Cybersecurity Act 2 Simulation: Role Handout

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Parliament: EPP

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Your team in this scenario

Five political groups sit at the Parliament's table: Greens/EFA (rapporteur), EPP, S&D, Renew Europe and Patriots for Europe (the facilitator will say who is present). Each group votes as a bloc with its seats; a text needs **361 seats in favour**. No majority is possible without the EPP. The rapporteur leads the team and speaks for the Parliament in the trilogue. On day 1 you build the Parliament's mandate; on day 2 you defend and trade it. 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

Your group has 188 seats, the largest in the Parliament. No majority exists without you, and everyone in the room knows it. You can build a majority with the S&D and the Greens/EFA or Renew, or, on some questions, with Renew, the Patriots and the Greens/EFA together.

Your line on this file is security first. Your group supports removing high-risk vendors from critical networks and wants Europe to stop being naive about China. Many of your national parties are in

government, and the Commission President comes from your political family. You want the Commission to be able to act quickly when a real threat appears.

You also listen to industry. Operators and manufacturers warn about costs, and your voters do not want higher bills. You want a law that is firm on security and practical on implementation.

Your team's public goals

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

1. **Fair procedure (Article 9).** 2 points if Article 9 contains all three: a written statement of reasons; at least 20 working days for the vendor to respond; and a review of every designation at least every 36 months, or automatic lapse after at most 36 months. 1 point if it contains two of the three.

2. **Real protection (Articles 3 and 7).** 1 point if Annex I covers at least energy, health, drinking water, electronic communications networks, and cloud computing or data centre services. 1 point if the phase-out period for the most critical technologies is at most 24 months.

3. **A real say for the Parliament (Article 12).** 2 points if the Parliament gets a formal right to object to designations or to the list of critical technologies. 1 point if the Commission must report to or be heard by the Parliament before or after designations, without a right to object.

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.

Values (1 point)

The final text refers to "European values" or "Union values" (anywhere in the text).

Security first (2 points)

Ground (a) of Article 6 (country of jurisdiction) is kept as a ground that can justify a designation on its own.

A free hand for the Commission (3 points)

The act is adopted, the Parliament does **not** get a formal right to object to designations, to the list of critical technologies or to amendments of Annex I (Article 12), **and** the text obliges the Commission to report to the Parliament after every designation. Your political family runs the Commission, and you have promised it room to act, but you still need something to show your own group. This goal goes against your own team's public goal: you will have to argue it carefully.

Who you need and who is in your way

- **The S&D:** the easiest way to a majority.
- **Finland and the Commission's Director-General** share your security line.
- **Renew** shares your interest in workable rules for business.
- **In your way:** the Commission's Legal Service and some member states on ground (a); the rapporteur on the right of objection.

What you can give away

- a longer phase-out for equipment outside the most critical technologies;
- penalties below 7%;
- strong procedural rights for vendors;
- the right of objection, in exchange for a reporting obligation (which you need).

If there is no deal

If no act is adopted, your team scores -5. As the pivot of the Parliament, a failure would be read as your failure to build a majority.

Scorecard: EPP

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**
Values	"European values" or "Union values" in the text	1	
Security first	ground (a) kept as a stand-alone ground	2	

Secret goal	**Scores if**	**Points**	**Verified**
A free hand for the Commission	act adopted, no Parliament right of objection, and a reporting obligation to the Parliament	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	