



Call for Policy Briefs: *Polycrisis and Policy Series*

Introduction

The Polycrisis and Policy Work Package - PolyCIVIS Network invites submissions for a series of high-impact policy briefs focused on the theme "Polycrisis and Policy."

This series aims to inform and shape the discourse on the multifaceted concept of the polycrisis by addressing both conceptual frameworks and specific policy challenges. The briefs will draw on the expertise of a diverse network of researchers and practitioners to engage policymakers at various levels, including institutions of the European Union and the African Union, regional economic communities, and civil society organizations.

Scope:

Policy brief proposals must demonstrate clear alignment with the PolyCIVIS framework for addressing the polycrisis. This means that the proposed brief actively engages with *at least one* of the following cross-cutting dimensions:

- **Across Crises:** Examine how different crises (e.g., climate change, conflict, economic instability, social inequality) interact and amplify each other, and propose integrated solutions that consider these interconnections.
- **Across Time:** Combine insights from the latest research and data with historical perspectives and lessons learned from past crises to inform policy recommendations.
- **Across Disciplinary Clusters:** Integrate insights from multiple disciplines (e.g., political science, economics, sociology, environmental studies, etc.) to provide a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the polycrisis.
- **Across Territories and Languages:** Consider the polycrisis at various scales (local, national, regional, continental, and global) and across linguistic and cultural boundaries to develop policy solutions that are contextually relevant and inclusive.

N.B *Proposals that fail to demonstrate a clear connection to at least one of these cross-cutting dimensions will not be considered for review.*

Guidelines for Submission:

How to submit: Please [Complete this form](#) to submit your abstract.

Key dates

- **Abstract Submission:** Please submit a 250-word abstract outlining the main arguments and policy recommendations by **03 April 2025**
- Notification of acceptance of abstracts and invitation to submit a policy brief: **16 April 2025**
- **First Draft Submission:** The first draft of the policy brief is due by **05 June 2025**

Policy briefs have an indicative limit of 3,000 words.

N.B: A detailed style guide will be provided to authors whose abstracts have been accepted.

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