



PolyCIVIS Newsletter #June 2025

Dear PolycIVIS community and friends,

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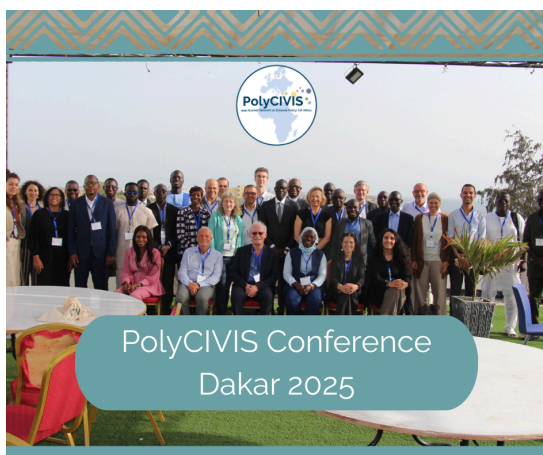
Welcome to the sixth edition of PolyCIVIS News!

We are excited to share the latest updates from across the PolyCIVIS Network. In this summer edition, we turn the spotlight on insightful articles from academics, and young researchers from across our network. Don't miss our key reports and resources, a look into the exciting new chapter of innovative education through PolyCIVIS BIPs, and an exclusive interview.

At a glance:

1. Key climate challenges and governance pathways in the age of polycrisis
2. What does climate cooperation between Africa and Europe look like in a time of overlapping global crises
3. The PolyCIVIS BIPS contribution to Polycrisis Studies
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8. Summary of the Workshop on Participatory Methods for Teaching the Polycrisis in Higher Education
9. What to read if you are interested on polycrisis, cultural diplomacy and people-centered energy transition
10. An upcoming conference on "The EU and Africa's Sustainable Economic Development" by AfrikuEurope Network
11. Join our growing LinkedIn Group

The PolyCIVIS team



Dr. Mamadou Bodian (UCAD) writes an insightful article highlighting the main takeaways, concerns, and recommendations following the Agora Forum and the PolyCIVIS Conference in Dakar.

[Read the article](#)

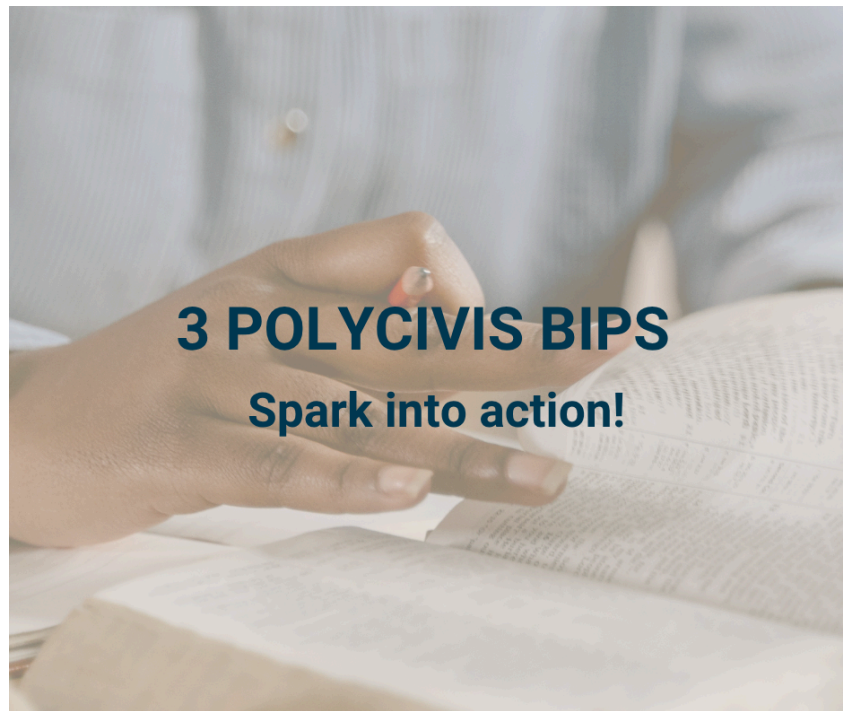
What does climate cooperation between Africa and Europe look like in a time of overlapping global crises?

At the second PolyCIVIS Agora Forum in Dakar, leaders from both continents explored the tensions, opportunities, and urgent need for a fair partnership on climate, energy, and sustainability.

Read the full report for key takeaways and bold proposals.

[Read the report](#)





Following the success of our first Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) on EU-Africa trade led by Makerere University and the University of Salzburg, we are excited to announce a new milestone: three more PolyCIVIS BIPs have been approved and will kick off next year, thanks to the support of CIVIS Alliance.

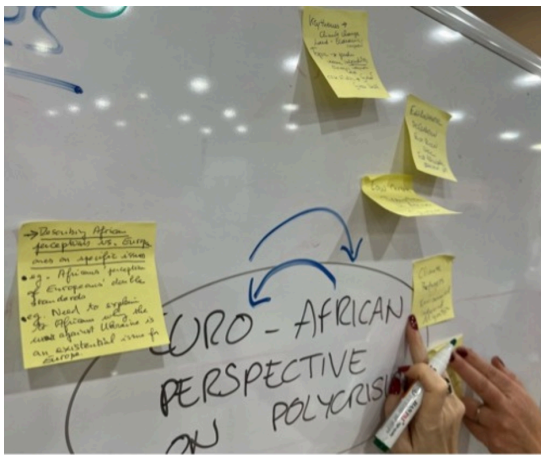
**PolyUnderstanding - Understanding the Polycrisis:
Studies in Polycrisis, Fragility and Resilience**
(coordinated by National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

Strategic Foresight
(coordinated by Université libre de Bruxelles)

**Enhancing Skills in Polycrisis Management:
African and European Approaches**
(coordinated by Makerere University)

These upcoming BIPs aim to take teaching on the polycrisis to the next level, making it more hands-on, connected, and globally relevant. Stay tuned!





Following a dynamic workshop in Dakar the Research WP team provides us with an article mirroring the important conversations that this unique in person meeting of our community.

Report by Research WP team.

[Read the report](#)



INTERVIEW

“Today, I believe we are more aware of diversity, and we understand that the world is way more heterogeneous. And, ultimately, we cannot survive unless we accept that.”

ELINA KARAGIORGI
FORMER HUMANITARIAN AID WORKER,
& GBV SPECIALIST

[READ THE FULL INTERVIEW](#)

Humanitarian work in a polycrisis world: the story of Moria

An exclusive interview

What is the role of gender identity in accessing rights, protection, and empowerment for refugee women, girls, and LGBTQ+ communities? GBV

specialist and former humanitarian aid worker Elina Karagiorgi shares her professional insights and personal reflections. This conversation highlights the gender-specific challenges faced by African and Arabic-speaking migrants, particularly women and other vulnerable populations entering Europe through Greece.

[🔗 Read more here.](#)



Much like Pandora's jar, the *polycrisis* reveals a cascade of overlapping threats. But as in the myth, hope lingers. Amid the chaos, we find purpose and the possibility of new beginning.

Article by Elda Stoupa.

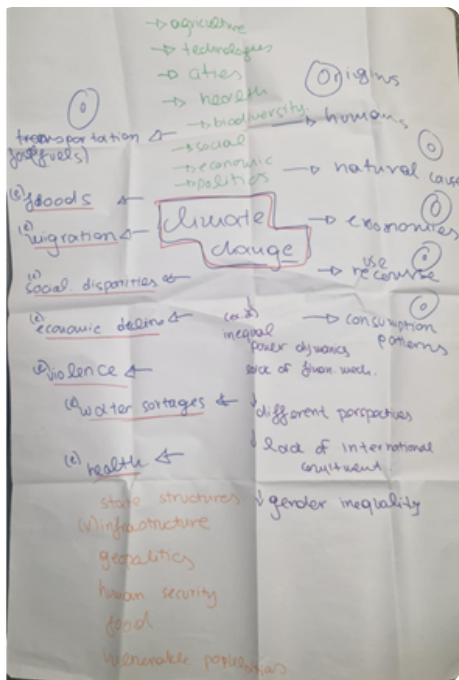
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Explore the power of narrative in education and healing.

Article by Katerina Schoina.

[Read the article](#)



Workshop on Participatory Methods for Teaching the Polycrisis in Higher Education

Discover how students and educators across Europe and Africa came together to co-design innovative ways of teaching about global crises.

Report by Eleni - Panagiota Stoupa.

[Find out more](#)

Communication & Dissemination WP's Top 4 Recommendations

Transformational education in poly-crisis

an independent expert report by the European Commission.

Polycrisis exploration workshop

a workshop tool to facilitate strategic conversations about current and future risks, disasters, and polycrisis, by the European Commission.

People-Powered Energy Transitions in Resource-Rich Countries

a report offering insights into the equity and development challenges faced by resource-rich countries amid climate action, and provides guidance for policies and tools to support a just, people-centered energy transition.

The **Young People's Addendum to the Porto Santo Charter — Caldas da Rainha/ Loulé** deepens the principles of the Porto Santo Charter, especially those related to the participatory model of cultural democracy.

Enjoy your reading!



Conference

5th AfriqueEurope Conference
1-2 July 2025 | University of Ghana
under the theme:
**Structural Transformation, Private Sector
Development, Growth, and Investment**

Accra, 1 – 2 July 2025:
AfriqueEurope organizes a
Conference on ***The EU and Africa's
Sustainable Economic
Development (Part 2): "Structural
Transformation, Private Sector
Development, Growth, and
Investment"***, which is jointly organized
with the University of Ghana and the
University of Ghana Business School
in Accra, Ghana, in collaboration with
the Ghana Scholarly Society.

[Read more](#)

Join the [PolyCIVIS online community on LinkedIn](#)! This group is a space to stay
connected and informed about the PolyCIVIS network, but also to connect,
exchange ideas and share insights on polycrisis-related themes.

Welcome, we're excited to have you here.



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Thank you for reading!

We have a lot more to share over the project's lifetime including the latest news, opportunities, and events about PolyCIVIS!

Do you know someone who would enjoy reading this newsletter? You are welcome to share it!

Follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) for more updates and opportunities.

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