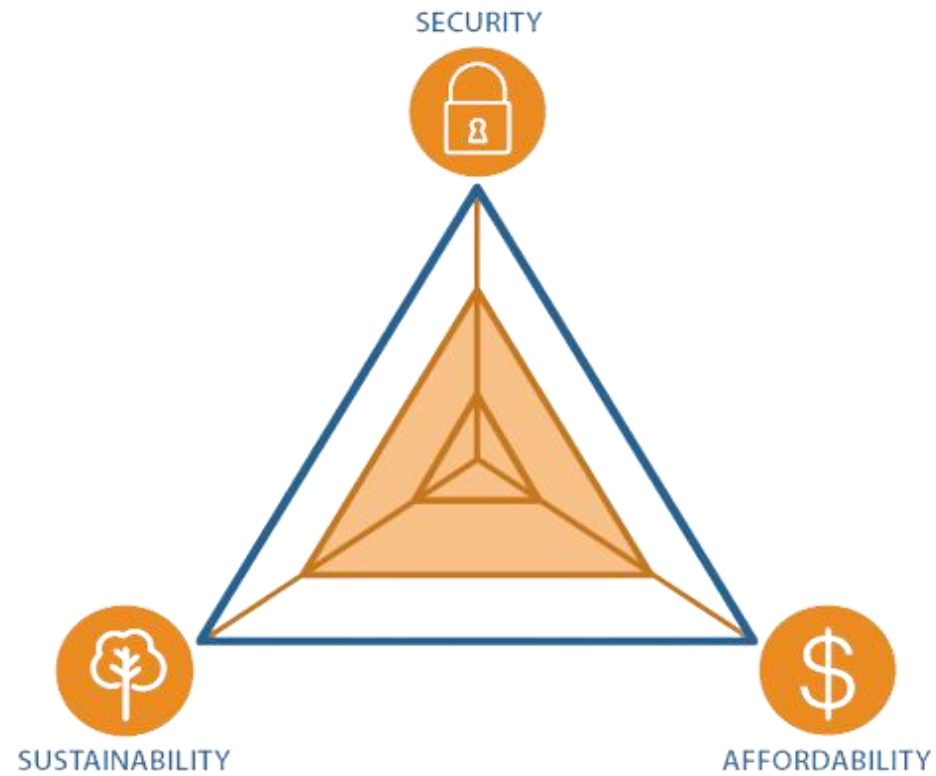


# Conceptualising international energy law

Insights from international environmental law  
and its influence in the governance  
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# International environmental law and energy governance

## ► The lens of international environmental law

- International environmental law offers normative boundaries for energy governance
- Shapes State sovereignty by requiring alignment with environmental protection obligations
- Provides clarity on:
  - Scope: what activities are permissible
  - Priorities: which values guide choices
  - Structure: a network of intersecting norms

# Example: The Paris Agreement

- Temperature target (1.5 degrees Celsius) sets ecological limits → defines the scope of permissible energy pathways
- NDCs operationalise these obligations → shape priorities (decarbonisation, fossil fuel phase out, just transition)
- Domestic implementation → reframes energy policy as an obligation of due diligence

# Concluding remarks

- International environmental law is integral, not adjacent, to international energy law
- It provides a framework to reconcile the energy trilemma in a VUCA world
- International energy law's coherence comes from its entanglement with other fields