

# ROLE CARD: Council of the EU

## Progressive



### WHO YOU ARE

You are members of the **Council of the EU**. You represent the **governments** of EU member states and your job is to **examine** the **Commission's proposal** from the point of view of what countries can accept and implement. As a **progressive group**, you believe that member states have a responsibility to lead on climate action and that strong EU-level rules are necessary to ensure everyone does their part.

### WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT

You want a law that is **ambitious** and sets a **clear direction** for member states. You believe that investing in sustainability now will bring long-term economic and environmental benefits for all countries.

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

- **Waste reduction target (%)** — *How much should textile waste be reduced?* (Suggested range: 30% – 50%) → **OUR PROPOSAL:** \_\_\_\_
- **Deadline (year)** — *By when should the target be achieved?* (Suggested range: 2030 – 2035) → **OUR PROPOSAL:** \_\_\_\_
- **Reporting rules** — *How often should companies report their waste?* (Options: yearly / every 2 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) → **OUR PROPOSAL:** \_\_\_\_

### MAIN MESSAGE / SENTENCE TO DEFEND

Member states are **ready** to **step up** — the law must give them a clear and ambitious direction

### YOUR GOALS

- **Main goal:** support a strong and ambitious law
- **Secondary goal:** ensure that the law is fair and applies consistently across all member states

### YOUR PRIORITIES

- A **meaningful waste reduction** target
- A **reasonable** but **not too distant** deadline
- **Clear reporting rules** to ensure accountability

### RED LINE

You will **not** accept a law so **weak** that it allows member states to avoid taking real action.

### POSSIBLE CONCESSION

You can accept some **degree** of **flexibility** in implementation if the overall targets and deadlines remain strong.

### YOUR ROLE DURING THE SIMULATION

During the internal discussions, your group must agree on a **common position** on the 4 negotiation points. You will then **present** this **position publicly** before entering into negotiation with the Parliament. During the negotiation, one speaker will represent the group. Your goal is to support an ambitious law while ensuring it is implementable across different national contexts.