

Sustainable Development Goals, Policy Initiative

in "[Volt's Mapping of Policies](#)" - "Challenge 4 - Global Balance"

Position in MOP: Challenge 4 - Global Balance" after the words "national interests second." as a second paragraph on page 123 of the MoP of Volt Europa.

Before: Vision In today's interconnected world, and given the recent developments in the international policy arena, Europe needs to re-assume its responsibility to take on global challenges. These challenges are diverse and manifold including topics such as climate change, international fair trade, sustainable farming, food security, biodiversity, migration issues, and international development cooperation. All proposals outlined hereunder are underscored by Volt's political values of "Equal opportunities, Justice, Liberty, Human Dignity, Sustainability, and Solidarity". Inspired by our pan-European members at Volt, "Volt Global Balance" proposes progressive, bold, pragmatic, and human-centered policies, with short-, medium- and long-term changes. Ultimately, our goals are to hasten the global eradication of poverty, to be quicker in moving towards a circular economy, to ensure that international trade is done in a free, fair and sustainable manner, and to put human rights first and opportunistic and national interests second.

Amendment: Our aims can be summarised in **sustainable development** which resembles the highest priority and challenge that humanity faces today. Volt will ensure that Europe lives up to its commitments, as acknowledged in the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. The **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) have set out a clear international agenda to follow, tackling the fundamental ecological, social and economic inequalities. Volt endorses the SDGs and will support legislation and initiatives that can deliver on the SDGs. Implementation of the SDGs should be pursued with the overall aim of achieving global balance. While doing so, Volt acknowledges some inherent tensions between socio-economic development and ecological sustainability.

We believe these tensions can be addressed through systemic adjustments to our economic framework and by empowering the citizen to make day-to-day sustainable choices. By achieving the SDGs, we ensure that current and future generations will be able to live within the Earth's planetary boundaries.

This is the foundation for the better world that we want you to help us build.

Please see the following page for a brief elaboration on the proposals relation to a "Volt Policy".

Definition of the problem: The SDGs are the global benchmark for sustainable development. Volt as yet is not clearly in favour. By including a value statement like the one above, we empower teams to actively use the research generated by SDG reporting and outcomes as tools to develop local solutions.

Definition of the goal: That local teams can feel confident that if they develop policies that are in line with the SDGs that they are within the scope of Volt Europa and thus acceptable. This statement will reduce the need for micromanaging team policy development and empower local teams to seek partnerships with local movements and actions that promote sustainable living and development.

Formulation of political measures: This is not a usual policy on its own. It is a tool with which to empower teams to develop policies while knowing it is done within the framework of Volt Europa. Further, on the content side, Volt acknowledges that sustainable development is not achieved easily but that we need to align policies respectively.

References of best practices: Not applicable. Sustainable living is a necessity.

References

[United Nations - Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[Sustainable Development Progress Report](#)

[Sustainable Development Report](#)

[Business Reporting on SDGS](#)

[Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals within planetary boundaries](#)