.

Article 24 - Convocation of a General Assembly

All Effective Members and Associate Members are notified of ordinary General Assemblies by the Executive Committee. The publication of the notification must be done by publication on the Volt Workplace instance or equivalent, and where practicable also by email and other digital communication means at least fifteen (15) days prior to the General Assembly date. The notification must contain the date, the time, and location of the General Assembly, applicable procuration forms, and virtual voting modalities if these are offered. Any proposal for new agenda items co-signed by at least one-twentieth (1/20) of the Effective Members, addressed to the Secretary General, the Secretary of the Board, or the Co-Presidents of the Board, must also be added to the agenda and notified. Following the addition of member proposed agenda items, no additional substantive modifications to the agenda may be undertaken six (6) days prior to the General Assembly being held. The General Assembly may not vote upon matters which were not notified on the agenda but may deliberate upon them.

Article 25 - Quorum of the General Assembly

All decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes present and represented, unless it is determined otherwise by Belgian legal provisions or by these present Statutes. In the case of a tie, the vote of the Session Chairman or their substitute is the casting vote.

Article 26 - Notification of dissolution or modification of Statutes

Any modifications to the Statutes or a decision by the General Assembly as regards the dissolution must be notified, within one (1) month of the decision, to the clerk of the tribunal of commerce for publication in the Belgian legal monitor.

Article 27 - Notifications and minutes of the General Assembly

All notifications and minutes, which shall contain the decisions of the General Assembly, are drafted by the Secretary of the Executive Committee and the Secretary General, are countersigned by the Co-Presidents of the Executive Committee or, in their absence, by two (2) duly appointed Effective Members elected by the General Assembly for this task. They are kept in a register at the social seat of the Association in their original material form, as well as in electronic form or similar support and in conditions guaranteeing durability, readability, integrity, reliable and durable reproducibility. Each Effective Member receives a copy of all minutes at least in electronic form. Unless otherwise provided for by Belgian legal provisions or in the case of a special delegation by the Executive Committee, copies or excerpts of these minutes to be delivered to Third Parties or used in Courts or elsewhere are signed by the Secretary of the Board or in their absence one other Administrator.

Article 28 - The Local Assembly

Local Assemblies exist as the decision-making body designated for the Effective members of a commune or groups of communes. Established by virtue of the presence of at least six (6) Effective Members in the Register of Members inside a defined commune and/or a group of communes in Belgium on the basis of a decision by the Provincial Committee. It ceases to exist by common agreement or when the commune or group of communes drops below six (6) Effective Members in the Register of Members. Associate Members may be invited to attend the Local Assembly which may grant the Associate Members voting rights on Local Assembly proceedings by virtue of Article 11. The Local Assembly meets at least annually, within 6 months of the Annual General Assembly, and more if the interests of the Association so require.

Article 29 - Powers of the Local Assembly

The Local Assembly has the exclusive competence for:

- a) The election, appointment, and dismissal of all mandates inside the jurisdiction. It may delegate to the Electoral Board the conducting of elections and the counting of voting results in accordance with these present Statutes and the Internal Rules of Procedure;
- b) The discharge of individuals holding a mandate referenced in Article 29(a);
- c) Approves the annual accounts, budget, financial reports, and annual work plan for the jurisdiction in full compliance with the parameters defined by the General Assembly ;
- d) Execute together with the Provincial Committee the local-level annual work plan activities foreseen to the General Assembly;
- e) Dissolution of the Local Assembly;
- f) And any other Acts where it is explicitly granted competence by these Present Statutes, the Code of Conduct, or Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 30 - Quorum of the Local Assembly

All decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes present and represented, unless it is determined otherwise by Belgian legal provisions or by these present Statutes. In the case of a tie, the vote of the Session Chairman or their substitute is the casting vote.

Article 31 - Notifications and minutes of the Local Assembly

All notifications and minutes, which shall contain the decisions of the Local Assembly, are drafted by a duly appointed Effective Member elected by the Local Assembly for this task and countersigned by the City Lead or Co-City Lead or City Co-Leads or, in their absence, by two duly appointed Effective Members elected by the Local Assembly for this task.

Article 32 - The Board of Administrators

The Board of Administrators (The Board) consists of the members of the Executive Committee and the Provincial Committee. The Board is competent for day-to-day implementation of the work plans adopted by the General Assembly and setting the direction of the Association in its interim.

The Board delegates day-to-day responsibilities when possible to its constituent Boards, other Committees, the Secretary General, and staff. The maximum number of Administrators is: members of the Board of Administrators is sixteen (16), five (5) of which are Officers of the Executive Committee, and eleven (11) of which are Members of the Provincial Committee.

Article 33 - Powers of the Board of Administrators

The Board of Administrators benefits from the broadest powers to administer and manage the Association within the limits of its purpose. In accordance with Belgian legal provisions, the Board of Administrators has all powers not expressly reserved to the General Assembly or other bodies or Organs of the Association by these Present Statutes, the Code of Conduct, or Internal Rules of Procedure. The Board of Administrators has the exclusive competence, without this list being exhaustive, for:

- (a) Acts and decisions required by these present Statutes and those foreseen by Belgian legal provisions;
- (b) Prepare and adopt all acts and contracts;
- (c) Open and manage all banking accounts;
- (d) Deal, agree to acquire, acquire, exchange, or sell all movable and immovable goods
- (e) Mortgage, borrow, lease;
- (f) Accept any legacy, subsidy, donation or transfer so long as they comply with Belgian legal provisions,
- (g) Renounce all rights of the Association,
- (h) Represent the Association in court both as plaintiff or defendant,
- (i) Appointment and dismissal of Association staff
- (j) Appointment of an ad-interim City Lead or City Co-Leads until such time as the commune or groups of communes by virtue of a Provincial Committee decision have met the conditions to establish an Article 28 Local Assembly.

Article 34 - Quorum for the Board of Administrators and its Constituent Committees

The Board of Administrators and its constituent committees (the Executive Committee, and the Provincial Committee) all deliberate validly when half of the members present or represented participate in a Board Meeting.

Article 35 - Modality of decision-taking of the Board of Administrators and its Constituent Committees

The decisions of the Board of Administrators and its constituent Committees are taken by a simple majority of votes present or represented unless otherwise foreseen by these Present Statutes. In the event of a tie, the Co-Presidents of the Board or the constituent

Committees acting jointly cast the deciding vote. Should they be unable to act jointly, the decision is suspended until the next Board of Administrators. All decisions must be minuted by the Secretary of the Board, including the vote split when decisions cannot be taken by consensus, and kept in a Register for this purpose accessible at all times to the Effective Members.

Article 36 - Meetings and notifications of the Board of Administrators and its Constituent Committees

The Board of Administrators and Provincial Committee meet at least three times per year, using digital means on an approved platform of the Association. It may also meet more frequently whenever the interests of the Association require it. The Executive Committee meets at least monthly in the interim of the Board of Administrators meetings.

An official meeting of the Board or its constituent Committees is convened at the request of the Co-Presidents of the Board of Administrators, the written request of a majority of the officers of the Executive Committee as notified to the Secretary of the Board, or a written request representing a simple majority of the members of the Provincial Committee as notified to the Secretary of the Board.

The Secretary General, or a delegate appointed by the Secretary General, attends all Board of Administrators, Provincial Committee and Executive Committee meetings as a non-voting advisor and represents the national functional leads and teams in Board proceedings.

Article 37 - Resignation, absence, and revocation of mandates of the Board of Administrators and its Constituent Committees

A Member of the Board of Administrators may resign from their mandate in writing to the Secretary of the Board and the Co-Presidents of the Board. A Member of the Board of Administrators may also be automatically removed from their mandate following two non-excused absences from a meeting of the Board of Administrators in one year.

A Member of the Board of Administrators may be suspended from their functions for other reasons by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the Board of Administrators. The Volt Values Board must be informed of the decision which is competent to reject or confirm the suspension, or escalate to the General Assembly to revoke the mandate by simple majority.

In the event of a resignation, automatic removal, or revocation of a mandate, a by-election must be conducted under the supervision of the Electoral Board within fifteen (15) days of the post being vacated to elect a replacement who shall complete the remaining term of the individual that they replace. During the interim period and should the vacated post concern an Officer of the Executive Committee, the responsibilities shall be held,

ad-interim and until the by-election is concluded, by the fifth officer whose portfolio was determined in accordance with Article 39.

Article 38 - The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is a constituent part of the Board of Administrators and has all of its powers in the interim of an Board of Administrators. The Officers of the Executive Committee are appointed by the General Assembly and may not hold any other leadership roles in the Association during their mandate. The Executive Committee is responsible for the day-to-day operations within the party, and works collaboratively with the Provincial Committee.

Article 39 - Officers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of officers including at least two (2) Co-Presidents, not of the same gender, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a fifth officer whose portfolio is determined by the Executive Committee itself at its first Committee meeting following the taking of office. The Executive Committee may, with the agreement of the General Assembly, create new posts in the Executive Committee in pairs.

Article 40 - Mandate term of the Executive Committee

Members of the Executive Committee may be appointed to a two (2) year term by the General Assembly. Only Effective Members are eligible for a term on the Executive Committee. Executive Committee mandates may be renewed twice before the individual must observe a period of ineligibility of two (2) years. Upon conclusion of that period of ineligibility, the Effective Member is eligible again for a mandate on the Executive Committee.

Article 41 - Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is delegated by the Board of Administrators to exercise ad-interim executive authority and acts under the direction and control of the full Board of Administrators. The Executive Committee particularly has the competence, without this list being exhaustive to:

- (a) Manage the finances, approve and execute financial requests exceeding the limits delegated to the Secretary General, and all bank accounts of the Association in alignment with the Budget approved by the General Assembly;
- (b) Propose in collaboration with the Provincial Committee an annual work plan, listing our priorities, and actions foreseen to the General Assembly;

- (c) Execute the national-level annual work plan activities as approved by the General Assembly,
- (d) Supervise the operational arm of the Association including the Secretary General and their functional leads and teams;
- (e) Initiate and/or approve national-level actions and activities proposed by the Secretary General and the functional leads;
- (f) Organise the logistics for all ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies and Board of Administrators meetings;
- (g) Sign all acts, deeds and contracts that bind the Association and serve as the Association legal representatives;
- (h) Request a decision of other Organs be reviewed by the Volt Values Board for a binding review on the basis of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive Committee should these Organs be found by the Executive Committee to exceed their powers foreseen by these present Statutes, the Code of Conduct, or Internal Rules of Procedure;

The Executive Committee may, under their responsibility, delegate the day-to-day management of the Association to one of its members or the Secretary General. Acts which are binding on the Association other than those required for the day-to-day management, must be co-signed by two administrators designated by the Executive Committee to do so without having to justify their powers to third-parties. Administrators, individuals who are delegated to tasks required for the day-to-day management of the Association or representation of the Association, are not, resulting from their function, personally liable and are only responsible for the execution of their mandate which they carry out voluntarily.

Article 42 - The Provincial Committee

The Provincial Committee is a constituent part of the Board of Administrators. It advises and supports the Executive Committee on matters pertaining to the management of the Association and the implementation of Executive Committee decisions. The Provincial Committee supervises the implementation of the local, provincial and regional aspects of the Work Plan by the elected City Lead or City Co-Leads.

Article 43 - Members of the Provincial Committee

There are a maximum of eleven (11) Members of the Provincial Committee selected in accordance with the conditions foreseen in the Internal Rules of Procedure. Each Member of the Provincial Committee is nominated by the duly appointed City Lead or City Co-Leads within the province and amongst their peers in elections carried out by the Electoral Board on their behalf. The final list of nominees is presented for approval to the General

Assembly which may appoint or reject individually the nominees. Provinces whose nominee is rejected may present a new nominee within fifteen (15) days of the General Assembly for appointment by virtual voting. Members of the Provincial Committee, once elected, may not hold any other leadership roles during their mandate. City Lead or City Co-Leads therefore elected to the Provincial Committee trigger a new election for the City Lead position they vacate upon becoming Members of the Provincial Committee.

Article 44 - Mandate term of the Provincial Committee

Members of the Provincial Committee may be appointed to a one (1) year term by the City Lead or City Co-Leads at the ordinary General Assembly. Only sitting and elected City Lead or City Co-Leads by a Local Assembly are eligible for a term on the Provincial Committee. Provincial Committee mandates may be renewed twice before the individual must observe a period of ineligibility of two (2) years. Upon conclusion of that period of ineligibility, the Effective Member is eligible again for a mandate on the Provincial Committee.

Article 45 - Powers of the Provincial Committee

The Provincial Committee has the following competences and no others:

- a) Propose in collaboration with the Executive Committee an annual work plan listing our priorities, and actions foreseen to the General Assembly;
- b) Execute together with Local Assemblies, the regional, provincial, and local-level annual work plan activities foreseen to the General Assembly;
- c) Solicit reports from local City Lead or City Co-Leads and coordinate their actions in support of the annual work plan determined by the General Assembly;
- d) Issue advice to the Executive Committee on any decision that it takes that has an impact on regional, provincial, or local chapters of the Association;

When the Provincial Committee meets the conditional threshold that five (5) out of the eleven (11) provinces each host a Local Assembly, the Provincial Committee shall have the following additional competences:

- e) Request a decision of the Executive Committee be reviewed by the Volt Values Board for a binding review on the basis of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the provincial Committee should the Provincial Committee find that the Executive Committee exceeds its powers foreseen by these present Statutes, the Code of Conduct, or Internal Rules of Procedure;
- f) Rescind a decision of the Executive Committee on the basis of a fourth-fifths (4/5) majority of the Provincial Committee, the Executive Committee may appeal to the Volt Values Board who may confirm or reject the decision on the sole basis of

compliance with the present Statutes, the Association Code of Conduct and Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 46 - Volt Values Board

The Volt Values Board is an independent body, guardian of these Statutes, as well as the Code of Conduct and the Internal Rule of Procedure. The Volt Values Board is composed of sub-committees fulfilling the functions of mediation, disciplinary, and governance.

The Volt Values Board sits in rotating chambers for the purposes of mediation and conflict resolution, accordingly Volt Values Board members sitting in an Article 18(b) procedure hearing may not sit in a related Article 18(c) procedure hearing except for the purposes of representing the Mediation Committee. It sits in plenary for the purposes of adjudicating an Article 19 procedure.

In addition and exclusively, the Volt Values Board sits in full chamber and is competent for taking decisions on:

- (a) Appeals of a Disciplinary Committee decision which it may accept or reject only on the basis of procedural error;
- (b) Reviews requested by the Organs of the Association on their validity with regards to these Present Statutes, Code of Conduct, and Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (c) Appeals of the Executive Committee on a decision by the Provincial Committee to rescind a decision of the Executive on the sole basis of compliance with these present Statutes, Code of Conduct, and Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (d) Appeals of an Organ of the Association on a decision to create a new Commission or Committee on the sole basis of non-compliance with Article 68;
- (e) Tabling to the General Assembly, adopted proposals of the Governance Committee to amend Statutes, Code of Conduct, and Internal Rules of Procedure;
- (f) Provoking a virtual Article 23 General Assembly to ratify amendments to the Code of Conduct.
- (g) Following the allocation of an expedited process, adjudicate to meet the time frame the case requires.

Article 47 - Mandate term of the Volt Values Board

Members of the Volt Values Board are directly elected by Effective Members at the General Assembly, for a renewable two (2) years term length. The Volt Values Board is composed of a minimum of two (2) Co-Chairs and four (4) full members elected from the Effective Members. The Members of the Volt Values Board are appointed by the General

Assembly and may not hold any other leadership roles in the Association during their mandate.

Article 48 - Mediation Committee

The Mediation Committee, in accordance with Article 18 of these Statutes, is exclusively empowered to dismiss and open Article 18, and, or initiate Article 19 Proceedings. It seeks to amicably resolve complaints in the spirit of Volt values as captured by these Statutes, the Code of Conduct, and Volt Europa Statutes, Charter and Internal Regulations. If necessary, the Mediation Committee has limited sanctioning powers, including and limited to:

- a) Issuing advice on the interpretation of the Statutes, Code of Conduct, and Internal Rules of Procedure;
- b) Issuing a private, non-binding recommendation to the contravening Party;
- c) Issuing a private, binding recommendation to the contravening Party;
- d) Rescinding a decision of an Organ on the basis of non-compliance to the Statutes, Code of Conduct, or Volt Europa Statutes, Charter and Internal Regulations;
- e) Escalating a case to the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with Article 19.

Article 49 - Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee, in accordance with Article 19 of these Statutes, is exclusively empowered to dismiss or render a verdict on Article 19 Proceedings. It only hears cases escalated to it by the Mediation Committee by virtue of the gravity of the cases upon which it is asked to statute. If necessary, the Disciplinary Committee has limited sanctioning powers, including and limited to:

- a) Reject the findings of the Mediation Committee;
- b) Issue a public warning to the contravening Party;
- c) Issue a public reprimand to the contravening Party;
- d) Suspend the voting rights or mandates of the contravening Party;
- e) Recommend expulsion of the contravening Party to the General Assembly on the basis of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Disciplinary Committee.

Article 50 - Governance Committee

The Governance Committee drafts, at its own initiative and as necessary, proposals to amend the present Statutes, Code of Conduct, and Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 51 - Electoral Board

The Electoral Board has the exclusive competence to manage, coordinate, and execute all national, regional and provincial elections including the processes of confirmation votes. It may also, on request of a Local Assembly, supervise processes of local elections and confirmation votes.

Article 52 - Members of the Electoral Board

The Electoral Board consists of a minimum of three (3) Members. The Electoral Board Members are elected at the Annual General Assembly before the conclusion of the Annual General Assembly in accordance with the Internal Rules of Procedure.

Article 53 - Mandate term of the Electoral Board

The Electoral Board has an elected term length of two (2) years.

Article 54 - Meetings and notifications of the Electoral Board

The Electoral Board meets at least one (1) time per year, using digital means on an approved platform of the Association. It may also meet more frequently whenever the interests of the Association require it. The Electoral Board acts jointly and with consensus, in the event of a disagreement.

The Secretary General, or a delegate appointed by the Secretary General, attends all Electoral Board meetings as a non-voting advisor and represents the national functional leads and teams in Board proceedings.

Article 55 - Secretary General

The Organ of the Associations delegate the day-to-day management of the Association to maximum two (2) Effective Members or a third-party until such time as the Association may appoint staff. The post holder or post holders are the Secretary General and act jointly.

Article 56 - Powers of the Secretary General

The Secretary General is the liaison between the Organs of the Association and the national coordination of volunteers and staff of the Association and has the following powers limited to and including:

- a) Attendance as a non-voting advisor at all Board of Administrators proceedings or appointment of a delegate instead;

- b) Delegated authority on behalf of the Board of Administrators to supervise all volunteers and staff exercising national, regional, and provincial functions including recommending the suspension or dismissal to the Board of Administrators;
- c) Delegated authority on behalf of the Board of Administrators to conduct selection processes in accordance with Internal Rules of Procedure;
- d) Delegated authority on behalf of the Board of Administrators to appoint ad-interims volunteers and staff exercising national, regional, and provincial functions including until such time as permanent appointments or elections can be arranged for positions held by volunteers and/or staff;
- e) Authority to solely, and on a limited basis, the ability to:
 - i) Take, give, rent Association property or conclude any rental contracts as long as the maximum amount does not exceed 1000 EUR per operation;
 - ii) Sign contracts with any service provider or supplier of the Association as long as the maximum amount does not exceed allocated budget provisions;
 - iii) Make and accept price offers, make and accept orders, conclude all contract concerning the purchase or sale of Association property so long as the maximum amount does not exceed 1000 EUR per operation;
 - iv) Draft and submit requests for subsidies, project funding;
 - v) Execute together with the Secretary and Treasury of the Executive Committee any essential acts to ensure compliance with all belgian legal provisions;
 - vi) Execute decisions of the Board of Administrators.

Article 57 - Mandate of the Secretary General

The Secretary General is elected by the General Assembly. The Secretary-General is mandated for a renewable term length of two (2) years.

Article 58 - City Lead

The City Lead or City Co-Lead are the representatives of a Local Assembly or appointed ad-interim in accordance with Article 33 with the view of forming a new Local Assembly.

Article 59 - Powers of the City Lead

The City Lead or City Co-Lead is the liaison between the Local Assembly and coordinates local actions in coordination with the Board of Administrators and in compliance with the General and Local Assemblies and has the following powers limited to and including:

- a) Calling a Local Assembly;
- b) Participating in elections to nominate a member of the Provincial Committee at the General Assembly;
- c) Delegated authority on behalf of the Board of Administrators to supervise all volunteers and staff exercising local functions including recommending the suspension or dismissal to the Local Assembly;
- d) Delegated authority on behalf of the Local Assembly to conduct selection processes in accordance with Internal Rules of Procedure for a local volunteer and/or staff;
- e) Delegated authority on behalf of the Local Assembly to appoint ad-interims of volunteers and staff exercising local functions including until such time as permanent appointments or elections can be arranged for positions held by volunteers and/or staff.

Article 60 - Mandate of the City Lead or City Co-Leads

City Lead or City Co-Leads are elected by their local Effective and Associate Members for a renewable term length of 1 year when a Local Assembly exists, or appointed ad-interim by the Executive Board until such a time as a Local Assembly exists.

Part IV. Code of Conduct, Internal Rules of Procedure, and Validity of Board Decisions When Minimal Requirements are not Met

Article 61 - Code of Conduct

The Association may adopt a Code of Conduct which defines acceptable behaviour and norms required for Effective and Associate Members. Subscription to the Code of Conduct (the Code) and acceptance of its disciplinary procedures are obligatory conditions for Membership. Annexes to the Code of Conduct are an indivisible part of it and carry the same enforceability by the relevant Organs of the Association on Effective and Associate Members.

A breach to the Code of Conduct by a Member constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Article 18 and Article 19 of these Present Statutes and applicable Internal Rules of Procedure.

The Code of Conduct may not conflict with the Statutes and any clauses that are considered null and void.

Unless otherwise stated in these present Statutes, only the Volt Values Board and the General Assembly have the competence to propose amendments to the Code of Conduct to the General Assembly which has the exclusive competence to adopt them in accordance with Article 21(a) and Article 47(d).

Amendments to the Code of Conduct of the Association must be adopted or ratified by the General Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by procuration) or voting electronically if foreseen by the Electoral Board.

The General Assembly must meet a quorum of at least fifty (50) percent of the Effective Members validly listed in the Register of Effective Members on the date the General Assembly convocation was published to validly take a decision to amend its Statutes. If such a quorum is not reached, the General Assembly will be automatically convened 15 days after the failed General Assembly and no quorum is then required.

Article 62 - Internal Rules of Procedure

The General Assembly may adopt additional Internal Rules of Procedure to further specify these Statutes, the Internal Rules of Procedure may not conflict with the Statutes or the Code of Conduct and any clauses that do are considered null and void.

Proposals to amend or to revise the Internal Rules of Procedure may be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the applicable Procedure.

Unless otherwise stated in these present Statutes, amendments and revisions to Internal Rules of Procedure can be adopted by the General Assembly by a simple majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by procuration) or voting electronically if foreseen.

Article 63 - Validity of Board decisions when minimal requirements are not met

In the event of an in-mandate resignation, exclusion, decisions made by the Board of Administrators, the Volt Values Board, and the Electoral Board, the decisions of the Board are considered valid in the interim of the minimum mandates being filled at the next General Assembly. Quorums are adjusted in this period on the basis of the effectively filled mandates. If an insufficient number of candidates can be found at the next General Assembly, the General Assembly must be motioned to grant a mandate for the Board to continue operating with empty seats for the remainder of the normal mandate of that Board.

Part V. Financial and operational oversight, and regulatory compliance

Article 64 - Access Rights of Members

All Effective Members may consult, virtually or at the seat of the Association, the Register of Effective Members, minutes and decisions of the General Assembly, Board of Administrators, and Volt Values Board (except for all confidential proceedings resulting from an Article 18 or 19 Procedure). They also have access to published accounting documents of the Association by written and motivated request to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Association or the Secretary General.

Article 65 - Budget

The General Assembly adopts annually a budget on the basis of the Annual Work Plan, prepared and proposed by the Treasurer in collaboration with the Secretary General and following a consultation of the Executive Committee and the Provincial Committee.

Article 66 - Annual work plan

The General Assembly adopts annually a Work Plan, prepared and proposed by the Executive Committee for the national priorities, objectives and activities, and the Provincial Committee for the local priorities, objectives and activities which shall serve as the guiding document for the activities of the Association.

Article 67 - Annual report

The Executive Committee and the Provincial Committee jointly prepare an Annual Report summarising key activities of the Association and the de-facto Association to present at the annual General Assembly.

Article 68 - Financial report and Annual Accounts

The Treasurer, together with the Secretary General and following a consultation of the Executive Committee and the Provincial Committee prepares a financial report and annual accounts summarising the key accounting movements of the Association and de-facto association to present at the annual General Assembly. The financial report and annual accounts may be subject to an independent verification by assessors and/or auditors appointed by the General Assembly. In accordance with Belgian legal provisions, these must be approved within six (6) months of the close of the fiscal year and submitted to the clerk of the Commercial Tribunal of the applicable judicial district.

Part VI. General provisions

Article 69 - Creation of a Committee or Commission

Any Board member of the Association, the Secretary General, or City Lead or City Co-Lead may create, should the interests of the Association require it, new Committees within the limit of their powers and competences as defined by these Statutes and without opposition to the competence and Powers of other Organs.

The General Assembly and Local Assembly may create, should the interests of the Association require it, new Commissions within the limit of their powers and competences as defined by these Statutes and without opposition to the competence and Powers of other Organs.

Article 70 - Legal reference

All issues not explicitly covered by these Statutes, the Code of Conduct, the Internal Rules of Procedure shall be governed by Belgian legal provisions including but not limited to the L 2019-03-23/06 Code on Associations and Companies consequently, any clauses within these present Statutes, or within any other governance document of the Association which conflict with legal Belgian provisions are considered null and void.

Article 71 - Language of working

The Association has four working languages including English, Dutch, French, and German. It operates in a spirit of language inclusivity. Members and Organs may validly deliberate in any of the working languages during meetings of the Association.

Whilst these present Statutes are written in English, in case of doubt, contradiction or interpretation problems between the two versions, the Dutch version shall prevail.

All instruments and documents of the Association required by Belgian legal provisions must be drawn up at least in the language of the judicial district in which the Association has its registered office. This includes, among others, when requested by these legal provisions and regulations, the minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Administrators, as well as any instrument subject to be made public through a legal publicity or to file requirements with the clerk's office of the tribunal of commerce. All these instruments must imperatively be drafted at least in the judicial district's official language. Versions in other working languages may also be prepared.

Part VII. Amendments to the statutes and dissolution protocols

Article 72 - Amendments to statutes

In accordance with Belgian legal provisions, amendments to the Object of the Association must be approved by a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by procuracy) or voting electronically if foreseen by the Electoral Committee. The General Assembly must meet a quorum of at least fifty (50) percent of the Effective Members validly listed in the Register of Effective Members on the date the General Assembly convocation was published to validly take a decision to amend its Object. If such a quorum has not been reached, the General Assembly will be automatically convened fifteen (15) days after the failed General Assembly and no quorum is then required.

In accordance with Belgian legal provisions, amendments to the Statutes of the Association must be adopted by the General Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by procuracy) or voting electronically if foreseen by the Electoral Board/committee. The General Assembly must meet a quorum of at least fifty (50) percent of the Effective Members validly listed in the Register of Effective Members on the date the General Assembly convocation was published to validly take a decision to amend its Statutes. If such a quorum has not been reached, the General Assembly will be automatically convened 15 days after the failed General Assembly and no quorum is then required.

Article 73 - Dissolution of the Association

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 2:109 of the Belgian legal provisions in the Code of Companies, the Association may be dissolved at any time by a decision of the General Assembly taken under the same conditions as for the amendments of the purpose of the Association.

In the event of dissolution of the Association, for whatever reason, the liquidation shall be carried out by one or more liquidators who shall perform their duties, either by virtue of a resolution by the General Assembly, or, in the absence thereof, by Court decision that may be initiated by any interested party, the allocation of the possible net assets after liquidation shall be determined by the General Assembly, or, in the absence thereof, by the liquidators. This asset will have to be allocated for a disinterested purpose as close as possible to the purpose of the Association as described in Article 3 of these present Statutes.

Volt Belgium

Statutes of the Party of Volt Belgium

Adopted on 29/02/2020

Up to date as of 14/01/2022

Part I. Name, seat, purpose and duration

Article 1 - Name, logo

A de-facto association (The Party) with the name of Party of "Volt België - Volt Belgique - Volt Belgien, or in its shortened form "Volt Belgium" Party is established with these Statutes.

All published political materials and electronic communications of the Party must always be preceded or followed immediately in Dutch by "Partij," in French by "Parti," or in German by "Partei."

Article 2 - Purpose and activities

The Party achieves these objectives by providing political support, management and oversight of human and political resources located in Belgium for the pursuit of the objectives of the transnational and pan-European political movement Volt Europa, based on the Volt Charter of Volt Europa.

The activities of the Party are exclusively limited to defining the political direction of Volt Belgium vzw/ASBL/VoE (hereafter named Volt Belgium) especially by:

- a) Defining, communicating, and implementing the national strategy, political vision, programme and policies in accordance with the political and strategic direction of Volt Europa;
- b) Ensuring compliance together with Volt Belgium of the political guidelines as set by the Effective Members (defined in Part II of the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party) and coherence among the members;
- c) Coordinating and reviewing the local political programmes and policies of Volt Belgium local, provincial and regional Chapters as set by the Effective Members within the appropriate jurisdiction to ensure consistency with the national and European strategy and political vision;
- d) Coordinating the local, provincial, regional, national campaigns and elected officials at all Governance Levels especially by:
 - i) Supporting the development and promotion of Volt local, provincial, regional, national and European campaigns in Belgium;
 - ii) Coordinating the selection procedure of candidates to elected mandates in Belgium; and
 - iii) Coordinating the Volt movements, elected officials and, if existent, its faction.

The Party may only carry out political acts delegated to the Party of Volt Belgium, and tasks directly or indirectly related to the achievement of the political purpose and activities.

Article 3 - The General Assembly and Volt ASBL

The Party of Volt Belgium delegates the day-to-day implementation of the political direction and activities listed in Article 2 to Volt Belgium in accordance with the Volt Belgium vzw/ASBL/VoE Statutes which are indivisible to the Party Statutes.

Article 4 - Duration

The Party is created for an unlimited duration.

Part II. Party Membership

Article 5 - Composition

The Party of Volt Belgium is constituted of the Effective Members of Volt Belgium. It has no additional membership types.

Article 6 - Conditions for membership

Only Effective Members meeting the conditions foreseen in Article 8 and 9 of the Volt Belgium vzw/ASBL/VoE, and not subject to Article 18 or Article 19 decisions of those same Statutes suspending or excluding the exercise of their voting rights, benefit from full voting rights in the Party of Volt Belgium.

Part III. Organs of the Party

Article 7 - The Political Assembly

The Political Assembly is composed of all Effective Members and is presided by a Session Chairman (and substitute) appointed by the Executive Committee. Associate Members may be invited to attend the Political Assembly. The Political Assembly meets at least annually, and more if the interests of the Party so require. The Political Assembly meets in a physical

location within the Territories of Belgium but may, should the need be felt, also be exceptionally held virtually on a platform which can be accessed by all Effective Members. The exact date and time of a Political Assembly is communicated by the Executive Committee and must be included in the formal convocation addressed to all Members.

Article 8 - Powers of the Political Assembly

The Political Assembly has the exclusive competence for:

- (a) Amendments to the Statutes;
- (b) The election, appointment, and dismissal of all mandates relating to the Organs of the de-facto association and all local, provincial, regional, and European political mandates allocated to the Party in Belgium. It may delegate to the Electoral Board the conduct of elections and the counting of voting results in accordance with these present Statutes and Volt Belgium ASBL Internal Rules and Procedures
- (c) It may delegate to Local Assemblies the election, appointment, and dismissal of mandates at local level.
- (d) The discharge of individuals holding a mandate referenced in Article 8(b);
- (e) Approves the national strategy, political vision, programme and policies;
- (f) Dissolution of the de-facto association;
- (g) Modification of the Object of the de-facto association;
- (h) And any other Acts where it is explicitly granted competence by these Present Statutes, the Volt ASBL Code of Conduct, or Volt ASBL Internal Rules and Procedures.

Article 9 - The Annual Political Assembly

The Political Assembly meets upon notice of the Executive Committee on a day and time within six (6) months of the closing of the financial year and on the same day as the Annual General Assembly of Volt Belgium vzw/ASBL/VoE. At this meeting, the discharge and election for all lapsed mandates relating to the Organs of the Party are held.

Article 10 - The Extraordinary Political Assembly

An Extraordinary Political Assembly may be held at the request of the Executive Committee on the basis of a minuted decision of at least half of the Executive Committee, the Provincial Committee on the basis of a minuted unanimous decision, or by the Effective Members on the basis of a co-signed written request, addressed to the Secretary General, the Secretary of the Board, or the Co-Presidents of the Board, representing

one-twentieth (1/20) of the Effective Members on the basis of the Register of the Members of the date upon which the written request is submitted. In the event that the co-signatories do not represent one-twentieth (1/20) of the Effective Members, the Board must notify a refusal to hold an Extraordinary General Assembly on that basis within seven (7) days. Failing this notification, an Extraordinary General Assembly must be held.

Article 11 - The Local Political Assembly

Established by virtue of the presence of a Volt Belgium Local Assembly, the Volt Belgium Local Assembly shall be appointed as the Local Political Assembly for the defined commune and/or a group of communes in Belgium on the basis of a decision by the Provincial Committee. It ceases to exist by common agreement or when the commune or group of communes drops below six (6) Effective Members in the Register of Members. The Local Political Assembly is composed of all Effective Members inside the defined commune or groups of communes. The Local Political Assembly meets on the same day, and under the same conditions as foreseen for the Volt Belgium Local Assembly and has exclusive competence to:

- a) Organise the election, appointment, and dismissal of mandates at local level if authorised to do so by the Political Assembly;
- b) Approve the strategy, political vision, programme and policies within its local jurisdiction in compliance with the adopted positions at national and European level.

Article 12 - Convocation of a Political Assembly

All Effective Members and Associate Members are notified of ordinary Political Assemblies by the Executive Committee. The publication of the notification must be done by publication on Volt Workplace and equivalent, and where practicable also by email and other digital communication means at least two weeks prior to the Political Assembly date. The notification must contain the date, the time, and location of the Political Assembly, applicable procuration forms, and virtual voting modalities if these are offered. Any proposal for new agenda items co-signed by at least one-twentieth (1/20) of the Effective Members, addressed to the Secretary General, the Secretary of the Board, or the Co-Presidents of the Board, must also be added to the agenda and notified within one (1) week of the notification. Following the addition of the members' proposed agenda items, no additional substantive modifications to the agenda may be undertaken six (6) days prior to the Political Assembly being held. The Political Assembly may not vote upon matters which were not notified on the agenda but may deliberate upon them.

Article 13 - Quorum

All decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes present and represented, unless it is determined otherwise by Belgian legal provisions or by these present Statutes. In the case of a tie, the vote of the Session Chairman or their substitute is the casting vote.

Article 14 - Notifications and minutes

All notifications and minutes, which shall contain the decisions of the Political Assembly, are drafted by the Secretary of the Executive Committee and the Secretary General, are countersigned by the President and Secretary of the Executive Committee or, in their absence, by two duly appointed Effective Members elected by the Political Assembly for this task. They are kept in a register at the social seat of Volt Belgium vzw/ASBL/VoE in their original material form, as well as in electronic form or similar support and in conditions guaranteeing sustainability, readability, integrity, reliability and durable reproducibility. Each Effective Member receives a copy of all minutes at least in electronic form. Unless otherwise provided for by Belgian legal provisions or in the case of a special delegation by the Executive Committee, copies or excerpts of these minutes to be delivered to Third Parties or used in Courts or elsewhere are signed by the Secretary of the Board or in their absence another Administrator.

Article 15 - The Board of Administrators

Are appointed to the Board of Administrators of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Board of Administrators of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Board of Administrators is responsible for the faithful execution of the decisions of the Political Assembly and the submission of a national political programme for approval on an annual basis.

Article 16 - Executive Committee

Are appointed to the Executive Committee of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Executive Committee of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Executive Committee is responsible for the faithful execution of the decisions of the Political Assembly and particularly Article 8(d) of the Party Statutes as regards national political agenda-setting and campaigning.

Article 17 - Provincial Committee

Are appointed to the Provincial Committee of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Provincial Committee of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers,

competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Provincial Committee is responsible for the faithful execution of the decisions of the Political Assembly and particularly Article 8(d) of the Party Statutes as regards provincial and regional political agenda-setting and campaigning.

Article 18 - Volt Values Board

Are appointed to the Volt Values Board of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Volt Values Board of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Volt Values Board is responsible for ensuring decisions of the Political Assembly and the political orientation and action is conducted in respect of the Volt Values.

Article 19 - Mediation Committee

Are appointed to the Mediation Committee of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Mediation Committee of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Mediation Committee is responsible for resolving conflicts in accordance with the Code of Conduct of Volt Belgium.

Article 20 - Disciplinary Committee

Are appointed to the Disciplinary Committee of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Disciplinary Committee of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Volt Values Board is responsible for enforcing disciplinary action in accordance with the Code of Conduct of Volt Belgium.

Article 21 - Governance Committee

Are appointed to the Governance Committee of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Governance Committee of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Governance Committee is responsible for advising on internal governance matters of the Party.

Article 22 - Electoral Board

Are appointed to the Electoral Board of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Electoral Board of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party.

Article 23 - Secretary General

Are appointed as Secretary General of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the Secretary General of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The Secretary General is the liaison for the Organs of the Party, its elected Party officials, and all staff and volunteers of the Party.

Article 24 - City Lead or City Co-Leads

Are appointed as City Lead or City Co-Leads of the Party, by virtue of their election and/or appointment as the City Lead or City Co-Lead of Volt Belgium in accordance with the powers, competences and limitations foreseen in the Statutes of Volt Belgium and the Party. The City Lead or City Co-Lead represents the Local Political Assembly of the Party.

Article 25 - Mandates

Mandates listed in Articles 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 commence and lapse on the same day as the mandate commences and lapses in accordance with the Statutes of Volt Belgium vzw/ASBL/VoE.

Part IV. Code of Conduct, internal rules and procedures

Article 26 - Code of Conduct

All Members of the Party subscribe to the Code of Conduct of Volt Belgium, all political and policy acts shall be conducted in compliance with the document and the spirit of the Code of Conduct.

Article 27 - Internal rules and procedures

All Members of the Party subscribe to the Internal Rules and Procedures of Volt Belgium and the Party.

The Political Assembly may adopt additional internal Rules and Procedures to further specify these Statutes, the Internal Rules and Procedures may not conflict with the Statutes or the Code of Conduct of either Volt Belgium or the Party and any clauses that do are considered null and void.

Unless otherwise stated in these Present Statutes, amendments and revisions to Internal rules can be adopted by the Political Assembly by a simple majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by procuracy) or voting electronically if foreseen by the Electoral Board/Committee.

Any Board, or Commission granted the power to do so by the Political Assembly may propose new or amendments to the Internal Rules and Procedures within their scope of competence to the General Assembly which has the exclusive competence to adopt them in accordance with Article 21(a).

Effective Members may propose amendments individually, grouped, or through recommendations from an executive and/or judiciary organs such as the Volt Values Board. When proposing changes individually, such proposals must be supported by another Effective Member.

Article 28 - Complaints, Mediation and Disciplinary Procedures

Effective Members and Organs may seek redress for breaches of the Party Statutes and Internal Rules and Procedures using the procedures foreseen in the Volt Belgium Statutes.

Part V. Amendments to the statutes and dissolution protocols

Article 29 - Amendments to the Statutes

Amendments to the Object of the Party must be approved by a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by procuracy) or voting electronically if foreseen by the Electoral Committee. The Political Assembly must meet a quorum of at least fifty (50) percent of the Effective Members validly listed in the Register of Effective Members on the date the Political Assembly convocation was published to validly take a decision to amend its Object. If such a quorum does not exist, the Political Assembly will be automatically convened fifteen (15) days after the failed Political Assembly and no quorum is then required.

Amendments to the Statutes of the Party must be adopted by the Political Assembly by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Effective Members present and represented (by

procuration) or voting electronically if foreseen by the Electoral Board or Electoral Committee. The Political Assembly must meet a quorum of at least fifty (50) percent of the Effective Members validly listed in the Register of Effective Members on the date the Political Assembly convocation was published to validly take a decision to amend its Statutes. If such a quorum does not exist, the Political Assembly will be automatically convened fifteen (15) days after the failed Political Assembly and no quorum is then required.

Article 30 - Dissolution

The Party may be dissolved at any time by a decision of the General Assembly taken under the same conditions as for the amendments of the purpose of the Association.

Part VI. General provisions

Article 31 - Creation of a Committee or Commission

Any Board member of the Association, the Secretary General, or City Lead or City Co-Lead may create, should the interests of the Association require it, new Committees within the limit of their powers and competences as defined by these Statutes and without opposition to the competence and Powers of other Organs.

The General Assembly and Local Assembly may create, should the interests of the Association require it, new Commissions within the limit of their powers and competences as defined by these Statutes and without opposition to the competence and Powers of other Organs.

Should an Organ contest the creation of a Committee or Commission on grounds of opposition to the competence and Powers of another Organ, they may submit a complaint to the Volt Values Board which may rescind the decision to create said Committee or Commission in accordance with Article 47 solely on this basis.

Article 32 - Legal reference

All issues not explicitly covered by these Statutes, the Code of Conduct, the Internal Rules and Procedures of the Volt Belgium party shall be governed by Belgian legal provisions namely the 1999 Code on Companies and Nonprofits. Consequently, any clauses within these present Statutes, or within any other governance document of the Party which conflict with legal Belgian provisions are considered null and void.

Article 33 - Language of working

The Party has four working languages including English, Dutch, French, and German. It operates in a spirit of language inclusivity and pragmatism. Members and Organs may validly deliberate in any of the working languages during meetings of the Association.

Whilst these present Statutes are originally written in English, in case of doubt, contradiction or interpretation problems between language versions, the Dutch version shall prevail.

All instruments and documents of the Party required by Belgian legal provisions must be drawn up at least in the language of the judicial district in which Volt Belgium has its registered office. This includes, among others, when requested by these legal provisions and regulations, the minutes of the meetings of the Political Assembly and the Board of Administrators, as well as any instrument subject to be made public through a legal publicity or filing requirements. All these instruments must imperatively be drafted at least in the judicial district's official language. Versions in other working languages may also be prepared.

Article 34 - Definitions

The definitions of Volt Belgium referenced in Article 71 of the Volt Belgium Statutes further apply to these Present Statutes.