

The main **goal** of the Simulation Game is to work out a basic agreement on a deep and comprehensive free trade area (DCFTA) between the European Union (EU) and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). The negotiations will be conducted by the European Commission and the Eurasian Economic Commission, and the resulting draft text of the agreement will be submitted to the EU's Council and the European Parliament (EP) and to the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council for a final vote (with attendance of the national Parliaments of the EAEU's Member States).

There will be **three negotiating groups**, each of which will discuss general trade and trade-related matters (such as public (government) procurement and right of establishment) and one of the three specific aspects of the eventual DCFTA agreement:

- Group 1 - trade in goods;
- Group 2 - trade in services;
- Group 3 – free movement of capitals.

The negotiating group on goods will discuss issues related to the removal of tariff barriers to mutual trade in goods, as well as to various non-tariff barriers (quality standards, specificities of each party's law etc.). This group may also discuss other issues of concern for the parties (such as geographical indications).

The group on services will consider the liberalization of rules governing the provision of services and the establishment of companies providing services across the EU-EAEU border. The group will discuss the extent to which the protection of public interests can limit the free movement of services. It will also explore the ways for ensuring a high quality of services provided. Special attention should be paid to the financial services, such as insurance, banking and stock exchange services, whose regulation is important but difficult to agree upon.

The group on capitals will negotiate mutual liberalization of investments and purchase of shares, of payments, transfers, credits, of the use of debit and saving accounts, and of real estate transactions. These will cover both natural and legal persons.

The negotiating groups' agendas may cover the following issues (the agendas can be adjusted):

Trade in goods

- liberalization of trade in agricultural products (quantitative restrictions, quotas, defensive duties, phytosanitary rules);
- liberalization of trade in industrial and high-tech goods (duties, transportation routes);
- rules applying to energy resource markets.

Trade in services

- legal approximation in construction sphere, accommodation and food services, etc.;
- services in the IT sphere;
- transportation services: requirements for transport operators.

Movement of capitals

- liberalization of the provision of financial services across the borders: credit, investments, cooperation between banks;
- interaction in building digital economies.

For preparation, please refer, inter alia, to the reading provided by the Organizers.

The following **results** (in written form) are expected at each stage of the Game:

March 14

- Meeting of the EU's Council (with representatives of the EP attending the meeting) – **decision of the Council on the start of negotiations and draft negotiation directive (2-3 pages)**; meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council (with representatives of the EAEU's national parliaments attending the meeting) – **decision of the Supreme Council on the start of negotiations and draft negotiation directive (2-3 pages)**
- Meetings of each Commission - **draft negotiation directive (2-3 pages)**.
- Meetings Council-Commission on both sides – **negotiation directive (2-3 pages)**.
- Discussions within the respective parliaments on the start of the negotiations and the overall context of EU-EAEU relations (with participation of remote participants) – **position on the negotiations (1-2 pages each council)**

March 15

- Negotiations between the EU Commission and EAEU Commission members in 3 groups – **interim results of the 1st negotiation round in each group (2 pages for each)**
- Discussions within the EU Council (with participation of the EP) on the sanctions, their possible removal and prospects for further relations – **draft proposals (2 pages)**; discussions within the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council (with participation of the national parliaments) on the sanctions, their possible removal and prospects for further relations – **draft proposals (2 pages)**
- Negotiations between the EU Commission and EAEU Commission members in 3 groups – **interim results of the 2nd negotiation round in each group (2 pages for each)**
- Discussions within the EU Council (with participation of the EP) on the sanctions, their possible removal and prospects for further relations – **proposals (2 pages)**; discussions within the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council (with participation of the national parliaments) on the sanctions, their possible removal and prospects for further relations – **proposals (2 pages)**
- Meeting at which the European Commission informs the EU Council and the EP about the progress of negotiations and gets instructions from the Council, assisted by the EP – **draft corrected negotiation directive (2 pages)**; meeting at which the Eurasian Commission informs the Supreme Council and national parliaments about the progress of negotiations and gets instructions from the Council, assisted by parliaments – **draft corrected negotiation directive (2 pages)**
- Discussions within the respective parliaments on the start of the negotiations and the overall context of EU-EAEU relations (with participation of remote participants) – **position on the negotiations (1-2 pages each council)**

March 16

- The parliaments present their positions, and the instructions for the Commissions and the positions of the Councils are corrected – corrected negotiation directive (**2 pages**)
- Negotiations between the EU Commission and EAEU Commission members in 3 groups – **interim results of the 3rd negotiation round in each group (2 pages for each)**
- Summit of the European Council and the Supreme Council (the parliaments are present) – **declaration (2 pages)**
- Negotiations between the two Commissions – draft agreement (**no less than 8 pages**)
- Discussions between the EU Council and the EP – **declaration (2 pages)**; discussions between the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council and the national parliaments – **declaration (2 pages)**
- The European Commission informs the EU Council and the EP about the results of negotiations, answers questions and critique and puts the agreement on vote in the Council and the EP – **approval or rejection of the text**; meeting at which the Eurasian Commission informs the Supreme Council and national parliaments about the results of negotiations, answers questions and critique and puts the agreement on vote in the Supreme Council – **approval or rejection of the text**

For more information, please refer to the *Rules and Roles Description of the Role-Play Simulation* and to the *Programme*.

The **final draft text** of the agreement must reflect the decisions arrived at in each of the negotiating groups. Note that the final draft may be a so-called package deal, i.e. concessions made by one party on some aspects may be reciprocated by the second party on other aspects for the sake of compromise.

Good luck!