

Closing of Volt Europa General Assembly in Tirana, Albania

26 November 2024 - Volt Europa has closed the General assembly in Tirana, Albania hosted by Volt Albania on the 23rd and 24th of November. Over 36.000 Volt members were invited from all over Europe to participate in conference style talks, discussion groups and official votes. More than 700 members and supporters participated.

Photos and videos can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ucuQAKeQD5MgQwM3liqWXCls8JmPy5?usp=drive_link

Livestream footage:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Jngfz2FXMOA?si=ivSXaylr7GhTcU-M>

<https://www.youtube.com/live/q1R5w-zsD5Q?si=uIeO7mu3asRBsLwP>

The first ever General Assembly of Volt outside of the European Union, right after winning 5 seats in the European parliament. By hosting it in Albania, one of the countries closest to EU membership, Volt Europa shows that all of Europe belongs in our united European vision.

Many important topics were discussed like:

- Speeches by our Members of European Parliament
- European Defence
- Sustainability
- Refugees and migrants

There were also several topics about the western Balkans and Albania specifically. Ariana Krasniqi, Elena Kocaqi and Prof. dr. Cedric Ryngaert took part in a discussion about Kosova's future in the EU to inform members about the situation and work towards an official Volt policy on the subject.

Albanian politics was discussed between Volt Albania Co-president Ardit Minarolli, Leader of Nisma Thurje Dr. Endrit Shabani as well as activists Sidorela Vatnikaj and Fioralba Douma. Volt Albania highlights the importance of staying in discussion with other politicians and activists to properly address the issues the Albanian population faces.

On Saturday the 23rd of November a big anti-corruption protest also took place on

Skanderbeg square, with over 700 participants. Our Albanian members taught the traditional Valle dance to all our participants before MEP Anna Strolenberg, Volt Europa co-president Francesca Romana d'Antuono and Volt Albania co-president Ardit Minarolli and Volt Albania board member Edlira Meshau held their speeches. Showing that protesting against the corrupt PS government and corrupt PD/PL opposition can be done in a peaceful manner to offer a true European alternative with already elected MEPs.

Furthermore, on the 22nd of November Volt Albania, Volt Italy and Volt Europa inspected the Rama/Meloni migration camp in Gjadër, Albania. More on which can be found here:

https://voltshqiperi.org/storage/volt-albania-content/press-releases/volt_meps_visit_to_albania_migrant_detention_centres.pdf

MEP Damian Boeselager described it as: "This seems like a fake solution that doesn't benefit the asylum seeker, the country receiving them, or the accession country - next to being likely illegal anyway." More on his statement here:

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/damian-boeselager_i-just-visited-melonis-asylum-camp-in-gjad%C3%ABr-activity-7265719125585395712-8m9x?utm_source=share

Volt Albania on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/VoltAlbania>

<https://www.instagram.com/voltshqiperi>

<https://x.com/VoltShqiperi>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/volt-shqiperi>

<https://www.tiktok.com/@voltshqiperi/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@VoltShqiperi>

<https://bsky.app/profile/voltshqiperia.bsky.social>

About Volt Albania

Volt Albania does politics differently, working with a grassroots structure with a progressive center ideology. We aim to bring better economic diversity, better social norms and eradicate corruption to Albania. We aim to not bring Albania into Europe, but instead bring Europe to Albania.

About Volt Europa

Volt Europa was founded in 2017 and is the first pan-European party. It aims to bring solutions to today's challenges using the potential of members in all parts of the European Union. It currently has more than 25,000 members in 30 European countries and 140 elected representatives in 6 countries, including 5 in the European Parliament. The program is based on the theses of solving the climate crisis, promoting social equality and

inclusion, as well as supporting entrepreneurship and digitization. Volt Europa is campaigning in most countries in the EU and even in a lot of countries outside of the EU.

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