

Statutes of Volt Switzerland

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PART I. NAME, SEAT, PURPOSE

Article 1. Name and visual identity

1. The association is named “Volt Switzerland”, “Volt Schweiz”, “Volt Suisse”, “Volt Svizzera” and “Volt Svizra”. The abbreviated form is “Volt” or “Volt Switzerland”. Volt Switzerland is an association in the sense of the second paragraph in the Civil Code of the Swiss Confederation.
2. The visual identity of Volt Switzerland as a Member Association (MA) of Volt Europa is defined by Volt Europa.
3. Subnational chapters of Volt Switzerland carry the name Volt with the addition of the respective name of the canton / region or municipality.
4. These statutes do not prevent subnational chapters of Volt Switzerland from pursuing becoming their own legal entity provided they comply with all the terms and conditions set out in the statutes and regulations of Volt Switzerland and Volt Europa.

Article 2. Seat and Duration

1. Volt Switzerland’s seat is located in Zürich, Switzerland.
2. The seat can be changed with a simple majority decision of the National Assembly of Volt Switzerland.
3. The duration of Volt Switzerland is unlimited.

Article 3. Purpose and activities

1. Volt Switzerland's purpose and mission is to establish a pragmatic, progressive and pan-European voice in Swiss politics and society. This includes working towards a stronger relationship between the Swiss Confederation and the European Union. To achieve this, the aim is to participate in elections across the Swiss political system, including its national and subnational parliaments, as well as other general bodies of representation. Furthermore, active participation in citizen initiatives and referenda at municipal level, cantonal, federal and European level are expected.

The Association 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 has a non-profit purpose to coordinate all the activities of Volt Switzerland with the aim of reaching:

- a. a united Europe that values its citizens and residents, who are able to fulfill their unique potential and continuously strive to achieve the highest standards of human, social, environmental, and technical development;
- b. a society where individuals have the right to choose how they want to lead their life including choosing one's religion, gender, sexual orientation, education, profession and personal aspirations and goals and where individuals shall have a voice and shall be able to influence public decision-making;
- c. a state that is the guarantor for the rights of every individual, the enabler for the young and for vulnerable individuals to partake fully in society, and the guarantor of the system of solidarity by which it ensures a minimum decent standard of living for everyone, while intervening as little and as fast as possible and as much and as long as needed;
- d. a free and open market economy, within the rules of a functioning legal system and with equal chances for everyone to participate and thrive, that creates the greatest possible wealth for everyone, enhanced by a state creating space for innovation and enabling research and counterweighting systematic imbalances such an economy creates. In such economy agglomeration of additional wealth should be possible for the hard working and all professions should be valued, especially education, care and research, which will benefit our societies the most;
- e. a strengthened European identity, complementary to the national and local ones, to foster a sense of solidarity, cooperation, and belonging in the European people, enabling a common future of sustainable peace, shared prosperity and international relevance.

2. The activities that the Association will carry out in order to achieve its purpose are mainly follows:
 - a. represent the Volt movement in Switzerland;
 - b. define Volt's strategic and political direction in Switzerland, especially by:
 - i. defining, communicating, and implementing Volt's strategy, political vision, programs, and policies;
 - ii. ensuring compliance with the political guidelines set by Volt Europa AISBL;
 - iii. coordinating and reviewing political programs and policies of Local Chapters in the Country, the Association's strategy and political vision, program and policies; and
 - iv. setting up and promoting Local Chapters and associations of Volt in the Country;
 - v. ensure the Volt Switzerland's operational efficiency, especially by:
 1. facilitating, supporting, and coordinating the operation of all members of Volt Switzerland across all functions;
 2. assisting members in promoting the Volt movement, and
 3. providing training for members;

PART II. MEMBERS, ADMISSION, TERMINATION, SANCTIONS

Article 4. Individual Membership - requirements

1. Every natural person that is not part of another political party outside of Volt Europa has the right to apply as an individual member of Volt Switzerland if this person:
 - a. has the citizenship of the Swiss Confederation or / and of the Principality of Liechtenstein (independent of their principal residency) or
 - b. if his or her principal residence is in the Swiss Confederation or the Principality of Liechtenstein (independent of their nationality) or
 - c. is a citizen of a European country, who has a valid reason for becoming a member of Volt Switzerland (whether a reason is valid or not is decided by the board, see Article 8.3).
 - d. is at least 16 years of age,
 - e. Adheres to the purpose, principles and goals stated in the Articles of Association of Volt Switzerland,
 - f. has filled out the membership application in a complete and truthful way, and
 - g. has complied with the obligations related to the payment of the membership fee, unless admission of membership has been done in accordance with the article 4.1 c.
2. Members shall not be personally liable for any commitments entered into by Volt Switzerland.
3. Further to Article 4, the Association can foresee further requirements that Members must meet in the Internal Regulations.

4. Individual Members are natural persons who
 - a. are not members of any other competing political party,
 - b. subscribe to the manifesto and political values of Volt Switzerland and of Volt Europa s and
 - c. have applied for membership to Volt Switzerland directly and have been admitted in accordance with Article 5
5. Exceptions to the criteria for becoming a Member under para. 1 sub (c) may be approved by the Board.

Article 5. Admission of Members

1. Admission of Individual Members shall be decided by the Board Or by special offices or agencies assigned by the Board specifically for this task. A decision on an application must be taken within six months after submission of the application. Lacking such a decision, the application will be considered to have been rejected.
2. Any rejection decision may be appealed to the arbitration committee of Volt Europa.

Article 6. Termination of Membership

1. Membership of Individual Members ends upon:
 - a. voluntary resignation, subject to a written notice of 30 days submitted to the Board;
 - b. death;
 - c. expulsion according to Article 7.
 - d. If the requirements listed in article 4.1 are no longer fulfilled,
 - e. Non payment of the membership fee, unless admission of membership has been done in accordance with the article 4.1 c.
2. Members whose membership has ended, as well as their successors, shall have no rights to Volt Switzerland's assets and no entitlement to reimbursement.

Article 7. Sanctions

1. The Board may sanction Members for failing to abide by these Statutes or the Internal Regulations. In doing so, the Board must abide by the principle of due process and apply the principle of proportionality.
2. The Board may implement the following sanctions:
 - a. For Individual Members:
 - i. a formal warning;
 - ii. restriction of access to internal digital platforms or accounts, forums and communications not essential for exercising voting rights,
 - iii. restriction of the right to make use of Volt Europa's intellectual property;
 - iv. temporary withdrawal of participation and voting rights within bodies Volt Switzerland and Volt Europa for up to six months;
 - v. prohibition of holding elected or appointed office within Volt Switzerland for up to two years;
 - vi. suspension; or
 - vii. expulsion.

In each case, the Board may combine several sanctions if proportionate.

3. The Board can impose the sanctions after having issued a written statement of objections informing the accused Member of the alleged misconduct and, if possible, outlining actions and timelines to correct it. The Board will share a copy of the statement of objections with the individual member, or members, :
 - a. and keep it informed of any developments.
4. In parallel to issuing a statement of objections against a Member, the Board will attempt to amicably resolve the issue concerning the Member and establish a clear path towards rectification to prevent sanctions.
5. Before issuing a sanction, the Member concerned must be granted the opportunity to be heard.

6. Sanctions must be issued at the latest within six months of the Board gaining detailed knowledge of the circumstances requiring the sanction..
7. Sanction decisions may be appealed by the affected Member in front of the arbitration committee of Volt Europa. Such an appeal must be submitted to the arbitration committee of Volt Europa within four weeks after the notification of the decision by the Board. The sanction will take effect once the appeal period lapses or upon a final decision of the arbitration committee of Volt Europa.
8. In urgent cases requiring immediate intervention in order to protect Volt Switzerland or its members from (further) harm, the Board may implement:
 - a. the sanction pursuant to para. 2(a) sub (ii) and (iii) before issuing a statement of objections, if proportionate; and/or
 - b. the sanctions pursuant to para. 2(a) sub (ii-iv) and para. 2(b) sub (ii-vi) with immediate effect pending the appeal and subsequent decision of the arbitration committee of Volt Europa.

In case of sub (b), the arbitration committee of Volt Europa must be informed accordingly and may at each stage of the proceedings examine whether the measure is still necessary in terms of its severity and duration. The arbitration committee of Volt Europa may, at the request of the Member concerned, suspend it until a final decision has been reached. The Board could appeal against this decision, in which case the arbitration committee of Volt Europa decides within 48 hours. Temporary sanctions may be issued for a period of up to six months at a time.

PART III. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Article 8. Rights of Members

1. Members have the rights determined in these Statutes and Internal Regulations, as well as in the Articles of Association of Volt Europa and in the Internal Regulations of Volt Europa.

Article 9. Duties of the Individual Members

Individual Members shall be obliged to:

1. share and support the objectives and interests of Volt Switzerland;
2. abide by the Statutes of Volt Switzerland and the Articles of Association of Volt Europa, to rules enacted on the ground of the named Statutes and Articles, and to the the decisions (validly and finally) adopted by the bodies of Volt Switzerland and Volt Europa,
3. provide Volt Switzerland, in the way prescribed by Volt Switzerland, with their full legal name, address and a valid email address to which formal notices may be delivered;
4. abide by and comply with all further obligations set out in these Statutes and the Internal Regulations, including the Integrity Syllabus, as well as the obligations set out by Volt Europa.

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Article 11. Membership fees

1. Members shall pay an annual membership fee, the amount and payment method of which are determined annually by the National Assembly for the following year.
2. The Financial Regulations may further define provisions relating to the payment and collection of membership fees.

Article 12. Use of intellectual property rights by Members

1. Individual Members have the right to use, reproduce and display, the name, logo, branding, and any other marketing material owned by the Association for non-profit use, while furthering the purpose of the Association, provided they comply with any intellectual property guidelines determined by Volt Europa.
2. Any registration of a legal entity carrying the name “Volt” requires written prior approval from Volt Europa. The legal entity shall enter into a license agreement with the Association governing the right to use the “Volt” name and logo and the corresponding trademarks, designs and copyrights registered or filed in the name of or assigned to the Association in the various jurisdictions.
3. Chapters of Volt Switzerland s have the right to use the “Volt” name and logo and the corresponding trademarks, designs and copyrights registered or filed in the name of or assigned to Volt Europa in the various jurisdictions and shall do so in accordance with a license agreement entered into with Volt Europa.

PART IV. National Assembly

Article 13. Composition – Powers

1. The National National Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the Association and is composed of all Members of Volt Switzerland.
2. The National Assembly may be an Ordinary or an Extraordinary National Assembly.
3. All Members who have been members of Volt Switzerland for at least 30 days and whose participation rights have not been suspended, at the time of a given vote, have the right to vote in the National Assembly.
4. The National Assembly has the following (exclusive) competences:
 - a. amendments to the Statutes;
 - b. amendments to the Internal Regulations;
 - c. appointment, removal and discharge of Board Members;
 - d. approval of the (rules of) remuneration of the Board Members;
 - e. appointment, remuneration, discharge and dismissal of the external auditor(s);
 - f. approval of an audit of financial governance and processes for Volt Switzerland by the Internal Audit Committee of Volt Europa;
 - g. approval of the annual budget;
 - h. adoption of the annual accounts;
 - i. approval of the membership fee;
 - j. voluntary dissolution of the Association and the appointment of one or more liquidators;
 - k. approval of Volt's strategic and political direction;
 - l. approval of initiatives to the National Assembly on political or organisational issues;
 - m. all other issues provided in these Statutes or the Swiss law.

Article 14. Meetings; Decisions outside meetings

1. The National Assembly meets upon notice of the Board.
2. The National Assembly shall meet at least once a year, and in any event within six months of the closing of the financial year (this National Assembly meeting will be referred to as the "Ordinary National Assembly").
3. The National Assembly must be convened upon request of
 - a. at least half of the Board Members, or
 - b. at least one sixth of the Members, or
 - c. the external auditor.
4. All eligible Members will be able to vote by electronic means at the National Assembly.

Article 15. Chairing Committee

1. A Chairing Committee of at least one Individual Member of Volt Europa presides over the National Assembly. The National Assembly Regulations may provide further provisions concerning the composition of the Chairing Committee.
2. The Chairing Committee opens and closes the National Assembly meeting and ensures that its debates and votes are conducted efficiently, fairly and in accordance with these Statutes and the National Assembly's Regulations.

Article 16. Voting Commission

1. The Voting Commission is responsible for organising and overseeing all voting operations of the National Assembly. The Voting Commission operates impartially and independently.
2. The members of the Voting Commission are appointed by the Board and confirmed by the National Assembly.
3. The rules and regulations concerning the votes within Volt Switzerland, as well as the composition and the performance of the tasks of the Voting Commission are set out in the Voting Regulations.
4. Elections of individuals to any body of Volt Switzerland shall be conducted in accordance with these Voting Regulations.

Article 17. Notice and Agenda

1. The convening notice (the “Notice”) contains the draft agenda and is sent to the Individual Members by electronic mail at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Notice shall contain the draft text of the motions to be voted on.
2. The Notice shall include a detailed explanation of how Individual Members can cast their votes.
3. Members (or groups of Members) who have the right to vote may submit
 - a. new initiatives to the National Assembly and;
 - b. amendments to motions included in the draft agenda after the Notice is sent and up to 10 days before the day of the opening of the National Assembly meeting. A “motion” means a proposal for the National Assembly to debate and/or adopt a decision. The proposal must fall within the powers of the National Assembly.
4. Each proposal submitted by members in accordance with paragraph 3 must receive the support of at least one sixth of all Members through a designated platform in order to be added to the agenda in accordance with the Internal Regulations.
5. The Board shall send out the final agenda determined in accordance with the National Assembly Regulations to all Individual Members at least five days before the opening of the National Assembly meeting.

Article 18. Deliberations and decision-making

1. Debates and discussions are open to all Individual Members and shall be conducted in any of the official languages of Volt Switzerland
2. The National Assembly may only deliberate and decide on items included in the final agenda.
3. Unless otherwise provided in these Statutes, no quorum of attendees is required for the National Assembly to validly convene, deliberate and make decisions.
4. For the administration of votes, the following shall apply:
 - a. Unless otherwise specified in these Statutes, decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast.
 - b. Null votes, blank votes, and abstentions shall not be counted in the calculation of the majority.
 - c. In the event of a tie, a second vote shall be held.
5. The National Assembly Regulations may determine further provisions concerning the deliberations during and the procedures of the National Assembly meetings.

Article 19. Minutes

1. Each National Assembly meeting shall be recorded in minutes, as further specified in the National Assembly Regulations. The minutes shall be shared digitally with all Members and kept by the Association in secure, digital form.

PART V. Board

Article 20. Composition

The Association is managed by a one-tier Board. The Board shall consist of:

1. two Co-Presidents of different gender residing in Switzerland,
2. one Treasurer (with the Co-Presidents collectively referred to as “Executive Board Members”), also residing in Switzerland, and
3. up to two additional Board Members (“Non-Executive Board Members”), with a maximum of two Non-Executive Board Members of the same gender.

If the conditions set out in this provision are not met, the Board shall nevertheless retain its authority. Any resulting vacancy or vacancies shall, where possible, be filled in accordance with Article 23 para. 3.

Article 21. Requirements; Elections

1. Members who have reached the age of 18 on the day of the election and have held membership for at least three consecutive calendar months prior to the election are eligible for election to the Board.
2. The election of the Board shall be administered by the Voting Committee in accordance with the Electoral Regulations.
3. The Internal Regulations may further specify:
 - a. requirements for the submission of candidatures for positions on the Board;
 - b. the process of electing the Board Member, rules of incompatibility and rules relating to national diversity;
 - c. role descriptions for the different types of Board Member

Article 22. Mandate

1. The mandate of Board Members begins 14 days after the Annual Assembly at which they are elected and ends 14 days after the second Ordinary Assembly following the beginning of their mandate. The 14-day period following the election of a new Board shall serve as a transition phase during which outgoing Board Members hand over their responsibilities to the newly elected Board. During this period, the outgoing Board remains responsible for all the Association's affairs.
2. Board Members may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms. A term served as a replacement pursuant to Article 22 para. 3 by a Board Member who was appointed after twelve months of the start of the initial term shall not count as a term.

Article 23. End of mandate – Vacancy

1. The Board Member's office shall end by:
 - a. expiration of the term;
 - b. voluntary resignation, subject to a written notice of 30 days submitted to the Board;
 - c. death;
 - d. termination of their membership in the Association;
 - e. insolvency, civil incapacity or placement under provisional administration;
 - f. removal by a two-thirds majority vote by the National Assembly, subject to honouring the Board Member's right to be heard.
2. In case of suspension of the membership of any Board Member, their mandate will be suspended for the same duration.
3. In the event of a vacancy of one or more Board Member positions, the remaining Board Members may appoint a temporary replacement. The appointed Board Member shall serve the remainder of the term of the Board Member they replace, provided their appointment is confirmed by the National Assembly at its next meeting. If the National Assembly does not confirm the temporary replacement, the Board may appoint another temporary replacement in accordance with the same procedure.

4. In the event that more than half of the Board is vacated without temporary replacements, the remaining Board Members shall convene the National Assembly within three months to elect a new Board for a complete mandate, as described by Article 21.

Article 24. Powers of the Board

1. The Board administers and manages the Association. All matters not expressly reserved to the National Assembly or to other bodies under these Statutes fall within the competence of the Board. In performing their duties, Board Members shall be guided by the interests of the Association, its values, strategy and political direction.
2. Each Co-President is an official (political) spokesperson of the Association, and responsible for the external (political) representation of the Association.
3. The Board Members are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Association and the implementation of the strategic priorities and political direction. In doing so, they are bound by decisions of the National Assembly and the Board.
4. The Board Members may, under their responsibility, delegate the daily management or specific powers or tasks to one or more Board Members, Individual Members or third parties.
5. The Board is accountable to and shall report to the National Assembly for the administration and management of the Association, including the performance of the Board Members. They shall take due account of any recommendations or orientations adopted by the National Assembly, in accordance with the law and these Statutes.
6. Board Members shall not incur personal liability by virtue of their office, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.
7. The Board may define its own Rules of Procedure, which shall be communicated to all members of the Association.
8. Any active Member of the Association who wishes to run for public office at Swiss level (both national, regional, and local), is required to inform the Board. The Board maintains the right to approve the candidacy of the active Member wishing to run for public office.

Article 25. Meetings of the Board

1. The Board shall meet at least once per month. Meetings are convened by one of the Co-Presidents or any two Board Members.
2. Meetings may take place physically, by real-time electronic means (including video or audio conference), or in a hybrid form combining physical presence and remote participation.
3. The notice of the meeting shall include the agenda and the location.
4. Notwithstanding para. 3, a meeting on urgent grounds can be convened by any two Board Members, taking into account a reasonable notice period. All Board Members must be informed using all available communication methods.
5. Any meeting shall be validly convened if all Board Members are present or represented or have expressly waived their right to participate.
6. Meetings of the Board shall be chaired by one of the Co-Presidents or, in their absence, by the Treasurer.

Article 26. Deliberations of the Board

1. The Board may validly deliberate and take decisions only if a majority of its members is present. Decisions are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast. Each Board Member may cast one vote. Only a Board Member can represent another Board Member for the purpose of decision-making by the Board.
2. The Board may also deliberate and take decisions by unanimous written consent. In this case, the proposed decision must be communicated simultaneously to all Board Members and must be unconditionally approved in writing by each of them.

Article 27. Minutes of the Board meetings

1. Decisions of the Board shall be recorded in minutes. They shall be stored securely and their non-confidential portions made available to any Member upon request.

Article 28. Representation

1. Without prejudice to the general powers of representation held by the Board as a collegial body, the Association shall be validly represented in legal matters and in dealings with third parties, including public authorities and officials, by any two Executive Board Members acting jointly. If two Executive Board Members are unavailable, the Board may authorise an Executive Board Member jointly with another Board Member to act for specific acts or urgent matters, provided that such authorisation is recorded in writing.

Article 29. Remuneration, fees and expenses

1. Unless otherwise decided by the National Assembly, the Board Members shall not receive any compensation from the Association in connection with their duties, provided that they shall be reimbursed for reasonable and duly justified expenses incurred in the course of carrying out their duties.

PART VI. ADDITIONAL ORGANS OF Volt Switzerland

Article 30. Commissions; Committees

1. Volt Switzerland aims to be composed of Committees and Commissions as described in the Art. 13 of the Collaboration Regulations of Volt Europa, including:
 - a. An arbitration committee of Volt Switzerland;
 - b. An Internal Audit Committee;
 - c. An Integrity Commission.

Until Volt Switzerland has the capacity to be composed of the above Committees and Commission, the Committees and Commissions of Volt Europa are competent to Volt Switzerland. The Commissions and Committees of Volt Europa are described in the Articles of Association of Volt Europa and the Internal Regulations of Volt Europa.

2. The Board can create additional Commissions or Committees and it can install special offices or agencies to fulfill its tasks.
3. Commissions perform tasks that require neutrality, and cannot be controlled by the Board directly. Members of Commissions are appointed by the Board and approved by the members of Volt Switzerland.
4. Committees perform tasks that require neutrality and independence, and cannot be controlled by the Board in any capacity. Members of Committees are appointed by the National Assembly.
5. Agencies are installed and controlled by the Board of Volt Switzerland to fulfill specific tasks.

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PART VII. ACCOUNTS, TRANSPARENCY

Article 33. Financial year - Annual accounts

1. The management of finances of Volt Switzerland is the task of the Treasurer.
2. The financial year shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each calendar year.
3. After the end of each financial year, the Treasurer draws up the annual accounts of the past financial year and the Board submits them for approval to the Ordinary National Assembly. Before the end of each financial year, the Treasurer draws up the budget for the forthcoming year and the Board submits it for adoption by the National Assembly.
4. Volt Switzerland shall keep its accounting records and prepare its annual accounts in accordance with the legal provisions of the Swiss Civil Code, and shall publish the annual accounts and any other information as required by law.

Article 34. Control - Auditor

1. The provisions of audit are further elaborated in the Financial Regulations.

Article 35. Donations

1. The Board publishes an annual list of donations received by Volt Switzerland, specifying both the donor and the amount of the donation, for every donation exceeding 3,000 Swiss Franc per donation or donor per year.
2. The Board can determine detailed provisions regarding its donation policies. These policies shall be published on the website.

PART VIII. INTERNAL REGULATIONS, AMENDMENTS

Article 36. Internal Regulations

1. The National Assembly can adopt Internal Regulations which detail the provisions of these Statutes, define the practical modalities for the functioning of Volt Switzerland and foresee the establishment, election or appointment and functioning of internal bodies of Volt Switzerland. The Internal Regulations cannot modify the Statutes of Volt Switzerland. In case of conflict between the Internal Regulations and the Statutes, these Statutes will prevail.
2. The “Internal Regulations” consist of:
 - a. [Arbitration Regulations of Volt Europa](#);
 - b. [Collaboration Regulations of Volt Europa](#);
 - c. [Voting Regulations of Volt Switzerland](#);
 - d. [Financial Regulations of Volt Switzerland](#);
 - e. [National Assembly Regulations of Volt Switzerland](#);
 - f. Integrity Syllabus of Volt Europa; and
 - g. any additional governance documents the National Assembly explicitly designates as part of the Internal Regulations.

Article 37. Special provisions for amendments to the Statutes

1. The Statutes may be amended by a decision of the National Assembly.
2. Any amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted provided it is approved by a majority of the votes cast, with the exception being any amendment to the purposes of the Association, as well as to the activities it intends to implement in order to achieve these purposes. Those amendments must be approved by a majority of four-fifths (4/5) of the votes cast.

Part IX: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 38. Privacy and Data Protection

1. The Association recognises privacy and data protection as fundamental values and is committed to upholding the highest standards in the processing of personal data. It ensures full compliance with all applicable Swiss and European data protection laws, in particular nDSG SR 235.1, as well as EU Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
2. The Association shall ensure that only necessary and relevant data is collected, processed, and stored securely. To the extent possible, the Association aims to use IT infrastructure based in the EU to enhance data protection.
3. The rights of Members as data subjects shall be outlined in the privacy policy of Volt Switzerland and Volt Europa A.I.S.B.L., as published on the website of Volt Switzerland and Volt Europa respectively.
4. The Board may determine additional internal rules on data protection and privacy.

Article 39. Dissolution; Liquidation

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Civil Code of the Swiss Confederation, Volt Switzerland can be dissolved at any time by a decision of the National Assembly taken under the same conditions as for the amendments of the purpose of the Association regulated in Article 37.2.
2. In the event of dissolution of Volt Switzerland, for whatever reason, the liquidation shall be carried out by the Board, who shall perform their duties as liquidators, either by virtue of a decision of the National Assembly or, in the absence thereof, by a court decision that may be initiated by any interested party.

3. In all events of voluntary or legal dissolution of the Association, the allocation of the possible net assets after liquidation shall be distributed to any legal successor of Volt Switzerland or, in the absence thereof, be determined by the National National 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 Volt Switzerland as described in Article 4.
4. To the extent possible, these Statutes shall remain in effect during the liquidation.
5. After the completion of the liquidation, the books, records, and other information carriers of Volt Switzerland shall be retained for the period required by law by the person designated by the National Assembly. If no person is designated, the liquidators shall assume this responsibility.

Article 40. Election of domicile

1. Any member, Board Member, auditor or liquidator residing abroad who has not elected domicile in Switzerland, validly reported to Volt Switzerland, shall be deemed to have elected domicile at the registered office where all instruments can be validly served or notified, with no other obligation for Volt Switzerland than to keep such instruments available for the addressee.
2. A copy of said documents and notifications shall also be sent, for information, to the addressee's residence abroad.

Article 41. Legal reference

1. All issues not explicitly covered by these Statutes and by Internal Regulations shall be governed by the Civil Code of the Swiss Confederation.
2. Any mandatory provisions of the Civil Code of the Swiss Confederation that cannot be lawfully derogated from shall be deemed to form part of these Statutes. Any clauses contained herein that conflict with, or may in the future conflict with, such mandatory provisions shall be considered null and void and treated as if unwritten.
3. References to "Board Members" without further specification are to Executive Board Members and Non-Executive Board Members, irrespective of their title.

4. Terms that are defined in the singular shall have the corresponding meaning in the plural and vice versa.
5. The term "written" or "in writing" shall also include the use of electronic means of communication.

Article 42. Language

1. The working language of Volt Switzerland shall primarily be English, as it is also for Volt Europa. However, to enable full participation of all members and in order to take into account the diversity in Switzerland, French, German and Italian shall also be recognised working languages within Volt Switzerland. Rhaeto-Romanic can but does not have to be a working language within the canton of Grisons, but only for internal matters and not for concerns of Volt Switzerland. It is up to the statutes of a potential Volt Grisons chapter to decide on this matter.
2. If initiatives and proposals are directed to Volt Switzerland, all four official languages (Article 42.1) are accepted. Any chapter of Volt Switzerland may decide on their own which and how many of the four working languages they wish to adopt.
3. In the event of discrepancies or doubt arising from a difference between these Statutes in English and these Statutes in another language, the English text shall prevail.