

# What and how should the energy sector prepare for this security situation?

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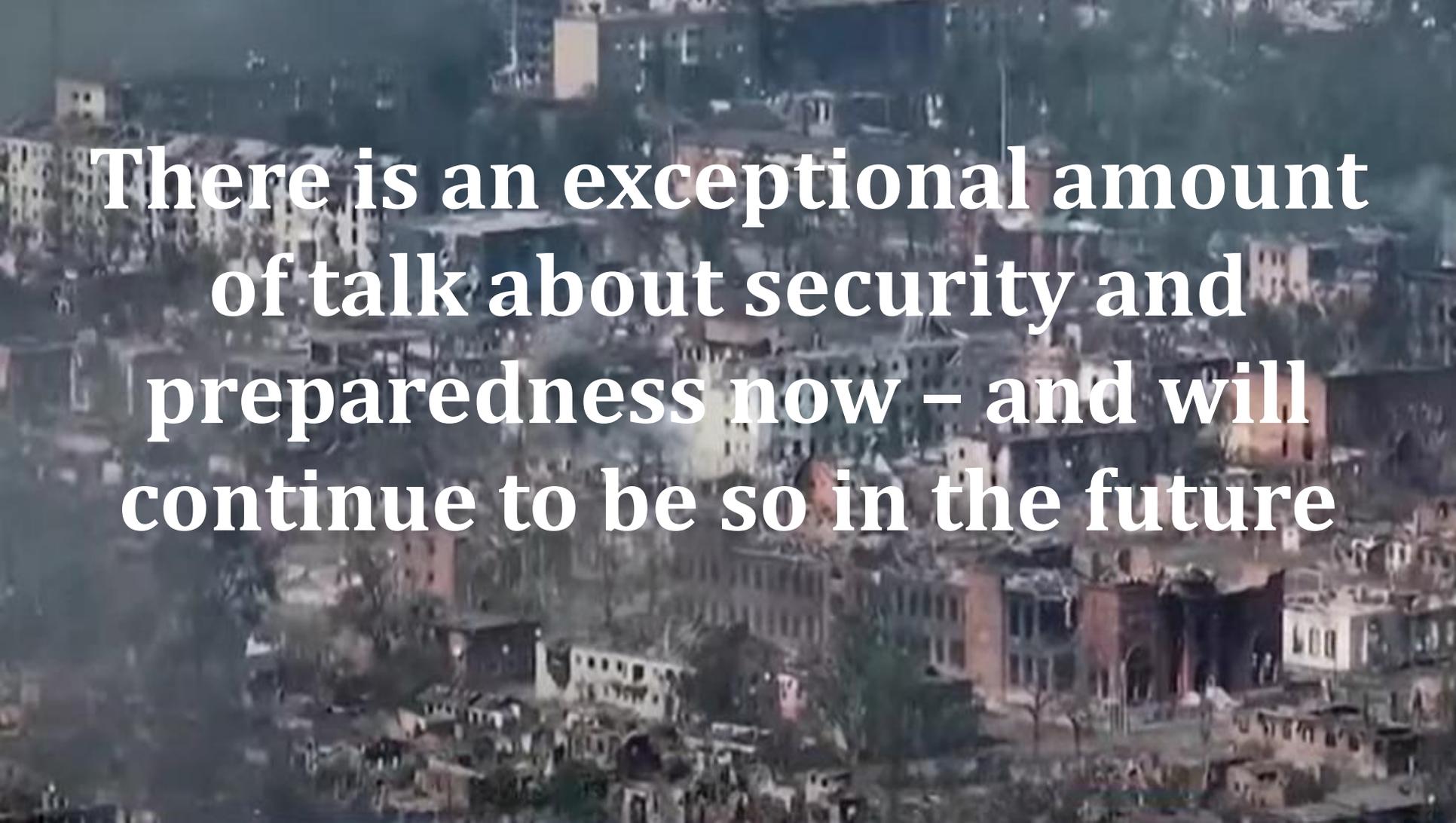
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An aerial photograph of a densely populated city, likely in a developing region, showing a mix of modern and older buildings. The image is slightly desaturated and has a blueish tint. Overlaid on the center of the image is a large, bold, white text block.

**There is an exceptional amount  
of talk about security and  
preparedness now – and will  
continue to be so in the future**

The background is a complex digital composition. At the top, the Chinese flag (red field with five golden stars) is on the left and the American flag (stars and stripes) is on the right. Below the flags is a glowing blue wireframe globe. At the bottom, there is a faint, blue wireframe outline of a world map. The overall aesthetic is high-tech and global.

**There are decades when nothing happens, and there are weeks when decades happen.**



**Rapid changes and surprises to come**



LAND



SEA



AIR



SPACE



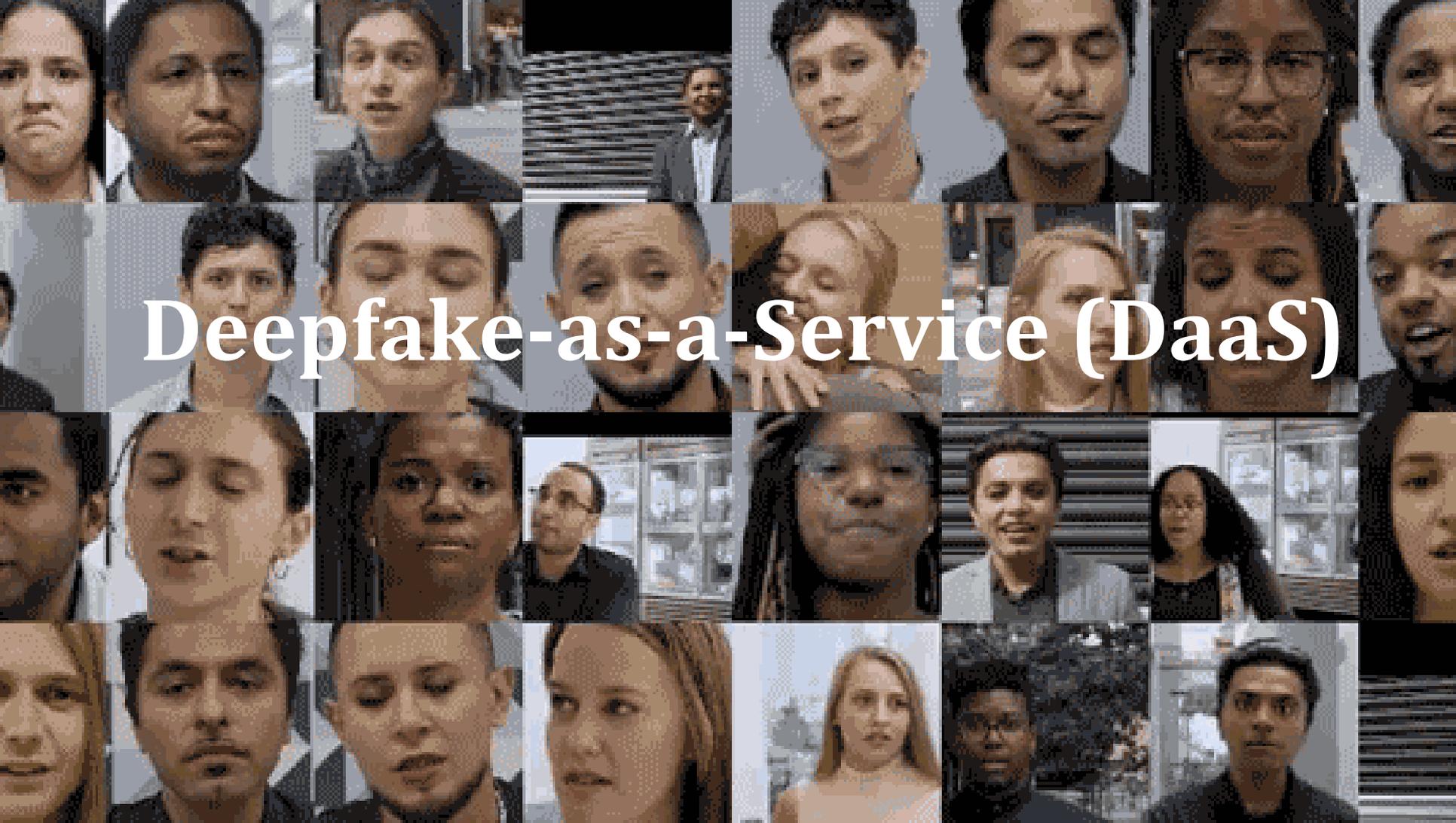
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**The human mind  
as a battleground –  
emotions and  
images**





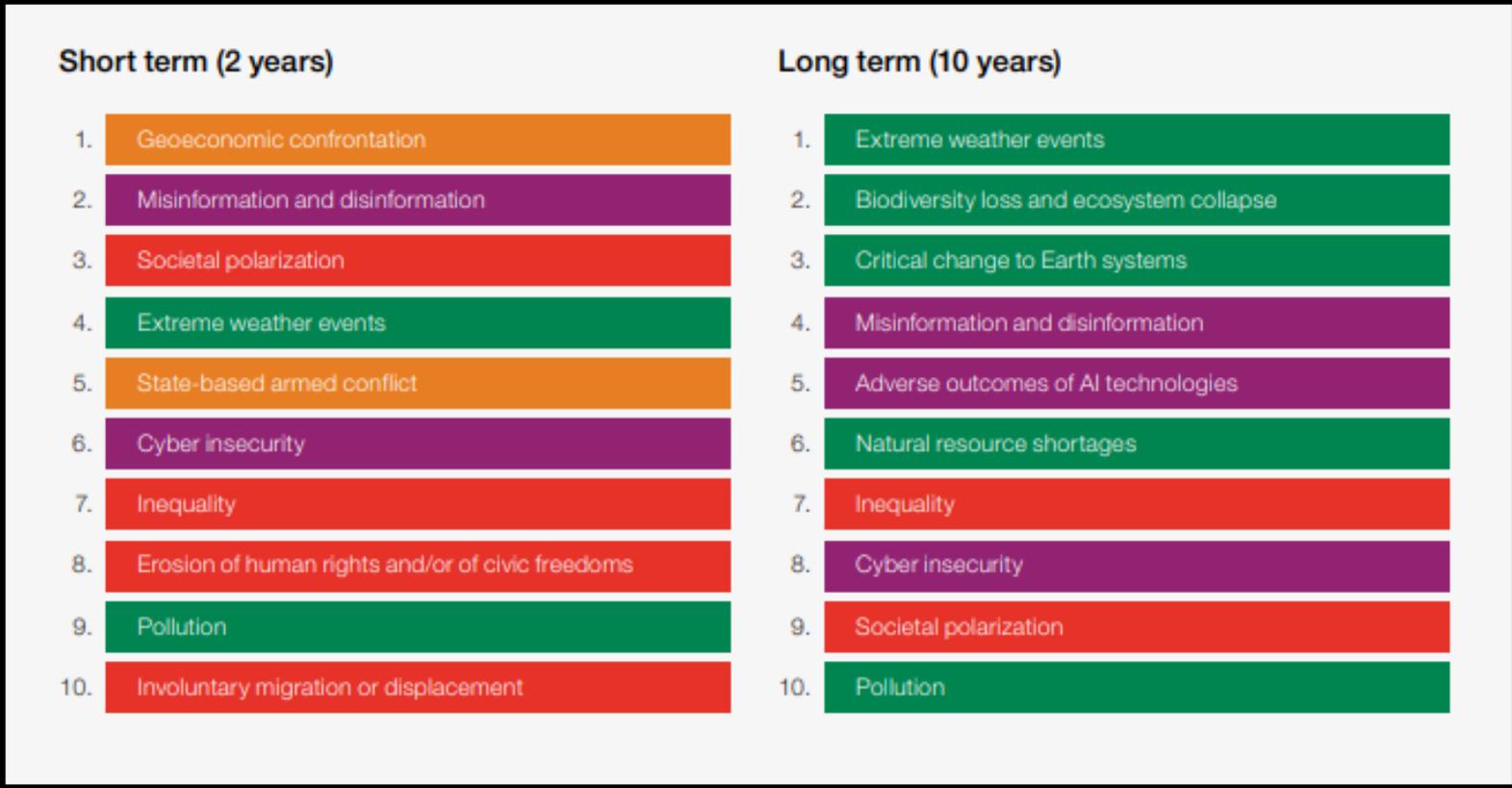


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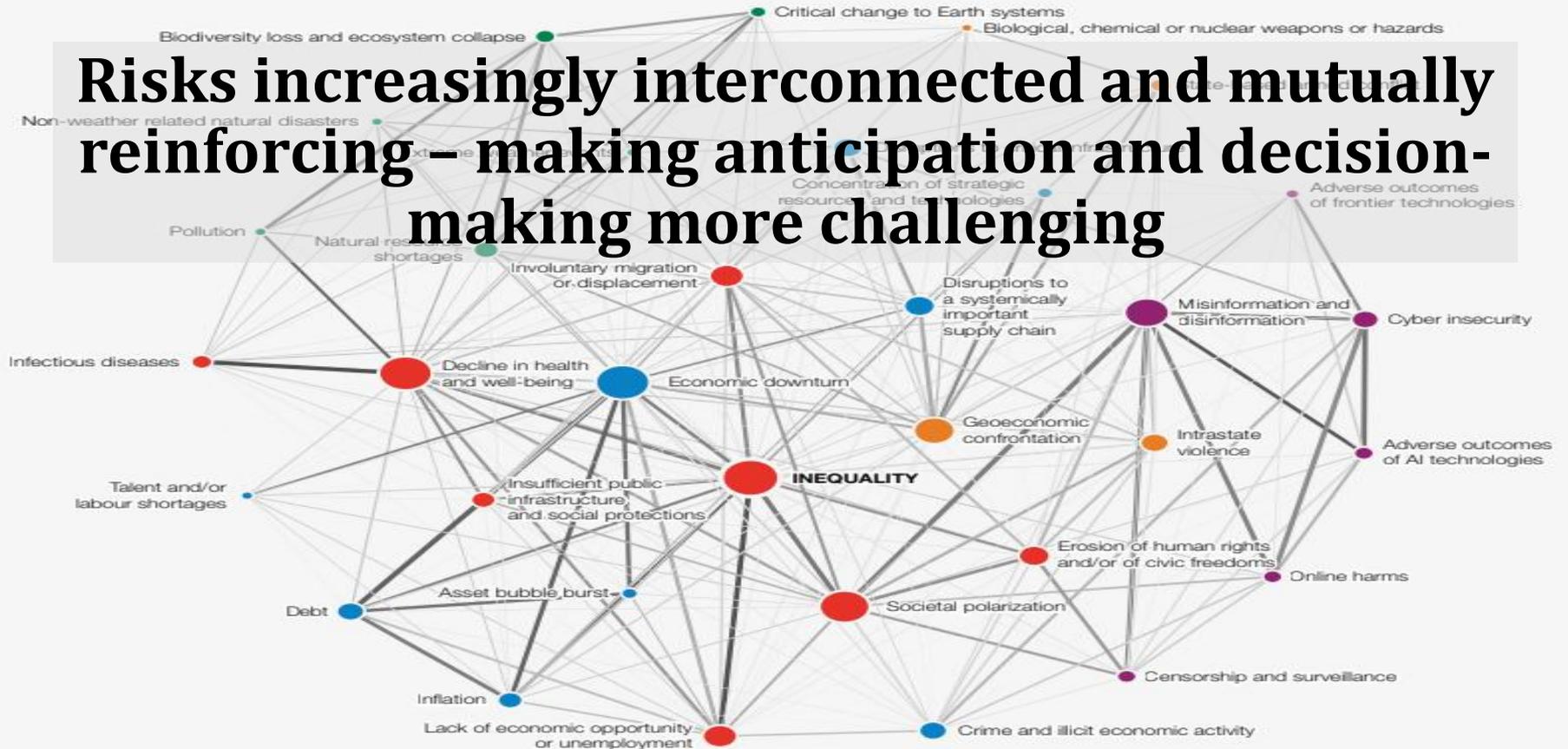
# Uncertainty is the

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- New Geoeconomic signi
- State signi
- Social disint
- Tech intel secu
- Long term risk: Environment and global instability



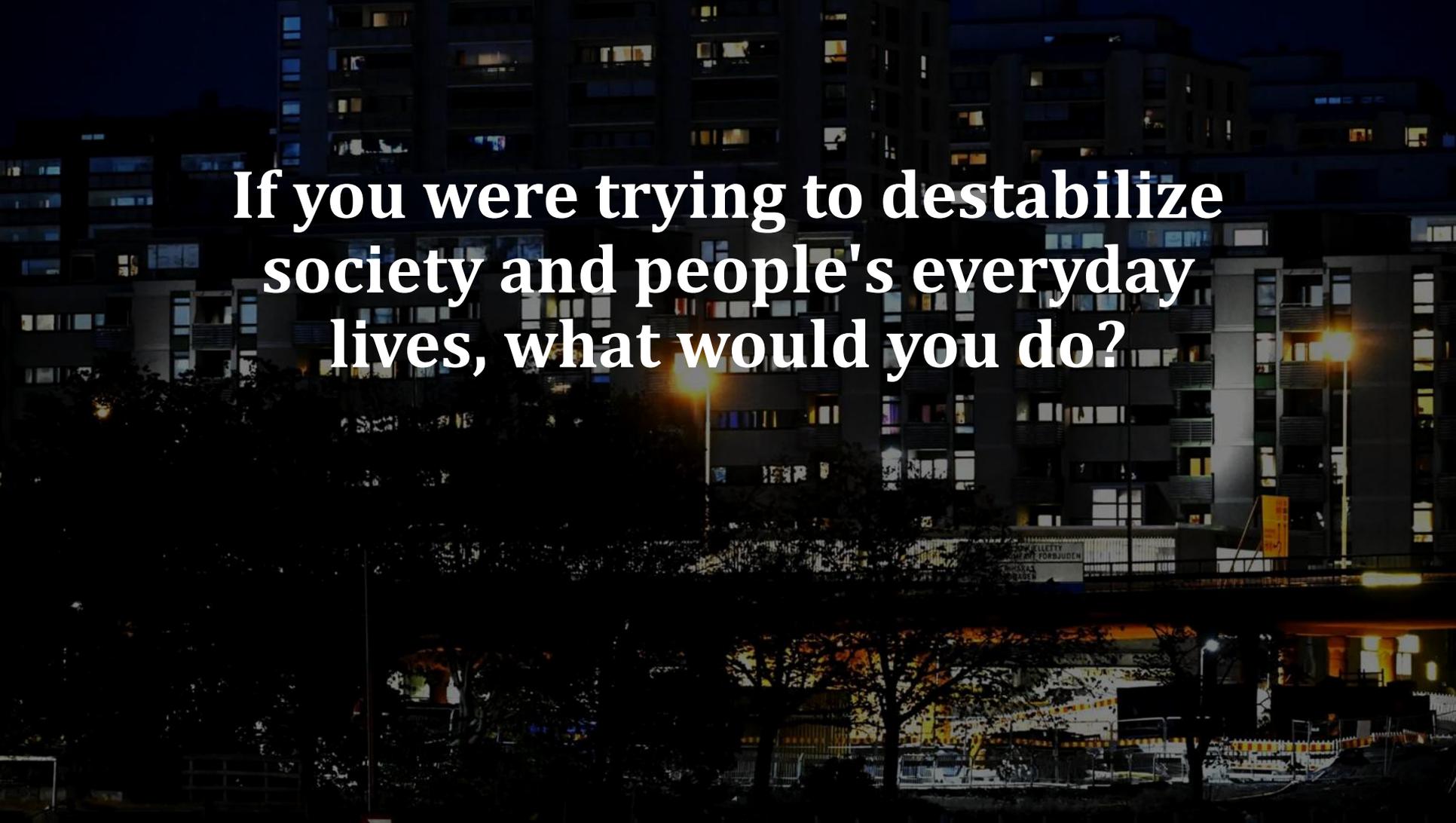
# Risks increasingly interconnected and mutually reinforcing – making anticipation and decision-making more challenging





**WAR**

**PEACE**



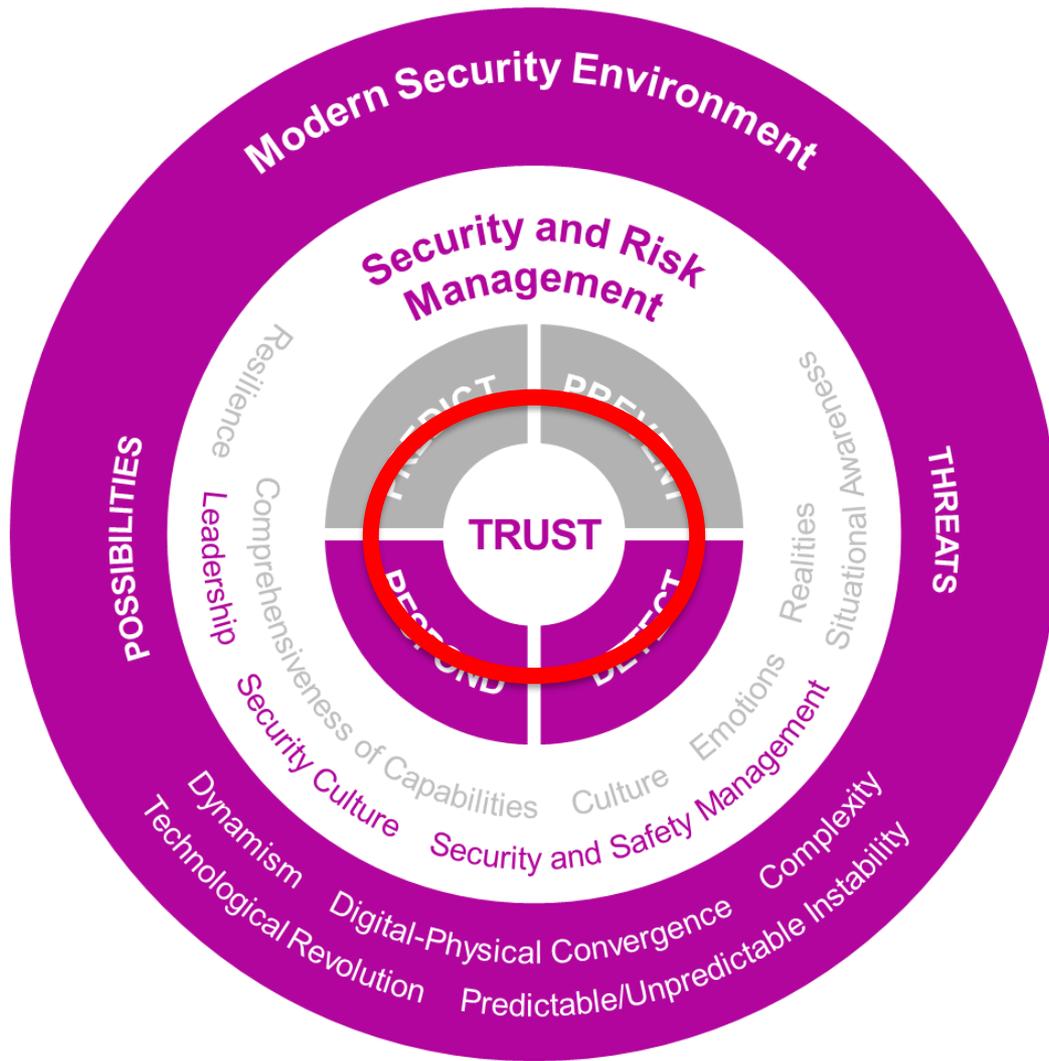
**If you were trying to destabilize  
society and people's everyday  
lives, what would you do?**

# Hybrid influencing in the coming months?

- **Information Influence, affects political decision -making and social atmosphere**
- **Land, marine and airspace, violation of state borders in their various forms**
- **Cyber attacks: telecommunications, finance, critical infrastructure, cyber espionage, health care information systems**
- **Energy**
- **Human flows to the eastern border**
- **Disturbing of foreign trade (sea)**
- **??**

# Physical and Digital – One Security





**Trust is about the desire and will to act  
in a way that does not disappoint or  
cause disappointment.**

**Trust is both thinking and doing, but  
also tolerating uncertainty and striving  
for the good.**

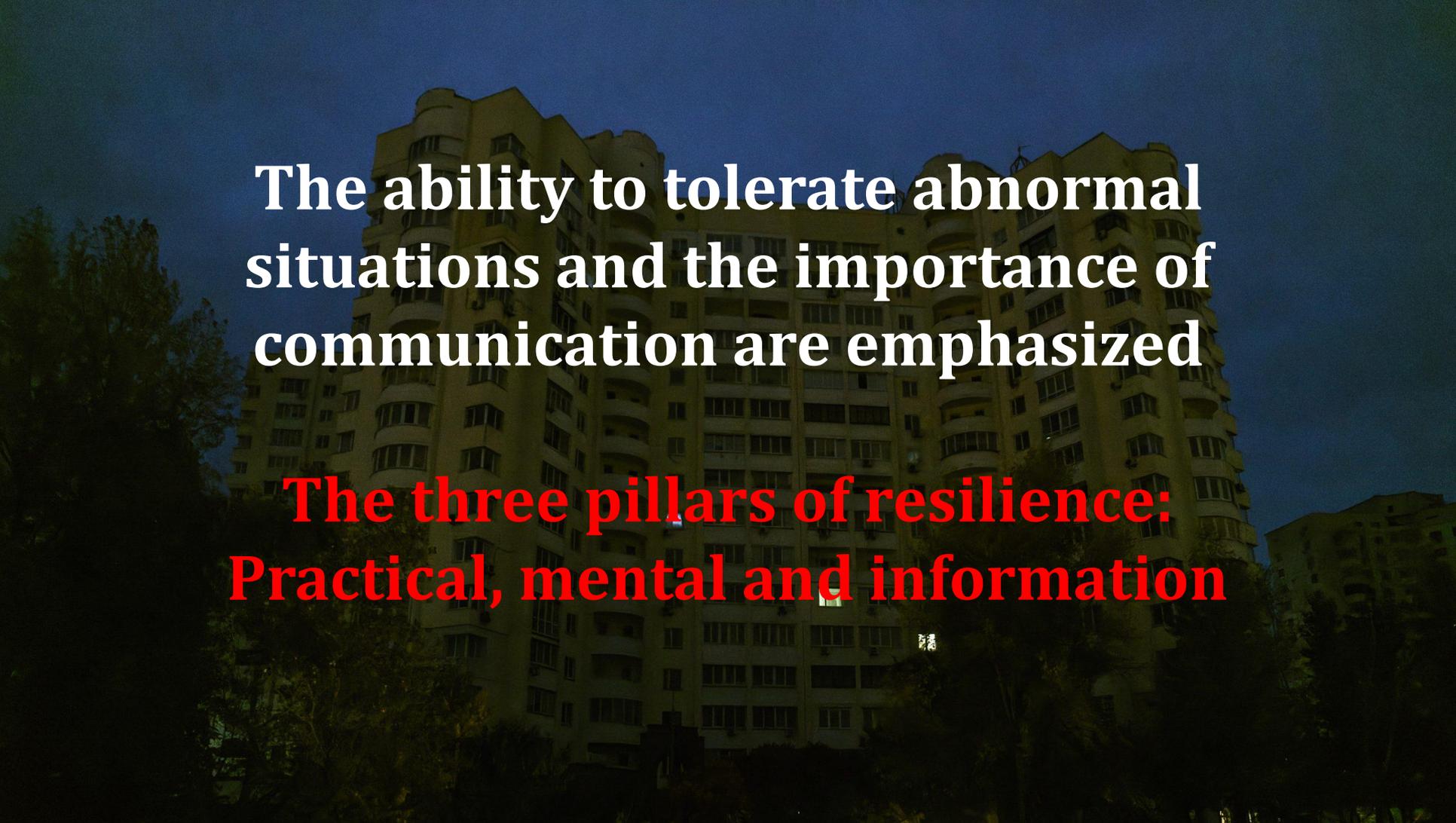
A close-up photograph of a person's hand in a white shirt placing a wooden block onto a stack of other wooden blocks. The blocks in the foreground are arranged to spell out the word 'TRUST' in large, bold, capital letters. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

# Chief Trust Officer?

**Situations change rapidly in an unstable security environment – the importance of resilience**

**The importance of the individual as a security actor**

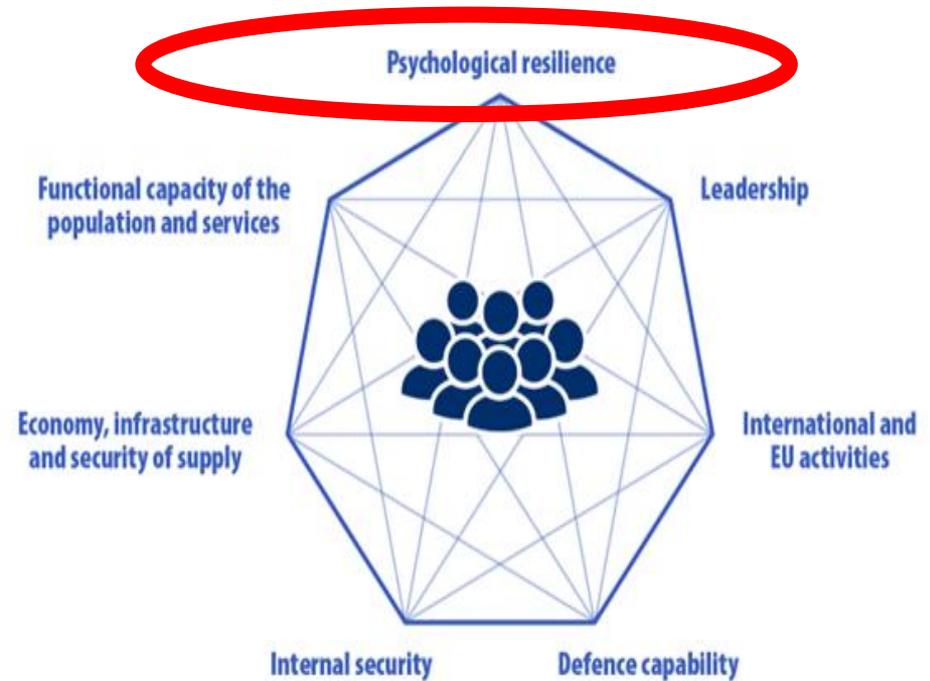
**Keeping up with the pace of technological development is emphasized**

A tall, multi-story apartment building is the central focus, illuminated from within, showing many windows. The building has a curved facade and several balconies. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting twilight or night. The overall mood is quiet and somewhat somber.

**The ability to tolerate abnormal situations and the importance of communication are emphasized**

**The three pillars of resilience:  
Practical, mental and information**

**The importance  
of  
comprehensive  
security – forms  
the foundation  
of resilience**





**” The most important point of my report is that citizens must take responsibility for their own security.”**

European Commission  
Commission européenne



A person in silhouette stands in a server room aisle, looking at a server rack. The room is dimly lit with blue light emanating from the server racks and floor. The person is positioned in the middle ground, looking towards the right side of the frame. The server racks are filled with equipment, and the floor has a grid pattern. The overall atmosphere is futuristic and technological.

**Data Manipulation**

**New Vulnerabilities of  
Technological Society**

**Data Encryption /  
Quantum Age**



**The importance of trusted partners is a very important issue in security / states and companies**



**“The best thing  
for safety is an  
ordinary day.”**

**“It is not the strongest species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones responsive to change.”**

**- Charles Darwin**

**Thank you**

