



PolyCIVIS Newsletter #September 2026

Dear PolyCIVIS community and friends,

Hello, bonjour, مرحبا, ciao, γεια σας!

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the PolyCIVIS News!

In this final edition of our newsletter, we bring you the latest developments and resources from across the PolyCIVIS network. Explore the outcomes of the Agora Forum and the inaugural Europe-Africa PolyCIVIS Conference, discover insights from the Makerere University Blended Intensive Programme, and take a closer look at our new Polycrisis Policy Briefs and the newly released Polycrisis Handbook and podcast episodes.

As we reach the final edition of the PolyCIVIS newsletter, we hope these stories, insights, and resources will continue to inform discussion, encourage collaboration, and support learning, while keeping the PolyCIVIS community connected and active in the years ahead.

A heartfelt thank you for staying engaged with us throughout this journey! We invite you to keep exploring, sharing, and connecting through the PolyCIVIS community and its resources.

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The PolyCIVIS team



PolyCIVIS Agora Forum

Polycrisis: Towards adaptation and transformation through collaboration

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

What does it take to move from crisis response to anticipation, adaptation and transformation? At the PolyCIVIS Agora Forum in Brussels, voices from Europe and Africa came together to explore this question and what collaboration can make possible.

[Learn more](#)

An Africa - Europe approach to polycrisis Management: Lessons from the Makerere University BIP

The physical week of the Makerere University BIP on Polycrisis Management successfully concluded in September 2026, bringing together students and academics from different regional contexts for experiential learning, knowledge



AN AFRICA - EUROPE APPROACH TO POLYCRISIS MANAGEMENT: LESSONS FROM THE MAKERERE UNIVERSITY BIP

(7TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026)

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exchange, and Africa – Europe
collaboration.

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PolyCIVIS Polycrisis policy briefs series

**6 New
Policy Briefs**

Six new Policy Briefs on the challenges of polycrisis

Our six new PolyCIVIS policy briefs bridge perspectives from Europe and Africa to tackle the polycrisis across economic, environmental, labor, legal, geopolitical, and partnership angles. Moving past siloed reactions, they offer actionable pathways for resilient governance—from empowering SMEs to fighting disinformation.

[Explore the policy briefs](#)



THE INAUGURAL EUROPE–AFRICA POLYCIVIS CONFERENCE

*THE KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, NAIROBI, KENYA
(9TH–11TH SEPTEMBER 2026)*

*ARTICLE BY: PROF. RUTH AURA
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Reflections and Strategic Outcomes from the Inaugural Europe–Africa POLYCIVIS Conference

The inaugural Europe–Africa POLYCIVIS Conference in Nairobi offered not only a space for dialogue, but a platform for challenging assumptions, connecting knowledge across sectors, and translating discussions into concrete policy priorities.

[Read the article](#)



Catch up on our latest podcasts!

Ready for some fresh insights? Dive into our newest PolyCIVIS episodes where experts and students unpack everything from global security and resilient cities to Mediterranean ecosystems and student agency in a world of crises!

[Listen here](#)

Polycrisis Handbook is here!

polycrisis-handbook.eu

- Open-access
- 14 groups of participatory teaching methods
- More than 70 potential scenarios for teaching activities

Discover the Polycrisis Handbook

The Handbook is here. Discover its methods and put them into practice. With 14 groups of participatory teaching methods and 70+ teaching scenarios, it offers educators a flexible toolkit for bringing the complexity of polycrisis into active, participatory learning.

[Learn more](#)



When Tunisia's climate reality affects people's everyday life: From uncertainty to adaptation

How do everyday people navigate rolling blackouts, water shortages, and communication gaps when systems are put to the test? Our latest article explores Tunisia's 2026 summer crisis and the inspiring ways citizens stepped up, from building grassroots tracking tools to rethinking energy autonomy.

[Read the article](#)

6th Citizen Participation and Deliberative Democracy Festival

 Brussels, Berlaymont Building

 17 4–6 November 2026

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Call for Papers: Disena Journal, Design for Transitions: Visions, Implications and Strategies for Long-Term Systems Change

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Opportunities

Government, AI & Public Services

 Online

 17 14 October 2026

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Interesting Reads Business & Biodiversity

This new EU publication highlights research and innovation projects exploring the links between biodiversity, finance, governance, value chains, and decision-making, and how nature-positive approaches can contribute to more resilient economies.

[Read the publication](#)

When geopolitics meets research collaboration

How do geopolitical tensions affect international research networks? This new *Research Policy* study explores the relationship between geopolitical divides and global research collaboration, and the resilience of international scientific networks.

[Read the paper](#)

Ocean Climate Governance

The new special issue “*Ocean Climate Governance: Eclectic Viewpoints of a Multi-dimensional Nexus*” brings together diverse perspectives on the complex links between climate change, oceans, governance, and society. Among its contributions, “*From Ravaged Livelihoods in the Global South to Mediterranean Crossings*” explores how climate-related disruptions can shape migration pathways across the Mediterranean.

[Read the paper](#)

Enjoy your reading!

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.

Please contact us at polycivis@ulb.be if you would like to receive further information.

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