Crises

**Round 0: 2023, Energy (in)security, Dummy Round**

**Description:** Due to the structural and systemic changes triggered by the novel pan-European solidarity movement, the Russian Federation instrumentalises the energy supply to try and destabilise the Union and its regional partners (e.g., countries in the Western Balkans, Moldova, etc.). However, apart from the directly triggered energy insecurity in the Russian-European dynamics, there is an underlining global circular energy shortage, predominantly visible in the oil, gas, and electricity markets. The world is facing a reckoning when it comes to energy supply. The heavy reliance on fossil fuels intertwined with the food and energy system, an aspect that led to an increased vulnerability. Furthermore, the dependency on fossil fuels can account for rising carbon emissions, leading to global overheating. The ongoing crisis may have fatal consequences: the lack of access to energy could result in unprecedented food security. Pessimistic projections estimate that if left unresolved, 1 in 3 individuals might be deprived of access to clean cooking. Desperation led to acts of illegal deforestation, and states must find a swift solution to restore energy and food security before the consequences reach a point of no return.

**Round I: 2024, blockade of a straits**

**Description:** Due to the ongoing conflict, the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits connecting the Aegean (part of the Mediterranean), Marmara (Turkey's inland sea), and the Black Sea are blocked. Disruptions in global supply chains are to be expected.

A red alert for Turkey, Russia and the EU was issued, as these actors are most affected by the crisis.

**Round II: 2025, Year of sustainable trade**

Description: A massive wave of transnational protests operating under the umbrella of "Trade4FutureGenerations", has gained momentum on the international scene. The organisation encompasses private and public initiatives led by individuals and companies, aiming to pressure governments into adopting more sustainable trade practices. Against the backdrop of increasing poverty and inequality resulting from international tensions, sanctions, and lack of cooperation, a reform of the current system is imminent.