

Our Founding Principles

Preamble

This document outlines the foundational principles of VerinexEU. It is a living charter, created to guide our development, our community, and our decisions. It serves as our promise to every person who joins this movement: a promise of transparency, respect, and a commitment to building a healthier digital public square for Europe.

Article I: Our Mission - A Union of Voices

Our mission is to build a digital commons that reflects the highest ideals of the European project. We believe that a social network should not be engineered for addiction and profit, but for connection and understanding.

We are creating a space where technology serves the community, not the other way around. A platform where our shared data and creativity are used to build bridges, celebrate our diverse cultures, and foster a sense of genuine union among 450 million citizens. VerinexEU exists to prove that a more ethical, more human-centric social network is not just possible, but necessary.

Article II: Our Core Principles

These are the three unbreakable pillars upon which VerinexEU is built.

1. One Code, Many Voices (Radical Transparency)

Our source code is our constitution. It is public, open to all, and verifiable. We believe in the power of community-driven development. Every line of code, every decision, and every future feature will be developed in the open. This is our commitment to building trust through transparency.

2. Our Digital Soil (Unyielding Sovereignty)

Our platform will be hosted exclusively on European soil, operated by European companies, and governed by European law. We consider the collective data of our community to be a strategic asset that must be protected with the same seriousness as our physical territory. Your data will never be sold. It will never leave the legal and physical protection of the Union.

3. United in Diversity (Ethical Design)

Our success is not measured by "time on site," but by the quality of the connections we enable. We reject the use of manipulative algorithms that promote outrage and division, which have been shown to negatively impact mental well-being and brain chemistry. We are engineering a platform to deliberately burst filter bubbles and build bridges between our diverse cultures and languages. Our goal is to use technology, including ethical AI, to help you discover what unites us, not what tears us apart.

Article III: Our Promise to You

- **You control your feed.** A chronological, unfiltered view of your network will always be the default, easily accessible option.
- **Your data is yours.** We will provide simple, powerful tools for you to manage, export, or delete your data at any time.
- **Our funding will be independent and mission-driven.** To protect our independence from venture capital that would compromise our values, our initial development will be funded by European and national innovation grants. Long-term sustainability will be achieved through optional, value-added premium features for creators and businesses ("Patrons").
- **Monetization will be transparent and ethical.** We will never monetize by selling your personal data. Our business model is based on serving our community, not advertisers.
- **We will listen.** This platform is built for its members. We commit to building a clear, democratic process for community feedback to shape our future development.