

## **Volt Belgium Elects New Leadership**

### **Volt Belgium Elects New Leadership and Sets Strategy to Win Belgian Seats in 2024 Elections**

**> French-German Johanna Dirlwanger-Lücke and German-Italian Carlo Giovanni Giudice elected as Volt Belgium's co-Presidents**

**> Volt Belgium also elects new board members, Volt Values Board Co-Chair, and Provincial Committee member at General Assembly in Brussels**

**> New policies approved for Volt Belgium's mapping of policies, guiding path to the 2024 elections**

Brussels, 23 April 2022 — Volt Belgium elected a new leadership, which will focus on professionalising and diversifying the pan-European party in order to achieve the goal of running and being elected in the series of elections in 2024.

Brussels-raised Johanna Dirlwanger-Lücke and Carlo Giovanni Giudice were elected as co-Presidents by Volt members attending the party's General Assembly at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, in Elsene, and online on Saturday.

Martin Sommer from Germany was elected as treasurer; Manon Michon from The Netherlands as secretary; François Rozwadowski from Brussels as 5th Board Member; Jasper Coosemans from Antwerp as Provincial Committee member; Kim L. Smouter from The Netherlands as Co-Chair of the Volt Values Board. All of them were elected for a two-year term, with the exception of the Provincial Committee member (1 year mandate).



*From left to right: Volt Europa Co-President Reinier van Lanschot, Volt Belgium Co-Presidents Johanna Dirlwanger-Lücke and Carlo Giovanni Giudice*

Volt was founded in 2017 as a response to the rise of populism and the far-right and it has since grown to more than 20,000 members across 30 European countries. The party has won seats in the European Parliament, in the Dutch and Bulgarian national assembly and in local councils in Portugal, Sweden, The Netherlands, Italy, Germany and Bulgaria. Volt Europa sets a clear goal of winning 25 parliamentary seats from at least seven countries, among them Belgium, in the 2024 European elections to, eventually, help build a Federal European Republic.

„Together as a team, we will strive to get where we want to be in 2024: running for elections at the local, Belgian and European level”, Johanna Dirlewanger-Lücke told members. “And to get there, we will actively work on enhancing our visibility and electability.”

“In the coming two years, we are going to build strong electoral programs, grow and make sure the elections in Belgium in 2024 will be a massive success for Volt”, added Carlo Giovanni Giudice.

At the General Assembly also a number of new policies were presented and discussed. The policies were developed by the policy team of Volt Belgium through a participative process, in which members contributed with their own ideas and expertise. Among others, the members approved: A monthly car-free Sunday in cities with more than 50,000 inhabitants; Nuclear energy to be part of the future energy mix; And Intra-Community exchange for Belgian high school students and teachers from the age of 16-years. Together with Volt Belgium’s new political vision, these policies will form the basis for Volt Belgium’s 2024 electoral programs. The political vision can be read here:

<https://www.voltbelgium.org/vision> .



*Pictured: Members of Volt Belgium and friends celebrating the election of the new board*

## About Volt

Volt is convinced that only the democratic participation of all citizens across Europe will prepare us for a sustainable, economically strong and socially just future. Volt acts on all levels - from local to European, as a movement and party - in order to empower every person throughout Europe. The movement gives all European citizens a voice and the opportunity to get involved politically. Volt is now represented across Europe: thousands of people of all ages and professions are involved in 30 European countries with teams in hundreds of cities and elected officials in Portugal, Sweden, The Netherlands, Italy, Germany and Bulgaria.

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