

CONSORTIUM COUNCIL REFLECTION

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The recent Open Call by the Research, Policy and Teaching WPs resulted in valuable contributions and input from almost all PolyCIVIS countries. During the meeting we were presented with new data about the polycrisis over these three fields:

Research WP has compiled a draft bibliography review on polycrisis: we now have approximately 40 academic publications on "polycrisis", 10 think tank papers, 15 press articles and 40 publications on related notions, such as the anthropocene or planetary boundaries. As a next step, a scientific committee will be assigned and the co-leaders will continue their significant work of collecting multilingual data, literature and publications related to the polycrisis in Europe and Africa.

Policy WP has received 10 policy briefs from internal and external experts which are now under review and in the following months we will be able to share the final versions of these documents.

Teaching WP currently analyses the information received for 54 courses that directly or indirectly link to the polycrisis. These courses which are part of BA and MA

programmes are taught at 10 universities in Africa or Europe across 21 disciplines.

The fact that the concept of polycrisis is still very broad, having different meanings in different countries, regions or even disciplines, highlights the importance of creating a shared understanding of what is in fact the concept of polycrisis, and the multilayered challenges it brought to light.

A highlight of the meeting was the introduction of the newly formed Advisory Board, comprising six esteemed policymakers and civil society stakeholders from Europe and Africa. This Advisory Board will be instrumental in offering strategic guidance, feedback, and input to shape PolyCIVIS' future activities and ensure the project's alignment with real-world challenges.

Looking Ahead:

The next few months of the PolyCIVIS project will be crucial for its success. The consortium will:

- Organize internal webinars to foster the ongoing collaboration and exchange between the consortium members, and between Work Packages
- Finalise PolyCIVIS participation and activities in the context of [CIVIS Days 2024](#), in Salzburg
- Plan of the next in person Consortium Meeting scheduled for April 2025, in Dakar
- Initiate the close collaboration with the newly assigned Advisory Board, composed of 6 policy makers and stakeholders from civil society from both Europe and Africa. We are looking forward to the experts' input, feedback and guidance on PolyCIVIS' future and activities



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