



# Digital Sovereignty

## Navigating Between Scylla and Charybdis



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# Concepts

## **Strategic autonomy:**

Capacities and capabilities to decide and act upon essential aspects of one's longer-term future in the economy, society and democracy.

*when sovereignty is the objective, strategic autonomy is the means*

## **Sovereignty:**

Concerns territory, natural resources 'that belong to us', people, authority, recognition, *internal legitimacy, external legitimacy*

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like territory, natural resources etc. (YES/NO)

# Reality check

- ‘digital sovereignty’ = ‘digital strategic autonomy’
- Strategic autonomy in practice?
  - Risk management (\*)
  - Strategic partnerships (\*\*)
  - Global common goods (\*\*\*)

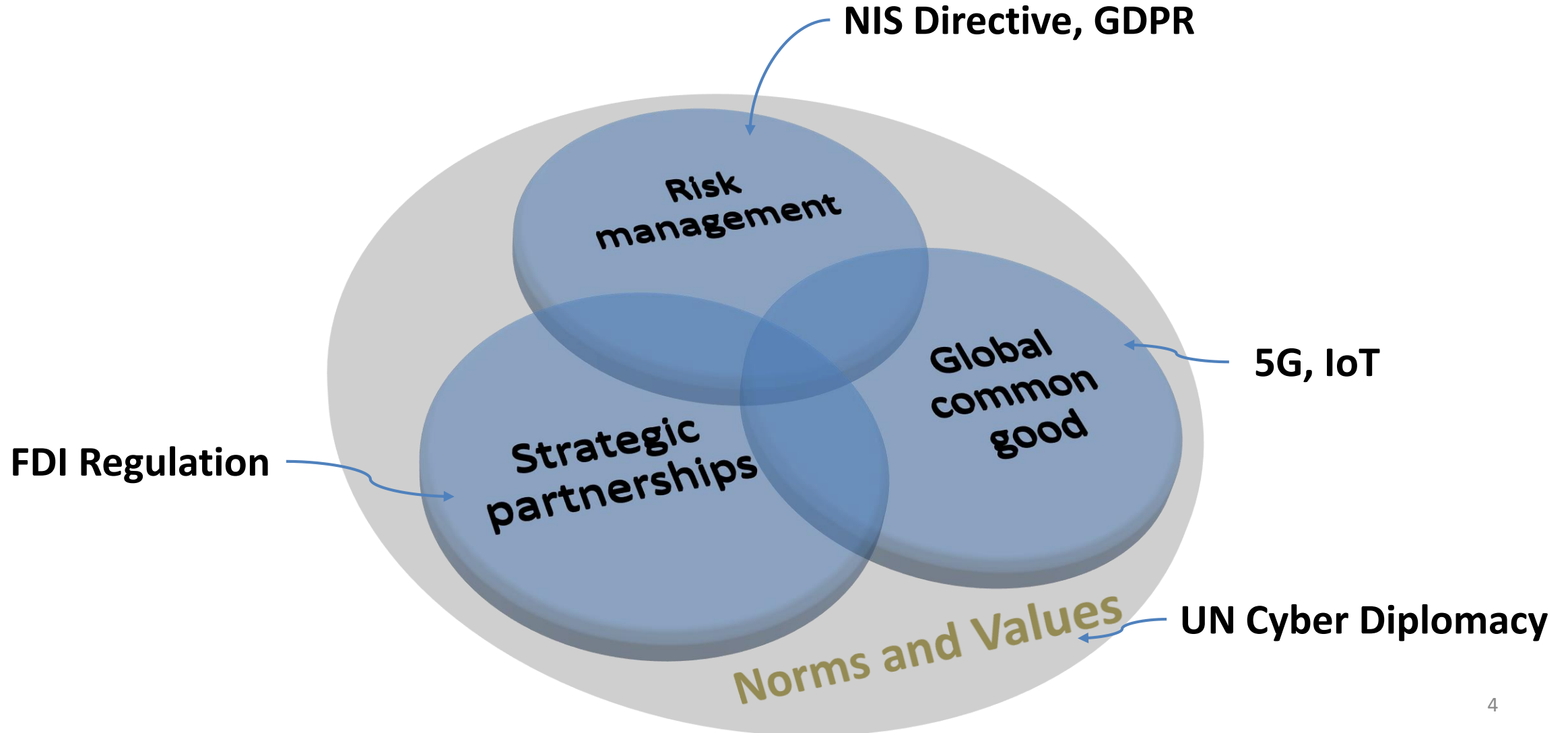


(\*) approach of most current cyber policy

(\*\*) strategic partnerships + strategic interdependency = ‘open strategic autonomy’

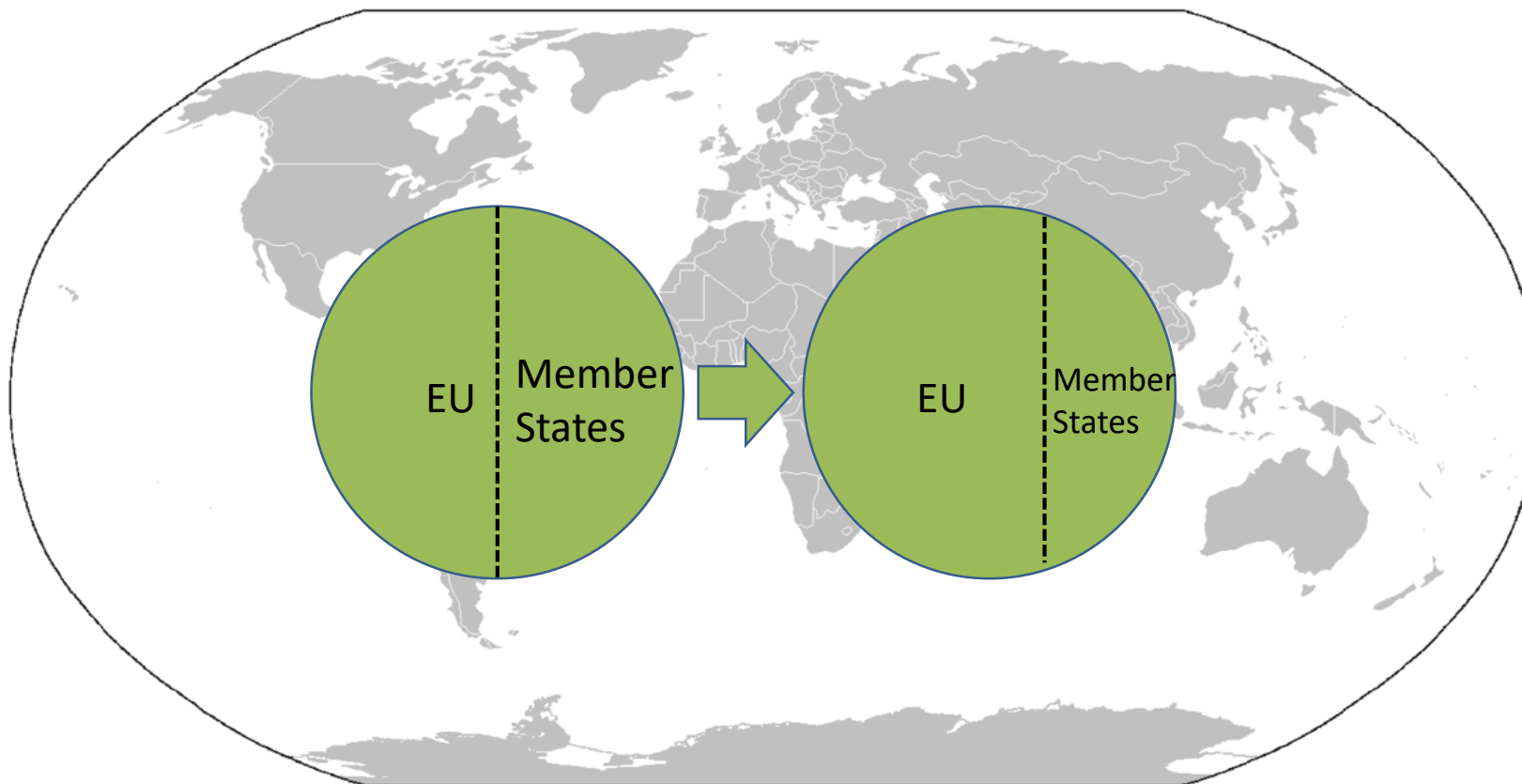
(\*\*\*) under-rated, yet may be best for sovereignty, global business, even for humanity

# EU and digital strategic autonomy

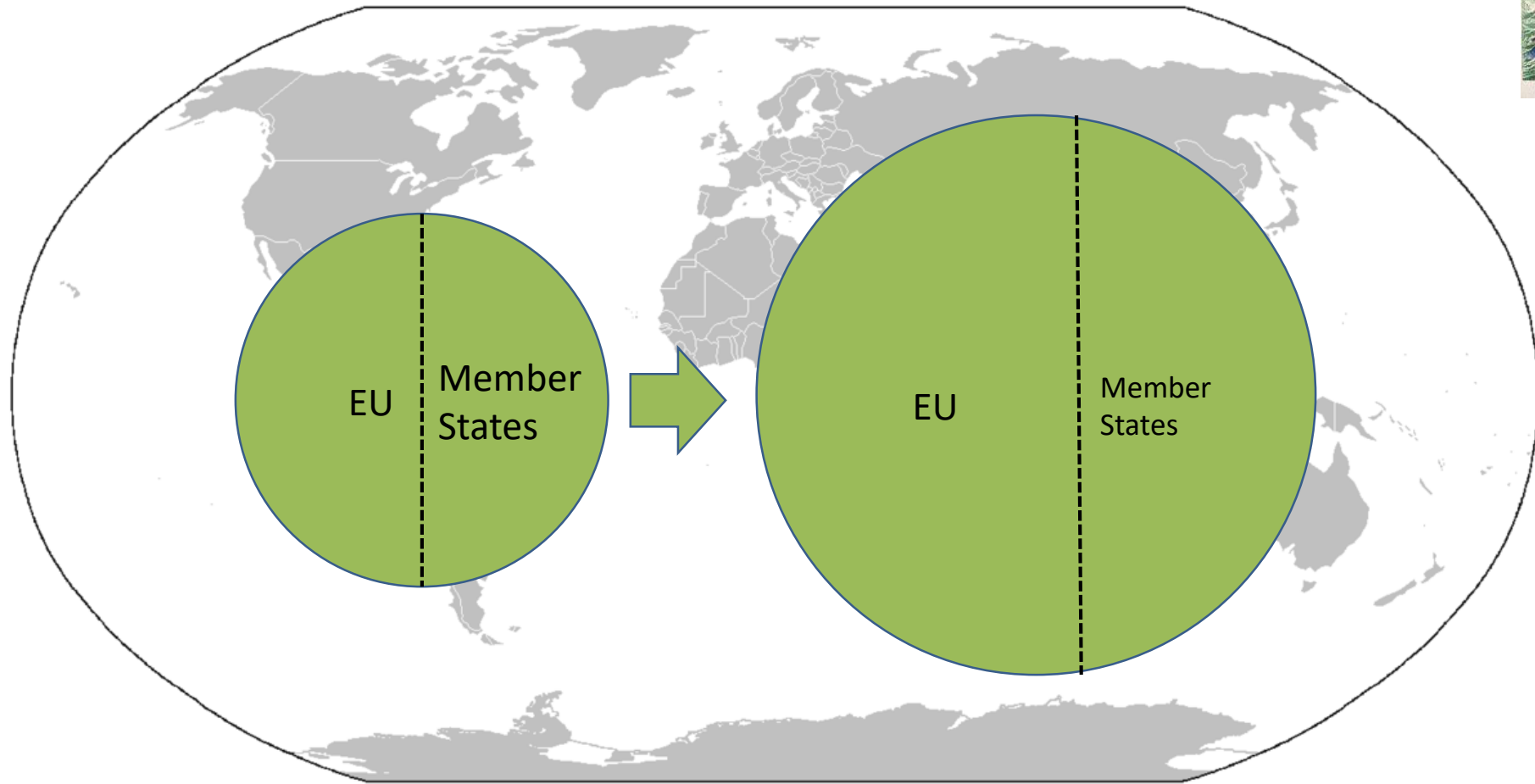


# Navigating between EU Sovereignty and National Sovereignty

## Is this a Zero-Sum?



# Or a triple-win?





# Consequences

Sovereign digital assets do exist in EU, such as .eu, EU data spaces, ...

Sovereignty as the compass for EU cyberlaw?

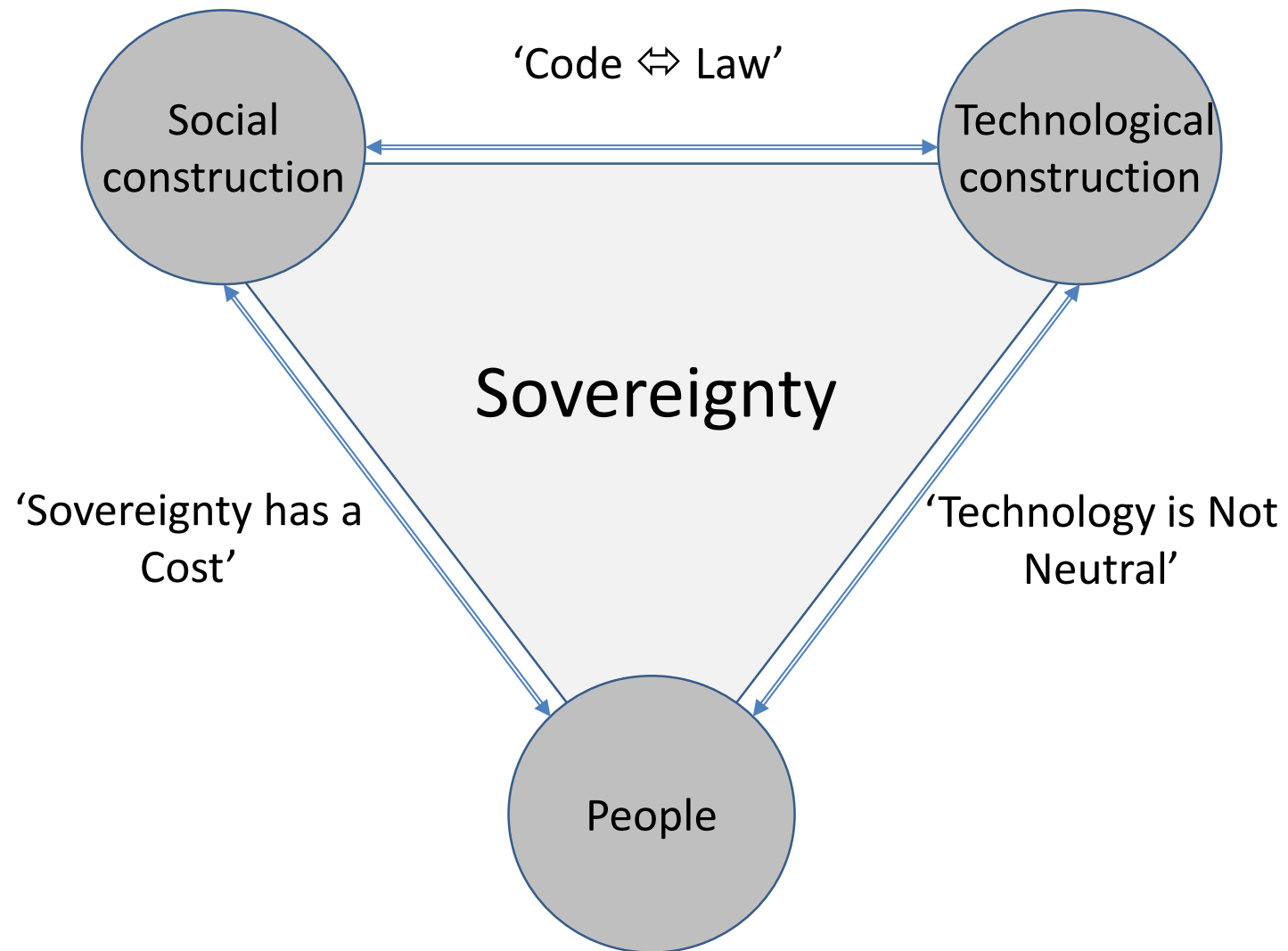
*All critical infrastructures for economy, society, democracy and sovereign assets*

Amend the EU Treaty for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

‘The European Union shall strengthen EU sovereignty where this respects or enhances the sovereignty of the EU Member States and contributes to common EU assets and interests or strengthens the EU’s position in the world’

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# Sovereignty as a social and a technological construction







# Thank you



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