Cybersecurity Act 2 Simulation: Role Handout

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Council: Czechia

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Your team in this scenario

Five or six member states sit in the Council: Ireland (presidency), France, Germany, Finland and Czechia, plus Poland if cast (the facilitator will say who is present). Each state has one vote. A text is adopted if **no more than one member state present votes against** (4 of 5, 5 of 6 with Poland, or 3 of 4 with a reduced cast), so two states together can block. If the Commission opposes the final text, the Council must be unanimous. The presidency chairs the Council and speaks for it in the trilogue. Your team shares three public goals, listed below and in the general factsheet. If no act is adopted, your team scores -5. The rules in full are in the general factsheet.

Your position in November 2026

Czechia was among the first in Europe to act: in December 2018 its national cyber security agency, NÚKIB, warned against Huawei and ZTE technology, and in September 2025 it warned against data transfers to China and remote administration from China, including in inverters, cameras and smart meters. Your security services take the threat seriously.

You also believe that national security is a national competence. Your agency has built its own system of warnings, and you do not want a Union designation to replace it. You are a small, open economy with a large car supply industry, and your operators need time and money to replace equipment.

In the Council you present yourself as the fair go-between. A small state gets results by making itself necessary at the right moment.

Your team's public goals

Every player of your team shares these goals. Everyone in the room knows them.

1. **Keep the costs down (Articles 7 and 10).** 1 point if the phase-out period for most equipment is at least 36 months. 1 point if the maximum penalty is below 7% of turnover.

2. **A proportionate scope (Article 3).** 2 points if Annex I is limited to energy, drinking water, health and electronic communications networks, or fewer. 1 point for a middle solution: those core sectors plus up to three others, or a broader list where the phase-out applies only to the core sectors or only above a size threshold.

3. **Member states stay in control (Articles 6 and 8).** 1 point if designation requires the agreement of the member states (a Council or committee vote) before it takes final effect; a provisional designation that the member states must confirm counts. 1 point if member states may keep their own certification on national security grounds.

Confidential (for you alone): your secret goals

Never show this part before the reveal. You may lie about it. Each goal scores all or nothing. Goals that test the text score only if an act is adopted, unless the goal says otherwise.

National room (1 point)

The final text explicitly allows member states to keep or adopt stricter national measures (such as national warnings or national bans).

A fair transition (2 points)

Article 7 contains an extension or hardship clause for operators that cannot replace equipment in time.

Something to show at home (3 points)

The act is adopted, and the final text or a written side agreement signed by the presidency, the Commission's Director-General and at least one other member state gives Czechia something specific: an ENISA office or centre in Czechia, EU co-financing earmarked for Czech operators, or a named exception. A copy of the side agreement goes to the second facilitator. Use the threat of a blocking

minority to get it, but remember that alone you cannot block: you need a second member state, and you need one to sign. Killing the act is not your goal.

Who you need and who is in your way

- **France and Germany** want national room and time.
- **The Commission** would like ENISA to grow and may welcome an offer to host a new ENISA office.
- **The presidency** needs every state on board and may pay for it.
- **In your way:** the Commission's Director-General on national room; Finland on speed.

What you can give away

- your position on ground (a) (your security services would accept it);
- penalties;
- a role for the Parliament.

If there is no deal

If no act is adopted, your team scores -5 and you have nothing to show at home.

Scorecard: Czechia

At the reveal, hand this page to your verifier (a player from another team). The verifier checks each secret goal against the final text, the inject log, the vote record and the reputation results, and marks it. You may contest one item; the lead facilitator rules on disputes.

Secret goal	**Scores if**	**Points**	**Verified**
National room	member states may keep or adopt stricter national measures	1	
A fair transition	extension or hardship clause in Article 7	2	

Secret goal	**Scores if**	**Points**	**Verified**
Something to show at home	act adopted and a specific benefit for Czechia in the text or a side agreement signed by the presidency, the Director-General and another member state	3	
Secret goals total		0 to 6	

Personal score	**Points**
Team score (lead facilitator; -5 if no act)	
Secret goals (verifier)	
Reputation (second facilitator; -2 to 2)	
Total	