

Statutes of Volt Slovenia

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PREAMBLE

Volt is a political movement working for a democratic and federal Europe that extends today's economic union with social and ecological dimension and aims to provide a counterweight to nationalism, populism and division.

Volt wants Europe to be "United in Diversity". Volt conveys a message of hope, courage, and citizen engagement in politics by proposing in its founding oath to:

- Strengthen the expression of citizens' will and the development of a common political identity on the European continent;
- Deepen and structure a more peaceful, egalitarian, and responsible cooperation between European peoples;
- Protect human dignity, human rights, solidarity, democracy, and equality before the law, freedom, and the rule of law inside and outside Europe;
- Promote and protect the common good of all residents and European citizens.

Volt strives to do politics differently by:

- Seeking transnational consensus and conjugating it to national and local level;
- Being pragmatic and science-based rather than ideological;
- Having a democratic, inclusive and transparent governance.

These Statutes of Volt Slovenia reflect the values and objectives of Volt:

- Equality of members: One person, one vote;
- Affirmation of democracy: At all levels - European, national, and local;
- Respect for principles of freedom of expression and plurality of opinion;
- Recognition of society's diversity: At all levels of internal and external responsibility;
- Aspiration for gender parity: Internally for positions of responsibility;
- Transparency: In financial accounts and reports;
- Non-violent conflict resolution: By ad hoc bodies.

The purpose of Volt Slovenia is to:

- Provide a political platform to citizens in Slovenia who identify with the pan-european, federalist, humanist, economic, ecological, and progressive ideas of Volt;
- Influence political opinion and present candidates in local, national, European and presidential elections to implement its political programme in compliance with its values.

Article 1 - Volt Slovenia

1.1 Constitution

- (a) The party's name is "Volt Slovenia".
- (b) The abbreviated name is "Volt".
- (c) Volt Slovenia is located in Ljubljana.
- (d) The logo of the party is the abbreviation of the party "Volt" written horizontally in purple or white. The font is Ubuntu. The colors are defined in RGB scale by numbers: purple (80, 44, 131), white (255, 255, 255); The "V" is slightly moved over the "o".
- (e) The chop uses the same font and logo, it reads "Volt Slovenia".
- (f) The party's activities are public. The party achieves public engagement through means of mass communication, press conferences, organizing public actions, participating in public gatherings and debates, and using other forms of public communication.

Article 2 - Internal Structure

- (a) Volt Slovenia is governed by the National Board elected by an Assembly of members.
- (b) The party operates with the following bodies:
 - Assemblies - official conventions of members;
 - Boards - elected bodies to govern the party on different geographic levels;
Boards are composed of:
 - Co-Presidents
 - Treasurer
 - Ordinary Board MembersThey may also appoint:
 - General Secretaries
 - Spokesperson
 - Councils - bodies to supervise the work of a Board;
 - Commissions - permanent or temporary bodies for specific occasions;
 - Committees - members grouped on different geographic levels;
 - Functional groups for organizing the party's day-to-day activities.

- (c) The party is organized at the national level. It may organize its activities at regional, local or any other higher or lower level it deems necessary with initial rules proposed by the Board and adopted by the respective Assembly.
- (d) A Council to supervise the Board is to be installed once the Board assesses that membership is sufficient to divide members into at least three (3) arbitrary geographical regions. Lower organizational levels also follow this principle.
- (e) Commissions include and are not limited to:
- The *Conflict Resolution Commission* is the permanent instance that can be invoked in cases of conflicts between members and/or bodies. It is described in these Statutes;
 - The *Arbitration Commission* is a temporary instance installed in case of appeals against decisions of the Conflict Resolution Commission. It is described in the Internal Regulations;
 - The *Nomination Commission* is a temporary instance to invest candidates in elections. It is described in these Statutes;
 - The *Electoral Commission* is a temporary instance for organizing internal elections. It is described in the Internal Regulations.

Article 3 - Members

3.1 Membership

- (a) Members are physical persons who meet legal requirements, whose membership has been approved by the Board or a body designated by the Board and who meet the following additional criteria:
- Have the nationality of the Republic of Slovenia;
 - Signed an accession statement accepting the Statutes and the party programme;
 - Be registered on our official website;
 - Have done the Onboarding with a responsible Volt member;
 - Paid an annual membership fee, with amounts and possible tiers to be defined in the Internal Regulations by the Board.
- (b) If a person is a minor, written permission from their parents or legal guardians is required for membership.
- (c) Members cannot be members of another Slovenian or European political party. They also must not be members of organizations, movements, or groups, in the Republic of Slovenia or abroad, that act against the ideas and values of the Volt party.

- (d) A citizen of a European Union member state who has been granted voting rights in the Republic of Slovenia by law can become a member of the party.
- (e) A foreign national cannot become a member of the party but may become an honorary member.

3.2 Types of Membership

Volt distinguishes between:

- (a) Supporters who are not members according to Article 3.1 but can participate in the social life of the party on local level. The party keeps a separate register for supporters;
- (b) Ordinary members according to Article 3.1. The membership registry is kept in the party's headquarters;
- (c) Honorary members who are not members according to Article 3.1 and do not participate in the social life of the party but support it through their means. The party keeps a separate register for honorary members.

3.3 Duties of Members

Ordinary members are obliged to:

- (a) comply with the provisions and duties of these Statutes, the Internal Regulations and the programme of Volt Slovenia;
- (b) comply with resolutions and directives of its bodies and conduct oneself in a transparent and exemplary manner;
- (c) provide Volt Slovenia with a valid email address and notify the party of a change of personal information;
- (d) pay a membership fee.

3.4 Rights of Members

Ordinary members, after being a member for six (6) months, have the right to

- (a) a single vote at General Assemblies, Consultations and other all-member votes. A transfer of voting rights is not possible;
- (b) participate in the party's bodies, attend Assemblies and participate in votes;

- (c) run as candidates for all bodies and groups of the party as well as external elections according to the law and procedures defined in these Statutes and Internal Regulations;

And from the moment of being validated as ordinary member, to

- (d) participate in the activities of functional and geographic Committees they have been assigned to based on the physical address provided during registration;
- (e) shape the party programme through participation and adoption, express their opinion to bodies and suggest initiatives and proposals;
- (f) benefit from the party's support in their public engagements that are consistent with values and ideas of Volt Slovenia;
- (e) be informed about and participate in the party's activities;
- (f) be notified one month before expiry of membership.

3.5 End of Rights

- (a) Aside from failure to pay membership fees, the status of being a supporter or member can be lost through resignation, exclusion according to the procedure of Article 17 or death.

Article 4 - National Board

4.1 Constitution

- (a) The National Board is composed of two Co-presidents, a Treasurer and up to four ordinary board members with the exact number being defined in the Internal Regulations.
- (b) The Board is functional on an exceptional basis if it consists of at least the President and the Treasurer. In the case of a non-functional Board, an Extraordinary General Assembly to fill the open positions is to be held according to Article 14.1 (c).
- (c) Board members are elected individually by the Assembly of Volt Slovenia according to Article 6.3 (c) for a term of two (2) years from the Members of Volt Slovenia who meet the criteria defined in Article 3.
- (d) For continuity, the initial ordinary Board members are elected for a period of one (1) year only, allowing to alternate between electing ordinary board members and co-presidents plus treasurer.

- (e) A Member cannot run for the same Board position for more than three (3) consecutive, complete terms. A term ends with the conclusion of the second annual Assembly following the Assembly at which they were elected.
- (f) Board members can be dismissed through an extraordinary decision by the General Assembly according to Article 6.3 (d).
- (g) When a member of the Board can no longer perform their function (exclusion, impediment, resignation, incapacity, death), a new election has to be held only if the Board is non-functional according to Article 4.1 (b) and 4.1 (c).

4.2 Role

- (a) The Board is the executive body of the party. It coordinates the collective action to achieve the objectives of Volt Slovenia.
- (b) The Board is responsible for the Internal Regulations, which it can amend with an absolute majority vote and according to the procedure defined in the Internal Regulations.
- (c) The Board can appoint leaders for Functional Groups. Ideally, two co-leads are appointed respecting gender parity.
- (d) The Board can invite Members for an advisory vote through a Consultation before concluding national-level coalitions.
- (e) The Board can decide to ask for a motion of confidence according to Article 4.3 (e).

4.2.1 The Co-Presidents

- (a) The Co-presidents are the legal representatives of the party.
- (b) Both coordinate Volt Slovenia's actions at all administrative levels.
- (c) Both may temporarily delegate all or part of their responsibilities to other ordinary Board members, or one or more General Secretaries and Spokespersons.
- (d) Both can delegate all or parts of their representative function to one or more spokesperson(s) as described in the Internal Regulations.
- (e) Both are responsible for any required official publications concerning Volt Slovenia's operations.

- (f) Gender parity is required between the two co-presidents.

4.2.2 The Treasurer

- (a) The Treasurer is responsible for material and financial operations of Volt Slovenia as well as accounting and finances. He or she proposes the budget to the Ordinary Assembly and ensures its execution. He or she presents a report on the allocation of resources for the past year at the Ordinary Assembly.
- (b) The Treasurer is responsible for any publication related to Volt Slovenia's finances.
- (c) The Treasurer can oppose any act that would seriously jeopardize Volt Slovenia's finances and would be non-compliant with the law of the Republic of Slovenia, these Statutes and its Internal Regulations.
- (d) The Treasurer has the possibility to temporarily delegate all or part of his or her responsibilities to other Board members or the General Secretary.

4.2.3 The Ordinary Board Members

- (a) Ordinary Board members participate in decision-making. They are responsible for advising the executive members of the Board and ensuring a diversity of opinions.
- (b) Ordinary Board members serve as internal reference points and external spokespersons for the functional groups they have been appointed to through decision of the Board.
- (c) Gender diversity is required between the ordinary Board members.

4.3 Functioning

- (a) The Board can be supported by a General Secretariat which is defined in the Internal Regulations.
- (b) The Board makes its decisions by absolute majority of occupied positions. No decision can be made if it has not been approved by the majority of Board members.
- (c) Decisions must be drafted in the form of minutes and published within a 30 day period.
- (d) The Board decides on establishing the Regional Council, with the composition of regions to be re-evaluated whenever membership numbers justify a further division of regions.
- (e) The Board decides when a Committee is sufficiently strong in terms of membership to create their own Board and replace Committee leads.

- (f) The Board can be dissolved by a motion of no confidence according to Article 6.3 (d). If confidence is refused, Board members resign effectively the day the new Board assumes office.

Article 5 - Regional Council

5.1 Constitution

- (a) The Regional Council (or Council) is composed of one (1) representative per region as defined in Article 4.3 (d) elected for a term of two (2) years by the Members of a region from the Members of a region who meet the criteria of Article 3.
- (b) In addition, elected officials of Volt Slovenia participate in the Council to ensure their continued involvement and influence on the party's social life;
- (c) Council Members can also be Committee Leads. They can be dismissed according to the procedure outlined in the Internal Regulations.
- (d) It is not possible to hold a mandate on both the Council and the Board at the same time.

5.2 Role

- (a) The Council is responsible for supervising the Board.
- (b) The Council is chaired by a chairperson elected from its members according to the procedures outlined in the Internal Regulations.
- (c) The Council can convene a General Assembly based on the procedure laid out in these Statutes.

5.3 Functioning

- (a) Once installed, the Council meets at least once every three (3) months.
- (b) Every six (6) months, the Council invites the Board to present a report, which also forms the basis of the reports presented to members during the ordinary General Assembly.
- (c) The Council can give a non-binding opinion for certain Board decisions. These decisions are:
- Modification of the internal regulations;
 - Cooperation with other parties or movements;

- Transition to or from a Delegate Assembly;
 - Orientations and reorientations of the party's strategies;
 - Revocation of a Commission or a Functional Group;
 - Preparation of the agendas for Assemblies;
 - Other decisions mentioned in the Internal Regulations.
- (d) Decisions of the Council are made by a relative majority, provided a quorum of half of its members is met.
- (e) The Council prepares meeting minutes, which are communicated to Members within a reasonable timeframe.

Article 6 - General Assembly

6.1 Constitution

- (a) The General Assembly or National Assembly is the representative body composed of all members of Volt Slovenia according to the criteria in Article 3.
- (b) The Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) meets at least one (1) time per year at the initiative of the Board.
- (c) An Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) can be convened at any time at the initiative of the Board, the Council, or the members:
- If the initiative comes from the Board or the Council, the responsibility for convening also falls on them respectively;
 - If the initiative comes from members, it needs to be supported by at least thirty percent (30%) of members according to the criteria of Article 3. The Conflict Resolution Commission (CRC) ensures compliance with these conditions and the receivability of the request according to these Statutes and Internal Regulations. If receivable, the Board provides the means for members to organize the Assembly and proceeds with convening members.
- (d) It is possible to combine an Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) and an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) during the same Annual General Assembly (AGA).
- (e) The notice of the Assembly specifies the agenda, date, time, location, or, failing that, the method of forming an Assembly. A notification by email or any other means provided in the Internal Regulations is sent at least (1) month before an Ordinary General Assembly. For an Extraordinary General Assembly the period is (2) two weeks. Two separate notices may therefore be established in the case of an Annual General Assembly.

6.2 Role

- (a) The General Assembly is the most important decision-making body of Volt Slovenia.
- (b) The Ordinary General Assembly deals with the party's regular decisions.
- (c) The Extraordinary General Assembly deals with exceptional decisions.

6.3 Functioning

- (a) The Assembly can be organized in person in a venue or online. When the meeting is held online, it must be ensured that the image and tone of the entire meeting are transmitted in real time, that the conditions for the identification of the members are ensured, that the technical solution guarantees the voting on motions and secure electronic communication. It is chaired by the Co-presidents or, failing that, by the most senior member initiating the Assembly according to the procedures provided in the Internal Regulations.
- (b) During Assemblies, there are two types of decisions: ordinary decisions and extraordinary decisions.
- (c) Ordinary decisions are voted on by a simple majority of members present without any quorum. Ordinary decisions include:
 - Election of Board members;
 - Election of members of the Conflict Resolution Commission;
 - Approval of the accounts for the previous financial year;
 - Adoption of the budget;
 - Adoption and amendment of Volt Slovenia's political programme;
 - Additional agenda items that do not require an extraordinary decision.
- (d) Extraordinary decisions are voted on by a qualified majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast, representing a quorum of thirty percent (30%) of Volt Slovenia's members. Extraordinary decisions include:
 - Adoption and amendment of the Statutes;
 - Transition to and from a Delegate Assembly;
 - Dissolution of Volt Slovenia or secession of a part of Volt Slovenia;
 - Merger or joining of Volt Slovenia with another political party;
 - Dissolution of the Board or removal of a Board member from office. In this case, the concerned member(s) cannot run for the following election.

- (e) If the quorum is not reached, a second Assembly must be organized after a two (2) week period. This Assembly will then make a decision without a quorum.
- (f) Members can participate and vote in Assemblies through in-person voting or electronic voting. Voting is done in-secret, ensuring the integrity and sincerity of the vote.
- (g) Decisions made in the Assembly must be recorded in minutes and published within 30 days.
- (h) The decision-making procedure applicable to the General Assembly also applies to the first Constituent Assembly, which adopts the Statutes and the party programme, elects the party organs and the party representative.

Article 7 - Delegate Assembly

7.1 Constitution

- (a) The Delegate Assembly is installed if the Members Assembly decides on initiative of the Board and by extraordinary decision to move to a system of members being represented by delegates.
- (b) The Board can table this decision if it judges membership to have become too large to effectively decide on important issues.
- (c) The reintroduction of a Member Assembly follows the same procedure.

7.2 Role

- (a) The Delegate Assembly replaces the Member Assembly.

7.3 Functioning

- (a) The electoral roll for the General Assembly that decides to install a Delegate Assembly is used as reference for establishing the amount of delegates to be elected.
- (b) Should the regional Council be in place, every region has at least one delegate.
- (c) The overall number of delegates shall not exceed 10% of Membership.
- (d) Elected officials of Volt Slovenia complement the delegate assembly without counting towards the regional or overall quota.

- (e) Elections of delegates are held in Assemblies. Delegates are elected for a term of one (1) year. It is not possible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms as a delegate.
- (f) The specifications of Article 6.3 apply for the Delegate Assembly as well.

Article 8 - Conflict Resolution Commission

8.1 Constitution

- (a) The Conflict Resolution Commission (or CRC) is composed of an odd number of members not exceeding 5.
- (b) Its members are elected by the Assembly for at most two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years each from Members according to the criteria of Article 3.
- (c) Membership in the CRC can be revoked in a General Assembly using an ordinary decision according to Article 6.3 (c).
- (d) CRC members cannot be members of the Board, the Council, or any other body of Volt Slovenia.
- (e) CRC members cannot apply for the Conflict Resolution Body (CRB) of Volt Europa and cannot run for any elective office.
- (f) CRC members are required to maintain neutrality, preventing them from making decisions that could influence the party's political orientation.

8.2 Role

- (a) The CRC is the body responsible for arbitration within Volt Slovenia. Its role is to:
 - Ensure compliance with these Statutes, the Internal Regulations and propose interpretations if necessary;
 - Resolve conflicts between members and/or bodies of Volt Slovenia and propose dispute resolution methods.
- (b) The Commission verifies the validity of a General Assembly at the initiative of the Members in accordance with article 6.1 (c).

8.3 Functioning

- (a) The CRC can be referred to following a complaint or request from a Member. The Commission can also self-initiate.

- (b) When the CRC receives a complaint or request, it must examine its receivability based on the severity of the facts, the status of the Members or bodies involved, and the urgency.
- (c) The CRC ensures the greatest impartiality and respect for the fundamental rights of individuals to a fair and just process when exercising disciplinary power.
- (d) The CRC's opinions must be motivated. Except in cases of confidentiality, opinions must be published to Members of Volt Slovenia in a manner respecting data privacy laws. Opinions are binding for all Members and/or bodies of Volt Slovenia.
- (e) Within fifteen (15) days of notification of a CRC decision, members can appeal the decision to an Arbitration Commission whose functioning is described in the Internal Regulations.
- (f) Opinions or decisions are approved by consensus or, failing that, by an absolute majority of CRC members. The writing is proposed as a duly motivated arbitral decision with defined application in time.
- (g) The CRC's decisions may include sanctions against parties involved as defined in Article 17.2. (b).
- (h) When the CRC considers an appropriate sanction to be the expulsion of a non-Board or non-Council Member, or the revocation of the mandate of a member of any body other than the Board or the Council, it submits its proposal to the Board and the Council. The Commission, Board, and Council members jointly decide on the proposal. The option with the most votes is adopted. In case of a tie, the option most favorable to the person concerned is chosen.
- (i) When the CRC considers the appropriate sanction to be the expulsion of a Board or Council Member, or the revocation of their mandate, it submits its proposal to the Members in an Extraordinary General Assembly. The Members decide on the proposal using an extraordinary decision. In case of a tie, the option most favorable to the person concerned is chosen.
- (j) The Commission submits an annual activity report to the Board and the Council.

Article 9 - Nomination Commission

9.1 Constitution

- (a) The Nominations Commission is composed of all members of the Board plus the regional representatives of the Council - they are referred to as ordinary Commission members.
- (b) In addition, for a period not exceeding one year, one (1) or two (2) randomly selected members according to the criteria of Article 3 are also selected from a list of volunteers. These extraordinary Commission members ensure direct representation of Members in the Commission and that the total number of Commission members is odd.

9.2 Role

- (a) The Nomination Commission evaluates, validates and invests candidacies for elections.

9.3 Functioning

- (a) The Nomination Commission makes its decisions by a simple majority for individual nominations or nominative lists depending on the type of election.
- (b) A quorum of 50% of members of the Commission is required in a vote either in presence or online.
- (c) At the request of at least thirty percent (30%) of members of the Commission, it is possible to individualize the votes of the nominations on a list.
- (d) Depending on the election, the Commission may designate all candidates, some, or no candidates, leaving other designations to Member Consultations.
- (e) Volt Slovenia entering into a coalition agreement with one or more other parties does not change the way the Commission is working to determine candidates.
- (f) Results of votes are not published, only the names of the selected candidates are communicated.

9.4 Operating Rules

- (a) To participate on a Volt electoral list for local, national, presidential or European elections, membership and seniority is not mandatory.

- (b) To ensure equal opportunities for both genders in elections, nominative lists have to be gender balanced with alternating gender per position.
- (c) The Nomination Commission can reject any candidacy.
- (d) Any member of the Nomination Commission running as candidate does not participate in the vote and debates concerning his candidacy.
- (e) A nomination may result in one or more interviews with the Nomination Commission including background checks for lead candidates.
- (f) A nomination is in principle final except in exceptional cases such as:
- The resignation of a candidate during the electoral campaign;
 - Non-compliance with an electoral ethical charter assessed by a 2/3 of the Commission;
 - The Commission's decision with a 2/3 majority to replace the candidate.
- (g) The following priority criteria are taken into account to nominate a candidate:
1. Compliance with legal requirements (age, nationality, etc.);
 2. Alignment between the candidate's project and Volt's goals and values.
- (h) Other secondary criteria (in no particular order) to be taken into consideration:
- Electoral experience;
 - Knowledge of the constituency;
 - Notoriety in the constituency;
 - Language proficiency;
 - Duration of engagement with Volt / other movements;
 - Knowledge of Volt policies;
 - Public speaking ability;
 - Capacity to analyze a large amount of information in a short time;
 - Communication skills: ability to connect with people and network;
 - Active listening ability;
 - Integrity;
 - Collaboration skills;
 - Constructive attitude;
 - Active commitment: time and availability to campaign;
- (i) Following the priority criteria, the weighting of the secondary criteria above is at the discretion of Nomination Commission members.

Article 10 - Functional Groups

10.1 Constitution

- (a) Functional Groups are permanent groups created by the Board. They are described in the Internal Regulations.

Article 11 - Youth organization

11.1 Constitution

- (a) Once membership justifies it and through decision of the Board, a separate youth association of Volt Slovenia is to be created. The procedure to establish the association is described in the Internal Regulations.

Article 12 - Member Consultations

- (a) Apart from Assemblies, Volt Slovenia can conduct votes at the initiative of the Board, the Council or Committee leaders. These votes are called Member Consultations (or Consultations).
- (b) Participants are dependent on the Consultation, that means its geographic or functional context.
- (c) Consultations are advisory only.
- (d) Participation and voting methods can include any means, including electronic voting.

Article 13 - Amendment of Statutes

- (a) Modifications to the Statutes are made by extraordinary decision in a General Assembly as stipulated in Article 6.3 (c) and (d).
- (b) Any Member can propose Statutes amendments. Proposals must be submitted at the latest 2 (two) weeks before an Assembly and require support from at least 5% of members conforming to requirements set out in Article 3 or support from the Board to be tabled.
- (a) The Board can block proposals that conflict with Volt's values or pose a risk to the party.
- (b) The Conflict Resolution Commission can make a final decision in case of disagreement.

Article 14 - Amendment of the Programme

- (a) The Policy Functional Team is responsible for the development and management of an inclusive process for the evolution of Volt Slovenia's national political programme. The process is described in the Internal Regulations.
- (b) Modifications to the national programme are voted by Members in six (6) or twelve (12) months intervals during a General Assembly.
- (c) Programmes are adopted by members on their appropriate level through an Assembly or, should the electoral calendar not permit an Assembly to be held, via Consultation.

Article 15 - Deletion from the National registry

- (a) In case of deletion of Volt Slovenia from the official National registry, remaining assets should be liquidated with, after outstanding obligations have been met, the remainder to be donated to a pro-european association or charity.
- (b) The outgoing Board is responsible for the procedure.

Article 16 - Dissolution, Joining, Merger or Secession

- (a) Decisions regarding the dissolution, joining, merger or secession of Volt Slovenia or parts of Volt Slovenia require an extraordinary decision in an Assembly as outlined in Article 6.3 (c) and (d).
- (b) In case of a dissolution, Article 15 applies.
- (c) In case of a secession, assets remain with Volt Slovenia. In case of a merger or joining with another party assets are to be transferred to the new entity.

Article 17 - Sanctions Against Members

17.1 Reasons for Sanctions

- (a) The Board reserves the right to suspend or exclude members for offenses such as:
 - Insults, harassment, threats, and defamation;
 - Acts of physical or verbal violence;
 - Illegal and criminal activities;

- Actions harming Volt Slovenia's reputation;
- Breaching the privacy of members or volunteers by disclosing information protected by GDPR or elements of private life.

17.2 Suspension and/or Revocation Procedure

- (a) The Board notifies the Conflict Resolution Commission (CRC) of any suspension or revocation decision. The CRC ensures the decision complies with the Statutes and Internal Regulations, confirming or invalidating it as necessary.
- (b) Possible sanctions are:
- Permanent exclusion;
 - Suspension for 1 month to 1 year depending on severity;
 - Suspension of access to the party's communication tools;
 - Revocation of leadership roles;
 - Revocation of internal elected position following Article 8.3 (h) and (i).
- (c) Sanctions are imposed following a procedure that ensures the accused is informed of the charges before a decision is made.

Article 18 - Budget and Resources of Volt Slovenia

- (a) Fundraising is subject to the sources and limits allowed by law.
- (b) Volt Slovenia must produce an annual report for the previous financial year.
- (c) The budget is voted on annually during the General Assembly by ordinary decision Article 6.3 (c). The budget can be modified during the year. It will then be placed on the agenda of an Extraordinary Assembly convened for the occasion.
- (d) The Treasurer is responsible for the maintenance of accounts, their consolidation and publication according to the legislation in force regarding the financing of political life.

Article 19 - Language

- (a) Only the Slovenian version of these Statutes and other legal documents drafted by Volt Slovenia will be authoritative in case of contradiction between this version and translations into other languages provided by Volt Slovenia or other entities.

Article 20 - General applicability

- (a) These Statutes shall enter into force as soon as they are adopted by the Constituent Assembly. The Statutes shall be published on the official website of the Party.
- (b) Amendments and additions to these Statutes shall be adopted in accordance with the same procedure as the Statutes, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes. Amendments to the Statutes may be made by the Board at the request of the registration authority and shall be approved at the next general meeting.
- (c) In all cases not expressly provided for in these Statutes and accompanying Internal Regulations, the provision of these Statutes shall apply mutatis mutandis by analogy.