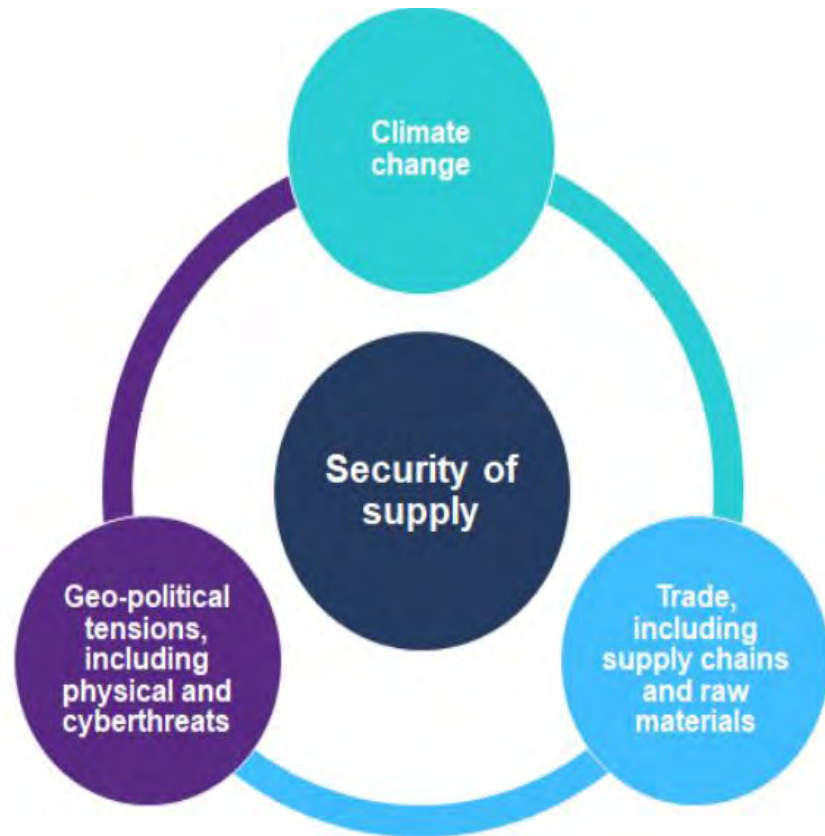


The different dimensions of the concept of Strategic energy autonomy



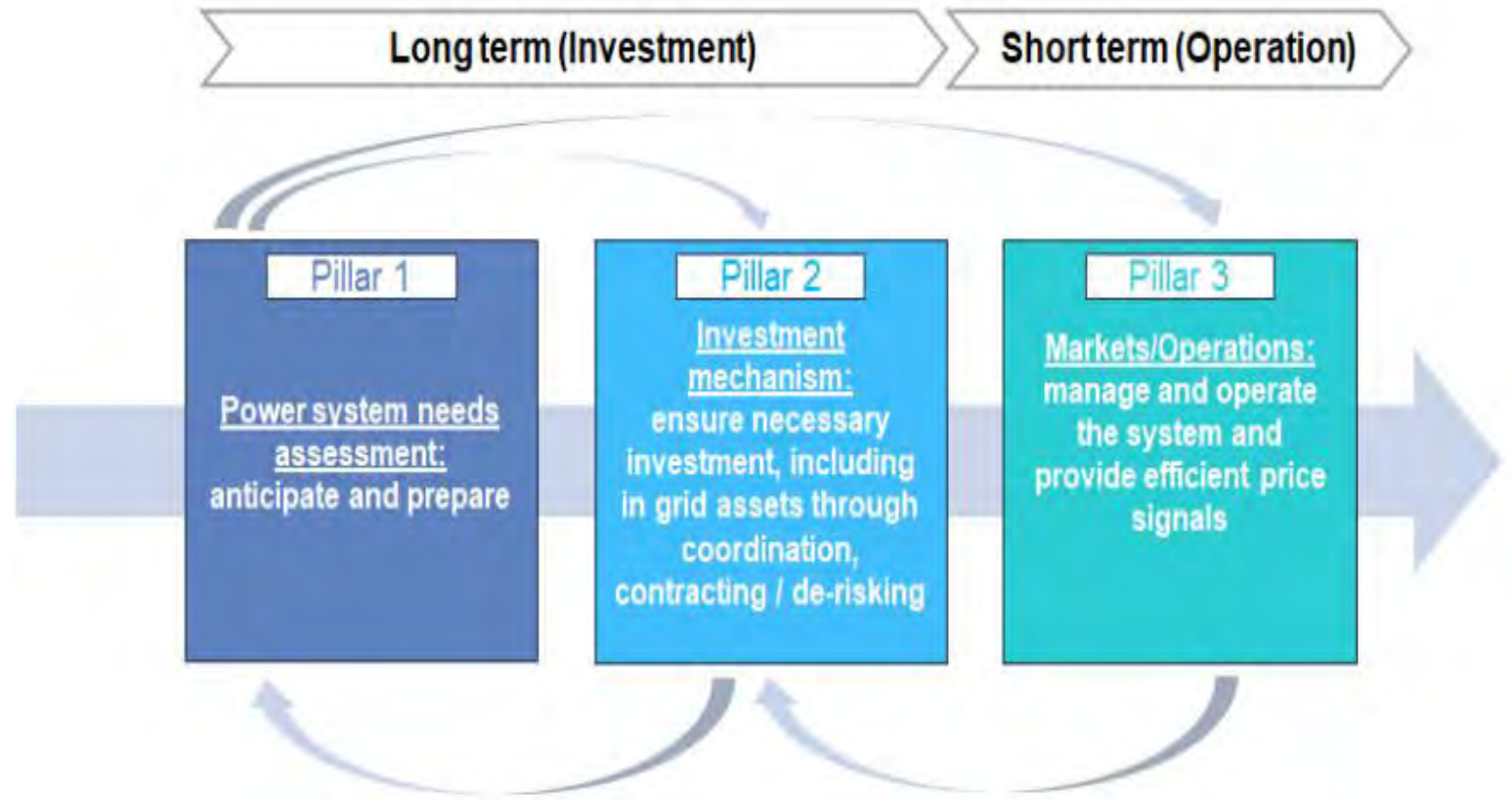
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The three key pillars to ensure security of supply in the electricity sector

- Pillar 3 - Benefits of EU market integration – frequently recalled in Letta and Draghi reports
- But what market and how? Need to consider multiple product markets and their interaction
- Short term ‘energy only market’ - benefits now disputed ?



Pillars 1 and 2

Impact of rising RES shares -> dramatic surge in solar and wind across the EU

Problems of intermittency, immense price volatility ‘dunkelflauten’

Impact on capacity adequacy – system security and reliability

Grid investment - transmission, distribution and cross border involve huge investments

Who will make that grid investment and can it be made on time?

De-risking - ‘crowd in’ private investment BUT can TSOs/DSOs encourage private investment?

Draghi’s idea of a ‘28th Member State’ to speed up permitting – ‘pie in the sky’?

But what about cross-border infra? All EU targets systematically missed for over a decade

Physical autonomy v Data autonomy?

- Greater emphasis on physical 'resilience' along the value chain
- Integrating NZIA, for enhanced market access for clean and efficient decarbonisation strategies
- **But strategic energy data autonomy??? Missing in action????**
- **See Hancher and De Hauteclocque**, 'EU strategic energy autonomy and the electrification strategy', RSC Working Paper 2025/51

