

# STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE IN A NEW GLOBAL RISKS CONTEXT

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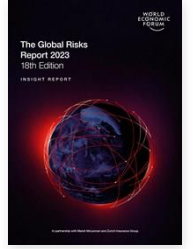
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# Near-term global risks environment



## Outlook



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Consistently volatile landscape leading to divergent trajectories



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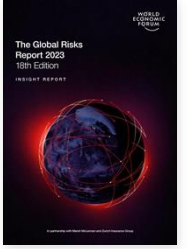
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Source: World Economic Forum

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- 1 Cost-of-living crisis
- 2 Natural disasters and extreme weather events
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- 4 Failure to mitigate climate change
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# Longer-term global risks environment



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# From permacrisis to polycrises?



# Starting points for the new risk landscape

## Contest for the future world order

- New economic and security alliances and pacts
  - NATO and EU enlargement
  - Pacific agreements
  - Middle East and Africa ties
  - BRICS and G20
- Aspirations for non-alignment and multi-alignment – strategic transactionalism
- Rising economic protectionism
  - Incentives
  - Controls and constraints

## Increased state fragility

- Baseline post-COVID economic weakness in many countries
- Struggling infrastructure and overstretched public services
- Entrenched polarization exacerbating populist decision-making
- Political governance failures – rule of law, corruption, civil rights concerns
- Political violence – coups, insurgencies, war, and civil war
- Increased space for criminal endeavour – cyber, trafficking, economic crime

# Key secular destabilisers

## Contest for the future world order

### Climate change

- Disunity on decarbonisation commitments
- Shortfall in contributions to low-income countries
- Resource security challenges – water, food, energy, minerals

### Technological advances

- Efforts to hold back the development of rivals and dominate markets
- Enhanced scope for foreign interference and mis/disinformation
- Difficulties in aligning on AI regulation and declining cooperation in space

## Increased state fragility

- Greater and repeated impacts on communities
- Vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure systems
- Challenges to strategic sourcing and supply chains

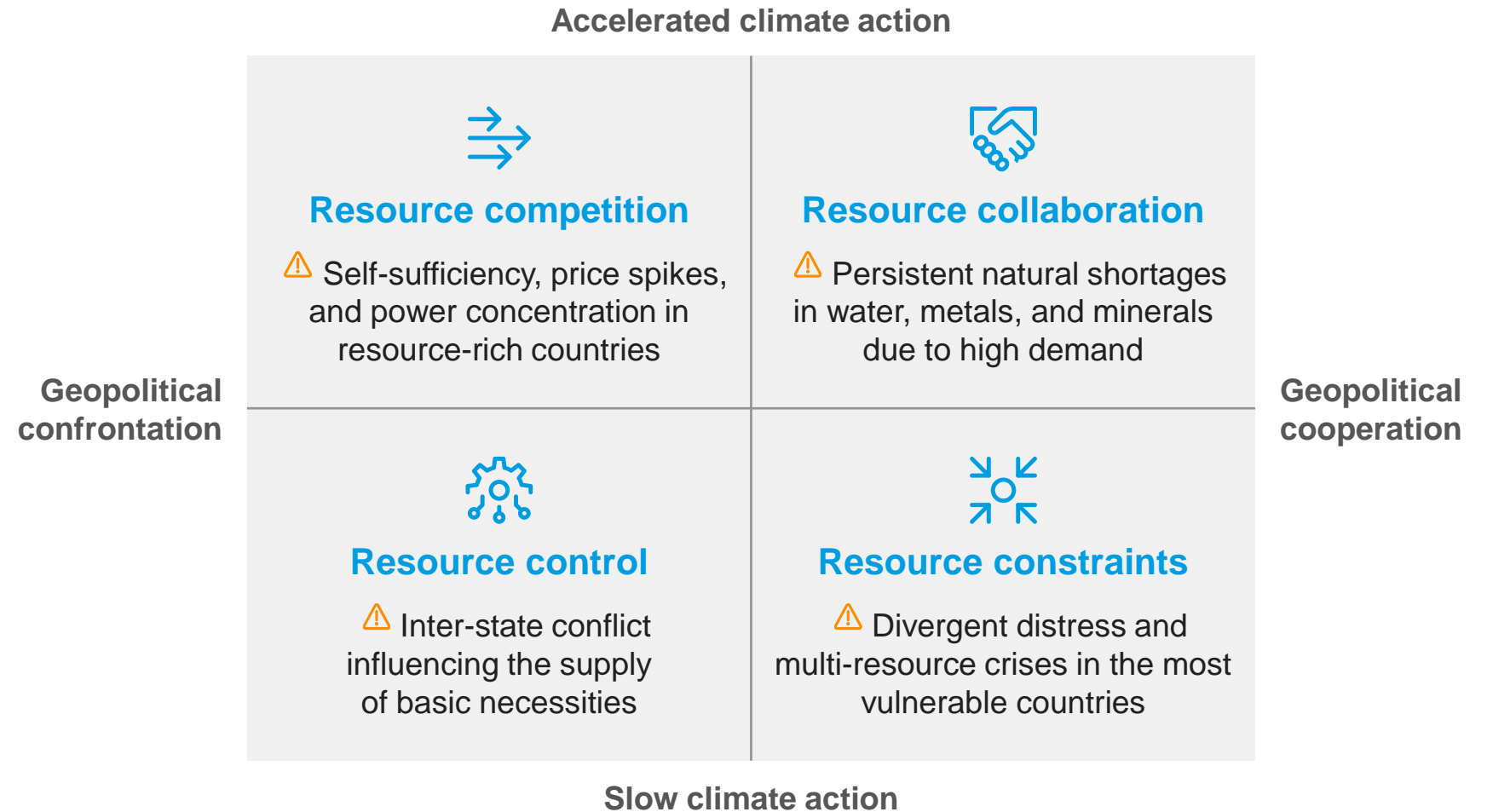
- Increased scope for cyber and other security threats
- Exacerbation of societal divisiveness
- Facilitation of the illicit economy
- Enhanced dependency on big tech companies



# Resource rivalries

## Four possible futures for 2030

Source: World Economic Forum



# Top concerns of business executives in the Baltic states

## Estonia

1	Economic downturn
2	Interstate armed conflict
3	Inflation
4	Labour and / or talent shortage
5	Energy supply shortage

## Latvia

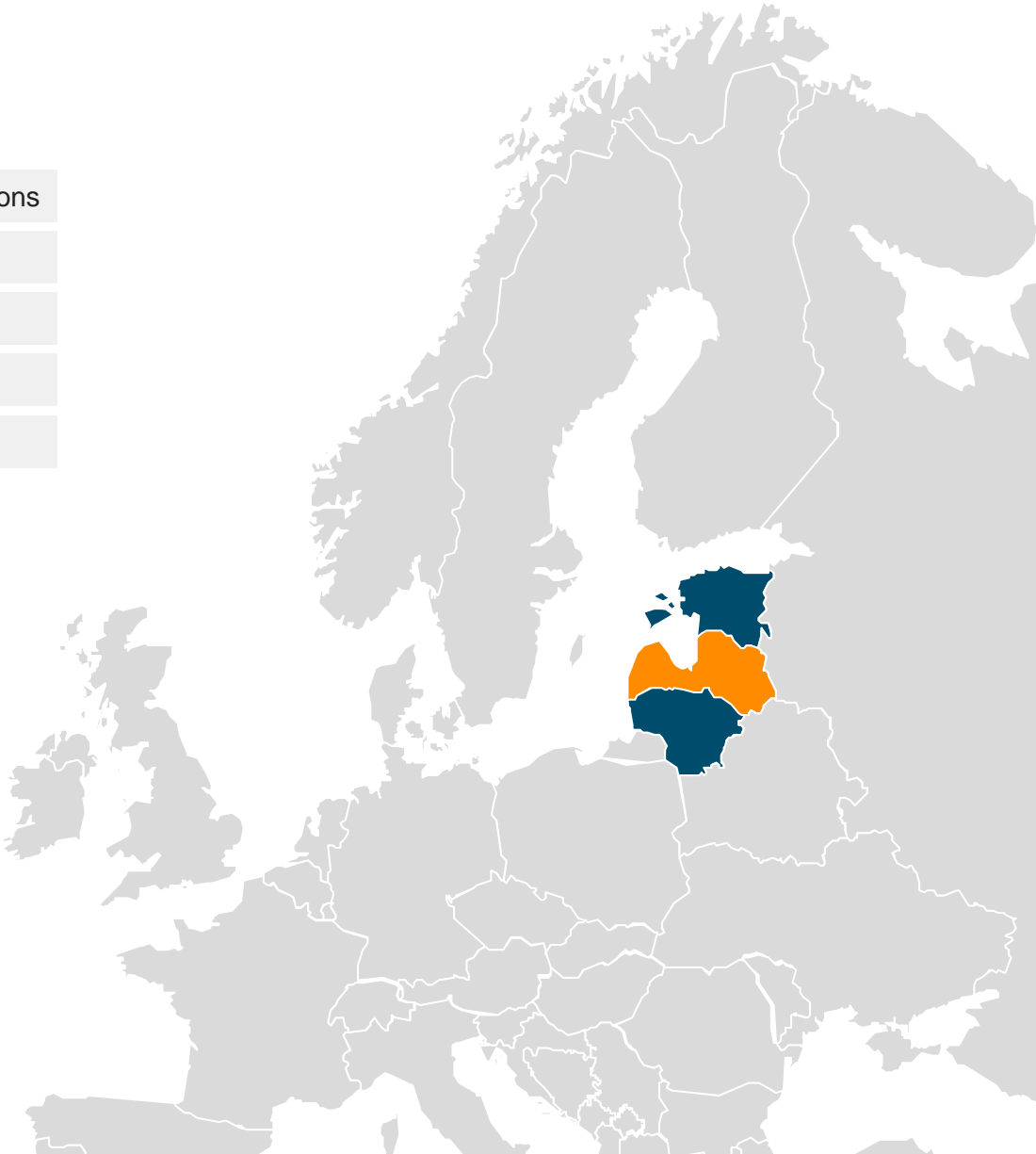
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2	Failure of climate change mitigation
3	Pollution (air, water, soil)
4	Terrorism
5	State fragility / public service failure

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# Evolving national response paradigms

## Security

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International pacts and alliances

AI regulation and legislation on disinformation and interference

Cyber resilience obligations on key firms

Defence procurement and innovation

## Geoeconomic

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Expanded sanctions programmes

Market access and investment constraints

New industrial policies – incentives

Sourcing and supply chain consolidation

## Resilience

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Production mandates and strategic stockpiles

Resilience standards and planning system requirements

Community-level resilience investments

Government backstops for major losses

# New ambitions for national resilience



## Strengthen public-private interactions

- How can governments better mobilise private-sector finance, physical assets, workforce, capabilities, and innovation?
- Key issues:
  - Breadth of the agenda and forward thinking
  - Clarity about responsibilities, and the allocation of risks and costs
  - Levers – Government as director, customer, stimulator, facilitator, cheerleader



## Assess progress and performance

- How well organised are we as a nation? Are capital and effort deployed effectively? Are we doing enough?
- Key issues:
  - Powers and governance within government
  - Assets and capabilities that can be drawn upon
  - Coordination and mobilisation of resources

Icons are hyperlinked to the reports.

# New requirements for corporate resilience

**Readiness**

**Preparedness**





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