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- **Diplomatic power:** an immediate recall of all ambassadors would not only guarantee the safety of our representatives but also demonstrates in a peaceful but forceful way that Deneski's actions are unacceptable.
- **Keeping peace in the region:** quick action is needed to prevent unrest in nearby countries. Ignoring the problem might lead to more conflicts and instability.
- **Solidarity with smaller countries:** Belgium itself is a relatively small country. Like Lodovna, it would want other countries to help us when threatened.
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- **Diplomatic power:** an immediate recall of all ambassadors would undermine the importance of EU personnel in gathering intelligence and insight into the political dynamics in Deneski. This information is crucial for the EU decision-making as the situation develops.
- **Economic interests:** maintaining most of the cooperation helps sustain the ties between the civil society in Deneski and the EU. These projects are also economically important. A complete suspension is way too drastic.
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- **Diplomatic power:** an immediate recall of all ambassadors would leave us in the dark. Maintaining "eyes and ears" inside Deneski is seen as essential. Leaving the consular staff is the least the EU should do.
- **Economic interests:** the suspension of joint projects would close productive channels for dialogue and collaboration, which could hinder future de-escalation efforts. Still, it is important to look at these collaborations with a more critical eye and stop those that do little harm to the EU.
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- **Diplomatic power:** open dialogue is essential and punitive measures will only push the Deneski Federation further from the negotiating table. You completely oppose measures that would isolate the Deneski Federation.
- **Dialogue is key:** it is vital that both Lodovna and the Deneski Federation remain in dialogue and return to the negotiation table. All measures that would hinder the dialogue between both countries and the EU are not acceptable.
- **Economic interests:** the suspension or reduction of joint projects would close productive channels for dialogue and collaboration, which could hinder future de-escalation efforts.
- **Long term strategy:** the suspension or reduction of bilateral negotiations damages mutual trust, even in times of political tension. Ending these collaborations burns bridges that otherwise could have contributed to peace and stability in the long run.
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- **Protecting own national interests:** because of your close economic and energy ties with the Deneski Federation, you don't want to take steps that could harm your own interests.
- **Keeping calm:** the Deneski Federation has the right to move troops within their own border, so no response is needed. An expression of concern can only make cooperation more difficult.
- **Sovereign decisions:** each country gets to decide which actions they take. You are convinced that the Deneski Federation had a good reason to increase military activity and you don't think it's up to the EU to judge that directly.
- **Diplomatic power:** all diplomatic lines should be maintained and perhaps even strengthened. Only through insights and information about Deneski's motivations, can the EU position itself appropriately in this dispute.
- **Long term strategy:** the suspension or reduction of bilateral negotiations or joint projects burns bridges that can contribute to peace and stability in the long run. Isolating the Deneski Federation is the last thing the EU should do.
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- **Protecting international rules:** letting the Deneski Federation invade Lodovna would break international laws and show that such actions are acceptable. However an invasion is momentarily just speculation. An expression of concern is therefore more than sufficient.
- **Diplomatic power:** recalling all ambassadors would limit the EU's ability to maintain contact with important political and civil actors in Deneski. It could also hinder the flow of information vital to EU decision-making. Maintaining relations—both at state and civil levels—can contribute to a sustainable solution.
- **Neutral mediator:** as a small country without strong military power, Ireland relies on diplomacy, multilateralism and international cooperation to pursue its interests. Simply expressing concern preserves its role as a neutral mediator in international conflicts.
- **Economic interests:** focusing on economic sanctions is the way to go to support Lodovna and apply pressure on the Deneski government. A condemnation or even a public statement will matter little to the Deneski Federation.
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- **Diplomatic power:** an immediate recall of all ambassadors would leave us in the dark. Maintaining "eyes and ears" inside Deneski is seen as essential. Leaving the consular staff is the least the EU should do. However, all Deneski's ambassadors should leave the EU to reduce the risk of spying.
- **Economic interests:** reducing bilateral negotiations or joint projects will come across as a strong signal. But as a lot of projects are also economically important, it is important to consider retaining some of them.
- **Keeping peace in the region:** quick action is needed to prevent unrest in nearby countries. Ignoring the problem might lead to more conflicts and instability.
- **Keeping balance:** it is important to strike a balance between national (economic) interests and the actions the EU as a whole wants to take. A moderate stance can keep tensions under control
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- **Importance of EU unity:** if the EU manages to offer a high-level response, the Deneski Federation will see us as unified and our negotiating power will be much stronger.
- **Protecting international rules:** letting the Deneski Federation invade Lodovna would break international laws and show that such actions are acceptable. A strong reaction would prove that countries must respect borders.
- **Diplomatic power:** an immediate recall of all ambassadors is the strongest signal the EU can send to Deneski that it does not agree with the increased military presence. Moreover, countries can continue to gather information in other ways (e.g. through NATO)
- **Proximity and security concerns:** Lithuania shares a border with the Deneski Federation and faces a direct and constant threat, both military and political. Tensions in the region are heightened by the presence of a significant Deneskian minority.
- **Solidarity:** Lithuania has strong sympathy for Lodovna. Both countries have a shared history of occupation, repression and a fight for independence, which resulted in a deep sense of solidarity.
- **Caring for people:** point out that war would hurt many people, causing deaths, refugees, and suffering. Acting decisive shows that the EU stands for human rights and peace.
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- **Importance of EU unity:** only a strong and unified European response can deter further aggression and safeguard regional stability.
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- **Diplomatic power:** an immediate recall of all ambassadors is the strongest signal the EU can send to Deneski that it does not agree with the increased military presence. Moreover, countries can continue to gather information in other ways (e.g. through NATO).
- **Reducing influence:** there is a deep mistrust in your country towards Deneski's intentions. Measures that politically, economically, and culturally isolate the country and minimize its influence within the EU are therefore necessary. All bilateral negotiations and joint projects should be suspended.
- **Proximity and security concerns:** due to history and geographic location, Lodovna's security is directly tied to your own national security.
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- **Protecting international rules:** letting the Deneski Federation invade Lodovna would break international laws and show that such actions are acceptable. However, at the moment there is no escalation. An expression of concern is therefore more than sufficient.
- **Diplomatic power:** open dialogue is essential and punitive measures will only push the Deneski Federation further from the negotiating table. You completely oppose measures that would isolate the Deneski Federation. It is crucial to keep lines of communication open to avoid further escalation.
- **Long term strategy:** the suspension or reduction of bilateral negotiations damages mutual trust, even in times of political tension. Ending these collaborations burns bridges that can contribute to peace and stability in the long run.
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Information overview:

If you take on the role of information gatherer, use the grid below and gather all the information needed to get a good overview of the various positions. Do this by listening carefully to other member states' speeches or keep track of changing positions during the negotiations.

Round 1

Member states	A high-level response	A moderate-level response	A basic-level response
Germany			
France			
Italy			
Poland			
Belgium			
Hungary			
Denmark			
Ireland			
Bulgaria			
Lithuania			

Round 2

	Food		Chemicals		Energy		Minerals		Medicine		Technology	
Member states	✓/✕		✓/✕		✓/✕		✓/✕		✓/✕		✓/✕	
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Round 3

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- o A **high level response** that
  … includes a strong public statement warning that any invasion of Lodovna will lead to severe consequences (such as sanctions), the suspension of bilateral negotiations or joint projects and the immediate recall of all ambassadors from the Deneski Federation.

- o A **moderate response** that
  … includes a joint statement with allies condemning Deneski's aggressive rhetoric, the reduction of bilateral negotiations or joint projects, and a reduction in diplomatic presence (e.g. leaving only consular staff).

- o A **limited response** that
  … includes a general expression of concern over the rising tensions and call for dialogue between Deneski Federation and the Republic of Lodovna.