

# PRESENTATION

## ENERGY TRILEMMA IN THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE OF LATVIA AND GERMANY: TOWARDS A METHODOLOGY FOR A COMPARATIVE INDEX

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Energy transition is at the core of the path towards climate neutrality in all EU states, including Latvia and Germany. To be justifiable in a long term the energy transition has to cover all three dimensions of the energy trilemma: energy security, energy justice and environmental sustainability. The research investigates how the energy trilemma is discussed in the public documents of Latvia and Germany, and develops a methodology for a quantitative index, which allows to identify quickly and in a comparative way how the energy related challenges are presented and contested in the public space. Knowledge about this is important in order to identify common ground for cooperation in energy transition across states, as well as to reveal discrepancies in the perceptions of energy trilemma, which hinder smooth, fair and sustainable energy transition.

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