Cybersecurity Act 2 Simulation: Role Handout

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Council: Poland

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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

Poland lives next to Russia and Belarus and has been the target of sabotage, cyber attacks and disinformation since 2022. Your government treats supply chain security as part of national defence, and the United States as the guarantor of that defence.

You want strong rules against vendors from hostile states, and you want them to be clear: nobody should be able to argue for years about whether a Russian or Belarusian vendor is a risk. At the same time, you do not want the rules to touch American suppliers, on which your army and your networks depend.

Your lawyers also warn that forcing operators to break contracts may lead to compensation claims against the state. Someone should pay for the replacement, and Warsaw would prefer it to be the EU budget.

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.

Allies are not a risk (1 point)

The final text protects suppliers from NATO allies, or from countries with an EU security, adequacy or digital partnership agreement, against designation on ground (a) alone; or ground (a) is deleted or cannot justify a designation on its own.

Brussels pays (2 points)

The final text provides EU financial support for operators that must replace equipment (support from national budgets alone does not count).

No debate about aggressors (3 points)

The final text provides that vendors established in or controlled from a third country subject to EU restrictive measures for military aggression against a European state are designated automatically, without

a separate procedure. Naming the countries is not needed. This goes against your own team's wish to keep designation in the member states' hands.

Who you need and who is in your way

- **Finland, the EPP and the rapporteur** share your security line.
- **Ireland and Renew** share your interest in protecting allied suppliers.
- **Germany and the S&D** want support for replacement costs.
- **In your way:** Germany and the Patriots on anything that looks like naming countries; the Commission's Legal Service (if cast) on automatic designation; the Council's finance-minded members on EU money.

What you can give away

- the details of certification;
- the breadth of the scope;
- the level of penalties.

If there is no deal

If no act is adopted, your team scores -5, and Europe stays without common rules against vendors from hostile states.

Scorecard: Poland

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**
Allies are not a risk	allied suppliers protected against ground (a), or ground (a) deleted or not stand-alone	1	

Secret goal	**Scores if**	**Points**	**Verified**
Brussels pays	EU financial support for replacement	2	
No debate about aggressors	automatic designation of vendors from states under EU sanctions for aggression	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	