

# FUTURE OUTLOOK, FUTURE THREATS

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“The role of the EU in governing energy security in the Nordic and Baltic countries” by

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**NORDIC-BALTIC  
ENERGY PERSPECTIVES –  
CLIMATE CHANGE,  
ENERGY SECURITY AND  
EXPORTABILITY OF  
ENERGY SOLUTIONS**

# The positive and problematic roles of the EU

(1) Too much EU, and too little EU

(2) Solidarity is in the eye of the beholder

(3) Lack of comprehensive perspective on security in energy governance

# (1) Too much EU, and not enough EU

- Problem that EU **member states continue to limit EU's competences**

⇒ expected BREXIT effects!

- Problem that EU rules impose constraints on national governments – security problems!
- Problem of “just business” and “trusting the market”
- Problem that EU used as cover to avoid controversial decisions

## (2) The principle and practices of EU solidarity

- Problem of how EU principle of solidarity is defined, and how translated into national practices
- Problem of national economic and political incentives and constraints, and dependencies on Russia
- The weakness of the EU's internal energy market, business interests and business practices

# (3) The narrow focus of EU energy security

- Problem of "market" and "diversification" limiting security focus
- Need more systematic consideration of A) **information arena**, B) **hard security** and C) **cyber security**
  - ✧ Manipulation of information flows shaping political debate on energy security
  - ✧ Russian military aggression and re-militarization of Baltic Sea region
  - ✧ Physical and cyber threats to critical energy and information infrastructure
- Need comprehensive approach: A) across **business-state** divide, B) multi-level (***awareness of local level!!!***), C) inter-governmental **politics**