

ROLE CARD: Council of the EU

Conservative



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 **conservative group**, you believe that environmental targets must be realistic and that member states need enough freedom to implement rules in a way that works for their own economies and industries.

WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT

You want a law that member states can actually deliver on. You are worried that overly strict rules could hurt local industries, increase costs for businesses, and create tensions between EU countries with very different economic situations.

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

- **Waste reduction target (%)** — *How much should textile waste be reduced?* (Suggested range: 10% – 25%) → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____
- **Deadline (year)** — *By when should the target be achieved?* (Suggested range: 2035 – 2040) → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____
- **Reporting rules** — *How often should companies report their waste?* (Options: every 2 years/ every 3 years) → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____
- **Penalties** — *How strict should the consequences be if companies do not comply?* (Options: **Moderate** — fines up to €100,000)
Weak — fines up to €10,000 → **OUR PROPOSAL:** ____

MAIN MESSAGE / SENTENCE TO DEFEND

The law must be **realistic** and **workable** for all member states.

YOUR GOALS

- **Main goal:** make sure the law is flexible and does not impose excessive burdens on member states
- **Secondary goal:** protect national industries and avoid disproportionate economic costs.

YOUR PRIORITIES

- **High flexibility** for member states in how they implement the law
- A **moderate** and **achievable waste reduction** target
- **Reasonable deadlines** that give countries enough time to adapt

RED LINE

You will **not accept** very **strict penalties** or **rigid rules** that leave no room for national differences.

POSSIBLE CONCESSION

You can accept a **moderate waste** reduction target if the law gives member states enough flexibility in how they implement it.

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 protect member states' interests and ensure the final law is something all countries can realistically commit to.