Cybersecurity Act 2 Simulation: Role Handout

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Parliament: Renew Europe

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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 77 seats. You are liberals: for the single market, for competition, for business that can plan. You have long been critical of dependence on China and you are firmly transatlantic.

On this file, you want security without economic damage. A law that could be used against suppliers from allied countries would hurt trade and investment. A phase-out that is too fast would cost operators billions and delay new networks. Penalties of up to 7% of worldwide turnover look to many companies like a threat to their existence.

In public you are a loyal member of the Parliament's team. In private, you are closer to the Council on several questions than to your own rapporteur.

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.

Trusted partners (1 point)

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

Business-friendly penalties (2 points)

The maximum penalty is below 7% of turnover (Article 10).

A quiet deal with the Council (3 points)

The phase-out period for all designated technology is at least 36 months (a tiered period with a shorter tier does not count), **and** you are not named the most problematic member of your team by two or more Parliament members on the reputation form. You have to help the Council without being seen to.

Who you need and who is in your way

- **France and Germany** want the longer phase-out too.
- **Ireland** shares your interest in protecting allied suppliers.
- **The EPP** shares your interest in workable rules for business.
- **In your way:** Finland and the rapporteur on a fast phase-out; the Parliament's team as a whole if it notices what you are doing.

What you can give away

- the Parliament's right of objection;
- strong procedural rights;
- a broad scope, if the obligations are proportionate.

If there is no deal

If no act is adopted, your team scores -5, and your secret goals that test the text score nothing.

Scorecard: Renew Europe

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**
Trusted partners	allied suppliers protected against ground (a), or ground (a) deleted or not stand-alone	1	
Business-friendly penalties	penalty ceiling below 7%	2	

Secret goal	Scores if	Points	Verified
A quiet deal with the Council	all equipment at least 36 months, and not named most problematic by two or more	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	