

## Founding Declaration

1. We are active citizens with the will to form a progressive political space that significantly influences the course of our country.
2. We are Cypriots, and we are Europeans. We want to shape common positions for all countries and the governance system in the European Union.
3. We love Europe; it is our home, but this does not mean that there is no room for improvement.
4. We envision a strong and just Europe for all, regardless of their religion, origin, social and economic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
5. We feel that the fight against xenophobia, discrimination, and unequal development is our obligation.
6. We know that many of today's problems we face, perhaps the most significant, have no borders, and cannot be approached comprehensively at the national level.
7. Climate change, global immigration, racism, and the visible threat to global peace, require the cooperation of all European citizens.
8. The pan-European platform of Volt Europa ensures that these challenges will be addressed with a unified program and design, resulting from collectivity, mutual understanding, and collaboration.
9. Volt Cyprus (Volt Kıbrıs – Βολτ Κύπρος), an equal and active member of Volt Europa, is here to express the social movement and political trend for significant change!
10. With our actions and proposals, we aim to stand together with all Cypriots who envision a peaceful and hopeful future:  
**A united Cyprus in a united Europe.**
11. In our country, we experience the pathologies of a political system established as a regime of exemption status, where factional and client state mentalities were developed.
12. The Cypriot governance system has never been oriented towards peace, inclusion, and good governance.

13. Parties have shown over time that they prioritize their narrow factional interests, over the interests of the whole of Cyprus.
14. The political arena has turned into a party-power struggle in order to share the privileges of power.
15. Traditional political forces have not been able to cooperate on a sincere and permanent basis to allow us to enjoy what we deserve:  
**A modern and robust democracy that belongs to all Cypriots.**
16. Our schools are unable to prepare young citizens for the real needs of the modern era.
17. Nationalism, populism, corruption, and tolerance dominate the public sphere.
18. As a result, citizens undervalue democratic processes, the prospect of resolving the Cyprus problem, and the importance of the European Union.
19. There are forces and powerful interests in both communities that benefit from division and corruption, invest in the status quo, and perpetuate the "law of necessity."
20. It's time to tell them, "enough!" Cyprus deserves better, and we have a different plan for our country.
21. Volt aspires to connect the federal perspective of Europe with the federal perspective for our country.
22. We believe that federalism can provide answers to the major challenges facing both Cyprus and the European Union.
23. Together and united, we can determine the fate of our island and our European family.
24. Europe can offer Cyprus ideas, expertise, and comprehensive support based on its own historical processes of unification.
25. Our country, in turn, has the opportunity and the potential to provide Europe with an example of multicultural coexistence and cooperation, despite the complex situation and difficulties faced on the island.
26. Progressive, pragmatic, European!
27. We aspire to become the voice of Europeanism, moderation, modernization, and reunification of our country.

28. We are ready to propose solutions that are effective and are based on pan-European experience, innovation, and social responsibility.
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30. We are creating a party built from the ground up, structured on solid statutory principles and operating rules.
31. An open, democratic party with complete transparency, with youth and women at the forefront!
32. A party that will inspire society, give meaning to the idea of participation, and restore value to the democratic organization of citizens.
33. We want citizens to trust politics again and actively participate in shaping the conditions that affect them directly, both in the short term and long term.
34. By mobilizing and activating the progressive forces of society, we can transform Cyprus into a modern and significant country for Europe, our region, and the world.
35. We want to dare significant reforms!
36. We need a secular, "smart," and flexible state that assists rather than hinders the well-being and happiness of citizens.
37. The cost of housing and everyday life is unbearable for most of our fellow citizens. We can do much more for our youth and families!
38. We will insist on reforms that are sacrificed on the altar of electoral clientelism and conservatism and propose radical solutions to the problems that are continuously burdened on the shoulders of the next generation.
39. We envision a state that protects the vulnerable, defends the righteous interests of the labor force, and provides equal opportunities for all.
40. A state that operates as a fair regulator of the internal market and as a guardian of an economy open to initiative, entrepreneurship, and innovation.
41. For Volt, prosperity is inconceivable when development comes at the expense of the ecosystem.

42. At our core are the principles of ecologically sustainable growth, energy transition, biodiversity protection, and environmentally sustainable management.
43. Deep changes are needed for all of these, without the fear of political cost.
44. We believe that such a party, which dares the required ruptures, is absent from the political spectrum of our island.
45. It's time to create it together, with the citizens, for the citizens.
46. To create a party that will focus on the common future of the people of Cyprus and Europe. A party that knows how to listen and wants to be heard.  
**We draw momentum from the new generation.**
47. We cannot afford to passively wait for others to take care of our own dreams.
48. We take politics into our own hands.
49. Join us in this effort to create Volt.
50. Our common European future.  
**A future made in Europe.**