

**THINK EUROPEAN
ACT LOCAL**

Volt



**Short Election
Manifesto for the
2026 Municipal
Election in Marburg**

Shaping Marburg Together

Marburg is facing important decisions. Affordable housing, good child care for families, climate protection, an efficient administration, and vibrant neighbourhoods shape everyday life for many people. Local politics determines how we live, how we move around, how our children grow up, and how well we live together.

Volt is running for the first time in the Marburg municipal election. We bring a solution-oriented, transparent, and European approach to the city council. Our goal is a modern city that is socially just, climate-friendly, and digitally accessible.

We want to deliver concrete improvements in everyday life: an administration that works, affordable housing, strong support for families, and a city where no one has to feel alone.



Digitalisation that makes everyday life easier

Many administrative procedures are complicated, time consuming, and hard to understand. Digitalisation can change this if it is implemented well. Volt wants a public administration that is simple, fast, and accessible for everyone.

Our goals:

- A digital city hall as a central platform for all administrative services.
- A Marburg app as the gateway to administration, mobility, culture, and city life.
- Clear online applications instead of complicated forms.
- Secure login via BundID.
- Digital appointment booking and application status tracking.
- Self-service terminals for simple requests.

→ All while telephone and in-person services remain available.

Marburg-App - everything in one place

The Marburg app will become the central platform for city life.

It will

- Bundle administrative services.
- Display cultural and event offerings.
- Showcase local businesses.
- Integrate mobility services.
- Include a digital housing and shared-flat marketplace.
- Provide a platform for public participation.

This will make administration easier and city life more transparent.

Securing Affordable Housing

Chapter 2

Rising rents are a major problem for many people in Marburg. Housing is a social issue and a municipal responsibility.

Volt wants an active, socially just, and sustainable housing policy.

Our goals:

Expand social housing

- Support housing cooperatives and collaborative housing projects.
- Activate vacant properties through renovation and conversion.
- Use municipal land for affordable housing.
- Permanently secure price-controlled housing.

Enabling New Housing Models

- Intergenerational housing projects.
- Cooperative living.
- Flexible housing for different life stages.

Effectively Tackling Homelessness

Volt supports the Housing-First principle:

- Housing without preconditions, followed by voluntary social support.
- Long-term integration instead of temporary solutions.

Protect the Climate, Adapt the City

Chapter 3

Climate protection is a social and economic task. Heat waves, heavy rainfall, and rising energy costs already affect many people.

Volt wants to consistently align Marburg with climate neutrality.

Our goals:

- Develop a roadmap to climate neutrality by 2030.
- Make climate protection a binding element for all planning.
- Publish transparent climate balances and progress reports.

Local and Renewable Energy

- Expand solar energy.
- Implement renewable sources (geothermal, hydropower, waste heat).
- Implement municipal heat planning.
- Expand energy storage.
- Support private energy-efficient renovations.

Climate Adaptation

- Heat action plan.
- More green spaces and shaded areas.
- Net-zero land sealing.
- Protection against heavy rain and flooding.

Strengthen Families

Chapter 4

Good childcare is essential for equal opportunities, employment, and family life.

Volt advocates a family-friendly city.

Our goals:

- Expand daycares and all-day schooling.
- Strengthen family centers as counseling and meeting places.
- Improve work–family balance.
- Ensure affordable leisure and cultural activities for families.

Supporting Children and Young People

- Safe school routes.
- Modern, well-equipped schools.
- More sports and physical activity opportunities.
- Youth budgets for their own projects.

Chapter 5

The former location of the Faculty of Philosophy is one of the most important inner-city development areas.

Volt wants to create an open, mixed-use quarter for the whole city.

Short term:

- Co-working and meeting spaces.
- Cultural uses.
- Community gardens.
- Sports and leisure facilities.
- Spaces for young people.

Long term:

- Mixed-use quarter with education, culture, and housing.
- Preserve buildings that can be renovated.
- Sustainable removal of unusable structures.
- Close cooperation with the university and the state.

Mobility Hub

- Central transport hub.
- Better connections to all districts.
- New “Marburg Mitte” stop.
- Safe cycling and walking routes.
- More green arrows for cyclists.

This will create a lively quarter for education, encounters, and everyday life.

Together Instead of Alone

Chapter 6

Loneliness affects many people - young, older, and working alike.
A vibrant city needs places for connection.

Volt wants to actively combat social isolation.

Our goals:

- Community cafés and open meeting places.
- Free film and cultural evenings.
- Intergenerational projects.
- Expand multi-generation houses.
- Social funding for participation in leisure and culture.

Strengthening Volunteering

- Digital volunteering platform.
- Better networking between initiatives.
- Stronger culture of recognition.
- Round table for volunteering.

This creates more real connections in everyday life.

Europe shapes everyday life through funding programs, exchanges, and economic cooperation. Yet it often feels abstract.

Volt wants to make Europe more visible and usable in Marburg.

Our goals:

- Join the Eurotowns city network.
- Create a local contact point for EU funding.
- Expand exchange programs.
- Strengthen cooperations with partner cities.

Making Europe Visible in Everyday Life

- Celebrate Europe Day in Marburg.
- Highlight EU projects in the cityscape.
- European weeks and citizen dialogues.
- Strengthening EU competence in the administration.

Welcome Desk for International Residents

- Central contact point for international students and professionals.
- Multilingual information.
- Guidance on housing, work, and daily life.
- Buddy network for newcomers.

This will strengthen Marburg as an open European city.

Our Goal: A City that Works and Connects

Volt stands for pragmatic, transparent, and solution-oriented politics.

We want a Marburg

- with an administration that is easy to access
- with affordable housing
- with strong support for families
- with consistent climate protection
- with vibrant neighbourhoods
- with real community instead of loneliness
- with a strong European perspective

Together we can make Marburg fit for the future.

Chapter-long election programme

Chapter 1 – Affordable Housing & Cost of Living
Chapter 2 – Faculty of Philosophy
Chapter 3 – Transport & Mobility
Chapter 4 – Europe in Marburg
Chapter 5 – Climate, Energy & Biodiversity
Chapter 6 – Digitalisation & Smart City
Chapter 6.1 – Marburg App
Chapter 7 – Finance, Economy & Industry
Chapter 8 – Justice & Security
Chapter 9 – Culture
Chapter 10 – Plural Society & Social Affairs
Chapter 11 – Education
Chapter 12 – Citizen Participation
Chapter 13 – Medicine & Health

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