

From *followers* to **standing.**



The mandate layer for Russians abroad. Verified mandates, institutional standing — built from existing online services.

VERSION

1.0 — Master Plan

DATE

8 May 2026

AUDIENCE

Organisers · Lawyers · Donors · Partner NGOs

Three concentric circles of *voicelessness*.

650,000+ Russians left after 22.02.2022. Most cannot vote where they live. Politically, they are spoken **about** — rarely *for*. The bottleneck is not the absence of leaders. It is the absence of **verifiable mandate**.

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No vote at home

Foreign polling stations thinned, identification gated, prosecutions for “discrediting the army” make participation costly.



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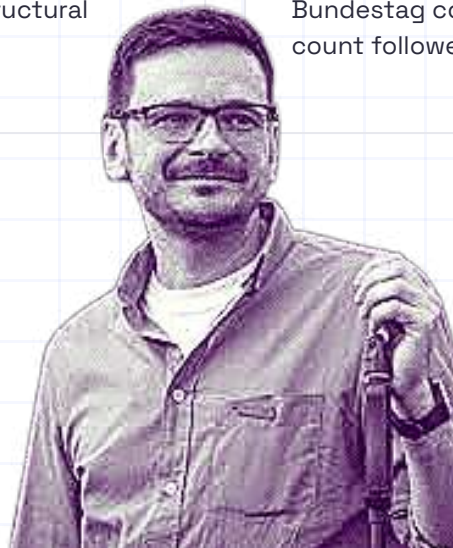
No vote abroad

Local elections gated to citizens. The diaspora pays VAT, hires, rents, researches — and local MPs have zero structural reason to care.

03

No verified representation

Yashin, AWC, FBK successors speak from personal stature and Telegram reach. A Bundestag committee cannot lawfully count followers.



— INTERLUDE

*"To unite for the sake of uniting is a **mistake**.
Coordinate by specific campaigns — yes; unite —
no."*

LEONID VOLKOV // Meduza interview, on diaspora opposition strategy



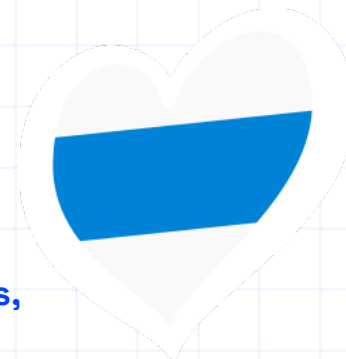
What already exists, and what it *leaves out*.



INITIATIVE	FORM	STRENGTH	GAP
Better Call Yashin	Personal initiative \$5 TMG	Casework, affidavits, visibility	No aggregated mandate; cannot bank/hire in project name
AWC Consuls	Unincorporated	Pro-bono immigration / extradition	No legal entity, no mandate registry
edinorosam.net	Hackathon platform	Technical mobilisation; correct slogan	Not a representation mechanism
PACE Platform 2621/2025	Inter-parliamentary	First formal CoE seat at the table	Needs qualifying civic vehicles to feed it
Free Russia Foundation	US 501(c)(3)	US policy reach	USAID/NED-exposed; not member-mandate based
Hong Kong Watch	UK charity + CLG	Proven model: BNO visa, "home fee" wins	The model — not a competitor

The gap is a **mandate layer** that any of these can plug into. Quorum is that layer.

A thin *mandate layer* everyone can plug into.



Quorum turns "I support" into **"I have legally authorised you to represent me, on these specific matters, until I revoke it."** It is built from production-grade online services — Sumsb, Namirial, ComplyAdvantage, Companies House, the EU Transparency Register. No new technology is required. Only the discipline of stitching them together legally.

650K+

RUSSIANS ABROAD POST-2022

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VERIFIED INDIVIDUAL MANDATES
TODAY

eIDAS

LEGAL EFFECT = WET SIGNATURE

Q4'26

PILOT TARGET: 1,000 MANDATES

→ Goal: within 6 months, show up at PACE, EP, Bundestag, and a UK APPG with verified, sanctions-screened, revocable, individually-signed authorisations.



Four layers. Built from *existing* services.

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| /01 | Legal wrapper | <p>UK CLG primary. Paired German e.V. (advocacy + research). US 501(c)(4)/c(3) only when material. Federation by agreement — not subsidiary — to insulate national entities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – UK CLG — no political-purpose bar (unlike CIC); not bound by Charity Commission CC9 – DE non-gem. e.V. + paired gem. e.V. — post-Attac BFH compliance |
| /02 | Identity & sanctions | <p>Each principal is a real, sanctions-clean person. Passport + liveness, ICAO 9303 NFC where possible. Storage EU primary, CH secondary — never Russia, never US.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sumsb or Veriff — admit Russian passports – ComplyAdvantage — UK OFSI / EU 269/2014 / OFAC SDN |
| /03 | Civic Special Power of Attorney (cSPA) | <p>Narrow, time-limited, revocable mandate. eIDAS QES — same legal effect as wet signature in all 27 EU member states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scope enumerated; voting / financial authority / sub-delegation excluded – One-click revocation, propagated to verification endpoint – SES → AES → QES (Nimirial / InfoCert / Evrotrust) |
| /04 | Campaign coordination | <p>Aggregated mandates show up at named institutions on named questions — never claiming to speak for anyone who hasn't signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – EU Transparency Register · PACE Platform 2621/2025 · ECtHR Rule 44 §3 – UK APPG evidence · Bundestag Petitionsausschuss · OSCE Warsaw HDC · UN SP |

What Quorum *is* — and is *not*.

The strongest design choice is what we refuse to do. Most diaspora vehicles fail because they overclaim. Quorum is structurally narrow — and that is exactly why it can succeed.

IT IS

- + A thin civic-mandate utility, plug-in for any existing initiative
- + Built from existing, production-grade online services
- + Auditable, sanctions-screened, revocable in one click
- + A campaign-coordination tool, in Volkov's spirit
- + Faction-neutral infrastructure

IT IS NOT

- × A political party (foreigners cannot lawfully fund parties anywhere relevant)
- × A government-in-exile (FARA risk; "extremist" designation contagion)
- × A vote (cSPA explicitly excludes electoral proxy)
- × A single leader's brand
- × A futurist liquid-democracy / ZK-biometric demo



Six-month operational *to-do* list.

No mood-board futures. Specific filings, specific institutions, specific online services, specific dates.

DAYS 1-30

Foundation

- Incorporate UK CLG (Companies House)
- Register on EU Transparency Register
- UK FIRS counsel checkpoint
- Open business banking (Tide / Wise)
- Pick stack: Sumsub, Namiral, ComplyAdvantage
- Draft v1 legal pack (six docs)

DAYS 31-90

Pilot

- Recruit first 100 principals
- First aggregated PACE Platform submission
- UK APPG written evidence
- ECtHR Rule 44 §3 intervention
- First transparency bulletin

DAYS 91-180

Scale

- Open German e.V. (Berlin)
- Scale to 1,000 active mandates
- Bundestag Petitionsausschuss filing
- EP intergroup speaker slot
- KPI dashboard live
- US 501(c)(4) go/no-go

MONTHS 6-12

Standing

- CoE Conference of INGOs application
- 5,000 active mandates
- EUDI Wallet integration (Dec 2026)
- National chapters in 5+ host states
- First independent annual audit

Boring. *Working.* Available today.

LAYER	FUNCTION	VENDOR	WHY
01	Incorporation	Companies House	UK CLG online incorporation, ~£12, ~24h
02	Banking	Tide / Wise Business	Accept CLGs without UK-citizenship director requirements
03	KYC + passport	Sumsub	Cyprus-HQ; ICAO 9303 NFC; admits Russian passports
04	Sanctions	ComplyAdvantage	Real-time UK OFSI / EU 269/2014 / OFAC SDN
05	QES (high-stakes)	Namirial / InfoCert / Evrotrust	eIDAS Art. 25(2): wet-signature equivalent EU-wide
06	AES (routine)	DocuSign / Yousign	Audit trail, identity verification, SES/AES tiering
07	Cloud (primary)	Hetzner (Frankfurt)	EU-resident processing for GDPR Art. 9 special-category data
08	Cloud (secondary)	Infomaniak (CH)	FADP adequacy; outside US Schrems-II exposure
09	CRM	CiviCRM / HubSpot Free	Open-source NPO CRM, or HubSpot free for ops
10	Storage	Tresorit / Proton Drive	Swiss zero-knowledge storage
11	Lobby register	EU Transparency Register	Free; days; opens EP committees & DG meetings
12	Future identity	EUDI Wallet (Dec 2026)	Native EU digital identity for residents holding permits

£110K – £250K to be operational.

Within reach of one mid-sized democracy-fund grant or a coalition of three to five founding individual donors. Excludes US annex.

LINE ITEM	LOWER	UPPER	NOTES
UK CLG incorporation + counsel	£3K	£8K	One-off
German e.V. counsel + registration	€4K	€10K	Triggered months 4–6
Sumsub KYC (£1.5–£3 / verification)		~£3K	Budget for first 1,000 principals
ComplyAdvantage screening		~£12K	Annual, low volume
Namirial QES (€4–€10 each)		~€5K	First 500 high-tier signatures
Hetzner + Infomaniak hosting	€100/mo	€300/mo	Scale-dependent
DocuSign / Yousign (AES)	£30/u	£60/u	Per user / month, small team
Insurance (D&O, cyber, PI)	£5K	£15K	Annual
Counsel (UK + DE) retainer	£25K	£60K	Annual
Two-person ops team (PT)	£60K	£120K	Annual
Total year 1 (excl. US annex)	~£110K	~£250K	

Critical risks — and how Quorum *mitigates* each.

RISK	SEVERITY	MITIGATION
UK FIRS Enhanced Tier (Russia)	CRIT	Documented firewall; no funds, instructions, or operational direction from any "foreign power" (NSA 2023); pre-register where in any doubt; counsel checkpoint per workstream
FARA exposure (USA)	CRIT	Board majority US-resident; LDA registration with §613(h) exemption; never hold out as government-in-exile; DOJ Rule 2 advisory opinion
Sanctions	CRIT	Hard-block at onboarding; ≥99% match thresholds; OFAC NGO General License framework (UNSCR 2664) cited per transaction class
Russian retaliation against families	CRIT	Pseudonymisation default; selective-disclosure shows counts not names; anonymous-credential mode (BBS+/AnonCreds); air-gapped HSM
GDPR Art. 9 (political opinion)	HIGH	Lawful basis stack 9(2)(a)+(d)+(e); mandatory DPIA; appointed DPO; UK + EU controller-processor agreements
Internal subversion / FSB infiltration	HIGH	Vetting; family-tie disclosure; dual-control on candidate selection; independent ombudsperson
Single-donor capture	HIGH	5-source funding mix: dues + EED + national MFA democracy funds + private foundations + NED ≤25%
Cross-border POA recognition gaps	MED	QES inside EU (eIDAS Art. 25(3)); Hague e-Apostille for non-EU; cSPA non-durable, 24-month auto-expiry

What to *copy*, what to *avoid*.

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Hong Kong Watch + Hongkongers in Britain

Specialised charity-form advocacy. Concrete deliverables: BNO visa, "home fee" status, parliamentary evidence. Did not try to be a party or parliament-in-exile.

Tibetan Green Book voluntary tax

Sliding USD 1.10 (India) — USD 44 (US). Funds the institution and creates ECOSOC-compliant member-derived legitimacy.

Volkov's slogan

"Coordinate by campaign — do not unite." Right organisational frame for the diaspora today.

× AVOID

Belarusian Coordination Council May 2024 election

6,723 voters, ~3% turnout. Single-election design failed. Never stake an institution's legitimacy on a single online election in a frightened diaspora.

Guaidó interim-government model

60+ states recognised it; the National Assembly dissolved it on 30 Dec 2022 (72–29). Recognition without domestic power decays in 2–3 years.

FBK terrorism designation cascade

27 Nov 2025 designation = donor liability contagion. Never frame as government-in-exile.

Built from *five* AI views. Here is what each got right.

DIMENSION	WHERE EACH WAS RIGHT	WHAT THIS PLAN KEEPS
Non-party architecture	All five AIs converged	Core stance
Federated UK + DE + (US)	Strongest in <i>byClaude</i> , backed by <i>byChatGPT</i> and <i>byPerplexity</i>	UK CLG primary, DE e.V. paired, US optional
QES = legal effect	Strongest in <i>byGemini</i> and <i>byClaude</i> ; tiering clearest in <i>byChatGPT</i>	Tiered SES/AES/QES; QES reserved for high-stakes
Liquid democracy + ZK biometrics	<i>byGemini</i> 's biggest emphasis	Trimmed: future option (EUDI Wallet, Dec 2026), not MVP requirement
PACE 2621/2025 + ECtHR Rule 44 §3	Only <i>byClaude</i> mapped explicitly	Central to 0–6 month roadmap
Hong Kong Watch as model	Only <i>byClaude</i> explicitly	Adopted as institutional template
Volkov's "coordinate by campaign"	Implicit across; explicit in <i>byClaude</i>	Central organising principle

Biggest practical edit: lower the technological ambition to what already works in production today, and raise the institutional ambition to PACE Platform, ECtHR third-party intervention, Bundestag Petitionsausschuss.

Quorum is *infrastructure*, not a faction.

Anyone can plug in. The mandate registry is the substrate. The leadership question is left, deliberately, to politics.

→ [Better Call Yashin](#)

Service-desk casework

Can request principal-issued cSPAs to file affidavits, complaints, and amicus briefs as documented authority — not personal stature.

→ [Anti-War Committee](#)

Consuls programme

Can present pro bono extradition and immigration filings backed by verified-mandate counts, not aspirational "letters of credence".

→ [edinorosam.net](#)

Volkov's developer pool

Can build campaign-specific tools that read the mandate registry's verifier endpoint — rather than reinvent identity from scratch.

→ [Diaspora chapters](#)

City-level coordinators

Can show local councils and integration boards a verified count of constituents per ward — turning economic contribution into political weight.

→ [Lawyers / NGOs](#)

Strategic litigation partners

Open Society Justice Initiative, ECCHR, Reprieve — gain a member-pool source to identify standing-eligible plaintiffs across jurisdictions.

→ [Donors](#)

Democracy-fund grantmakers

EED, national MFAs, Sigrid Rausing, Open Society, Robert Bosch Stiftung — fund infrastructure that doesn't dissolve when one leader is detained.

The window is *two to three years.*

The post-2022 wave of Russian emigration has perhaps 24–36 months of continued Western political attention before a frozen conflict, an election cycle, or a quiet diplomatic settlement reduces its salience. The infrastructure to convert that attention into *standing* must be built now.

Quorum is small enough to start in 30 days. It is precise enough that the first parliamentary committee to accept its cSPA evidence sets the precedent for everyone who follows.