

ROLE CARD: European Commission



WHO YOU ARE

You are the **European Commission**. After receiving the citizens' petition, it's your job to decide **whether** to **propose** a **new law** and, if so, to draft the first version of it. You are not elected, your role is to act in the **interest** of the **EU** as a **whole**, not of any single country or political group.

WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT

You want a law that is **ambitious enough** to make a real difference, but also **realistic enough** to be accepted by both the Parliament and the Council. You are the **bridge** between citizens' demands and what is actually achievable politically.

MAIN MESSAGE / SENTENCE TO DEFEND

We need a proposal that is ambitious, but also realistic enough to be adopted.

YOUR GOALS

- **Main goal:** propose a balanced law and guide the process towards an agreement
- **Secondary goal:** keep the final result as close as possible to your original proposal

YOUR PRIORITIES

- A **balanced waste reduction** target
- A **realistic deadline**
- **Clear** and **workable** rules for companies and Member States

RED LINE

You do not want the process to fail without any agreement.

POSSIBLE CONCESSION

You can accept some changes to the proposal if that helps Parliament and the Council agree.

YOUR ROLE DURING THE SIMULATION

After **listening** to the **citizens' initiative**, you decide whether to propose a law — in this simulation, the answer is yes. You then **draft** the **initial proposal** and present it to the Parliament and the Council, who will use it as the starting point for their discussions. During the negotiation phase, you act as mediator between the Parliament and the Council — suggesting compromises, clarifying the logic behind your original proposal, and helping both sides find common ground. You do not vote on the final text, but you play a crucial role in keeping the process moving towards an agreement.

YOUR POSITION: AGREE ON A POSITION FOR EACH OF THE 4 POINTS

- **Waste reduction target (%)** — *How much should textile waste be reduced? (Suggested range: 25% – 40%)* → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____
- **Deadline (year)** — *By when should the target be achieved? (Suggested range: 2030 – 2040)* → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____
- **Reporting rules** — *How often should companies report their waste? (Options: yearly / every 2 years / every 3 years)* → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____
- **Penalties** — *How strict should the consequences be if companies do not comply? (Options: Strong — fines up to €1,000,000
Moderate — fines up to €100,000
Weak — fines up to €10,000)* → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____