European Tech Champions Act

Run-sheet

The Pirate Academy was made possible by the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament.

Internal. Keep open during the session. Full instructions: Facilitator notes. Day 1 about 3 hours, day 2 about 7 hours with breaks. Critical blocks marked (C): never cut; unmarked blocks compress first.

Before day 1:

· cast checked, cut order applied ☐
· Commission player briefed on its powers (15 minutes, no strategy) ☐
· Commission proposal printed, one per participant ☐
· two mandate templates (factsheet Annex B) ready ☐
· declarations sheet (Annex D) printed ☐
· budget sheet poster or second screen ☐
· amendment cards printed and shuffled, randomiser ready ☐
· inject texts ready to paste ☐
· messaging channel and private facilitator channels open ☐
· scorecards printed for peer scoring ☐
· actual Council size and threshold written down ☐

Day 1: Mandates

Clock	Block	Facilitator actions
−0:00	Briefing (20', all) (C)	Name the out-of-game contact; rules, coalition table on screen (let them count), unanimity trigger with the proposal as example ("the proposal you are reading would need all five of you"), budget sheet, scoring and no-deal principle, etiquette and tap-out
0:20	Reading and preparation (40', institution rooms)	Commission moves between rooms; lead facilitator answers rule questions; first card drawn at random at about 0:30
1:00	Mandate building (100')	Inject 1 (Washington's letter) at about 1:30; by 1:45 ask any room without one for "a preliminary sheet so that we can check feasibility"
2:40	Mandate votes (15') (C)	Lead facilitator in each room in turn: check the sheet, announce the Council threshold, count. One retry after 10 minutes. Second failure: no mandate, members negotiate individually
2:55	Close	Mandates frozen; day 2 start time announced; a retry pushes the close to about 3:10, two retries to about 3:20

Between the days: build the four-column document; mark green articles; one-line divergence summary at the top of every other article; do not draft compromises. Post it to everyone the same evening. Where an institution has no mandate, collect a filled mandate template from each of its members first.

Day 2: Trilogue

Clock	Block	Facilitator actions
9:00	Opening (20')	Four-column document presented; Commission assessment; 60-second statements, held strictly; table agrees block order and chairs (if no agreement in 5', Commission proposes, indicative vote)
9:20	Block 1 (60')	Card drawn at start
10:20	Break	Inject 1 (Washington's letter) at about 1:30; by 1:45 ask any room without one for "a preliminary sheet so that we can check feasibility"
10:30	Block 2 (45')	Card drawn at start
11:15	Lunch	Lead facilitator updates the compromise column
12:15	Inject 2 (Nexperia), then Block 3 (45')	Card drawn at start; Netherlands (if cast) gets private note: "The Hague needs EU political cover, not EU control."
13:00	Block 4 (45')	Card drawn at start
13:45	Coffee	Inject 3 (ASML and Mistral) only if the package is a pure money deal or energy is low; skip if short of time
14:00	Final package (45') (C)	Commission presents package; lead facilitator (chairing the final package) lists open articles and open lines and the default that applies; budget sheet closed; declarations sheet (factsheet Annex D) filled in by name, struck amounts removed, envelope recomputed
14:45	Final votes (15') (C)	1. Commission: support or oppose. 2. Lead facilitator announces Council threshold. 3. Council roll call. 4. Parliament roll call, seats counted aloud. One revised package within 10' if a vote fails, both vote again (declarations stand; up to 30', taken from peer scoring, end slips to ~16:30); second failure final
15:00	Peer scoring (35')	Lead facilitator projects the consolidated final text (defaults applied, sheet after striking); 15' individual; then each scorer reads total and hardest item; scored role may contest one item; lead facilitator rules; totals on the board
15:35	Debrief (40') (C)	Decompression → shared reality (never skip) → three or four institutional questions → reality bridge (Appendix B)
16:15	End	Homework announced

If you lose time: shorten Blocks 3 and 4, skip inject 3. Never skip the debrief.

Rules at a glance

Council: no more than one against (4 of 5, 5 of 6; with reduced casts 3 of 4, 2 of 3). Unanimity (abstention counts as against) if the sheet has any EU borrowing for grants or new own resource, or if the Commission opposes the final text.

Parliament: 361 seats in favour. EPP 188 · S&D 136 · Patriots 84 + ESN 25 (only if cast) · ECR 78 · Renew 77 · Greens/EFA 53. Unplayed groups count as not in favour.

Coalition	Seats	Passes?
EPP + S&D	324	no
EPP + S&D + Renew	401	yes
EPP + S&D + Greens/EFA	377	yes
EPP + S&D + ECR	402	yes
EPP + Renew + ECR	343	no
EPP + Renew + ECR + Greens/EFA	396	yes
all core groups except EPP	344	no
EPP + ECR + Patriots/ESN	375	yes
EPP + Renew + Patriots/ESN	374	yes

Feasibility check (every sheet before every vote): block B equals the envelope ☐ · no source above its limit (Horizon Europe 2, Digital Europe 1.5, cohesion 4, RRF 3, own resource 10) ☐ · no source outside the table ☐ · block C equals 100% ☐ · earmarks not above 100% ☐ · national contributions say "by GNI key" or "voluntary pledges" ☐ · envelopes state a key (population / GNI / cohesion) ☐ · loans, voluntary pledges, cohesion and RRF lines not above declarations, envelope reduced by struck amounts (final vote; declarations stand for a revised package) ☐

Provisional agreement in the trilogue: chair asks for objections; agreed if at most one Council member objects and non-objecting groups hold 361 seats (unplayed groups count as objecting). Unanimity trigger and Commission opposition only at the binding votes; say at once when an agreed sheet will need unanimity.

Default rule: anything not agreed reverts to the Commission proposal, including EUR 10 billion of borrowing for grants and the unanimity trigger. The budget sheet reverts as a whole unless agreed as a whole.

Amendment cards: draw one during day 1 preparation and at the start of each block; five per run. Read neutrally, post, do not suggest who should table it. Lapses at the end of the block (day 1: at the mandate votes).

No-deal scores (facilitators only): Commission -5 · France -2 · S&D -1 · EPP -1 · ECR +1 · Patriots +2 · Netherlands +1 · all others 0. Withdrawal gives every role its no-deal score.

Peer scoring circle: Germany → EPP → France → S&D → Italy → Renew → Spain → Greens/EFA → Poland → ECR → [Netherlands → Patriots →] Commission → Germany. With 12: … Poland → ECR → Commission → Patriots → Germany. Other casts: close the circle so that nobody scores a role from their own institution.

Scoring: need +3 (partly +1 or +2) · want +2 (partly +1) · pain -5 (partly -2). Partial points only for real movement, not symbolic mentions. Each item scores once, at the highest level reached.