

Why is digital sovereignty important for governments?



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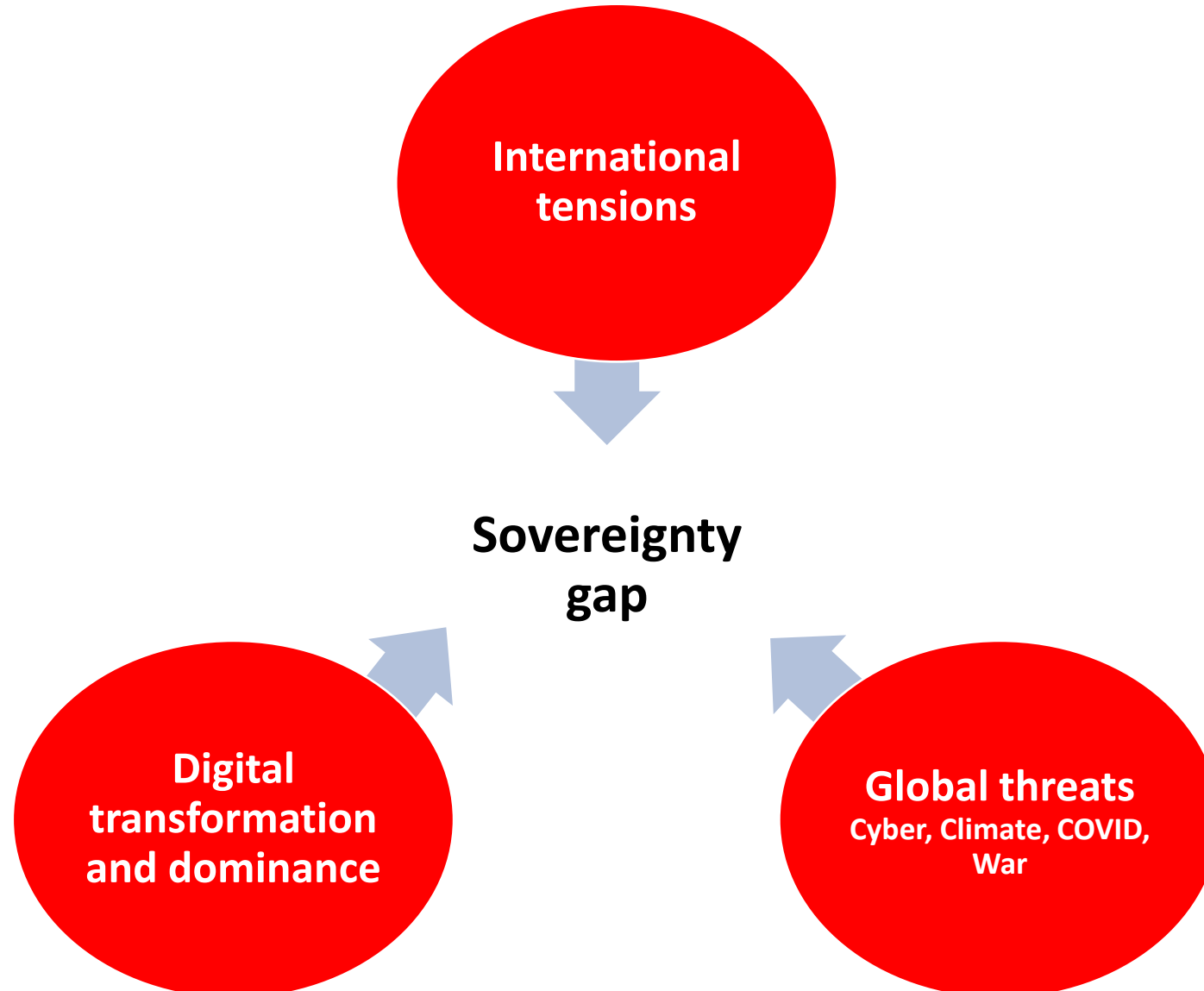
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Sovereignty is threatened



Sovereignty and Strategic Autonomy

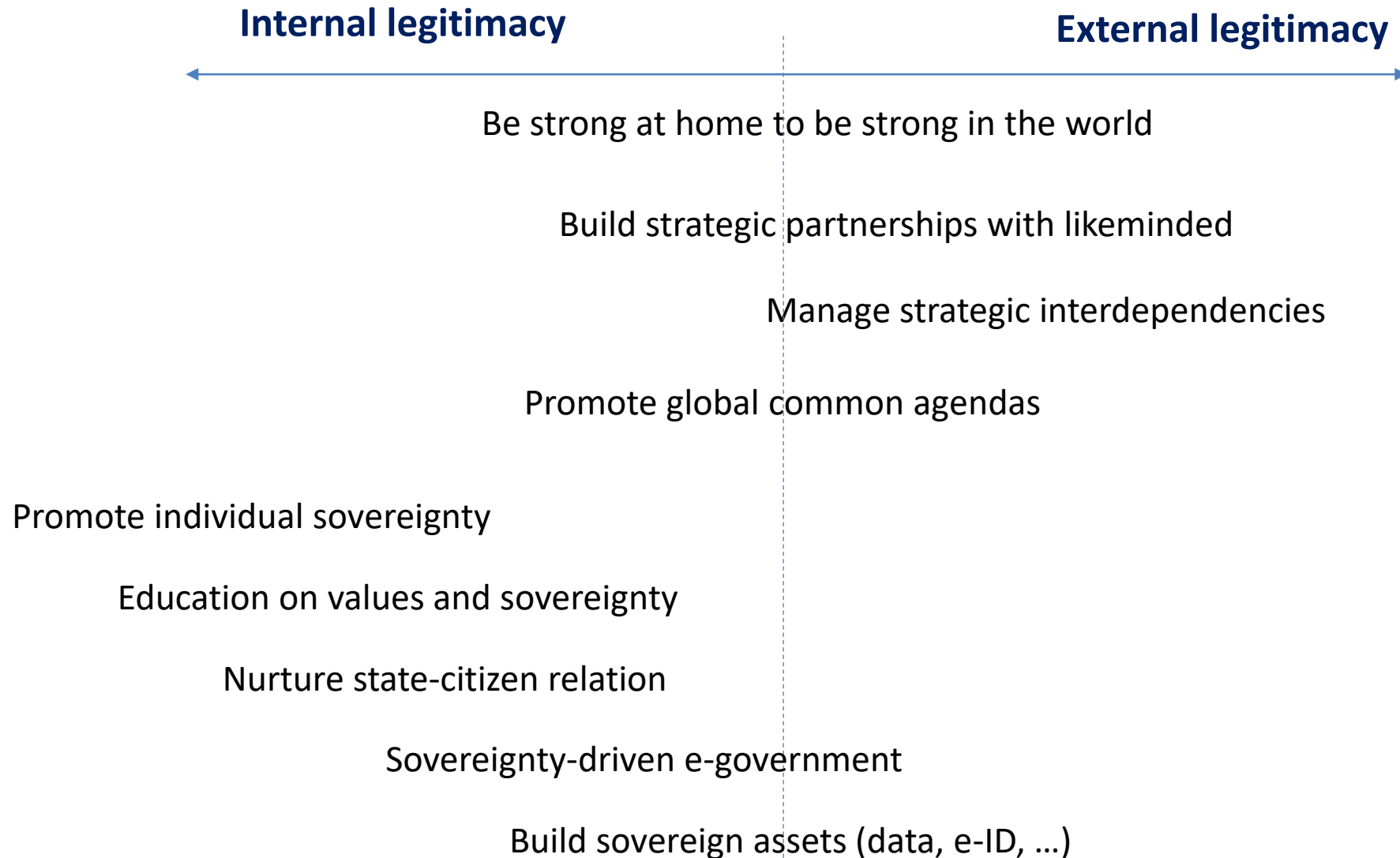
Sovereignty: territory, 'our' natural *and* digital resources, people, internal legitimacy, external legitimacy of the state

Strategic autonomy:

- To have means to defend and build sovereignty
- To decide and act on essential aspects of economy, society, democracy
- To have Control, Capabilities and Capacities (**3C**)

(digital sovereignty = strategic autonomy in the digital domain)

Safeguard sovereignty



EU and Digital Strategic Autonomy

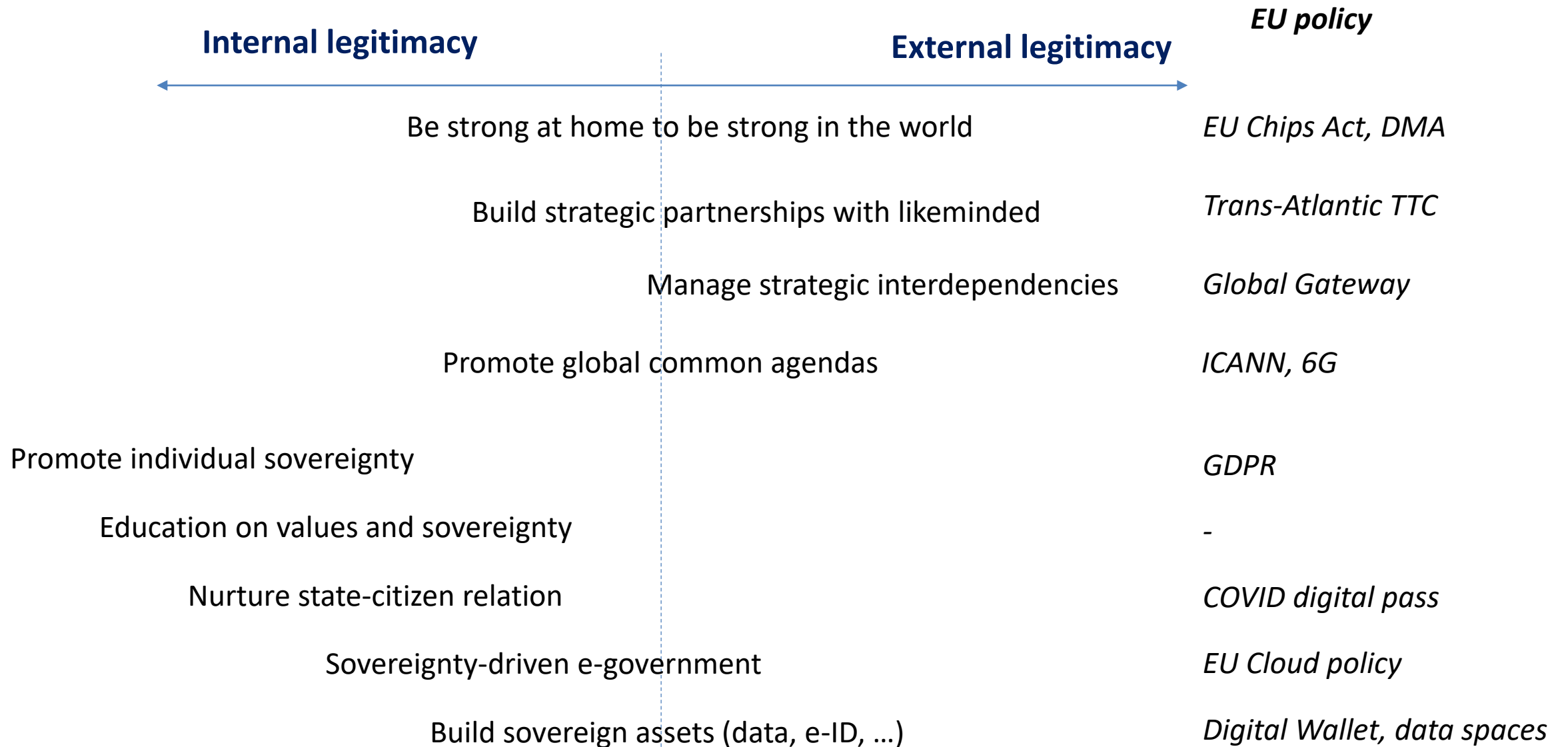


Digital Dependency Index:

“European countries are falling behind in every dimension compared to China, South Korea, USA”

(Konrad Audenauer Stiftung, 2022)

Safeguard sovereignty



Digital strategic autonomy

National policy and action

Establish a frame of mind on digital strategic autonomy

Have national strategy

- Educate – civil servants, businesses, citizens
- Collaborate – domestic, in EU, with likeminded partners
- Buy - with sovereignty check
- Build - with sovereign-by-design
- Monitor – acute triggers and long-term signals
- Audit – cybersecurity, intellectual property protection, technology change

Next step: Digital Sovereignty – How Is it Possible?



Thank you!