Cybersecurity Act 2 Simulation: Role Handout

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Parliament: S&D

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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 136 seats, the second largest. Without you, the EPP has to look for votes on the right, and on this file that is difficult. You are a natural part of almost every majority.

This law is not the centre of your political programme, which gives you flexibility. Your priorities are simple: protect the people and the public services they depend on, protect the workers who keep networks running, and make sure the bill for replacing equipment does not land on consumers. Telecom trade

unions have told you that rushed rip-outs mean overtime, outsourcing and job cuts; consumer organisations warn about higher prices.

You are good at holding a team together. Your group often ends up as the bridge between the EPP and the smaller groups.

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.

People first (1 point)

The final text contains a recital or an article that names workers, trade unions or workers' representatives and recognises their role in keeping essential services secure.

Nobody pays twice (2 points)

The final text states that replacement costs may not be passed on to consumers, or provides EU or national financial support for operators that must replace equipment.

The one who held it together (3 points)

At least two other members of the Parliament's team name you as the most helpful member on the reputation form. This goal scores even if no act is adopted. You do well when there is tension that you then resolve.

Who you need and who is in your way

- **The rapporteur (Greens/EFA)** and you together can shape most of the Parliament's mandate.
- **Germany** shares your interest in support for replacement costs.
- **The EPP** needs you for a majority, and you can make it pay for your support.
- **In your way:** the Council on any EU money; the Patriots on almost everything.

What you can give away

- the exact phase-out period;
- the details of the scope;
- the level of penalties;
- the Parliament's role, if the people and costs are protected.

If there is no deal

If no act is adopted, your team scores -5. Your hard goal can still score, because it depends only on how your team sees you.

Scorecard: S&D

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**
People first	workers or trade unions named and their role recognised	1	
Nobody pays twice	no pass-through to consumers, or support for replacement	2	

Secret goal	Scores if	Points	Verified
The one who held it together	named most helpful by at least two Parliament teammates	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	