



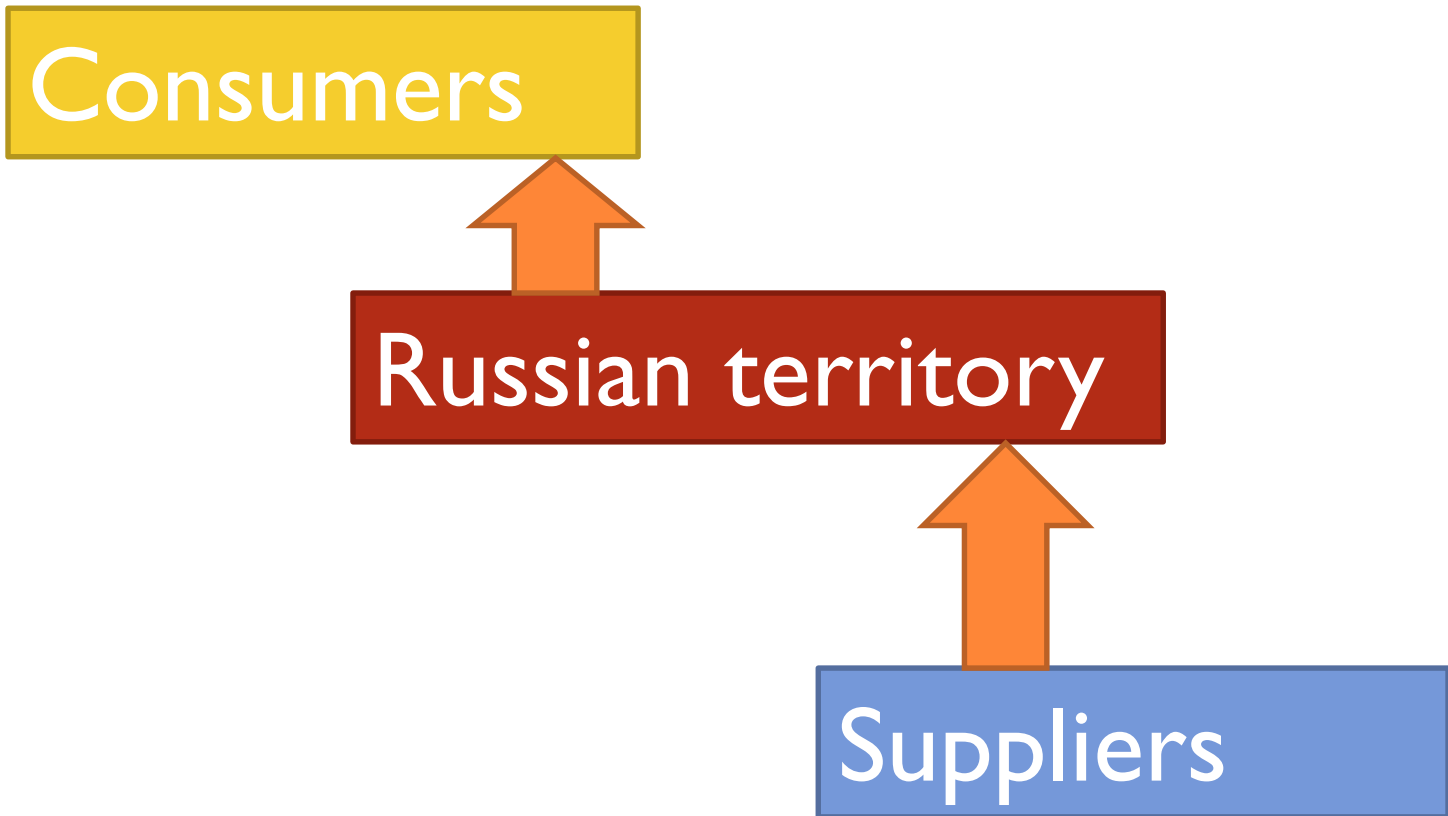
# **BALTIC STATES: LESSONS FOR THE SOUTH CAUCASUS REGION**

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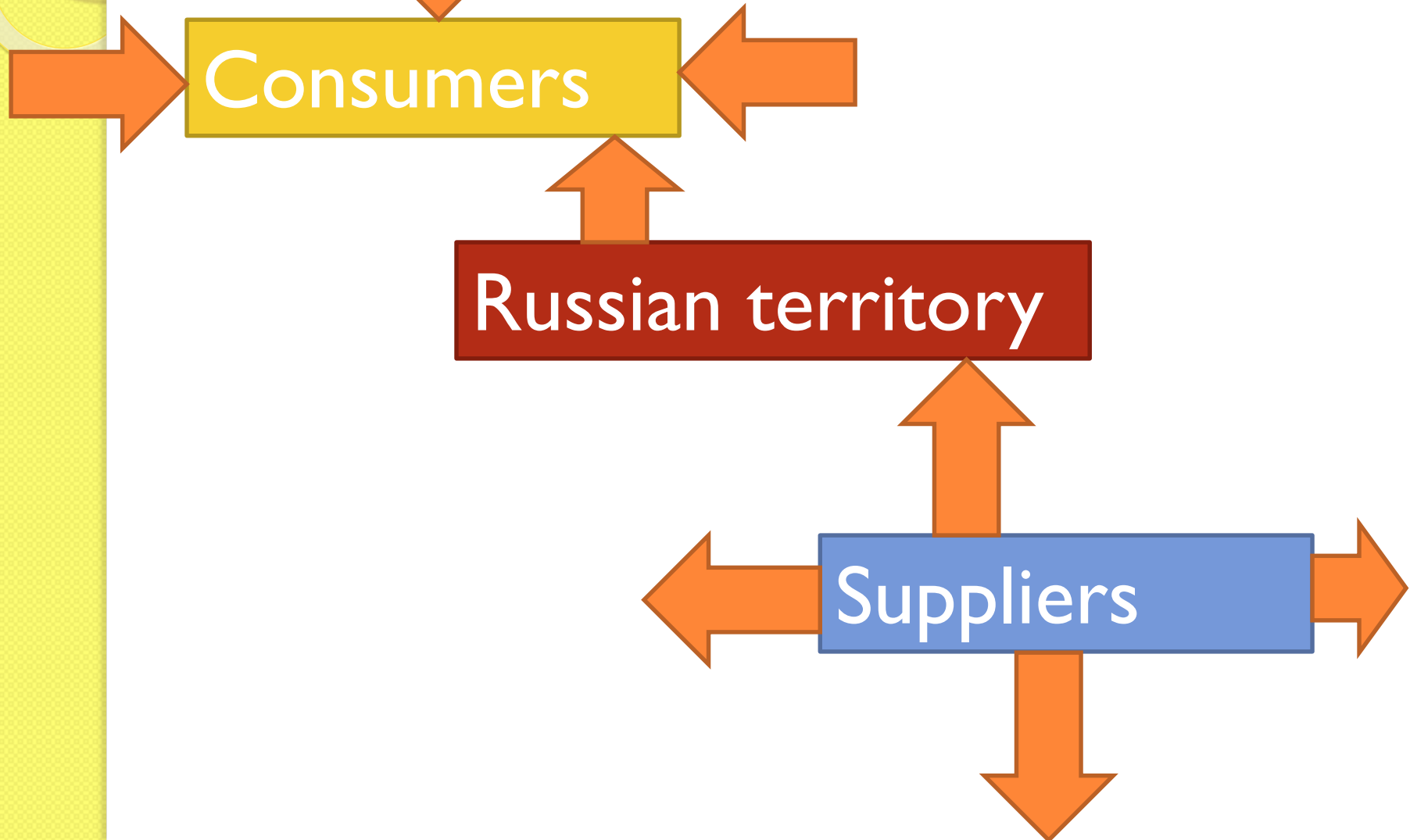
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# Geoenergetic structure of Post-Soviet space



# Wishful geoenergetic structure in Post-Soviet space



# Diversification

- **In the short term:**
  - threats;
  - disruptions,
  - price jumps.
- **In the long term:**
  - market approach;
  - **Economy reforms;**
  - decreasing dependency;
- decreasing economic and political influence.

# Reliance

- **In the short term:**
  - increased competitiveness;
  - price stability,
  - supply stability.
- **Long term:**
  - increasing vulnerability;
  - economic and political influence / conflict;
  - lack of reforms;
  - no market.

**Two scenarios**



# **Delay of energy security projects in the Baltic States**

- **Integration in the international community;**
- **Dealing with economic problems;**
- **Readjustment of economies;**
- **Finding of new markets;**
- **Fighting the unemployment;**
- **Dealing with social problems;**
- **Dealing with crime and corruption;**
- **Membership in the European Union and NATO.**

# Challenges in ensuring energy security in the Baltic States

**Domestic**

**Corruption**

**Lack of**

**Politicization  
of energy  
projects**

**Self-  
strengthenin  
g discourse**

**EUROPEAN  
UNION**

**Regional**

**lack of  
understanding  
of regionality**

**Self-help**

**Suspicion**

**Traps of small  
decisions /  
gains**



# **Significance of the European Union and NATO**

- **Challenges with GHG regulations – decreasing dependency as a consequence of domestic renewables;**
- **Political and financial support;**
- **Mediation between states of the region**
- **Internalization of energy security problems;**
- **Construction of discourse.**