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LET'S RECLAIM THE FUTURE

Dear fellow citizens, dear people who dream of a better future,
Now is our time.

The politics of recent decades have slowed us down and stolen our hope for the future. This will change with Volt in the Bundestag (federal parliament), because we will finally take action!

You can choose the **best solutions from all over Europe:**

- Public services made easy via smartphone.
- Buses and trains that get people to their destinations quickly and in a climate-friendly way.
- Companies that succeed through climate action.
- Housing as a basic right, like in Finland.
- Schools and universities that prepare people for the world of tomorrow.

As the only pan-European party, we live Europe every day in every country.

As the lead candidate for Volt, I am fighting for our common future. As a German-Iranian and an expert on the city of the future, I know this: to secure freedom and democracy in Europe for all of us, I want to make a government coalition without populism possible.

I am ready to take off with you. Not someday, but now!

To achieve this, we need your vote. **You can make history** and bring Volt, the first pan-European party with the best solutions from all over Europe, into the Bundestag for the first time.

You can bring real new policies and **real change to the Bundestag**.
You can bring solutions to the Bundestag that will improve your future.

We are ready to create a political agenda for a generation that still has its life ahead of it.

Thanks for your trust and the 5 seats in the European elections.

Thanks to the young generation: for your trust and for **9% of your votes**.

Together we make new politics possible. Together we will bring our solutions to the Bundestag.

It has never been more important than now. We need democratic parties in parliament to steal seats from anti-democratic forces and the chancellorship from populists. A government coalition without populism and right-wing extremism is only possible with Volt.

We are ready to take responsibility. We are ready to implement solutions and to bring genuine progressive policymaking to the Bundestag.

With your vote for Volt, we will reclaim the future.

Yours
Maral

Maral Koohestanian, 33 years old, deputy mayor and head of the department Smart City, Europe and Order, embodies a new generation of politics. As an architect and development researcher, she has made a name for herself in sustainable urban development - from her studies at the Technical University of Cottbus to the Fraunhofer Institute and the founding of the Global Shapers Stuttgart Hub. Today, as deputy mayor in Wiesbaden, she is shaping the city of the future and was voted one of the 'Top 40 under 40' in the field of politics by Capital.

As Volt's top candidate for the 2025 federal elections, the German-Iranian combines technical expertise with political vision. In Wiesbaden, she is already proving how digitalisation and climate protection can improve people's lives.

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Choose climate-neutral solutions

Choose

- **savings of up to €60 billion** through the complete abolition of climate-damaging subsidies by 2028.
- energy generated **100% from rooftop solar panels or coastal wind farms**.
- cities in which bicycles, safe footpaths, e-buses and affordable trams **get you to any destination within 15 minutes safely and sustainably**.
- a dense network of fast-charging stations for e-mobility, a **speed limit** and a motorway toll.
- **high-speed trains** that connect all major European cities and the Germany-wide €49 ticket that ensures mobility is affordable.
- **restored forests and bogs** that capture CO2.
- a **circular economy** that turns waste into valuable raw materials.
- clear **climate and environmental targets for the economy**.
- an **end to fossil fuels** in industrial plants by 2035.
- more **fresh air and more money in your wallet** through the communal profits generated by energy cooperatives.

Choose digital and smart solutions

Choose

- **administrative procedures** that are completely digital.
- a **digital administration** with convenient and unbureaucratic solutions for both individuals and companies.
- state-of-the-art technology that **supports doctors in diagnosis and treatment.**
- **smart cities that control traffic smartly according to the time of day** or save electricity by perfectly adapting to solar and wind power outputs.
- **schools that teach digital skills** from an early age.
- **fast internet** availability everywhere, whether in the city or in the countryside.
- artificial intelligence that helps us make better decisions.
- a **digital infrastructure that is secure** and protects our privacy.

Choose a smart and green economy

Choose

- **investment** in infrastructure, digitalisation, education and climate protection with the **reform of the debt brake.**
- mushrooms as insulation for your home? microplastic-eating bacteria? Choose **more innovation and more ideas** that improve our lives through innovation bonuses and subsidies.
- sustainable designs that allow **every product to be recycled or repaired.**
- **small and medium-sized enterprises** that receive advice and financial support for their sustainable and digital transformation.
- **green technologies** that make Germany an economic pioneer again.
- **optimal conditions for start-ups** through less bureaucracy, more grants, better networks and regulatory sandboxes.
- to subsidise the expansion of a **sustainable electricity grid without energy tax.**
- **generously subsidised** research and development.
- **to support skilled international workers** through work permits from day 1 and digital networking platforms.
- **safe prosperity through a strong industrial base.**

- **new ways of working that enable a better work-life balance.**

Choose strong education and democracy

Choose

- **a Europe** that will grow into a genuine federal republic.
- **citizens' councils** that shape politics digitally and directly, whether at school or in old age.
- an **efficient and citizen-friendly public administration.**
- consistent **action against fake news and disinformation.**
- effective measures to **tackle corruption and lobbying.**
- early childhood education for every child, accompanied by the digital allocation of **daycare spots**, language support and all-day care.
- a fair wage for carers, including those in training, and a lower childcare ratio.
- **multidisciplinary teaching teams** in every classroom.
- **the abolition of federalism in education** (e.g. the harmonisation of curricula and final exams) and the implementation of joint, individualised learning from year 1 to year 10.
- more rural schools.
- **barrier-free education** and democracy.
- modern apprenticeships and collaborative training schemes across several companies.
- secure workplaces, also in research.
- lifelong and **free continuing education and training programmes.**

Choose an environment worth living in

Choose

- **clean air** and significantly less noise.
- mixed forests and sustainable forestry.
- **biodiversity** through systematic wildlife conservation.
- **sustainable agriculture** that produces healthy food.
- **clean rivers and lakes** that invite you to swim.
- public spaces that invite you to linger.
- a **garden on your roof** and more parks in the city.
- a **world without animal suffering.**

Choose an affordable life

Choose

- better schools for every child, regardless of their background or budget.
- a **higher minimum wage**, constantly and automatically adjusted without further parliamentary debates.
- a **basic income** that secures the livelihood of all people without bureaucracy.
- a **tax for the super-rich** and an effective stop to tax evasion.
- **less VAT** on pharmaceuticals and sustainable food as well as 0% VAT on basic foods.
- a social security system that reliably protects everyone.
- **affordable housing** that is available to everyone through Housing First, more social housing and more housing co-operatives.
- **lower utility costs** through sustainable renovation and climate-friendly construction.
- Health insurance for all that offers **first-class care without two-tier medicine**.
- a **pension that is guaranteed to be above the poverty line**.
- more independence through the **abolition of income splitting for married couples**.
- **equality for all genders** - in management positions and in pay.
- more **psychological care** through more practices and easier access.

Choose social cohesion

Choose

- a **strong civil society**.
- more political education, because **'Never again' is now**.
- strongly supported volunteer work and civic engagement.
- accessible sports and cultural programmes.
- more local cohesion through strong neighbourhood networks.
- integration that is actively shaped.
- society in which different lifestyles are respected.
- **more acceptance and diversity** and less discrimination and hatred, among others through legal and structural measures.

- more **medical research and care** for all genders.
- **more protection** against discrimination, hatred and violence.

Choose a strong Europe

Choose

- a **European constitution**, European parties and a strong European Parliament that has the right to make legislative proposals.
- a **solidarity-based asylum system** with safe escape routes, mandatory sea rescue, the abolition of Frontex and the withdrawal of the 2024 GEAS regulation.
- a **European foreign ministry** and a European army.
- Ukraine and an independent Europe with a reformed NATO.
- **independent European media** and the protection of journalists against disinformation, hatred and hate speech.
- a secure digital Europe with a **digital ministry** and more IT security.
- a **real European democracy** with a European government.

**Choose the best
solutions from
all over Europe!**

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