

## A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE ROLE-PLAY GAME

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### POLITICAL GROUPS

Upon arrival, players will be split up into four political groups. There are four fictitious groups in the game:



### THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY GROUP

**Key Policy:** This group's main objective is the welfare of state. It is in favour of state intervention as a provider of public services and funding.



### THE EUROPEAN ECOLOGY GROUP

**Key Policy:** This group stands mainly for environmental protection, but also campaigns for social justice and freedom.



### THE EUROPEAN LIBERTY GROUP

**Key Policy:** The Liberty group believes in individual responsibility and market mechanism. It favours free enterprise and competition and is against state intervention.



### THE EUROPEAN TRADITION GROUP

**Key Policy:** It believes in a society where state intervention and private initiative should be held in balance together with realistic legislation objectives and flexible implementation

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### THE CASES

Once these groups have been formed, each one will be asked to split itself up into two separate groups, in order to form committees. Each committee will then be given a fictitious case to examine.



#### **CASE 1** **THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** **WATER SOLIDARITY DIRECTIVE**

Due to Climate change, Europe has experienced disequilibrium in water supply. Member states have decided to pool their resources by building a water pipeline across the EU. Although its construction has already begun, latest research shows that we still face a 30% deficit in water supply. The Commission proposes this action plan on water management, The Water Solidarity Directive.



#### **CASE 2** **THE CIVIL LIBERTIES DIRECTIVE** **PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION DIRECTIVE**

Implanted micro-chips are already being used in Europe, for reasons of health, identification and security. Some believe that this ID technology has many benefits, while others believe that it is completely unacceptable.

The European Commission sees a need to regulate the use of implanted chips in future to secure the fundamental rights of individuals and to limit its potential misuse, The Personal Identification directive.